

St Andrew Blackadder's North Berwick Malawi Project

There was an amazing response to the annual appeal, for which we are extremely grateful. Thanks to the Beacon's guidance, the Coffee Morning went well, within the current Covid rules, and although the numbers attending were understandably lower than in previous years, the generous donations received more than compensated. The bakery stall and the gift stall were also well received, with a total of **£1,200.73** raised on the day. With further donations of **£320**, Gift Aid of **£32.50** and a donation of **£1,000** from the Beacon, a total of **£2,553.23** was transferred to Malawi.

There is another exciting donation of **4 x £25** value of Pressing Need's services. These donations from Pressing Needs are open to offers. Please contact Donna Kellock at Pressing Needs (01620 892763) with your suggested offer.

The 2022 funds raised will go towards a special budget to provide a "day care classroom block" which is costed at present at US\$ 8,333. The Malawi Project funds raised go direct from St Andrew Blackadder's bank account to Adziwa.

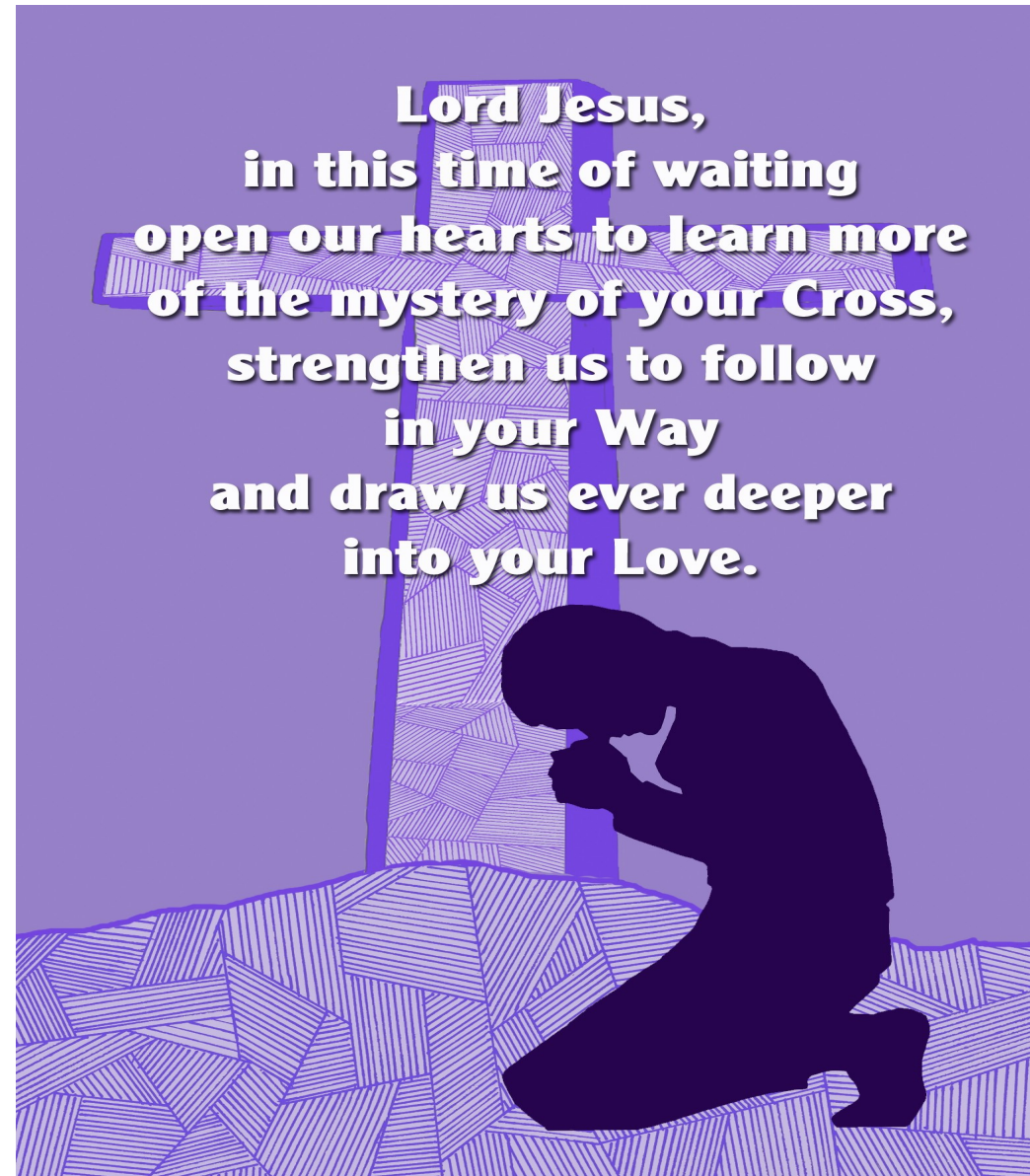
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A Message from Neil

Will you be giving up chocolate for Lent? Lent begins on March 2nd so this is the time when the question crops up. Or, if not chocolate, will you be giving something else up? And if you, are, why? What is it you hope this might do for you?

The 40 days of Lent are modelled on the 40 days Jesus spent in the wilderness straight after his baptism. (You can read about it in Matthew 4:1-11.) It is a striking contrast. From the high of his baptism, Jesus plunges into the depths of being tested by the devil.

In his baptism Jesus experienced the fullness of communion with God. It's the sort of experience David expressed when he said to God:

For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light. (Psalm 36:9)

There will have been times when you have glimpsed something of this. You will have had an experience of God. At that moment you knew more clearly than anything else in the world that God is the ultimate reality. Knowing God, therefore, was the most important thing you could do with your life.

All too soon, that experience passed. The noise of life drowned out God. The demands of life swamped that conviction. The bright lights of life made the traces of God invisible.

Jesus knew this would happen to him too. As soon as he began his ministry, his life would be filled with noise, demands and lights. So before he began that ministry he deliberately took himself to a place without these distractions. In the emptiness of the wilderness he experienced the reality of God. During those 40 days he proved time and time again that God is the fountain of life. And in God's light, Jesus saw light.

Few of us are able to withdraw from life for 40 days. What we can do is incorporate a practice, a space, or a change for the weeks of Lent. We try something for these weeks. It can be very simple, like lighting a candle each day. It can be stopping doing something - like eating chocolate. It can be starting doing something - like a daily meditation. Whatever it is, we use these weeks leading up to Easter as a prompt.

The Computer Swallowed Grandad!

The computer swallowed Grandad!
Yes! Honestly! It's true!
He pressed Control and Enter -
And disappeared from view!

It devoured him completely
The thought just makes me squirm!
He must have caught a virus
Or been swallowed by a worm!

I've searched through the recycle bin
And files of every kind;
I've even searched the internet
But nothing did I find.

I went to Mr Google
My searches to refine
His reply was in the negative,
'Nothing found' was Google's line.

So, if inside your inbox
My Grandad you should see -
Please copy, scan, and paste him
And send him back to me!

By Nigel Beeton

World Day of Prayer

In 1910, more than 400 women met for the World Mission Conference in Edinburgh, bringing their experience and wisdom, developed through years of ecumenical partnership in many countries. World Day of Prayer was born.

Today, this is an ecumenical prayer movement, bringing together millions of people from over 170 countries, at 3pm on the first Friday in March, to pray, worship and learn.

Through the World Day of Prayer, women are encouraged to take up the burdens of other people, to sympathize with the problems of other countries and cultures, and to pray with and for them. They are further encouraged to become aware of their talents and use them in the service of society. The World Day of Prayer aims to demonstrate that prayer and action are inseparable, and that both have immeasurable influence in the world.

The 2021 Service reached many people via Zoom and online. But this year we have the privilege of hosting our local Service in St Andrew Blackadder, sharing with fellow Christians in the town. The 2022 theme is "*I know the plans I have for you*" (Jeremiah 29:11). The Service has been prepared by World Day of Prayer Committee members in England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

A warm welcome awaits you all, on **Friday 4th March at 3pm in the Sanctuary.**

Janette Simpson

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We want to experience the reality of God. Knowing that God is the fountain of life is not just for brief moments. We long that this conviction might colour more and more of our daily living. So we make a decision to do something in Lent. As we do this we ask God to write these words on our hearts:

For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light. (Psalm 36:9)

Prayer

O God, you are my God alone,
whom eagerly I seek,
though longing fills my soul with thirst
and leaves my body weak.
Just as a dry and barren land,
awakes a freshening shower,
I long within your house to see
your glory and your power.

(John Bell: Hy 43, *Church Hymnary*)

Neil

· **Edinburgh City Mission Foodbank +**

I would like to extend a huge thank you to all those who have continued to support the work of the Food Bank + (formerly known as Basics Bank) whether by food, toiletries or money donations, and of course by your prayers. There are now 8 Foodbanks+, each one being a partnership between a church and The Mission. The '+' in Foodbank+ is significant because the support given throughout our network has always been about more than food, it is about welcoming people into a community and providing whatever support each individual person needs, if they want our help.

Often we refer people to other services such as Christians Against Poverty, Your Home Visiting Support or even just local church activity groups and meals. We partner with Citizens Advice Edinburgh, who provide energy support, advice and advocacy to any guests needing that help.

I received a card from the team at Leith, where I volunteer, last Wednesday, asking me to pass it on to our church. Here is a copy of the message.

9th February 2022.—To our good friends at St Andrew Blackadder Church of Scotland North Berwick. A very big thank you for your continued support of our Foodbank+ here in Ebenezer Church in Leith.

Our Food Bank is approaching the end of year 7, and Margaret has been with us all that time. When the Foodbank started we never thought we would still be here after 7 years but here we are! In January the numbers of clients were in the mid 20s (some supporting a family) so we were feeding around 40 people.

We are able to provide fresh food which we get from the charity Fare Share (formerly Cyrenians) for which we pay a quarterly fee. It's nice to be able to provide fresh fruit and vegetables along with ready meals, meat, milk and bread. Something simple like a piece of bread with butter and jam can be quite a treat. We have a dedicated team working flat out between 10.00am and 2.00pm each Wednesday (52 weeks in 2020 and 2021), and without this commitment and all the support we receive, things could not carry on.

Thank you at North Berwick C of S for your ongoing support. Please pray for this area of service to our community, and to our Lord the great provider. For sure, prayer truly makes a difference.

Every Blessing, In His Service, *The team at Ebenezer.*

Thank you again for your support.

Margaret Morrison

Annie Johnson Flint, born in 1866 in New Jersey in the United States, was orphaned at the age of 6. In her teenage years she discovered that what had been ailing her was rheumatoid arthritis, and it became from then on the dominant theme, emotionally and physically, in her life.

Through it all she had an absolute trust in Jesus Christ. For the remainder of her life, when not bedridden for long periods, she was bound into a very basic wheelchair.

Some years into all of this, she found out she had a way with words. She could write lines, poems, greeting cards, carrying some of her words. At one time she wrote this one that is in some of our hymn books

He giveth more grace when the burdens grow greater
He sendeth more strength when the labours increase
To added affliction He addeth more mercy
To multiplied trials, His multiplied peace.

His love has no limit, His grace has no measure
His power has no boundary known unto men
For out of His infinite riches in Jesus
He giveth, and giveth and giveth again!

When we have exhausted our store of endurance
When our strength has failed ere the day is half done
When we reach the end of our hoarded resources
Our Father's full giving is only begun.

God's love for us is not romance. It is never mushy, wishy-washy or sloppy. God's love for us in Jesus is concrete, solid. Tangible. Reliable. Trustworthy. It is a love that sustains you, that you can rely on. Faith that is placed in Jesus will carry us on our journey through all our troubles, even pain and suffering,

until we enter eternity where He is waiting.



We enjoyed another wonderful Messy Church on 6th Feb. Forty people came along to share in a new expression of Church, where fellowship and sharing the love of Christ were central to the two hours.

Our theme this month was 'Daniel and the Lion's Den—Hope against the Odds'. Joy made a wonderful job of designing crafts to fit the theme, and Lesli told the story of Daniel through the children.

We learnt the *Messy Grace* with actions and sang *Happy Birthday* to those another year older.

We were blessed with lots of wonderful volunteers—it takes a lot of folk to successfully run a Messy Church. I hope you all enjoyed it. There was definitely a lovely feeling of warmth and togetherness.

Next month's theme is the Parable of the Sower, which is appropriate given it's starting to feel more like Spring. It's on **Sunday 6th March 4pm-6pm**. Everyone is very welcome. Please encourage your friends and neighbours who might not be churchgoers to give it a try. Everyone who comes seems to get something out of it, and the love of Christ shines through.

And if you fancy being part of Messy Church as a helper, then please get in contact.

Alison Singleton

Part of the Messy Church Leadership Team
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The Guild



Both St Andrew Blackadder and Abbey Church are holding in-person Guild meetings again. On 1st February, Margaret Ann Crawford gave a beautifully illustrated PowerPoint on "Developing a Garden".

On 15th February, Brian Barry told us about "Borders Bottle Tops for Charity". Plastic milk bottle tops are recycled to raise money for cancer charities. If you would like to help, please keep your standard plastic milk bottle tops and leave them in the St Andrew Street vestibule. (We must emphasise that the charity *can only use plastic bottle tops with a 2 or a 4 in the recycling triangle*.) For more information, please visit: www.facebook.com and search "Borders Bottletops for Charity".

The Guild in March

On **Tuesday 1st March at 2.30pm in the Chapel**, Charlotte Bray will present a PowerPoint about the Scottish Seabird Centre, its history, and its work in teaching and conservation; www.seabird.org.

On **Tuesday 8th March at 2.00pm in the Abbey Large Hall**, there will be a Joint Meeting which will feature our Guild Project, Home for Good – a Home for Every Child. This charity encourages the church to support families involved in adoption and fostering; <https://homeforgood.org.uk>.

On **Tuesday 15th March at 2.30pm in the Chapel**, Mary Miller will speak about her biography, *Jane Haining: A Life of Love and Courage*. Jane was the Matron of the Girls' Boarding Home at the Jewish Mission School in Budapest. She refused to desert her pupils during the Nazi occupation, and was arrested and sent to die in Auschwitz.

On **Tuesday 22nd March at 2.00pm in the Abbey Large Hall**, there will be a meeting with the theme 'Looking forward to Easter Treats'.

On **Tuesday 29th March at 2.30pm in the Chapel**, the Guild will hold its Annual General Meeting.

Everyone is most welcome to attend any or all of the meetings.

Best wishes from the Guild

Open Doors

Before Covid restrictions it was the practice at St Andrew Blackadder to have the High Street doors open to allow visitors to drop in. This needed a rota of volunteers to cover 2 hour slots,

10.00am to 12 noon and 2.00 – 4.00pm.

The intention was to give a friendly welcome but not necessarily to show folk round unless requested. The church is open when Julie is in the office 9.00 – 12.00 on weekdays, and the Beacon covers Thursday afternoons, but there is an extra slot needed on Saturdays from:

10.00am -12.00 noon.

This has been an enjoyable outreach to the community and now could be another opportunity in Growing Young. Some people were happy to do the duty on their own, with a book or knitting when things were quiet, others took their stint as a chance to share lunch or coffee with a partner or friend. If there are sufficient volunteers the duty could be once in a month, but some were happy to make this a fortnightly or even weekly practice.

We are keen to launch this again now that Covid restrictions have eased somewhat, so we are looking for volunteers to fill the rota.

For further information please contact Barbara Clark (details in the Church Directory) or leave names with Julie at the office.

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Communion Services

St Andrew Blackadder Parish Church usually celebrates Communion as follows:

The last Sunday of February, May, August, and November, at 9.30am and 10.30am.

Beacon Communion Service is on a Thursday near to the Sunday.

Monday 14th March is the April Edition DEADLINE.

Please send articles for consideration by

email to: kaleidoscope@standrewblackadder.org.uk

Or write to the Editor at the church office address or phone

Derek Brown t. 01620 895290

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Special Events During March 2022

| WHEN | WHAT | WHERE |
|---|---|-----------------------------|
| Friday 4th 3.00 to 4.00pm | World Day of Prayer See page 18 | Sanctuary |
| Sunday 6th 4.00 to 6.00pm | Messy Church See page 16 | Hall, Sanctuary & Chapel |
| Tuesday 1st, 15th & 29th 2.30 to 4.00pm | Guild Meeting See page 5 | Chapel & Front Vestibule |
| Tuesday 8th & 22nd 2.00 to 3.15pm | Abbey Guild Meeting See page 5 | Abbey Large Hall |
| Saturday 12th 3.00pm | Belhaven Hill School Choristers Concert FREE | Sanctuary |
| Friday 25th 12.30 to 2.00pm | Youth Alpha Course (Continues weekly) | Room 2 |
| Saturday 26th 2.00 to 4.30pm | 'Living Better' Sustaining North Berwick See page 7 | Hall |

Christian Aid Quiz

The new Christian Aid Quiz was inspired by the March Hare. Every answer contains the letters H, A, R and E, always in this order, but not always together.

To download a quiz, visit: www.standrewblackadder.org.uk, hover on "Groups & Activities" and click on "Christian Aid Quizzes".

If you can afford it, please donate £1 to Christian Aid via their website. Thank you for supporting Christian Aid.

'Living Better'

Sustaining North Berwick's '**Living Better**' is a free event where you can meet a host of experts who will share their knowledge and guidance on living more sustainably. Come along and find out how to make your home more energy efficient, about renewable energy, government policy, recycling, wildflower gardening and much more. Enjoy a cuppa as you browse the stalls and talk one-on-one with those in the know.

'Living Better' is on Saturday 26th March from 2.00 to 4.30pm in the Hall.

It's a drop in event so no need to book.

Sundays at St Andrew Blackadder

Morning Worship 9.30am – 10.10am

This is a traditional and reflective service. Tea and coffee are available afterwards.

Worship for all ages 10.30am – 11.40am

This is our main service including Christian teaching for both adults and children. All meet at the beginning, then the young people go off to KLASH and YF. There is a crèche available from 10.30 for babies and toddlers. There is a multimedia presentation and CH4, Mission Praise and some traditional songs. Tea and coffee, juice and biscuits are available afterwards.

Sunday Activities

| WHEN | WHAT | WHERE | CONTACT |
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| Every Sunday | An opportunity to pray about anything with members of the Badged Prayer Team | | After the 10.30 service at the front of the Sanctuary |
| Every Sunday | KLASH Ages 3 to 12 Faith with fun | Chapel | Stacy Cathcart |
| Every Sunday | YF Ages 13 to 18 | Room 2 | Paul Cathcart and Mary Leckie |

Deaths

Russel McDermid

What are the facilities at Scoughall?

The photographs in this brochure will give you an idea of what is available at Scoughall. Apart from the building with kitchen and dining room and toilets and young people's accommodation, there is a large sports hall with a number of table tennis tables and two pool tables. Then there is private access to the beach which stretches all the way to Tynningham in one direction and Seacliff the other. There is an aerial zip wire, adventure playground and mega trampoline. There is a volley ball court and football field. We plan to have a bonfire and BBQ on Saturday evening followed by a Ceilidh in the sports hall. There are more pictures of Scoughall on the notice board.

Who is the speaker for the weekend?

Andy Bathgate was CEO of SU Scotland, serving faithfully for 19 years. He had previously trained as a Geography teacher, but instead ended up for 20 years supporting Christian Unions in Scotland's universities and colleges. He is married to Alyson, they stay in Edinburgh and together they have a busy family life as well as working with Street Pastors and a local Foodbank with Edinburgh City Mission.

What are the plans for youth and children?

More details to follow on the programme for the members of the Youth Group, Klash and Trash. We invite all the young people in our church to come and spend the weekend at Scoughall – it is a perfect place for them to enjoy themselves.



Booking Form – 10-12 June 2022

Yes! - I want to book in for the Church weekend at Scoughall

Names

Names of Child/Young people

Age of Child/Young people

Email

Phone

Allergies

Please fill in the details above, tear off the sheet, and return it with a cheque to the church office in an envelope addressed to: Derek Brown – Booking Secretary for Church W/E at Scoughall. Alternatively email your booking details to: dereksheila@outlook.com. BACS details for payment will be sent.

Cost: We are suggesting a contribution to help with the cost of all the meals and the hire of the site at Scoughall of £25/adult for the whole weekend and £10/child or young person. The price includes the sleepover for young people.



Regular Activities

| WHEN | WHAT | WHERE | CONTACT |
|-----------------------------|---|--------|--|
| Mondays 7.30 to 10.00pm | Table Tennis Club | Hall | Jack Hamilton- northberwicktt @gmail.com |
| Tuesdays 1.30 to 2.30 pm | Seniors' Table Tennis Club | Hall | Patricia Hay 893437 |
| Tuesdays 9.30 to 11.30am | Little Angels Kids gather for fun while their carers enjoy a cup of tea or coffee & a chat | Chapel | Geraldine Woolley 01875 871219 |
| Thursdays 11.30—1.30pm | THE BEACON Come and enjoy a bowl of soup, home baking, a chat and good company | Hall | Gertrude McFarlane 895493 |
| Thursdays 1.00—1.30pm | THE BEACON SERVICE This short service is relaxed and intimate | Chapel | Ann Cubitt 894859 |

Welcome to new members

Hugh Dennison

Ann Howat

Robert Baird

Marina Baird

Laura Caruith

Church Weekend

Friday 10th June—Sunday 12th June 2022

At *St Andrew Blackadder* we long for everyone to wake up each morning, and stand amazed at who Jesus is and what he has done for us. We long to help each other to get involved in what God is doing to restore our world!

We have planned a Church Weekend away at the Scoughall SU Residential site on the beach just outside North Berwick from 10-12 June with the specific aims of helping every member of the church to get to know each other, build relationships across the ages, and find a freshness in their daily walk with the Lord Jesus.

We would like to encourage absolutely everyone – whether new to St Andrew Blackadder or if you have been a member for years – to book these dates in your diary and come. After two years of Covid restrictions, we believe we need to provide opportunities within the Church to form relationships with other Christians and to help one another get equipped to serve the Lord Jesus.

Rather than go away and stay in a Centre or hotel for this church weekend, we plan to spend together Friday to Sunday at Scoughall and simply return home in the evenings to stay in our own beds! Members of the Youth group will be staying overnight for a 'sleep-over' using the new cabins that have just been installed.

We are very fortunate to have Andy Bathgate (ex CEO of SU Scotland) as our speaker for the weekend. He will give a series of talks aimed at refreshing our faith in Jesus and reminding us that we are all called to have an impact on our needy world.



The programme for the weekend

This is just a summary of the details for the weekend so that you have an idea of what is happening and when.

Friday

- 6.00pm Registration and welcome
- 6.30pm Supper together
- 8.00pm **First Talk – Amazed by Jesus** – Speaker: Andy Bathgate
- 9.15pm Adults return home – young people stay at Scoughall in dormitories and Cabins

Saturday

- 9.30am Coffee and gathering together
- 10.00am **Second Talk – Andy Bathgate** - followed by discussion in groups
- 11.15am Coffee and cake
- Walk, games, chat – a range of activities planned for adults/youth
- 12.30pm Lunch
- 2.00pm A wide range of games and expeditions and activities available
- 4.15pm Tea and coffee available
- 4.30pm Seminars + Messy Church beach outing
- 5.30pm BBQ Supper
- 7.00pm Ceilidh
- 9.30pm Adults return home

Sunday

- 10.00am **Service & Talk** – Andy Bathgate– followed by discussion in groups
- 11.15am Coffee and cakes
- Walk, games, activities, chatting
- 1.00pm Lunch
- 2.00pm **Fourth Talk** – Andy Bathgate
- 3.00pm Everyone returns home