

Kaleidoscope 152

St Andrew Blackadder Parish Church Magazine

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*Come Holy Spirit,
ignite in us
your Holy Fire
strengthen our Faith,
increase in us
your Gift of Love,
and revive
your Church
to live out
your message
of Love and Hope.*

A Message from Neil

Do you remember the Beach Mission held every summer in North Berwick? During July and August different teams would come. Every day they would organise games on the beach and have a short service. Children, both locally and those on holiday, were eager to be part of it. There was a real sense of the church being a vibrant and active part of the community.

We look back at the blessing the Beach Mission brought. We recall the people who came to faith in Jesus. We remember how our own faith grew and deepened by being part of these teams. We imagine the same thing happening again. And before we know it, we have slipped into nostalgia. Gil Rendle defines nostalgia as “a longing for a warmly remembered past.” *

Nostalgia is a normal human reaction. Rendle mentions a good example of it, found in the book of Ezra in the Old Testament.

Ezra describes the rebuilding of the temple in Jerusalem. The temple had lain in ruins for decades. Previous attempts to rebuild it had failed. When Ezra’s efforts succeeded, the people were ecstatic. All the people gave a great shout of praise to the Lord. But there was also an undercurrent. Many of the older priests and Levites and family heads, who had seen the former temple, wept aloud. (Ezra 3:11,12).

Why? Because the rebuilt temple was a pale shadow of the one that had been destroyed. The present seemed small and simple compared to the grandeur and glory of what they remembered. Instead of rejoicing with everyone else, they wept. Instead of the “promise of a new future,” they “saw a past that slipped away unfulfilled.” *

If nostalgia is normal, it is also dangerous. Nostalgia invites us to look backwards rather than forwards. Nostalgia tempts us to recreate something that was appropriate then, and no longer is. Nostalgia prevents us seeing what God is doing now, and prevents us hearing what he wants us to do today.

As I explained last month, mission is the purpose of the church. It is why the church exists. In St Andrew Blackadder we are asking what it means to put mission at the heart of everything we do. As we do this, we need to guard against nostalgia. We should thank God for the thriving Beach Missions of 50 years ago, and the bulging Junior Church of 20 years ago. But we should not expect to recreate them.

There are two questions we should keep asking. First, where is God at work in our community today? Second, how does God want us to join in with the work he has begun around us?

God give us courage to celebrate the past but not live in it, to look at the present with honesty and humility, and to face the future with faith and in hope.

* *Quietly Courageous: Leading the Church in a Changing World*, Gil Rendle (2019) p 158.

Grace and peace to you from him who is, and who was, and who is to come. (Revelation 1:4)

Lord Jesus

the past, the present and the future
are held in the palm of your hand.

Give us the courage we need to live faithfully and boldly:

to celebrate the good things of the old
without slipping into nostalgia;

to look attentively and listen carefully

so we discover where you are working among us today;

and to step forward with you in hope and humility

so that we play our part in the new things you are bringing to life.

AMEN

Neil

Children and Families Worker

18 hours per week - £13k-15k depending on experience

North Berwick Christian Fellowship are currently recruiting for this role to work with their children and young people as well as engage with local families.

Applications close 30 June. Contact: hello@nbcf.church, or see: Nbcf.church/vacancy for a fuller role description.

The Guild

Celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in style

with the Heart & Soul Swing Band

on Thursday 2nd June at 7.30 pm

in Longniddry Parish Church



Donations to the Church of Scotland HIV Programme

Please join the Guilds of East Lothian on Coronation Day in Longniddry Parish Church, 19 Elcho Road, Longniddry EH32 0LB. To donate to the Church of Scotland HIV Programme, please contact: hiv@cofscotland.org.uk

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The Baobab tree does EVERYTHING! All its parts — fruit, leaves, roots etc — are edible, nourishing, and will also provide a cash crop. The tree itself will counteract climate change.

This year, 2022, I will reach the age of 90, and to mark the event I intend to climb North Berwick Law, which rises 168m from its car park. In doing this, I hope to raise enough for at least 90 Baobab trees in sponsorship. Please support me at: www.justgiving.com/Barbara-REID4. TREE AID has been working since 1987 in remote and isolated communities in Africa, where people live in extreme poverty and have little food, money or opportunity to improve their lives. We help communities to plant trees to grow their way out of poverty and hunger. The communities we work with learn to use the produce that trees provide for food, and to earn some income. We work with communities to raise understanding of the importance of trees and how they protect the environment, not just for today but for future generations. The trees they grow help to create more stable local environments, reducing the risk of flooding and drought, and halting the cycle of poverty and hunger. We work with partners at all levels from village to government, to make sure the voice of the poorest is at the centre of forestry policy. We work in Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, Ghana, Mali and Niger, and have helped more than 500,000 people across Africa grow more than 10,000,000 trees. In Africa, trees mean life.

ABOUT BARBARA I am in my 90th year, registered blind, severely deaf and have such poor balance that I usually need a walker for support, but I thank the Lord that my bones, joints, muscles and internal organs are all in good condition—I checked with my doctor before undertaking this challenge! I am very concerned about the effect that climate change is having everywhere in the world, but especially in vulnerable parts of Africa, where once-fertile, cultivated land has become desert. So I challenged myself to climb North Berwick Law, with the help of some stalwart friends—just in case.

Stamp Appeal

As one door closes another opens! CrossReach has stopped collecting our used stamps, but the Church of Scotland's Faith Impact Forum needs our stamps. Their Stamp Appeal for 2022 will support the work of the church in Lebanon.

The church there is struggling to pay the salaries of their Pastors. Salaries range from £100 to £150 per month but following the financial collapse in their country, Pastors have been giving half of their wages to support needy families in their congregations. Now the Pastors are finding it very difficult to make ends meet. The Stamp Appeal is a really easy way of raising money to help them. Please keep on saving your used stamps and placing them in the envelope in the rear vestibule of the church, below the red A5 Stamp Appeal poster.

The international development agency, **Christian Aid**, will spend £8m on vital supplies over the next six months to help the Ukrainian people.

The money comes from donations to DEC, the Disasters Emergency Committee, that has raised more than £300m for Ukraine. That's around £3 on average donated by every person in the UK.

Through its local partners, Christian Aid has already provided medical supplies, first aid kits and baby incubators, as well as food and shelter for refugees in Ukraine and Hungary; www.christianaid.org.uk

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Vicky Brown and Family would like to thank everyone for all the lovely cards, flowers, phone calls, visits etc and for all your prayers after the tragic loss of our much loved son Louis
We will always be grateful for all the kindness shown by our church family

I would like to thank all those who sponsored me in my recent walk for WaterAid.

I exceeded my challenge of 155 miles during the month of March and have raised almost £700.00 for WaterAid.

Thank you once again, Fiona Wells

Happens

Stress makes you believe everything has to happen immediately.

Faith reassures you that everything happens in God's timing.

You know that indestructible black box that is used on airplanes?
Why don't they make the whole plane out of that stuff?

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 | KLASH Ages 3 to 12 | Chapel | Stacy Cathcart |
| Every Sunday | YF Ages 13 to 18 | Room 2 | Paul Cathcart and Mary Leckie |

Regular Activities

| WHEN | WHAT | WHERE | CONTACT |
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| Mondays 10.00 to 11.00am | Prayers | Room 1 | Fiona MacLean |
| 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 11.00 — 1.00pm (soup from 11.30am) | THE BEACON Come and enjoy a bowl of soup, home baking, a chat and good company | Hall | Elaine Martin 892859 07790121742 |
| Thursdays 1.00—1.20pm | THE BEACON SERVICE This short service is relaxed and intimate | Chapel | Ann Cubitt 894859 |

Welcome to new member Robert Galbraith

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**

Note: we now have an online application form and bank details on the Church web pages.

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.



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 Tynninghame in one direction and Seacliff in 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.



Special Events During June 2022

| WHEN | WHAT | WHERE |
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| Thursday 2nd 7.30pm | Guild Summer Rally with Heart & Soul Swing Band | Longniddry Parish Church 19 Elcho Road EH32 0LB |
| Friday 10th To Sunday 12th** | Church Weekend Away | Scoughall |
| | Book online on the Church webpage | |
| ** To include Messy Church on Sunday 12th | | |
| Friday 17th & 24th 7.15—9.00 pm | Youth Club | Hall & Side rooms |

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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 13th June is the July 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

Queen's 96th birthday.

As a nation, in April we celebrated the **Queen's 96th birthday**. She is the longest reigning monarch in British history (70 years compared with Victoria's 63 years). Up until recently she attended church every week and did a full week's work!

It is her commitment to serving God and the nation which stands out in her life. Even before she became Queen, she made a promise, which she has kept for over 75 years: *'I declare before you all that my whole life, whether it be long or short, shall be devoted to your service'* (21st birthday broadcast, 21 April 1947).

What is the secret of the Queen's consistency of character and service? In 2002 she said this: *'I know just how much I rely on my faith to guide me through the good times and the bad. Each day is a new beginning. I know that the only way to live my life is to try to do what is right, to take the long view, to give of my best in all that the day brings, and to put my trust in God.'* Here are wise words from somebody who draws her strength from the Christian Faith and inspiration for those of us who want to make our lives count!

The Queen has been an example of joyful, wise, and generous service on behalf of others all her life. Six months before her coronation she asked the nation and commonwealth to *'pray that God may give me wisdom and strength to carry out the solemn promises I shall be making, and that I may faithfully serve Him and you, all the days of my life.'* Clearly, God has answered those prayers!!

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Before U were thought of or time had begun,
God even stuck U in the name of His Son.

And each time U pray, you'll see it's true
You can't spell out JesUs and not include U

You're a pretty big part of His wonderful name,
For U, He was born; that's why He came.

And His great love for U is the reason He died.
It even takes U to spell crUcified.

Isn't it thrilling and splendidly grand
He rose from the dead, with U in His plan?

The stones split away, the gold trUmpet blew,
and this word resUrrection is spelled with a U.

When JesUs left earth at His upward ascension,
He felt there was one thing He just had to mention.

"Now go into the world and tell them it's true
That the love I have shown is not just for U."

So many great people are spelled with a U,
Don't they have a right to know JesUs too?

It all depends now on what U will do,
He'd like them to know,

But it all starts with U.

Author unknown

The Ifè Project - Latest News

Translator Komi reading New Testament with local Ifè lady.
[Picture on the Back Page]

The team continues to make progress translating the Old Testament, with the aim of completing it by 2026. Alongside this, they are working with local churches and organisations to encourage people to engage with Scripture, in the hope more lives will be transformed by the living word of God.

To increase the reach of the New Testament, an online and an audio version are now available and a number of local people are being trained to run listening groups.

The team also regularly shares Scripture over the radio and equips churches with resources in their language. Finally, the team has been involved in a major adult literacy effort for many years, conducting reading classes in the villages throughout the region.

Give thanks for:

The continued protection against Covid-19 in the region;

The completed work on checking the books of Daniel and Proverbs;

The reopening of churches.

Please pray for:

The new children's activities starting in 2022.

Special visitor from Sikkim

It was a joy to welcome Pastor Ujwal Rai to the 10.30 service on Sunday 15th May. He was on a visit to his sister Priscilla and her husband in Musselburgh. He grew up in Martin Memorial Church Gangtok, the church we are twinned with, and brought greetings from Pastor Jenus Lepcha and the congregation. There are currently eleven churches and seven house churches in the Sikkim deanery. It often happens that when a family become Christians they offer a room in their house to become a church and invite other families. Ujwal is Pastor of five churches in the Tadong-Nandock Pastorate. The faith and life of our brothers and sisters in NE India is a great inspiration to us, and it is humbling to know how much they pray for us. Neil expressed our support and asked Ujwal to take our greetings back to all the churches. [Picture on the Back Page]

Prayer for June 2022

Heavenly Father, Thank you for the beauty of the world you created, so evident in this lovely month of June.

We bring before you, in prayer, those events going on in the world which are so difficult to understand. We pray for all your children who are suffering in any way, especially those affected by war. Please, Lord, comfort them, assure them of your presence – and deliver them from evil.

May we appreciate each day which you have made. Help us to rejoice and be glad in the gift of each new day – and to trust you for all our tomorrows, knowing that in you alone is our security.

In Jesus' name. Amen

By Daphne Kitching



Translator Komi reading New Testament above

Pastor Ujwal Rai below

