

# Kaleidoscope 161

St Andrew Blackadder Parish Church Magazine

Summer 2024 June, July, August



## **A Message from Neil**

The account of creation in the Bible finishes, *God saw all that he had made and it was very good* (Genesis 1:31). Each day as I look out at the Bass Rock, the truth of this statement stares me in the face.

The next chapter speaks of God placing humans in his world *to work it and care for it* (Genesis 2:15). I want to do this, and in theory it seems straightforward. Turning it into practice turns out to be much harder.

St Andrew Blackadder is committed to living responsibly and doing its part to care for creation. In the last decade we've done many things. For example, the lights now use about 10% of the electricity they used to burn. That means a 90% reduction in CO2 produced. Great!

The low-hanging fruit has now been picked. The next stage is more complex and expensive. It is to reduce the amount of gas we use to heat the church by taking the church hall off gas heating.

The wooden floor in the hall needs replaced. It's the ideal time to put in under-floor heating. This will be run by a heat pump. At the same time the ceiling of the hall will be insulated, secondary glazing fitted and solar panels put up. The total cost will be £130,000 and the major upheaval will be over the summer.

The final shape will depend on getting various permissions and attracting some grant funding. What is not in doubt, though, is that this is the right thing to do. It is a concrete way of being good stewards of God's creation. Equally, it can only happen with your support. That's why through this year's Gift Day the congregation is being asked to contribute £20,000. You'll find more details in the Gift Day leaflet circulated with this issue of Kaleidoscope.

Please pray about what you might be able to give.

## **Prayer**

Lord,

Forgive us when we go blindly through the world.

Forgive us when we spoil, waste and abuse your gifts.

Forgive us when we forget that we walk on holy ground,  
and renew our sense of awe, wonder and sheer delight

in the riches of your creation. AMEN

(Edmund Banyard)

## **Neil**

### **Techie Trouble**

The vicar at our local church experienced some technical problems with the sound system one Sunday. Instead of starting the service as usual with “The Lord be with you”, he said: “There’s something wrong with the microphone.”

Not hearing this, the congregation responded: “And also with you.”

## **Save the Date – Church Weekend**

**Saturday 15 June – Sunday 16 June 2024**

Over the last few years there has been a very successful Church Weekend at Scoughall (SU site). The weekend will be from lunchtime on Saturday 15 June until early afternoon on Sunday 16 June. It will be at Scoughall again, with people returning to sleep in their own beds on Saturday night.

Please **Save the Date!** We invite everyone at *St Andrew Blackadder* to come along – and please invite friends to join you there for however long they choose to come. Our overall aim of the weekend is to build relationships with each other as a church family.

We gather together at 12 noon on Saturday for a buffet lunch. In the afternoon there will be family games, activities and walks along the beach – followed by an All Age gathering with a speaker giving a short talk. This will be followed by a BBQ around the fire pit.

On Sunday there will be breakfast (bacon butties) at 9.30am, and this will be followed by Family Worship with a second talk given by our speaker at 10.30am. After lunch, there will be games and activities and walks, similar to Saturday afternoon. Before we end the weekend, there will be a chance to hear a third talk from our speaker.

There will be a slightly different programme for teenagers. It will begin on Friday 14 June. They will also have the opportunity to sleep over at Scoughall.

A booking form is available on the St Andrew Blackadder website. We suggest a contribution to help with the cost of the meals and hire of the site of £20 per adult for the whole weekend and £10 per young person.



## **Pastoral Care Update**

### **Ensuring no-one slips through the net**

I was appointed as Pastoral Care Coordinator in February 2022. The current model, where collective responsibility for pastoral care lies with the congregation, has been in existence for many years, though the emphasis of the dedicated role within the congregation changed from pastoral visiting to coordinating, at that time. This means we primarily rely on existing congregational friendships when pastoral care is needed. Sometimes, however, there is little or no congregational contact, and this means we must rely heavily on one of us “noticing” that someone has been missing from the service for example and highlighting this. This is important for us to be sure that no-one slips through the net. Our aim is to develop this and make it more explicit.

In practice a very significant amount of pastoral activity happens naturally in the course of the life of the Church, and this works very well. There are people in the congregation who regularly go beyond their normal congregational contact to interact with others known to them who may or may not be attending church. Referrals to the pastoral care coordinator have therefore been manageable, and happen generally when a member of the congregation:

- Is in hospital or experiencing ill health, lack of mobility or other issues limiting their ability to be out and about, which can be temporary or more permanent.
- Has experienced a bereavement or difficult life event, or may be struggling for any reason.
- Has entered a care home.

Contact with recipients of pastoral care via the pastoral care team can range from monthly to quarterly, may amount to a telephone call, doorstep chat or an hour-long visit.

It's important to note that there are some limitations to the help provided as follows:

- Requests for more practical help, for example transport to Church or hospital appointments, generally have not been provided.

- The level of contact required depends on the situation and is limited by what can be reasonably provided. On the other hand, the person referred may not wish to engage, and where possible a door will be left open.
- Visits are confined to East Lothian.
- Where the help needed is beyond the competence of the pastoral care person, support is sought through a different means.

There are currently 10 - 12 active referrals, and while the individuals may change this is a fairly consistent number. Three of those 12 are living in a care home. There are another 9 of our members in care homes in East Lothian, of which, as far as we are aware only 2 have regular contact with members of St Andrew Blackadder. This does not include Retirement Housing complexes such as Dirleton Court or Craighleith, who have regularly monthly contact in the form of a small group service for residents.

## **Progress**

In August 2023 Anne Bailey joined the Pastoral Care Team. By the end of the year Sarah Barlow had also agreed to contribute to the team when time allowed. Both individuals are involved in various other activities in the Church or community, and we are fortunate as a congregation to have their help.

Two members of the team attended a 6 week course run by the Association of Christian Counsellors. The course highlighted good practice in pastoral care and was useful in helping us move forward.

See [https://www.pastoralcareuk.org/public/docs/pastoral-care/Guidelines for Good Practice in Pastoral Care.pdf](https://www.pastoralcareuk.org/public/docs/pastoral-care/Guidelines%20for%20Good%20Practice%20in%20Pastoral%20Care.pdf) for further info.

In November 2023 a small group of people from our congregation, involved formally and informally in pastoral care, got together to talk about how things are working and how we might ensure that we are achieving as much as we possibly can with the resources we have. There was a full discussion, sharing of experience, ideas and aspirations such as:

- Where a need exists, to be able to commit to at least a monthly visit and more frequently in acute situations.

- To visit all East Lothian care homes quarterly where church members are living.
- To be able to cater for differing needs and interests (sometimes for example a male would prefer a visit from another male).

To achieve this we are looking for some help.

- We would like to hear from anyone who is interested in joining the pastoral care team or wants to know more about it. Involvement can be as little or as much as you are able to give.
- If you become aware that someone might be in need and at risk of slipping through our net please let the pastoral care team know by emailing [mari@standrewblackadder@gmail.com](mailto:mari@standrewblackadder@gmail.com).
- Please let us know if you are seeing anyone unable to attend Church, particularly if you visit any of our members in care homes in East Lothian.

Prayerfully yours,

**Mari Scott**

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## New Elders



On Sunday 5 May six new elders were ordained and admitted to the Kirk Session. They are (from left to right) Roger Glenfield, Sheila Haynes, Mari Scott, Ewan Bell, Sally Anderson, Gary Wong. **(Photograph by Derek Braid)**

### 24/7 Prayer Room

There are plans to have a 24/7 Prayer Room in our Church during Fringe by the Sea week. This is an exciting initiative which puts the focus on prayer in a different way. Watch out for details soon!

## News from Kauma Village, Malawi

### Bathroom Renovations

Dear St Andrew Blackadder,

I am happy to report that work on the bathrooms has been completed, and here are some pictures of before and after. All families are now safe having their own bathrooms. We thank God for all you have done for us and for your continued support.

James Chirwa  
Project Manager

Bathrooms  
showing the  
storm damage.





Alice Kalingo and her grandchildren who had no bathroom!



Painting Elita Zandiwo's bathroom.

## Overseas News

The following articles share news of two projects that St Andrew Blackadder Church has supported over the years through our Gift Days.

### GOOD NEWS FROM A FAR COUNTRY

***The 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of Bishop Kivengere Girls' School Muyebe on 28.04.1974***

***“Like cold water to a thirsty soul, so is good news from a far country.”  
Proverbs 25 v. 25 RSV***

It is wonderful but humbling to be able to look back over 50 years of girls' education at this small school set on a hill in South-West Uganda and to give thanks to God for His guidance, protection, provision and blessing in so many ways. Our churches in North Berwick, Dirleton and Gullane have played a significant part in the growth and development of the school, and I must thank you all for your warm, generous support and for your prayers. The story began in 1974 when I was teaching Geography under CMS at Kigezi High School, Kabale. My home base was in Gullane with my parents who belonged to St Adrian's Scottish Episcopal Church. That big boarding school had 500 boys and only 100 girls, and you can imagine the problems we had! The girls were at a disadvantage in class where they were afraid to speak and ask questions. Our Bishop Festo Kivengere with his wife Merab saw the need throughout the Diocese of Kigezi and had a dream from God of starting a new secondary boarding school for girls. Somehow He led them to ask me to be the founding Headmistress, working with them in setting it up! It was the time of the fearsome dictator Idi Amin, and we had only a few buildings on site at Muyebe, nothing else. One of the pastors said to me, “It doesn't matter how many zeroes you have, no teachers, no books, no desks, no chairs—Make Jesus your No. 1 and you are millionaires!” In faith that God would provide, we began the task and our church in Gullane took up the project, along with my other link churches and groups in Scotland. I came on leave in autumn 1974 and shared the vision. Back in Uganda we worked day by day, the basics were wonderfully provided and we received more than 450 applications for the 40 places in Senior One, so we conducted interviews. The school actually opened on April 1<sup>st</sup> 1975 when the first girls arrived. I worked at Muyebe until 1986 when my father had had a severe stroke and I came home to care for my parents. After the death of my dear father, my mother and I moved to North Berwick and joined St Baldred's Church and found many new friends in the other churches and community.

Although I had other work and study to do, my heart held a special place for the school. Kind friends from here have joined me in supporting it most generously. In 2000 AD we set up a Trust Fund. In 2001 AD Mrs Margaret Ann Crawford became our Hon. Treasurer, and served for 18 years. We are so grateful to her, and to Lyle for backing her up. Other friends have served as Trustees. The present Hon. Treasurer is Elaine Hutchison, known to St Andrew Blackadder people. Ten years ago, our churches were engaged in the Muyebe Water Project to replace the existing big water tank on school land and to supply piped water to five zones of villages on the hillside. Much gratitude was expressed.



The full story of God's provision over the five decades under six Heads is told in the Jubilee booklet being printed in Uganda. We hope a few copies will be available for you to see. Today the school is thriving with over 330 girls and a big team of teachers (mostly part-time), adequate facilities and a great Christian spirit. Our motto "*Tuhwerane*" (Let us help one another), chosen by the pioneer class in 1975, has shaped us as a learning community.

Our results in public exams have been very good, and more than 20 girls in Senior Six in each of the past few years have qualified for university education. In this country we have a team of Trustees of the UK Fund with an experienced Hon. Treasurer. This is the juncture for helping the school to manage its own finances, and they have set up a charitable Foundation in Uganda to which gifts from outside may be sent in future. The UK Trust will continue to send out the money which we have in hand for our Assistance Fund and two Scholarships, which have helped hundreds of girls over the years. We are so grateful for all the support given. When those funds are exhausted in about 5 years' time, the Trust will close down but no doubt Muyebe will still have a place in many hearts and continuing gifts to support the girls will flow there.

Now it is time to celebrate! On April 28<sup>th</sup> this year a special Foundation Day event was held, drums resounded, and there was singing and energetic Kikiga dancing! A representative of the First Lady, Mrs Janet Museveni, the Minister of Education attended. We can join in prayer thanking God for the past and laying the future before Him. The hymn "*Lord for the years your love has kept and guided...we bring our thanks today*" may be on our lips.

**Liz Traill**



## The Ife Bible Translation Project in Togo

On the 26<sup>th</sup> April, the Overseas Committee hosted a lunch in our Chapel to welcome Komi Sena, Consultant Bible Translator, Pat Devine, Wycliffe member, supporting the project remotely from USA, Ruth McCaig, Scottish Wycliffe Regional Manager, and Neil Graham, Director Church Partnerships UK. It was a happy occasion with plenty of opportunities to chat to the visitors. Komi was nearing the end of his short visit to the UK where he had visited supporters in England, Wales, Northern Ireland and now Scotland. Neil Graham interviewed Komi who shared his story of how, in 1999, after finishing university, he met Mary Gardner and Pat Devine who were translating the New Testament and recruiting new translators. Mary taught him to read and write in his own language, Ife, and trained and mentored him to become a Translator. The Ife New Testament was dedicated in 2009 and there are now many Churches throughout the Ife region.

Mary's sudden death in 2011, in a bomb blast in Jerusalem, while she was studying Hebrew, was a huge blow to the team but God enabled them to pick up the baton and continue the work. Today the team are nearing the completion of the Old Testament.

Komi says, "Translating the Bible is so important because many people do not understand French so they are not able to read and understand the Scriptures. And it does change their lives when they understand it. It also enables non-believers to hear the good news in their own language."

Komi expressed huge thanks to everyone in our Church for their prayers and financial support over the years.

***Jenny Kellock***

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Some photos from the Lunch hosted by the Overseas Committee on 26th April.



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**Photographs by  
Derek Braid**



## New Member

### Pav (Robert) Watson

I was born in 1954 and raised in Rutherglen, Glasgow. As a child, my father worked abroad, so I spent around 3 years in Nigeria where we stayed in Kaduna and Kano, and 2 years in South Africa where we stayed in Vanderbijlpark, just outside Johannesburg. We then returned to Scotland (Rutherglen) where I spent the rest of my childhood. I joined the Royal Navy in 1974 and served 22 years in the Submarine Service. On completion of my apprenticeship as an Electrical Tech, I then spent most of my time on the Polaris and then the Vanguard Nuclear submarines, as a Nuclear Chief.

My mother and father were Christians, and myself and my brother and sister were raised as Christians at Kings Park Parish Church, where as a teenager, I was an active member of the Youth Fellowship. When I joined the Navy and the years went by, my faith dwindled. It wasn't until I met Lyn, who made me realise I needed God in my life. From that day on and with the support of Lyn, my faith strengthened daily, realising, that without God, my life had no purpose. To quote American author Rick Warren, "Without God life has no purpose, and without purpose, life has no meaning and without meaning, life has no significance or hope."

When I retired from the Navy, I worked Offshore in the North Sea, where I inherited the nickname "Pav" as apparently I looked like Pavarotti 25 years ago! I've been stuck with it ever since! I met my Wife, Lyn, offshore. She worked as a medic on the Rigs. At one stage we were the only married couple on the same Oil Rig in the North Sea. Lyn eventually left Offshore and I stayed on until I retired. We lived in Balloch after we married and attended Park Parish Church Helensburgh, where we got married. Unfortunately the Church closed down and we never really settled in any other Church. After a weekend break in North Berwick, we thought we might move here. The deciding factor was discovering St Andrew Blackadder Church, where everyone was so friendly and welcoming and Neil's sermons are so encouraging. We have made many new friends through the Church and thoroughly enjoy being part of St Andrew Blackadder Church family. After approx. 2 years living in North Berwick we are now happily settled in Haddington.

**Pav**

## The Strength of a Seed

A seed  
Rough on the outside  
Tough on the inside  
On high mountains and cliff tops  
In swamps and lakes  
Around houses and under the eaves  
You sprout  
Breaking through the earth  
Standing proudly

Because you are a seed  
Tenacious and courageous  
Because you are a seed  
Unstoppable and invincible  
You live and grow  
In thunderstorms and blizzards

Dust says  
The seed is beneath me  
Dirt says  
The seed has nothing  
They do not see  
Nature's indifference to status and wealth  
As long as there is life  
There is survival

The strength of a seed  
Comes from nature  
From simplicity and innocence  
From the yearning for a better life  
The strength of a seed  
Grows under oppression and derision

Never yields  
Always endures  
Destined to strive  
And love  
Such is the strength of a seed

*Attributed to Dapeng Chen, Sculptor of China  
poem created 2006 to 2012  
Publication by Dapeng Chen and Paul Harris 2015  
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## How can technology help us to pray?

There are lots of Apps and Podcasts to help us in our Christian life. Here are a few ideas that you may find useful.

### The Bible in One Year

You can download this to your phone from Apple App Store or Google Play.

It is a daily reading plan that takes you through the Bible in 365 days. The format is: Introduction, psalm, commentary, prayer, Gospel reading, commentary, prayer, Old Testament reading, commentary, prayer, comment, verse of the day.

It takes about 20 minutes each day. Good for doing on the train!

Sanctuary First is the Church of Scotland's online worshipping community. It encourages daily worship and prayer. Again download the app in Apple Store or Google Play. You can also have a daily email that helps you to have a regular routine of daily worship.

You may want to download Bible. It pings to remind you to read your Bible every day!

Some folk like Glorify which is a meditation and prayer app.

Lectio 365 is a popular daily devotional resource that helps you pray every day.

Daily Bread can be downloaded too and is a favourite with many.

You may like to listen to, rather than read the Bible.

You can download the Complete NIV Audio Bible read in the wonderful voice of David Suchet.

Podcasts are another way in which technology can help us pray. Go to Spotify and search for Pete Greig's "How to Pray."

It's down to earth and easy to follow.

LICC Whole Life series is also highly recommended.

Find something that suits **you** and helps you get into the habit of daily worship and prayer.

**Ann Cubitt**

## Sundays at St Andrew Blackadder

### **Morning Worship 9.30am – 10.10am**

This is a traditional and reflective service. It was created to meet the needs of those who find the bustle and background noise of the all-age worship a trial rather than a delight. 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 children go off to Junior Church. There is a crèche available from 10.30 for babies and toddlers. There is a multimedia presentation and CH4 songs.

## Sunday Activities

WHEN	WHAT	WHERE	CONTACT
Every Sunday	An opportunity to pray about anything with members of the Prayer Team	Church at Pulpit	Badged Team Members
Every Sunday	Junior Church Ages 3 to 12 Faith with fun	Chapel	Stacy Cathcart
Every Sunday	YF Ages 13 to 18	Room 2	Andrew Duncan and Mary Leckie

## Regular Activities

<b>WHEN</b>	<b>WHAT</b>	<b>WHERE</b>	<b>CONTACT</b>
Mondays 7.30 to 10.00pm	Table Tennis Club	Hall	northberwicktt@gmail.com
Tuesdays 1.30 to 2.30pm	Seniors' Table Tennis Club	Hall	Patricia Hay
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
Thursdays 11.00am to 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
Thursdays 1.00 to 1.30pm	THE BEACON SERVICE This short service is relaxed and intimate	Chapel	Ann Cubitt
Tuesdays 2.00 pm	The Guild We have a speaker and enjoy worship, fellowship and coffee.	Chapel and Front Vestibule	Ann Cubitt
Tuesdays (term time) 3.30 to 6.00 pm	Warhammer Club	Room 1	Andrew Duncan
2nd Sunday of the month 12.00 pm	Hunger Lunch	Hall	Jane Murdoch
Every second Friday (term time) 9.00 to 11.00 am	Parent Space A place to connect for parents, crèche provided	Room 2 & Chapel	Helen Nelson & Sally Anderson

## Special Events June, July & August 2024

WHEN	WHAT	WHERE
Sat 1 June 11.00am to 2.00pm	East Lothian Food & Drink Market & Crafts	Hall
Sun 2 June 4.00pm to 6.00pm	Messy Church	Hall, Sanctuary
Sat 15 June to Sun 16 June (see pages 4-5)	Church Weekend Away (9.30am Service only in Church on 16th; 10.30am Service at Scoughall)	Scoughall
Sat 8 June 10.00am to 3.00pm	Bass Rock Postcard & Stamp Fair	Hall
Sat 29 June, Sat 27 July & Sat 31 Aug 10.00am to 12.00pm	Sustainability North Berwick Climate Cafe 10.00am to 12.00pm	Chapel
Thurs 1 to Sat 3 Aug 10.00am to 3.00pm	Young Carers Art Show	Chapel
Fri 9 to Sat 10 Aug 10.00am to 5.00pm	Art Show Ali Blevens	Chapel
Sat 24 Aug 11.00am to 2.00pm	East Lothian Food & Drink Market & Crafts	Hall

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### **Messy Church**

Alison Singleton

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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 12th AUGUST is the Autumn Edition Deadline\*\***

Please send articles for consideration by  
email to: [kaleidoscope@standrewblackadder.org.uk](mailto:kaleidoscope@standrewblackadder.org.uk)

Or write to the Editor at the church office address or  
phone Kirstin Entwistle tel. 01620 894933

## Photo Gallery from Recent Events



Andrew Duncan, Youth Worker talking to The Guild on 5/3/24



Patrick Regan OBE, President and co-founder of Kintsugi Hope, speaking about *Brighter Days*, in Church on 7/3/24



The Edinburgh Gilbert and Sullivan Society Choir performing in the Church on 12/4/24—organised by the Guild in aid of its Projects



The Guild's Easter Coffee Morning in the Hall on 23/3/24



One of the Prayer Stations for Prayer Day on 16/3/24

**Photographs by  
Derek Braid**

Lyle Crawford playing the Pipes at The Guild AGM on 19/3/24

