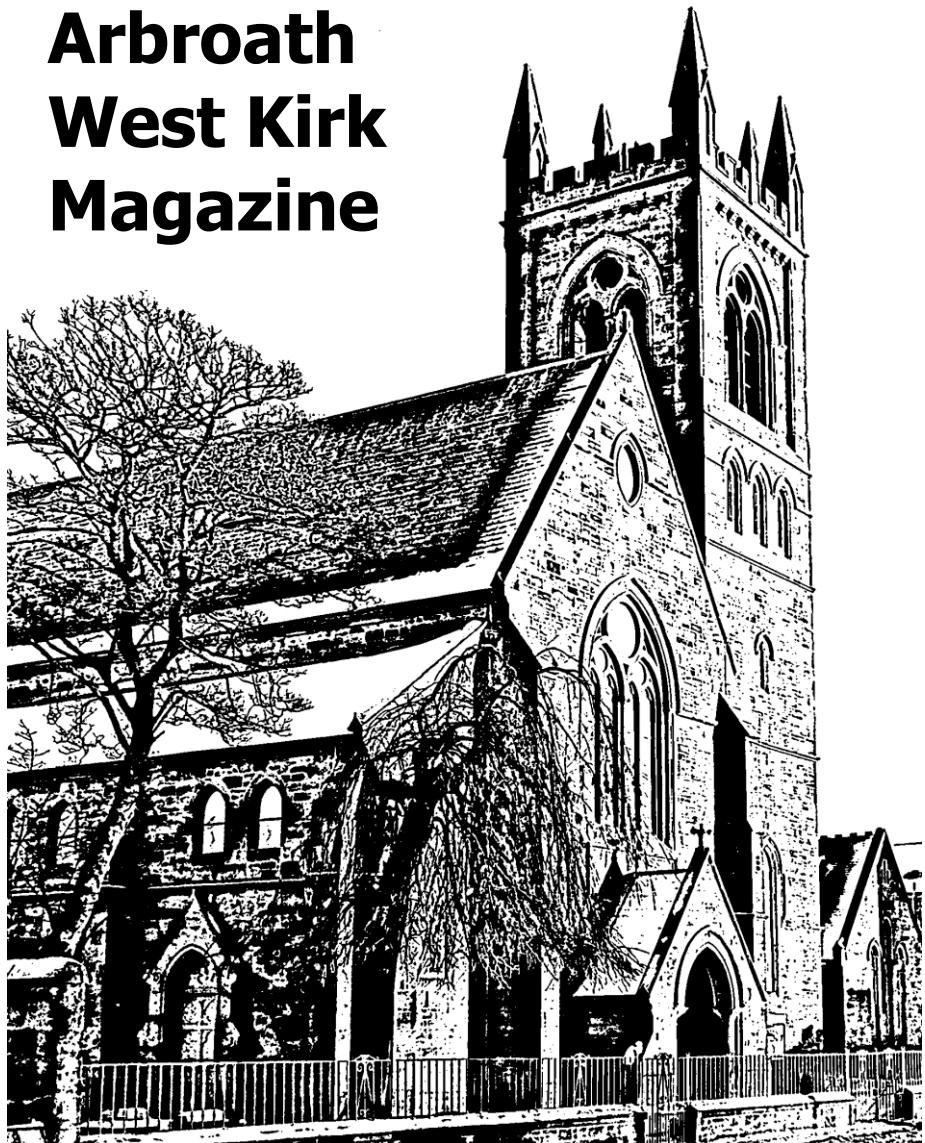


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## Chris's Chatter

This month I'm writing to you in the week following the Moderator and his wife's visit to Angus and the West Kirk in order to meet the deadline for the magazine production team and I have to confess I'd never really thought much about what their diary would look like. Last week they were here from Sunday to Sunday with something in the diary everyday in a different part of the region, meeting a wide range of folk of all ages involved in church, community and business life – meeting them with very little background knowledge beforehand, knowing that there would be a certain expectation of their questions and responses. This week he will be in Hungary and the Ukraine returning at the end of the week to moderate the first part of the General Assembly – a completely different group of people with different life experiences but similar levels of expectation.

In our bible study group since Easter, we've been looking at some of the women involved in the New Testament Church and therefore moving from place to place with Paul on his travels – perhaps in some ways the same kind of experience - for each town and community would have its own identity for the visitor to acclimatize to whilst at the same time anticipating a certain response from their guest.

How to maintain one's own identity and integrity in the midst of a whole range of experiences and challenges is part of the conundrum being faced by churches and other organisations across the country as we come out of the last two years and in the case of the church deal with reform that's been overdue but accelerated by recent events whilst at the same time learning from fresh initiatives so that our identity is strengthened.

Hopefully when reading this magazine, you will see that there is a little of both going on over the summer at the West Kirk. Many of the social activities that marked the welcome and fellowship of the church family have been able to return and I'm very grateful to the social core group

for all their hard work. At the same time there are some new things, being tried and tested as a result of the responses to term time activities. For the first time, the West Kirk will be hosting a holiday club – 2 hours each day for a week of crafts, games and bible teaching for primary aged children and in July music lessons for all ages are going to be available. Please pray for the work of the presbytery cluster teams too which will continue over the summer as the new structure is distilled and refined.

Whatever you are doing over the summer season, and this may include the excitement and challenge of a holiday after a long period without one, may the new and/or different experiences provide you with a time of rest and nourishment – a time to recharge the batteries and at the same time to reflect on what is core or central in your life. May the power of the Holy Spirit in this Pentecost season refresh, encourage and inspire you for the journey ahead.

Summer blessings

Chris



On 15<sup>th</sup> March the members of Angus Presbytery agreed a basis of union to merge the Presbyteries of Angus, Dundee, Dunkeld & Mieglo, Perth and Stirling. The same basis of union has been agreed by all presbyteries and it will now come before the General Assembly. Elaine McLean has agreed to remain in post as Angus Moderator until the new Presbytery, which is going to be called the Presbytery of Perth, begins on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023. What the larger Presbytery will mean for each individual church family remains unclear. It is hoped that we will have more resource to professional expertise and less meeting time, but we wait to see.

Deadlines have now been provided for the presbytery mission planning process that I have outlined in previous editions of the magazine. All

Angus cluster plans must be prepared by the end of June and a conference of all church families is to be held on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> September from 10am-1pm in St Andrew's Church Arbroath. This will be an opportunity to discuss the plan as a whole and approve it before submission to 121 George Street.

As I've said before, 2022 really is a year where significant plans of change will be agreed. Depending on your viewpoint, this can be seen as both an opportunity and a threat. Please continue to pray for those who are involved in the discussions, both ministers and elders, as the proposals have substantial repercussions for both.

### **Update from the Session Clerk**

It is hard to believe that we are halfway through the year already. It's been a busy time here at West Kirk with Church life full on and lovely to see all the activities managing to restart after the restrictions eased and the church building being used by many Church and outside groups. Masks are now no longer required to be worn during worship but we are aware that there will be some of you who prefer to continue to wear one and we ask that everyone continue to be comfortable in their choices and be considerate to those you are sitting beside.

We were delighted to welcome the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland and his wife, Lord and Lady Wallace of Tankerness, on the 15<sup>th</sup> May where Lord Wallace took part in our worship and also awarded Long Service Elder Certificates to 13 of our Elders. Coffee after the Service allowed the congregation to meet the Moderator.

### **Long Service Awards**

It was our great pleasure to recognise the service of some of our longest Serving Elders. Covid restrictions over the past 2 years delayed our presentation and it was lovely to be able to mark this occasion with

the Moderator of the General Assembly presenting. The dedication and willingness to serve God and our Church over the years is remarkable and the range of roles undertaken by them all is greatly appreciated by Session and we thank them sincerely. Many congratulations. See centrefold for more information.

### Kirk Session Meeting

There will be a Kirk Session Meeting on Monday 13th June at 7.15 pm in the Large Hall.

Wishing you all a safe and enjoyable summer break.

Audrey Shepherd

Session Clerk

### Christian Aid

As I write this article, we are in the middle of Christian Aid Week. Sincere thanks to all those who have returned their Christian Aid envelope already – it is very much appreciated. There is still time to donate and this can be done either in the plate at Sunday worship or via the letterbox which is situated on the door of the “small” hall. Alternatively you can donate online using the “Just Giving” page. Thanks also to all the support you have given the folk doing the 300,000 step challenge. There are 15 of us and our aim is to complete this by the end of May.

Chris and Mike are also keeping us up to date with their training for the Great North Run in September.

As there is not another magazine until September, the total amount raised in Christian Aid Week will be announced in the magazine and from the pulpit.

With every gift, every action, every prayer, we celebrate and share hope with those facing crises around the world, from Ukraine to Zimbabwe.

Janice Tracey

Christian Aid Co-ordinator

## **Guild**

Our meetings at the moment are the cuppy afternoons on the last Monday of the month until September.

At our meeting on June 27th we are having a speaker.

She is a young woman, Blythe Stockdale, who is a student at Aberdeen University. Blythe was involved in the 2020 celebrations which did not take place due to covid but she did go ahead eventually to arrange walks around Arbroath to places of historic interest. Please come along to hear her talk and if you are not a member of the Guild you will be most welcome too, 2pm in the Large Hall.

On 25th June we are holding a Strawberry Tea in the Hall from 10 - 12noon. Tickets priced £4 will be on sale at Church at the end of the Service very soon.

The new session of the Guild begins with our Dedication on Sunday 2nd October and our first meeting on 3rd October at 2pm in the Large Hall.

Membership is £15 this year.

Have a good summer.

Leadership Team

## **Stewardship**

Gift Day this year is on Saturday 17th September from 10 until 12noon in the Large Hall. Coffee will be served and there will be a Cake and Candy stall.

Donations for the stall would be greatly appreciated and these can be handed in at the Coffee Stop on Friday 16th or at the hall from 9 am on the Saturday morning.

With your SEPTEMBER magazine you will find a Gift Day envelope and should you wish to make a donation this can be handed in at the coffee morning or at any Sunday morning service.

If you have signed a Gift Aid form we can claim tax back on your donation and if you are happy for us to do this please put your name and address on your Gift Day envelope.

We look forward to your support and seeing you on 17th September for coffee.  
Stewardship Group

### **Upcoming Social events for your calendar**

On the afternoon of **Saturday 4th June** we are having a garden party in church grounds, (weather permitting, if it's raining - in the hall). A celebration of the Queen's Jubilee. There will be a prize for the best dressed hat, kite making and more. Tickets are £4

**Friday 15th July at 7pm** – there is BBQ - We will be eating the usual BBQ of Burgers and Sausages, cooked by John Parker – it can't be raining that night. There will be salads on the side, and of course some nice puddings for afters. Price of £6.00 includes a free drink.



Nothing pencilled in for August – Please note that there will be **no Coffee Stop on Friday 12th August** whilst the Holiday Club is taking place.

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> September** - Gift day and Coffee Morning in the Hall

**Sunday 25th September** – Soup Lunch for Harvest thanksgiving

**Saturday 12th November** - Church Fayre  
Joan Macgregor (01241 875229)

## June Communion

On Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June there will be a short celebration of communion in the large hall at 2pm followed by tea and cakes. Restrictions have been lifted so that it's now possible to return to the traditional elements.



Please come along for a time of worship and fellowship. If you would like to come but require transport then please let Chris or your elder know.

## Angus Talking Newspaper

We have been out of action for two years with the Pandemic, but we now feel it is time for us to be back. We are a group which produces a Monthly Magazine taken from the Angus Newspaper, which was born as the individual papers of the Towns ceased. This Magazine is produced from the editorials and made into a CD which is sent out to our listeners. Anyone, blind or partially sighted can apply for a copy of this, which is free of charge, and we know that it is appreciated by the listeners.

### ***Two notes just now***

1. We are one reader short as we lost one to Aberdeen, and would like a replacement. All that is needed is a pleasant speaking voice (No-one sees you).
2. If you would like more info about the newspaper, or to apply for a copy, just get in touch and I will pass this on. For information contact Brian Cruickshanks at [bacruckshanks@gmail.com](mailto:bacruckshanks@gmail.com)  
Brian (Team Leader)

## **Knit & Knatter**

The Knit & Knatter group have been busy making 'Teddies For Ukraine' to give to the children of Ukrainian families moving to the Arbroath and Angus area. If you'd like to join in, please come along to our meetings.

June dates: 7th and 21st.

We will then close for the summer break and return on the 23rd of August. For more information and updates, please visit our Facebook page 'Knit & Knatter Arbroath'.

Angela Pagan

## **Wednesday Club**

The club is a parish drop-in centre started by Knox's Church about 30 years ago. We meet on a Wednesday afternoon from January to June and from August to December in the Large Hall from 1.30pm till 3.30pm. Our members are mostly senior citizens who enjoy playing board games with occasional entertainment organised. Cost is £2.00 per week and refreshments are provided.

Last session before summer break is June 29<sup>th</sup> returning 17<sup>th</sup> August 2022. All welcome.

Margaret Sim & Nancy Robbie

## **DJ Club**

We are going to RRS Discovery on June 26<sup>th</sup>, after the morning service. We will then be on holiday, restarting on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> August 2022.

Leza Gibson

## Review of Moderator's Visit



The Moderator of the Church of Scotland, Lord Wallace of Tankerness or Jim Wallace, former MP and MSP and his wife spent their penultimate week in office on a visit to Angus Presbytery.

They visited different towns each day and Arbroath was Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May. They watched a presentation at Arbroath High School showcasing the recent Youth & Philanthropy Initiative and then enjoyed time with some of the crew of the lifeboat before lunch with local charity Mum & Me.



In the afternoon Lord Wallace became Pharaoh for Bible Alive at Ladyloan with Carla and Joan.



On Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May we were delighted to welcome them back to Arbroath to share in worship and to present long service certificates to some of our elders. During the service we presented 12 and Brian Hird will receive his at home.

The choir sang “Our Song of Peace” and we presented Lord Wallace with a history of the church and some smokies – vacuum packed. In the last week of his tenure, he is travelling to Hungary and Ukraine to witness first-hand the work of the church there to support all who have fled their homes.



Congratulations to all who received certificates and thank you for all your years of service!

30 years – Derek Atkinson, Chic Coull and Sonia Nelson

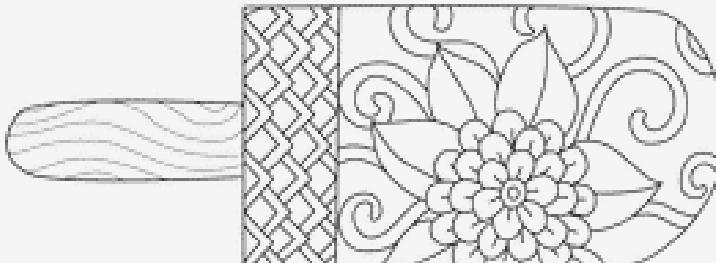
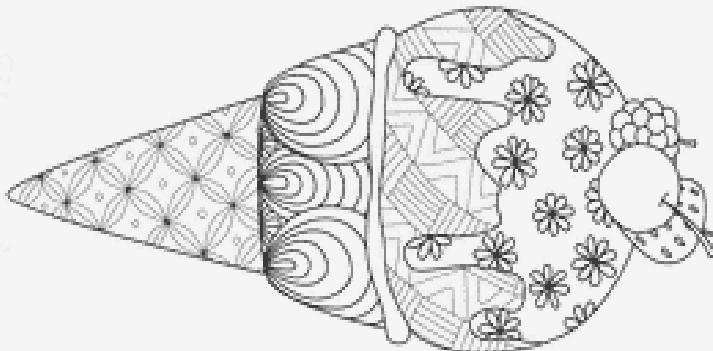
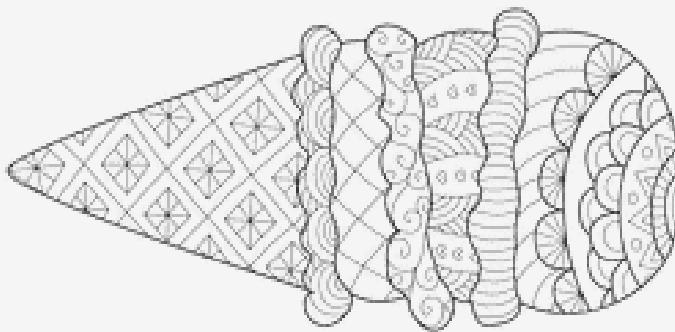
40 years – Iain Bell, Andy Brett, Brian Cruickshanks, Malcolm Finlayson, Diane McGill, Kitty Milne and Janice Tracey.

50 years – Ian McLeish, David Langlands and Brian Hird.



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Let's hope we have lots of sunny, summer weather to enjoy these! Please feel free to colour them in vibrant, exotic shades!

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Can You Make Out  
Of: **CHEERFUL**

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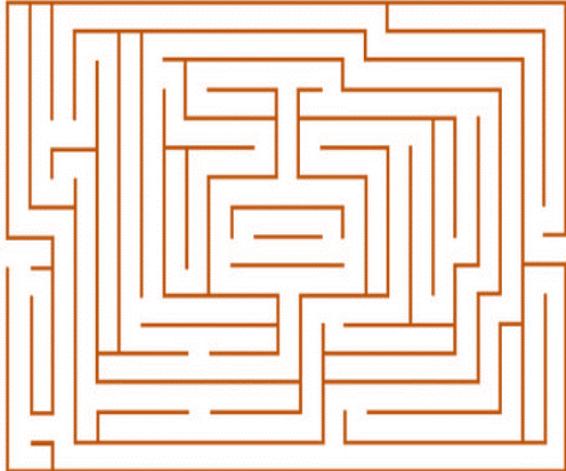
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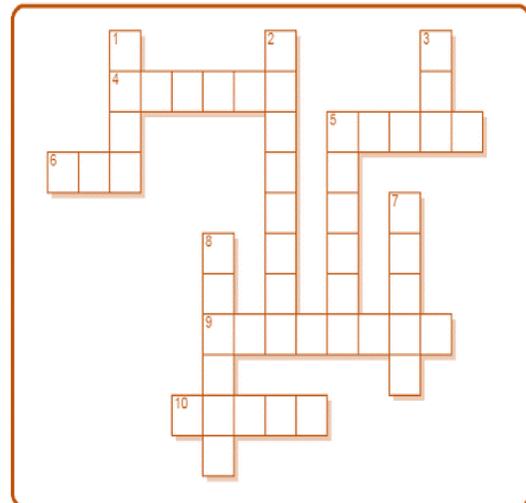


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Picnic  
Fun  
Bible



Jesus  
God  
Cheerful  
Sunny  
Food  
Lemonade

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*Remembering those we have loved....*

Like Easter the Pentecost season, remembering the arrival of the Holy Spirit, is a time of joy, awe and wonder. As we go into our summer season and enjoy all that this time of year brings, we remember too those friends and family who are finding life strange and new with the loss of someone dear, praying that the comfort of the Holy Spirit may be with them.



### *Prayer*

*Gracious Spirit, creator of life, carrier of hope, make your presence known among us.*

*Enable us to be brave in our remembering, honest in our sorrow, and open in love and compassion to each other.*

*Help us to seek not so much answers to our questions,*

*but, rather, the patience to mourn and grieve.*

*Enable us to remember with joy the lives of those we have loved.*

*Send us your peace.*

*Amen*

**Our summer services will commence on Sunday 3rd July to Sunday 14th August at 10 o'clock.**

**Our normal 11 o'clock service will resume on Sunday 21st August.  
Looking forward to seeing you all over the summer months.**

### **Duty Rota**

### **Flower Rota**

<b>June 2022</b>	<b>June 2022</b>
5 <sup>th</sup> Team 05 : B McDonald	5 <sup>th</sup> : Diane & Justine McGill
12 <sup>th</sup> Team 06 : S Nelson	12 <sup>th</sup> : Edith Cargill
19 <sup>th</sup> Team 07 : L Gibson	19 <sup>th</sup> : Lavinia & Leza Gibson
26 <sup>th</sup> Team 08 : A Ferguson	26 <sup>th</sup> : Pat Croall
<b>July 2022</b>	<b>July 2022</b>
3 <sup>rd</sup> Team 09 : D Langlands	3 <sup>rd</sup> : Joyce Beattie
10 <sup>th</sup> Team 10 : A Shepherd	10 <sup>th</sup> : Milly Cummings
17 <sup>th</sup> Team 01 : M McIntosh	17 <sup>th</sup> : Janette Millar
24 <sup>th</sup> Team 02 : B Cargill	24 <sup>th</sup> : Christine Southward
31 <sup>st</sup> Team 03 : D Spink	31 <sup>st</sup> : Karen Dear
<b>August 2022</b>	<b>August 2022</b>
7 <sup>th</sup> Team 04 : B Cruickshanks	7 <sup>th</sup> : Elizabeth Fairweather
14 <sup>th</sup> Team 05 : B McDonald	14 <sup>th</sup> : Margaret McAndrew
21 <sup>st</sup> Team 06 : S Nelson	21 <sup>st</sup> : Audrey Cherry
28 <sup>th</sup> Team 07 : L Gibson	28 <sup>th</sup> : Sonia Nelson
<b>September 2022</b>	<b>September 2022</b>
4 <sup>th</sup> Team 08 : A Ferguson	4 <sup>th</sup> : Bill & Eileen McDonald
11 <sup>th</sup> Team 09 : D Langlands	11 <sup>th</sup> : Edith Cargill

<b>CHURCH CALENDAR</b>		<b>JUNE 2022</b>
<b>Sundays</b>		
<b>5<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup></b>	11am Sunday worship and DJ Club	
<b>12<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>2pm Informal Communion and Afternoon Tea</b>	
<b>Mondays</b>		
<b>13<sup>th</sup></b>	7.15pm Kirk Session Meeting	
<b>27<sup>th</sup></b>	2-4pm Guild Summer Cuppa and Chat Speaker : Blythe Stockdale	
<b>6<sup>th</sup></b>	7.30 pm Friends Choir	
<b>Tuesdays</b>		
<b>7<sup>th</sup> &amp; 21<sup>st</sup></b>	7pm Knit & Knatter	
<b>21<sup>st</sup> June</b>	<b>Timmergreens End of Year Service</b>	
<b>28<sup>th</sup> June</b>	7.30pm Angus Presbytery	
<b>Wednesdays</b>		
<b>1<sup>st</sup>/8<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup>/29<sup>th</sup></b>	9.30am Toddlers <b>22<sup>nd</sup> June Toddler's Trip to Jumping Joey's</b>	
<b>1<sup>st</sup>/8<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup>/29<sup>th</sup></b>	1.30pm Wednesday Club	
<b>1<sup>st</sup>/8<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup>/29<sup>th</sup></b>	7.30pm Bible study by Zoom	
<b>Fridays</b>		
<b>3<sup>rd</sup>/10<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup>/24<sup>th</sup></b>	10am Coffee Stop	
<b>Saturdays</b>		
<b>4<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Jubilee Garden Party 2-4pm</b>	
<b>25<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Guild Strawberry Tea 10am-12 noon</b>	

CHURCH CALENDAR	JULY 2022
<b>Friday 1<sup>st</sup></b>	10am Coffee Stop
<b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>10am</b> Worship
<b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	2 – 3.30pm Summer music drop in session
<b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup></b>	10am Coffee Stop
<b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup></b>	7.30-8.30pm Summer music drop in session
<b>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10am</b> Worship
<b>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup></b>	11-12 noon Summer music drop in session
<b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup></b>	10am Coffee Stop
<b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>7pm - BBQ</b> tickets from Joan Macgregor
<b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10am</b> Worship
<b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	10am Coffee Stop
<b>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10am</b> Worship
<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup></b>	July Guild Summer Cuppa & Chat
<b>Friday 29<sup>th</sup></b>	10am Coffee Stop
<b>Sunday 31<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>10am</b> Worship
CHURCH CALENDAR	AUGUST 2022
<b>Friday 5<sup>th</sup></b>	10am Coffee Stop
<b>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10am</b> Worship
<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> – Friday 12<sup>th</sup></b>	Holiday Club 10am-12noon
<b>Sunday 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10am</b> Worship
<b>Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> &amp; 31<sup>st</sup></b>	1.30-3.30pm Wednesday Club
<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup></b>	10am Coffee Stop
<b>Sunday 21<sup>st</sup></b>	11am worship & DJ Club
<b>Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	7pm Knit & Knatter
<b>Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	7.30pm In Harmony Choir
<b>Friday 26<sup>th</sup></b>	10am Coffee Stop
<b>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup></b>	11am worship
<b>Monday 29<sup>th</sup></b>	Guild Summer Cuppa and Chat
<b>Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup></b>	7.30pm In Harmony Choir

Both the Male Voice and Friends Choir's are on summer break and will return late summer early autumn, dates to be confirmed for rehearsals.

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Alternatively use the box in the vestibule area.

All material for the next issue of the magazine should be submitted by end of day of Monday, August 15<sup>th</sup> 2022, thank you. All articles are subject to copyright, data protection and editorial discretion,

Thank you.

## ANSWERS FOR PAGE 12

### ACROSS

- 4 Orange
- 5 Sunny
- 6 God
- 9 Cheerful
- 10 Bible



### DOWN

- 1 Food
- 2 Lemonade
- 3 Fun
- 5 Summer
- 7 Jesus
- 8 Picnic



# Summer Drop In Music Sessions



Do you have a Guitar, Ukulele, Keyboard, Drum Kit or any other instrument at home gathering dust and want some help with how to play it? Even if you don't have an instrument at home, but are keen to learn – all are welcome!

Arbroath West Kirk are offering FREE music sessions with a qualified music teacher during the summer.

Designed for all ages and abilities

## TASTER SESSIONS

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2pm – 3.30pm

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July 7.30pm – 8.30pm

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July 11am – 12pm

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup>-Friday 12<sup>th</sup> August  
10am-12 noon  
Open to all Primary Aged Children**



**Games**

**Craft**

**Bible Stories**

**Snacks**

**Drama**

**Songs**

**Registration forms available from the office.**

<b>Minister</b> – Rev Chris Hay, The Manse, 1 Charles Ave	554189
<b>Session Clerk</b> – Mrs Audrey Shepherd, 25 Bishoploch Road	870080
<b>Asst. Session Clerk</b> - Mr Bill Clark	
<b>Core Group Convener</b> - Mrs Linda Bird, 5 Hospitalfield Gardens	874785
<b>Treasurer</b> - Mr David Spink, 45 High Street	434721
<b>Fabric Convener</b> - Mr Ross Cargill, 4 Lochlands Park	876405
<b>Roll keeper</b> - Mr Derek Atkinson, 3 Seaton Place	872818
<b>DJ Club Leader</b> - Miss Leza Gibson, 62 Wardykes Road	872467
<b>Magazine Distribution</b> - Mrs Kathleen Bruce, 39 Ladyloan	870953
<b>Freewill Offering Convener</b> - Miss Myra Scouler, Church Office	434721
<b>Gift Aid (Covenants) Convener</b> - Miss Myra Scouler, Church Office	434721
<b>Secretary/Church Office</b> – Miss Myra Scouler	434721
<b>Safeguarding</b> - Mrs Jean Cargill, 21 Duncan Avenue	874722

### **Change of Address**

**If you have moved house recently, or are about to move, either within or out-with the town, please fill in the address slip below and return to the Roll keeper, Mr D Atkinson, 3 Seaton Place, DD11 5DS.**  
**Thank you**

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

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