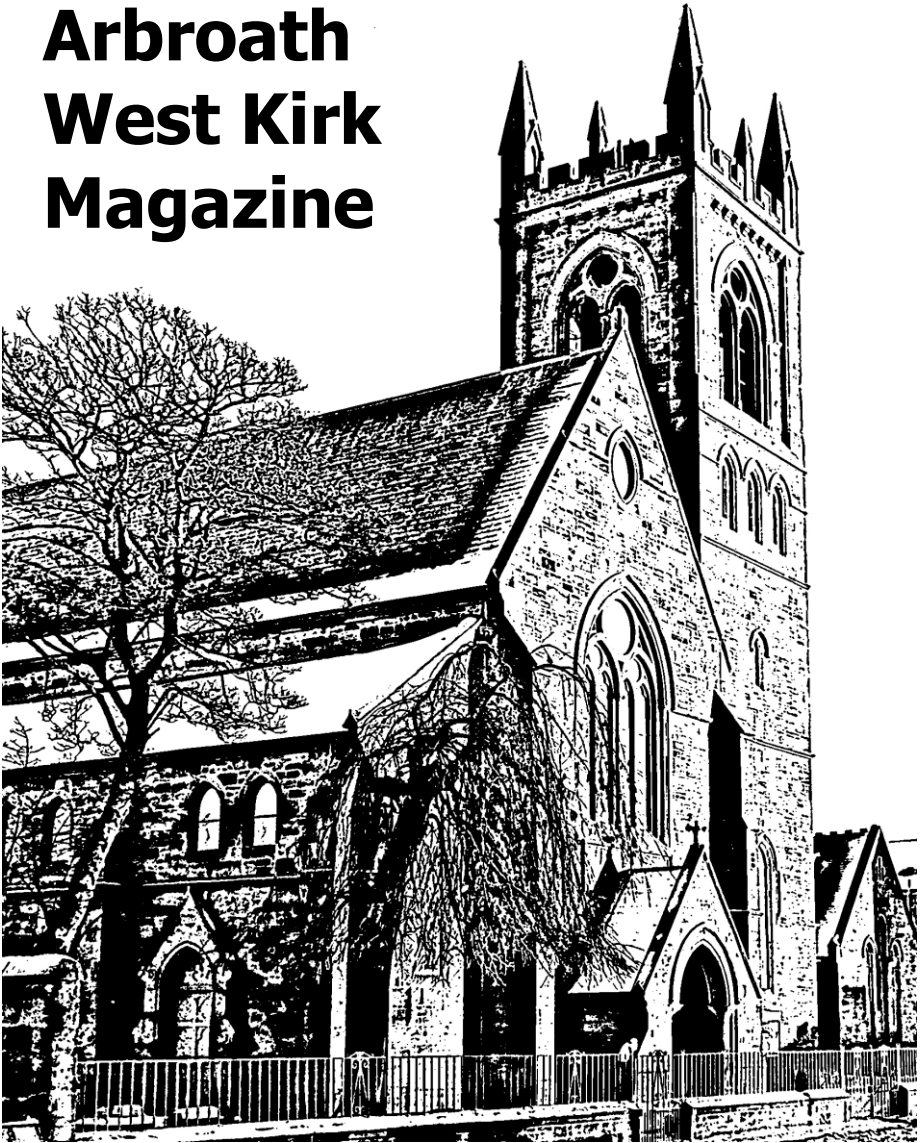


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### **Chris's Chatter**

Because the summer edition of the magazine covers three months, and for much of those three months some of our groups and activities take a break, there is something of an end of term feeling to it as many plan time away with family or friends to relax, to enjoy a different rhythm, to reflect and recharge for what lies ahead.

At the same time the summer season offers different options and opportunities – the Guild host their monthly cuppies and Strawberry Tea, Summer FFF continues every Tuesday and Seaside Rock, this year's holiday club for primary aged children will open on 7<sup>th</sup> August. Other opportunities to get together, like Coffee Stop, continue so there's plenty to do whether you're home or away. Check the diary for all that's going on.

This year, in particular, these two themes of a change of pace and opportunities to try something different are especially relevant as we move forward with the implementation of the local restructuring for the area and vote on the Presbytery Mission Plan on 4<sup>th</sup> June. The Church of Scotland General Assembly (which will have taken place by the time you read this and a precis of the major decisions will be included in the next magazine) and the way in which its decisions are effected is going to have far reaching consequences for the church locally and nationally.

As Rev Graham Duffin says in his article in the Church's Ascend magazine, we all need to be encouraged to do more than "keeping the show on the road" – rather stretching our hearts and minds to look forward to what God has in store for us and for this area. Over this summer season then, whether our routines change or not can I invite you to imagine that you have fallen asleep for five years and then when you wake up your dreams for the church have been fulfilled – what would that look like for you? Please come and share this with me if you can as it's important that our vision is something that comes from and is owned by us all.

There are several stories of characters in the gospels – Peter’s mother-in-law, Jairus’s daughter, the centurions’ servant, blind Bartimaeus, all of whom Jesus healed. Their own response varied – Peter’s mother-in-law continued waiting on the family, Bartimaeus followed Jesus on the path to Jerusalem but also the response of the witnesses to these things was of a new, a fresh vision, an alternative way. Jesus’ message never changes but sometimes the way we share it does for fresh generations of people in different places. I pray that in whatever way you spend your summer – whether home or away you will have dreams and see visions of a future filled with hope.

May the summer season be one of rest and refreshment for you all,  
Chris



### **Presbytery Update and Mission Plan Progress**

Since the last magazine a Presbytery meeting was held in Perth. An “in-person” meeting, which could also be viewed online, the sole purpose was the approval of the legacy Perth and the Dunkeld and Mieggle Presbytery Mission Plans as part of the now much larger Presbytery of Perth. After much deliberation and several heartfelt appeals, both plans were approved. They must now be agreed by the team in Edinburgh before the implementation process can begin.

As the Angus plan was approved at the end of last year we are further forward in the implementation process. In the April magazine the transition team in this area gave you an update on their progress. Before you received this magazine you should have also received a document explaining the process so far and inviting you as a member or regular adherent to worship on Sunday 4th June (the same day as we celebrate Communion) when you will have the opportunity to vote on the process. If you haven’t received the newsletter or would like a more detailed look at the Basis of Union and Basis of Team Ministry paper copies are available at the church or can be accessed on our website – [arbroathwestkirk.org](http://arbroathwestkirk.org).

On Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June you will be asked to vote on the proposed Union and also on whether or not you accept the two existing ministers (myself and Rev Peter Phillips) together with another who we hope will fill the vacancy in the months after the union to be ministers appointed to the team ministry of the

Union. Members of Presbytery will be at the West Kirk and will conduct proceedings.

Following these votes, Presbytery will meet on 15<sup>th</sup> June to consider the results and if acceptable will approve the Union and notify Edinburgh who will then commence the legal process which could take several weeks so nothing is going to happen overnight. Nevertheless there will be groundwork to be done over the summer to make sure we are as prepared as we can be.

Please continue to pray for the transition team, for all nine parishes, who are all in differing situations as we go forward that we may all know God's hand guiding us and be kind to one another honouring the service that has been given by so many down the years.

### **The Colvill Charity**

The Colvill Charity was established in Arbroath in 1823 by John Colvill of Brothockbank who had been the town clerk and will celebrate its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary on 1<sup>st</sup> July this year. Two of the trustees are West Kirk folks. Over time the charity has amalgamated with other smaller Arbroath charities over the years who have similar interests – namely to support those in the area in need whether financially or due to age or illness. It receives applications twice per year and in recent times has supported The Learning Tree, The Café Project, the Salvation Army, Reach Across etc.

Please look out for further publicity over the summer as we celebrate the generosity of generations before who continue to support local people of today.

### **Celebration of Holy Communion Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June, 11am**

If there is anyone you know of who would like to share in a home communion because they find it difficult to get to church, please let Chris or Myra know.

Following morning worship on 4<sup>th</sup> June there will be a vote on the proposed union of the churches in the Arbroath Area (see separate mailing and magazine article) to which all members and regular adherents are warmly invited.



## CHRISTIAN AID WEEK– 14 TO 20 MAY 2023



I am writing this article at the beginning of this year's 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.

Many of us enjoyed lunch after Church on Sunday 7 May to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III. A total of £253 was raised for Christian Aid at this event. Thank you everyone who helped make this such a success.

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.

Your gifts this Christian Aid Week could help farmers in Malawi plant better seeds, secure a fairer price for the crops, and build happier futures for their children.

Janice Tracey,  
Christian Aid Co-ordinator.

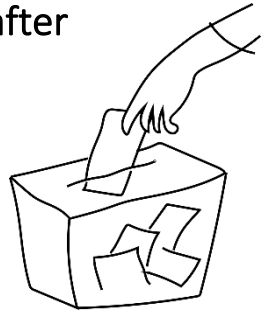
## Guild

We continue to meet over the Summer on the last Monday of each month for a cuppie and Chat at 2pm in the Large Hall.

**Guild STRAWBERRY TEA - Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June 10-12 Noon** in the Large Hall. Tickets priced £4 are on sale now or you can pay at the door on the day. We hope you will come along and support us.

# Congregational Vote Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June, after morning worship

**Please note that only those who can attend in person are eligible to vote.  
(Church of Scotland rules, I'm afraid)**



## **Toddler Group**

Toddlers @ West Kirk meet every Wednesday during school term from 9.15am to approximately 11.15am. This group is not just for the wee ones but great for parents/carers/childminders to meet with other adults and have a good chat. We have a weekly craft, lots of toys for the children to play with and finish up with song time.

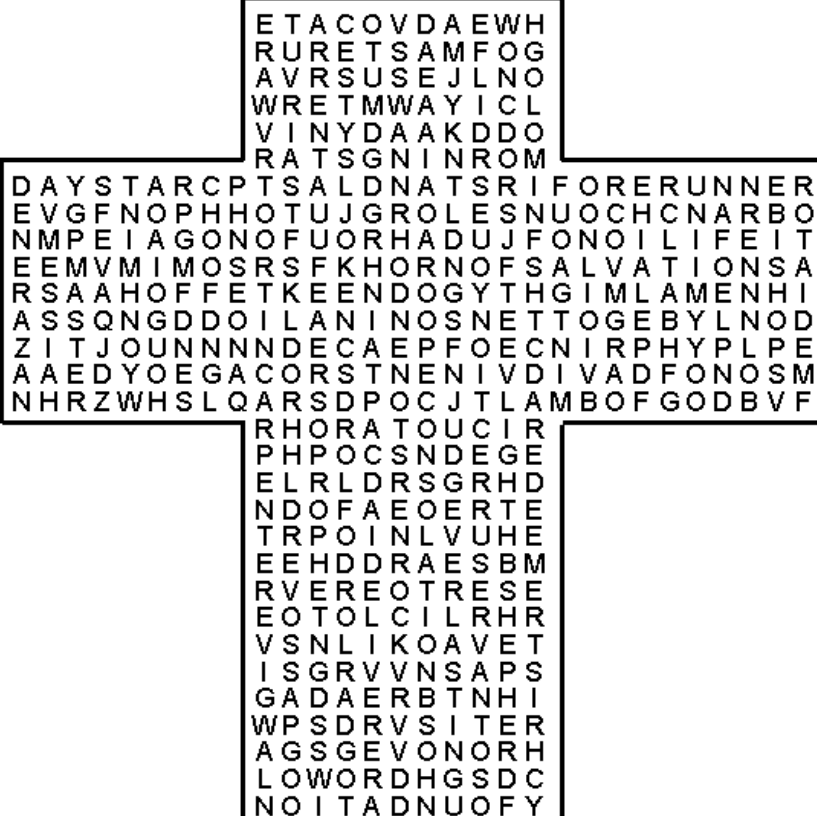
We also provide the snacks, which consists of toast, cheese and fruits and there are teas/coffees and toast for the adults. The cost for each meeting is £2 per child with a reduced charge for each subsequent child of £1 each. Summer is fast approaching and quite a few of our young ones will be moving on to Nursery, so our new session will start on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> August, so there will be some spaces available. If you would like to have your Toddler's name added to our waiting list please contact Liz Aiken as soon as possible on 07518 980457 or email the church office at [arbroathwestkirk2019@gmail.com](mailto:arbroathwestkirk2019@gmail.com)  
Thank you.

## **DJ Club & Faithfinders**

We raised £113 on our sponsored walk, thank you to everyone who sponsored us. We will be going to Edinburgh Castle on 24<sup>th</sup> June 2023. The final DJ Club session will be on 25<sup>th</sup> June 2023, after this we will be off on holiday until Sunday 20 August 2023. Faithfinders group will start in August for anyone in S1 +.

Leza Gibson

## But Whom Do You Say That I AM?



Advocate  
Almighty  
Alpha and Omega  
Amen  
Apostle  
Beloved Son  
Bishop  
Branch  
Bread  
Captain  
Carpenter  
Chosen  
Christ  
Consolation  
Cornerstone  
Counselor  
Day Star  
Deliverer

Door  
Emmanuel  
Everlasting  
Faithful and True  
First and Last  
Forerunner  
Foundation  
Governor  
Head  
High Priest  
Holy and Just One  
Horn of Salvation  
I AM  
Jesus  
Judge  
King  
King of Kings  
Lamb of God

Lawgiver  
Life  
Light  
Lion of Judah  
Lord  
Lord of Lords  
Master  
Master  
Mediator  
Messiah  
Mighty God  
Morning Star  
Nazarene  
Only Begotten Son  
Passover  
Priest  
Prince of Peace  
Prophet

Redeemer  
Resurrection  
Rock  
Savior  
Servant  
Shepherd  
Son of David  
Son of God  
Son of Man  
Vine  
Way  
Wonderful  
Word

## Spot the Differences in Jesus Began the Church

Compare the picture on the top with the picture on bottom. Circle the 14 things that are different.





## Summer Fun, Food & Friendship

FFF is continuing on a Tuesday night over the summer in Community Spirit thanks to the enthusiasm of the volunteers and the generosity of locals too.

We are receiving fresh produce to use in the cooking and distribute to our guests from Milton Haugh Farm Shop. Come and join us from 5-7.30pm every Tuesday.



If you would like to submit a magazine article for the September edition, you can email : [westkirkmag@gmail.com](mailto:westkirkmag@gmail.com) or put it in the box in the vestibule area or post it through the letterbox. Deadline for the next issue is end of day, Monday 14<sup>th</sup> August 2023. All articles are subject to copyright, data protection and editorial discretion, thank you.

## Future Social Events

**BBQ : Friday 21st July at 7pm** – there is a BBQ - We will be eating the usual BBQ of Burgers and Sausages, hopefully it won't be raining that night. There will be salads on the side, and of course some nice puddings for afters. Price of £6.00 per person available from Joan.

Nothing pencilled in for August – Please note that there will be **no Coffee**

**Stop on Friday 11th August** whilst the Holiday Club is taking place.

**Saturday date TBC in September** - Gift day and Coffee Morning in the Hall

**Sunday date TBC in September** – Soup Lunch for Harvest thanksgiving

**Saturday date TBC in November** - Church Fayre

Joan Macgregor (01241 875229)

## Summer Services

Usually for the weeks of the school holidays, summer service times go forward at the West Kirk to 10am.

**This year, as Chris is now taking a 9.30am service at either Arbirlot or Carmyllie every week, the services at the West Kirk will remain at 11am.**

If you prefer the earlier time over the summer, please feel free to join Chris at Arbirlot or Carmyllie (details of where and when in the diary) and if you need a lift, please let us know.

We hope to have a **Summer Songs of Praise** but no date yet confirmed. Please listen out in the intimations and on social media/emails for more information.

CHURCH CALENDAR	June 2023
<b>Sunday</b>	
4 <sup>th</sup> & 18 <sup>th</sup> 11 <sup>th</sup> & 25 <sup>th</sup> 4 <sup>th</sup> /11 <sup>th</sup> /18 <sup>th</sup> & 25 <sup>th</sup> 4 <sup>th</sup> 4 <sup>th</sup> /11 <sup>th</sup> /18 <sup>th</sup> & 25 <sup>th</sup> 25 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am Worship @ Carmyllie 9.30am Worship @ Arbirlot 11am Worship @ West Kirk Holy Communion 11am DJ Club Tea & coffee after service
4 <sup>th</sup> & 18 <sup>th</sup>	Making Music 2-3pm
<b>Mondays</b> 12 <sup>th</sup>	7.30-9.30pm Friends Choir
26 <sup>th</sup>	2-4pm Guild cuppy
<b>Tuesday</b> 6 <sup>th</sup> & 20 <sup>th</sup>	7-8.30pm Knit & Knatter
<b>Wednesdays</b>	
7 <sup>th</sup> /14 <sup>th</sup> /21 <sup>st</sup> & 28 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am Toddlers@Westkirk
7 <sup>th</sup>	1.30pm Wednesday Club
21 <sup>st</sup>	Timmers Community Cafe
<b>Thursdays</b>	
1 <sup>st</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> /15 <sup>th</sup> /22 <sup>nd</sup> /29 <sup>th</sup>	5-6 pm Quiet Space in Church
30 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm Prayer Group by Zoom

<b>Friday</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> /9 <sup>th</sup> /16 <sup>th</sup> /23 <sup>rd</sup> /30 <sup>th</sup>	10am – 12 noon Coffee Stop
<b>Saturdays</b>	
24 <sup>th</sup>	Guild Strawberry Tea 10-12 noon

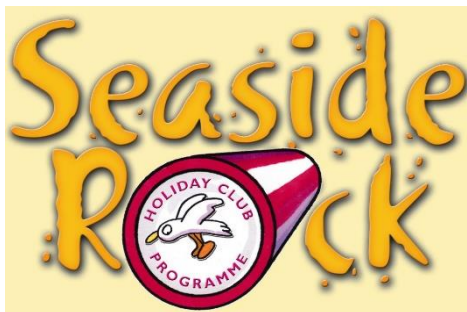
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>July 2023</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup> /16 <sup>th</sup> /30 <sup>th</sup> 9 <sup>th</sup> & 23 <sup>rd</sup> 2 <sup>nd</sup> /9 <sup>th</sup> /16 <sup>th</sup> /23 <sup>rd</sup> /30 <sup>th</sup> 30 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am Worship @ Carmyllie 9.30am Worship @ Arbirlot 11am Sunday worship Tea & coffee after service
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Making Music 2-3pm
<b>Monday</b> 31 <sup>st</sup>	2-4pm Guild cuppy
<b>Thursday</b> 27 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm Prayer Group by Zoom
<b>Friday</b> 7 <sup>th</sup> /14 <sup>th</sup> /21 <sup>st</sup> /28 <sup>th</sup>	10am – 12 noon Coffee Stop
21 <sup>st</sup>	BBQ @7pm meet in large hall
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>August 2023</b>
13 <sup>th</sup> /27 <sup>th</sup> 6 <sup>th</sup> /20 <sup>th</sup> 6 <sup>th</sup> /13 <sup>th</sup> /20 <sup>th</sup> /27 <sup>th</sup> 20 <sup>th</sup> /27 <sup>th</sup> 27 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am Worship @ Carmyllie 9.30am Worship @ Arbirlot 11am Sunday worship 11am DJ Club + Faithfinders Tea & coffee after service
<b>August 7<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup></b>	Holiday Club
<b>Mondays</b>	
28 <sup>th</sup>	2-4pm Guild cuppy
28 <sup>th</sup>	MVC
<b>Tuesdays</b>	
TBC see Facebook	7-8.30pm Knit & Knatter
<b>Wednesdays</b>	
16 <sup>th</sup> /23 <sup>rd</sup> & 30 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am Toddlers@Westkirk
9 <sup>th</sup> /16 <sup>th</sup> /23 <sup>rd</sup> /30 <sup>th</sup>	1.30pm Wednesday Club
9 <sup>th</sup> /16 <sup>th</sup> /23 <sup>rd</sup> /30 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm Bible study by Zoom

<b>Thursdays 31<sup>st</sup></b>	7.30pm Prayer Group by Zoom
TBC	5-6 pm Quiet Space in Church
TBC	6-8.30pm Youth Club (P3-5 6-7pm & P6-S1 7.15-8.30pm)
<b>Fridays</b>	
4 <sup>th</sup> /18 <sup>th</sup> /25 <sup>th</sup>	10am – 12 noon Coffee Stop

## Holiday Club 2023

This year's holiday club will take place in the last week of the school holidays starting on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> August.

Seaside Rock is for anyone who has been at Primary School in the last year, including those moving up to High School for whom we have extra things to do. The Club is based around the various different activities you would get up to at the beach and follows the story of how Peter took up the challenge of following Jesus including the following stories - Jesus calls Peter, Peter walks on the water, Peter's mother-in-law is ill, Peter and the cross, Peter meets Jesus on the beach for breakfast. The story of the wise and foolish builders runs throughout in the Golden Palace drama.



We are applying for funding to also provide all the youngsters with a packed lunch to take away every day.

Booking will be via Eventbrite, advertised in the schools and from forms available from church and is open to youngsters from across the town so if you have neighbours or family members who have children, then please tell them about it.

If you would like to be a part of it but couldn't make the first meeting our next planning get together is Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm.

For further information, please contact Chris or Myra.

*Those we have lost and loved.....*



Eric Milne, 10 Alveston Gardens, Arbroath,  
DD11 3HB,

Ella Cramond, Tarriebank Retirement Home, By Arbroath, DD11 5RH.

*In the summertime, the season of holidays, of picnics and family get togethers the loss of someone dear can seem especially hard to bear and so we pray; God of compassion, when I feel helpless in my grief, hold me to your heart. God of gentleness, in those moments when life is dark, keep me close to you. God of comfort, when I am overcome with sadness, shelter me under your wings.*

*Ever-faithful God, help me to find reassurance and hope in these words of hope to all your people -*

*"Because you are precious to me,  
because I love you,  
there is no need to be afraid,  
for I am with you." (Isaiah 43)*

Margaret Lillis

Kitty and family would like to thank the Rev Chris Hay for her support in the days before Eric's passing and also at both the Church and at Parkgrove on the day of the funeral. Thanks also go to all friends and family who sent cards, flowers and telephoned Kitty both during Eric's short illness and on his passing.

<b><i>Duty Rota</i></b>	<b>June</b>	
4 <sup>th</sup>	Team 07:	Lavinia Gibson
11 <sup>th</sup>	Team 08:	Alistair Ferguson
18 <sup>th</sup>	Team 09:	David Langlands
25 <sup>th</sup>	Team 10:	Audrey Shepherd
	<b>July</b>	
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Team 01:	Moir McIntosh
9 <sup>th</sup>	Team 02:	Barbara Cargill
16 <sup>th</sup>	Team 03:	David Spink
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Team 04:	Janice Tracey
30 <sup>th</sup>	Team 05:	Linda Bird
	<b>August</b>	
6 <sup>th</sup>	Team 06:	Sonia Nelson
13 <sup>th</sup>	Team 07:	Lavinia Gibson
20 <sup>th</sup>	Team 08:	Alistair Ferguson
27 <sup>th</sup>	Team 09:	David Langlands
<b><i>Flowers</i></b>	<b>June</b>	<b>Flower Arranger</b>
4 <sup>th</sup>	Diane & Justine McGill	Justine McGill
11 <sup>th</sup>	Edith Cargill	Ruth Ferguson
18 <sup>th</sup>	Lavinia & Leza Gibson	May Herron
25 <sup>th</sup>	Pat Croall	Moir McIntosh
	<b>July</b>	
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Joyce Beattie	Isabel McKay
9 <sup>th</sup>	Milly Cummings	Helen Orsi
16 <sup>th</sup>	Malcolm Finlayson	Catherine Stockton
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Christine Southward	same
30 <sup>th</sup>	Karen Dear	Liz Aiken
	<b>August</b>	
6 <sup>th</sup>	Elizabeth Fairweather	Isabel Bell
13 <sup>th</sup>	Margaret McAndrew	Linda Bird
20 <sup>th</sup>	Audrey Cherry	Barbara Cargill
27 <sup>th</sup>	Sonia Nelson	Alison Cresswell

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<b>Opening Times: Monday, Tuesday &amp; Friday 9am – 1pm</b>

Both the **In Harmony** and **Arbroath Male Voice Choir** concerts were a treat for their audiences with special guests Jill Kerr and Callum Christie. A huge amount of rehearsal time and effort goes into these concerts – what wonderful gifts they all have.



Both choirs contribute to our communities not just by their voices but by knitting and raising funds. This year In Harmony supported the Arbroath Music Festival and knitting for cancer care wards and the Male Voice Choir entertain in care homes. We Thank you for all you do.



More photographs to be seen on Facebook!

## 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 \_\_\_\_\_

Former  
Address \_\_\_\_\_

New  
Address \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Minister</b> – Rev Chris Hay, The Manse, 1 Charles Ave	554189
<b>Session Clerk</b> – Mrs Audrey Shepherd, 25 Bishoploch Rd <b>Asst. Session Clerk</b> - Mr Bill Clark	870080
<b>Treasurer</b> - Mr David Spink, 45 High St	434721
<b>Fabric Convener</b> - Mr Ross Cargill, 4 Lochlands Pk	876405
<b>Roll keeper</b> - Mr Derek Atkinson, 3 Seaton Pl	872818
<b>DJ Club Leader</b> - Miss Leza Gibson, 62 Warddykes Rd	872467
<b>Magazine Distribution</b> - Mrs Kathleen Bruce, 39 Ladyloan	870953
<b>Freewill Offering Convener</b> - Miss Myra Scoular, Church Office	434721
<b>Gift Aid Convener</b> - Miss Myra Scoular, Church Office	434721
<b>Secretary/Church Office</b> – Miss Myra Scoular	434721
<b>Safeguarding</b> - Mrs Liz Aiken/Mrs Audrey Cherry	872429