

STRATHKINNESS KIRK & COMMUNITY AUGUST 2010



FROM THE MINISTER

Dear Friends

As a passing stranger in your midst, I would hope that you do not consider the above 'Dear Friends' presumptuous. Well, that is how I have started all my magazine letters to the church and community since 1971, except on one less than memorable occasion, when my letter opened, due to a misprint, not, I have to say, mine: 'Dear Fiends'!

Moving swiftly on, I should first like to compliment you, both Kirk and Community, for the title of your shared magazine, I would dare to say, for the next few months, our shared magazine, Strathkinness Kirk and Community. While, from my point of view, this enables the Kirk to enjoy a wider readership and, hopefully, appeal within the Community, I would hope that this very Kirk publicity would benefit the Community also.

As for myself, I have always exercised a parish, in other words, very much an inclusive community ministry, firstly, in the new town of East Kilbride at Westwood Parish Church there, where I was minister for fifteen fulfilling years from 1971 to 1986. Actually, I returned there, by invitation, as recently as Sunday, 11th July, for only the second time in all these years, to conduct worship and had a fabulous time, meeting so many couples, whom I had married and babies, now, of course, adults, whom I had baptised, some of whom I recognised, but, to my shame, many of whom I did not.

In 1986, I moved on to the historic city centre charge that is the Trades' Kirk in Dundee, namely, St. Andrew's Church, the Cowgate Kirk, the Trades' Kirk, next to the Wellgate Centre. This meant a move from a New Town Parish, whose population approached 17,000 to a City Centre Parish, whose population was reduced to village proportions, presenting quite a challenge. We opened the church doors to welcome visitors from all over the world and started, more recently, the Family Project for loan parents, aged 16 to 21, an area, in which Dundee ranks, for better or for worse, as European Champions.

After many years of trying and failing, we, at St. Andrew's Church, eventually found a valid way of being a city centre church, serving the city centre.

Fundamentally, I believe in the link between both Kirk and Trades and Kirk and Community, in New Town, City Centre and Village. Believe me, I do not want to be a stranger here for too long, however passing my stay might be, but rather a friend, even, dare I suggest a Dear Friend.

Hope to speak to you soon,

Ian Petrie

Strathkinness Church

Services

Sunday 1 August 11.30 am

Sunday 8 August 11.30 am

Rev Arthur Christie

At the end of this service the church members will vote for the 3 people who will represent Strathkinness Church on the Nominating Committee.

Sunday 15 August 11.30 am

Sunday 22 August 11.30 am

Sunday 29 August 11.30 am

Church Door Duty

1 August M. Sinclair

8 August E. Lawson

15 August A. Lawson

22 August P. Royds

29 August J. Royds

Flowers in Church

1 August Helen Donald

8 August Kay Younger

15 August Isabel Myles

22 August Morag Laidler

29 August Maisie Graham

Notices

Friendship Club

The Friendship Club resumes in the church hall on Tuesday 7th September. This is an afternoon club for senior citizens and meets from 2 – 4pm. New members will be welcome.

Kirk Session and Congregational Board

The Congregational Board will meet on Wednesday 15th September at 2pm and the Kirk Session will meet thereafter.

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STRATHKINNESS VILLAGE HALL AUGUST 2010 NEWS



Fundraising
SAFARI SUPPER

Saturday 21st August

Meet at Claremont for Sherry
at
6.30.p.m.

Tickets and further information
From:

Maisie Graham - 850245

Or

Jane Blyth - 850661

TICKETS £10 RAFFLE

Date for your Diary

The Village Hall Whist Drives will be starting again soon. They are usually held on the last Friday of the month throughout the Winter. Entry is £2 and refreshments are served at the interval. There are prizes for both Ladies and Gents, and a Raffle is held to finish off the evening. If you enjoy playing Whist, you will be made most welcome.

The first Whist Drive will be held on
Friday 24th September,
at 7.30 in the Village Hall.

Farewell to David Arnott



Strathkinness folk were happy to join with Hope Park at David Arnott's farewell service on 11th July when he was presented with a cheque and also with a football shirt in the colours of Dunfermline, his home team.

That meant he preached in Strathkinness for the last time (though we hope not) on the previous Sunday. Therefore, we had our own snack and presentation

occasion after the service and it was a light hearted and most enjoyable affair.

David and Rosemary were presented with garden furniture which will surely be put to good use and there was a special cake made by Claire Gammie and other goodies.



A speech made use of the well known text from John's gospel "can any good thing come out of Lochgelly?" (a modern translation of course).

It was a lot of fun but a more serious part reminded us that when we were looking for a linkage partner there was little response from St. Andrews until Hope Park congregation offered to take us on and we greatly appreciated their support and friendship. But in that decision it was clear that one person shouldered the double services, chairing meetings and visiting in homes and hospitals was our minister, David Arnott.

We had plenty to be grateful for and I hope that we were able to express it adequately.

Many thanks to all Strathkinness friends, whether church folk or not, who contributed to David's retirement gift. He wrote to express his gratitude to the congregation and community for their generosity, remarking that He and Rosemary were very much looking forward to their move to Peebles and the garden furniture will allow them to enjoy the delights of their garden.

Dear Friends

I received a most generous cheque on my last Sunday in Strathkinness Church on 4 July. We have been able to purchase a most attractive set of garden furniture with it for our new home in Peebles. I am aware that contributions for this also came from people who are not members of the church and I would like to thank all those who contributed to this. It has been both a pleasure and a privilege to have been the minister in the village for the last five years, and to have got to know some of you in that time.

As we sit in our garden in Peebles I shall undoubtedly have cause to give thanks for your kindness and generosity again.

With best wishes to you all

David Arnott

Events August 2010

1 st	Sun	Morning Worship	11.30 am
6 th	Fri	BLUE & BROWN BINS	
8 th	Sun	Morning Worship	11.30 am
13 th	Fri	GREY BIN	
15 th	Sun	Morning Worship	11.30 am
18 th	Thurs	School : Autumn Term Starts	
20 th	Fri	BLUE & BROWN BINS	
21 st	Sat	Safari Supper	6.30
pm			
22 nd	Sun	Morning Worship	11.30 am
27 th	Fri	GREEN BIN	
29 th	Sun	Morning Worship	11.30 am

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www.strathkinnesscommunity.co.uk/strathkirk.htm

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