



Monifieth South Angus **IMPACT**



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CHURCH FAMILY NEWS IN PICTURES

We bid farewell to Rev Barbara Ann Sweetin (left), our previous Interim Moderator, and welcome her replacement, Rev Lorna Tunstall (right)



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INTERIM MODERATOR'S MESSAGE

My dear friends of Monifieth South Angus,

By way of introduction my name is Rev Lorna Tunstall and I have taken over from Rev Barbara Ann Sweetin following her retirement as your Interim Moderator. I am delighted to be with you and to help you navigate the final stages of your journey towards electing a new minister. I am hoping my tenure as Interim Moderator will not be too lengthy, not for any other reason than it will mean that you will soon have a full-time minister in place and will be able to fully move on with the next chapter of Christian Witness within Monifieth South Angus parish. In the short time I have been with you, I can see that Monifieth South Angus has so much to offer a minister looking for a new charge and I am confident we will generate a lot of interest in the vacancy. I understand that the journey to get to this point has been long and at times difficult but there is now light at the end of the tunnel and a chance to start looking ahead and making exciting new plans for the future. My main task will be to work with the nominating committee to finalise a parish profile, and to update the church website, so that we can start the recruitment process in earnest. We now have a draft parish profile in progress and as I write this we will be meeting with the Advisory Committee at tonight's Kirk Session for comments and feedback, so we are making good progress.

I would also like to thank Rev Caroline Taylor, Rev Tim Thorpe, Rev Marion and Rev Phil Taylor as well as the worship team for continuing to lead the worship services on a weekly basis.

I do hope that I will meet as many of you as possible over the next short while and in the meantime should you need to contact me, my details are as below.

God Bless –

Lorna

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WEDNESDAY MORNING PRAYERS

It's 6.29 am on Wednesday 21st February and my alarm is about to beep. I switch it off and get up quickly and quietly, my first aim being to put the kettle on. With next to no traffic at the Claypotts junction, I reach Murroes Church Hall at 7.03 am, where I join Vince and Sheena seated around the table in the Chapel. Armed with another cup of tea, I sit down and am drawn into Vince's prayer.

We take it in turns – but no-one who comes should feel obliged to join in audibly. Prayer can be silent and there is something lovely – and quite unusual – about silence. We open the curtains so that we're aware of the lightening sky, we read a few passages from the bible and prayers from books.

We speak to the Lord about a variety of things, from conflict in the Middle East to the people in our congregation and parish. We thank God for his intervention in our individual lives and we pray for guidance.

Vince's phone beeps – a WhatsApp message – but coincidentally (or not?) it is 8.00 am so we prepare to go our separate ways. It has been an hour well spent, a wonderful start to the day, worth getting up early to do.

But you can arrive during the hour if that suits you better or stay just for a little while. We'd love to see you. We hope to be in the Chapel every Wednesday morning.

If you have someone or something you would like included in the prayers, please let us know.

Rev. Caroline Taylor

SERVICES

Friday 1 st March – 7.00pm	World Day of Prayer	Holy Trinity Church, Monifieth
Sunday 3 rd March – 11.00am	Rev Tim Thorpe	Monifieth
Monday 4 th March – 2.00pm	TBA	Murroes
Sunday 10 th March - 11.00am	Rev Tim Thorpe	Monifieth
Monday 11 th March – 2.00pm	TBA	Murroes
Sunday 17 th March - 11.00am	Revs Marian & Phil Taylor	Monifieth
Monday 18 th March – 2.00pm	TBA	Murroes
Sunday 24 th March - 11.00am	Rev Tim Thorpe	Monifieth
Monday 25 th March	TBA	
Thursday 28 th March – 7.00pm	Maundy Thursday – Agape meal	Monifieth
Friday 29 th March – 7.00pm	Good Friday Service	Monifieth
Sunday 31 st March 6.30 am	Easter Day Sunrise Service	Blue Seaway,
Sunday 31 st March 11.00am	Easter – Caroline Taylor	Murroes
Sunday 7 th April - 11.00am	Rev Tim Thorpe	Monifieth
Wednesday –6.30pm (tbc)	TBA	Murroes
Sunday 14 th April - 11.00am	Rev Tim Thorpe	Monifieth
Wednesday 17 th April – 6.30pm	TBA	Murroes
Sunday 21 st April - 11.00am	Rev Tim Thorpe	Monifieth
Wednesday 24 th April – 6.30pm	TBA	Murroes
Sunday 28 th April - 11.00am	Revs Marian & Phil Taylor	Monifieth
Wednesday 1 st May – 6.30pm	TBA	Murroes
Sunday 5 th May - 11.00am	Revs Marian & Phil Taylor Communion service	Monifieth
Wednesday 8 th May – 6.30pm	TBA	Murroes
Sunday 12 th May - 11.00am	Revs Marian & Phil Taylor	Monifieth
Wednesday 15 th May – 6.30pm	TBA	Murroes
Sunday 19 th May - 11.00am	Rev Caroline Taylor	Monifieth
Wednesday 22 nd May – 2.00pm	TBA	Murroes
Sunday 26 th May - 11.00am	Faith and Worship Team	Monifieth
Wednesday 29 th May – 6.30pm	TBA	Murroes

MIDWEEK WORSHIP

The calendar of midweek worship has been up and running for several weeks now. For the remainder of March it will be on Mondays at 2.00 pm in Murroes Church Hall. After the clocks go forward on 31st March, we will switch to Wednesdays at 6.30 pm. These decisions were taken by the Kirk Session in October 2023 after a survey of preferred days and times.

If you are unfamiliar with the rural part of the parish, please note that it is Murroes Church Hall just off the Kellas Road and not Murroes Community Hall at Westhall Terrace-

Caroline Taylor

CONGREGATIONAL ROLL

DEMISSION

By Certificate of Transference

- 16th January Mr. John & Mrs. Lesley Steven, Forfar (District 74 Bill Mitchell)
19th February Mr. Tom & Mrs. Joyce Hagan, Broughty Ferry (District 16 Maggie Gray)

DEATHS *'I am the resurrection and the life....'said Jesus.*

- 6th December Mr Andrew Scott, Monifieth (District 4 Malcolm Bell)
7th December Mr. Wilson Fleming, Monifieth (District 65 Gillian Anderson)
7th December Mr. Hugh Smith, Monikie (District 82 Rob Millar)
17th December Mrs Shirley Stewart, Newbigging (District 84 Vacant)
18th January Mrs. Isabel (Bunty) Broadhurst, Broughty Ferry (District 15 Barbara Burns)
1st February Mr. Gordon Laird, Kellas (District 71 Ally Greenhill)
? February Mrs. Ruby Sinclair, Newbigging (District 84 Vacant)

MEMBERSHIP

With the recent union of the churches, we require to update the personal details that we hold on our members. To complete this exercise, we recently sent out an email to the members that we have email addresses for. The other members will receive a form to be completed, this will be delivered by hand. In both instances we ask that the personal details are completed and returned as requested by 31st March 2024. As we approach this date if you have not received a form, please contact me.

Ron Grace Roll Keeper

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READERS AT SERVICES

At almost every Sunday service, someone from the Readers' Rota takes part in worship by reading the Bible lesson. We are always looking for new voices, both on Sundays and now at midweek services. If you would like to read at either Sunday or midweek service and your name is not already on the rota, please get in touch with me, Jane McArtney – jmcartney@hotmail.com I only organise the Sunday rota but am very willing to pass on names for the midweek services to the relevant person.

Jane McArtney

MONIFIETH SOUTH ANGUS CHURCH – WHAT’S ON – WEEKLY DIARY

Sun.	11:00	Sunday Worship (except the fifth Sunday of the month)	High Street Sanctuary	Wed.	18.30 18:00	Midweek Service (from 10 th April) High 5 Club	Murroes High Street Sanctuary and Rattray Hall
Mon.	11:45	Monday Lunches – all welcome	Rattray Hall	Thurs	10.00	Food for All	High Street In front of the Church
	2.00	Midweek service (till clocks go forward on March 31 st)	Murroes Hall		12:00	Angus Breast Buddies	Rattray Hall
	19:15/ 19:00	Monifieth Guild/ Ladies’ Group (alternate Mondays)	Rattray Hall		18:00	Girls’ Brigade	Sanctuary and Rattray Hall
Tues	13:00	Indoor Bowling (until end of March)	High Street Sanctuary		Fri.	13:00 18:00	Angus Council BB Anchor & Junior Sections
	18:00	BB Pipe Band Practice Strathspey and Reel	Rattray Hall	20.00		Company Section	Sanctuary and Rattray Hall
	19.30		Sanctuary	Sat.			Various events
Wed.	10:00	Community Playdate	High Street Sanctuary				
	13.00	Murroes Guild (monthly)	Murroes Hall				
	14:00	Songs and Memories (SAM)	High Street Sanctuary				

ECUMENICAL NEWS

St Brides RC church in Monifieth will be celebrating their 40th Anniversary on the 18th April. More information will be published nearer the time, but we are invited to join in their celebrations.

MESSY CHURCH @MSAC Saturdays 2.00-3.30 pm

Dates and Themes:

- 24th February – Love Monifieth Church building,
- 31st March – Easter – Murroes Church Hall (time tbc)
- 20th April – Family beach outing
- 18th May – Pentecost Monifieth Church

Congregational Picnic

2nd June (Sunday) – Picnic **open to all** at Monikie Park

There will be a picnic open to all, organised by the Messy Church team, on Sunday 2nd June in Monikie Park, leaving for the park after the morning service. More details will be available nearer the time.

Caroline Taylor

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

There will be a WDP service in Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Monifieth on Friday 1st March at 7.00pm. The service this year has been written by Palestinian Christian women of Gaza and the West Bank. It was written before the current conflict began and is entitled 'I beg you...bear with one another in love'. What could be more relevant? This is joint service for all the local Christian churches and a warm invitation is extended to all.

GUILD AT MURROES: SYLLABUS FOR 2024

All meetings on **WEDNESDAYS** at 13.00 in Murroes Hall. For more information contact Ethel Melville on **351803**

(Please note corrections to meeting day and Ethel's phone number from last IMPACT)

20th March: AGM with Rev. Caroline Taylor and Mrs Isobel Brown

17th April: Talk by Fiona Fox on Dundee Starter Packs

15th May: Afternoon Tea at the Woodlands Hotel

GUILD AT MONIFIETH

Theme - Look forward in Faith. Year 3 New Wine New Wineskins

On November 27th the Guild had an evening of Christmas Fun. We played 'Snowman Beetle' - great fun but, at times, a very frustrating game. We also decorated Christmas biscuits.

Our Christmas Meal was held on December 11th at Monifieth Golf Club. Thanks to the staff for a lovely dinner, to Linda and Marilyn for organising it all and Gillian for a Christmas Quiz.

We started the New Year with a talk on January 8th given by one of our favourite speakers, Charlie Webster helped by his wife Kathleen, who showed the slides. Charlie took us on 'A Heritage Walk Round Broughty Castle and Harbour'. Charlie does these free guided walks round Broughty Ferry during Gala week and any donations he receives are given to the Lifeboat Station. Charlie's knowledge of the whole East of Scotland and its history is amazing.

On 22nd January, in a change to our syllabus, Fiona Fotheringham came to talk to us about 'Paying less for Essential Services with U.W.' U.W. means Utility Warehouse. This group bundles your essential services bills into one simple bill and by using a prepaid cash back card you are rewarded for using the card by getting money off your Utility Warehouse bill.

Lynne Campbell came to entertain us on February 12th with 'An evening of songs and tales'. First Lynne, joined by her husband, Iain Martin, gave us a wonderful, animated rendition of 'Tam O'Shanter'. Then Lynne sang some songs - among them 'The Wild Geese', 'Lizzy Lindsay' 'The Jute Mill Song' and 'Caledonia'. We all joined in and also enjoyed the poems and stories she told in between the songs. Thanks to Lynne (and Iain) for a most entertaining evening.

On February 26th we welcome Broughty Ferry Guild to hear Rosie Campbell talk about one of our projects 'Home for Good'. This is a group which tries to find permanent homes or foster care for children.

The leadership team and Guild would like to thank all those who helped, attended, bought tickets, and donated goods at our Coffee Morning which helped us raise the wonderful sum of £926 for our projects. Thank you all very much.

Dates for your diary

March 11th. Gordon Anthony. 'Writing About History with Visual Impairment'

March 25th. A. G. M.

Sunday March 10th, we hold our 'Soup and Something Sweet' Lunch after church. All are welcome. The lunch is free, but any donations will be gratefully received.

Anne Jack, Secretary

FUNDRAISING

Craft Fayre

This takes place on Saturday 2nd March from 10am until 2pm. There will be 15 craft stalls, baking, bottle stall, chocolate tombola and guess teddy's name. Donations welcome. Tea and coffee will be available.

Come along and see what's on sale as the craft stalls are always good.

Future events

1. The **Bake and Book** will be on from Saturday 29th June-10th August, open Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday 10am-2pm. Baking on Saturdays only. Due to lack of storage, I can't take things in until nearer the time but please don't get rid of anything we can sell.
2. **TAPAS** event. Saturday 17th August - more information later

Lesley McFarlane Tel: 534960

FOOD FOR ALL

Our very happy team continue to distribute food items to the community in front of the church every Thursday morning from 10am. We can deliver items to anyone who is housebound within the Monifieth area. If you would like to use this service, we are happy to add you to our list. Please contact us via the church telephone, [01382 537806](tel:01382537806) and someone will get back to you. We are grateful for the continued support of the congregation and the wider community who provide us with essential food items for the growing need within our community. Thank you!

Irene Coull

THE BOWLING CLUB

The Bowling Club continues to meet every Tuesday and Friday afternoon in the sanctuary, from 1.15 to 3.30 pm. We're very pleased to have attracted some new members this session. A few only play occasionally but others join us regularly. We're fortunate that our numbers now include some able-bodied men who help lay and lift our heavy carpets.

If you would like to join us for an afternoon of fun and light exercise, we'd be delighted to see you. Our happy and sociable group of all ages and capabilities will welcome you and for only £1 per meeting you can have fun and companionship, plus tea and biscuits.

The last meeting of this session is on Tuesday 19 March. Play resumes at the beginning of October.

Moira Anthony

MONDAY LUNCHESES

Monday Lunches is a joint venture between the Church and Monifieth Befrienders. Every Monday a team of very committed and highly skilled volunteers serve warming homemade soup and freshly made sandwiches, followed by tea and biscuits, to anyone who wishes to come. This takes place in the Rattray Hall between 11.45 and 1.45. As well as a hot meal, it is an opportunity to meet, chat and enjoy a warm space. This is open to all members of the community, and all are welcome.

BADMINTON CLUB

The Badminton Club has now successfully moved to the Sanctuary in the Church from the Gerard Hall. We are pleased to report that all has gone well, and the new temporary lines have arrived and are working well. The club meets on Thursday evenings at 7.30. New members welcome.

FLOWER GROUP

We are indebted to the following for provision of flowers in the church.

JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
J. McCallum	E. Smith	M. Stewart
M. Clapperton	L. Strachan	H. Hood
M. Kettlewell	M. Clark	C. Cathcart
J. Henderson	Y. Grant	E. Whyte
		A. Buchan

FLOWER ARRANGERS

January Morag Clapperton & Moira Gee
February Linda Duff, Pat Matchett & Phyllis Evans
March Pat Matchett, Phyllis Evans & Pauline MacLennan

Our group of arrangers and deliverers is getting smaller and we would love to have others join us. Please speak to me in church if you are willing to help.

Thank you.

Linda Duff

SAM (Songs and Memories)

SAM continues to attract attendances of between 80 and 100 almost every week. There is still room for anyone else who would like to join an afternoon of community singing, company and a chat. We meet every Wednesday in the Sanctuary (High Street) at 2.00 till 3.30. All are welcome.

As Easter is early this year we have decided to continue right through to the end of June without a break. We look forward to an Easter Bonnet parade on Wednesday 3rd April, when we expect an Easter Bunny to drop in and add to the fun!

Jane McCartney Tel: 532886 and Valerie Tel: 532772

NOTES FROM THE NORTH (Murroes)...

As daffodils blossom and heather shoots out tiny bells, worship takes place in Murroes Church Hall on Monday afternoons until the end of March and then on Wednesday evenings. Afterwards, you can pick up a 'library' book from the range included on the library shelf. Or there might be some tasty tablet sold in aid of good works. In previous years we heard squeals of delight as silent ducks raced down the stream in the small glen behind the Murroes church. This year we'd like volunteers to help out to avoid the disappointment of children (and a few adults) if we can't get the required number of helpers to man the banks of the stream. Those ducks are feisty, even though they're made of plastic. The choir will be warming up their voices with the spring weather once they get a time slot that fits in with everyone and suggestions are sprouting for events that feed the hungry. We hope that the early morning prayer meetings and bible study/discussions will help to make clear what God would have us do. Afternoon teas, soup and a sandwich, more input to local food bank distribution? Horses, with all the time in the world, stare at us from the fields around and we wonder if we could grow a few extra hours in the day to help us fit in everything.

Sheena Guz

AFTER SERVICE TEA/COFFEE

A big thank you to all who take part in making and serving of our cup of tea or coffee after the Sunday morning service. This time of further fellowship is really appreciated by all who attend. If you have not joined us so far please drop in some Sunday. You are sure to make some new friends.

If you would like to volunteer to be on the rota and help serve on a Sunday morning, please put your name in the diary which is on the shelf outside the kitchen.

COMMUNITY FRIDGE

Regarding the Monifieth & District Community Fridge; we are having an information evening on Monday 26th February 2024 at 7.00pm in the Sanctuary of MSA Parish Church of Scotland. All are welcome to learn about the exciting new project about to go live early in March 2024. Also, we are currently looking to recruit volunteers to staff the facility and pick up food from local suppliers.

Initially we will be opening Monday, Wednesday and Friday: - 11.00am – 2.00pm to gauge demand. Opening times can be flexible. However, these are the core times agreed at present.

The overriding object of this venture is our determination to cut the appalling food waste prevalent in our society. The Scottish Government has pledged to reduce food and drink waste by 460,000 tonnes by the end of 2025.

James R Culloch

BOYS' BRIGADE NEWS

Christmas Card Delivery Service 2023 update

The 1st Monifieth Company of the Boys' Brigade are pleased to announce that this sessions Monifieth Christmas Card Delivery Service raised just over £400, with successful delivery of more than 1000 cards. This is down on last year but is a general trend with all local charities who were delivering Christmas Cards. We would like to thank all those who supported us in this annual fund-raising event.

There were some cards which were wrongly labelled, put in the Gerard Hall Box late, even up to 22nd December or cards from outwith our delivery range. We tried our best to deliver these, but we ended up paying to have them delivered by Royal Mail. This year's delivery was also severely disrupted with a winter storm hitting Scotland, on the weekend that we had scheduled to do the bulk of the deliveries. A special thanks must go to our leaders and volunteers who assisted us with the last-minute Christmas rush.

Fundraising - Bag Packing Service at Monifieth TESCO

As part of our summer fund-raising activities, our Anchors, Juniors and Company Section boys will be offering a Bag Packing Service at the Monifieth Tesco Superstore on **Saturday 16th March 2024**. The total money raised will hopefully contribute greatly towards the running of our annual summer camp at Boat of Garten and also help fund our equipment storage facilities, at Arbroath.

As usual, our young talented, enthusiastic combined 1st Monifieth / 44th Dundee Pipe Band will be accompanying the bag packing venture (probably in the morning), at Tesco, so please come along to support them with this local endeavour.

Company Update

It's been a very dramatic time for our Company and Senior Sections during January and February, with the sale of our Gerard Halls and all sections finally moving along to our High Street building. The leaders and boys spent a lot of time deciding what equipment we needed to move across to the new building and then disposing of all the so-called excess equipment. A lot of interesting joint discussions between the leaders and the boys took place and it was a very good exercise in "Team Building" skills, which hopefully the boys will be able to use as they progress to their Presidents and Queens/Kings Badge. No doubt it will take some time to get used to their new surrounding and hopefully adapt to the different facilities within the new High Street building. We will try and update you all, in future issues of our IMPACT.

During January and February our Anchor and Junior boys have had a few special activity nights. One of these nights was when the local "Community Police" paid us a visit, giving the boys a very informative talk on what our young local police get involved do within our community, but the highlight of the evening, for the boys, was when they got to go inside the Police Car and play about with all the different flashing lights and warning systems. The other scheduled evening out was to the R.N.L.I. Lifeboat Station in Broughty Ferry on Friday 23rd February 2024. We will report back about this visit in the next issue of IMPACT.

Summer Camp 2024

After having a very successful camp last year at our new venue (Boat of Garten Community Centre) we had no hesitation in booking the same site again for this year's camp. This year the Camp is being held from Saturday 29th June until Saturday 6th July. This means our camp has returned to its normal time of year i.e. first week in July, so hopefully our number of boys attending should stay quite good. The success of the camp always depends on the weather and having fantastic facilities on site; we can't control the weather but at Boat of Garten Community Centre the facilities are top notch.

Combined 1st Monifieth and 44th Dundee Pipe Band Section News

This time of year our young combined Pipe Band would have been busy preparing for our local Boys Brigade Battalion Solo Band competitions but sadly, like a lot of small Pipe Bands nationally we have a severe lack of drummers, thus preventing us from taking part in the competitions. We are extremely lucky to have a very talented (and gifted) young piper by the name of Lachlan Rennie who will be trying to retain the local Battalions Junior and Open Pipe Competitions being held on Saturday 2nd March 2024, in the Morgan Academy, starting at 9.30am. Lachlan's skills and hard work were rewarded this session by winning a coveted place with the National Youth Pipe Band of Scotland. Last weekend he had an unbelievable day at the National Piping Centre competitions, winning in all the under15 categories; he was placed 1st in the March, 1st in the Strathspey and Reel, 1st place in the Piobaireachd and was the overall under 15 Champion – WHAT AN ACHIEVEMENT!! We are extremely proud (and lucky) to have such a gifted young piper, as a member of our Boys Brigade Pipe Band.

Our Pipe Bands are always keen to promote the Boys Brigade, so if anyone knows of any occasions or events which might help us raise funds, please contact myself (Archie Peaston) on 01382 532916.

As mentioned previously, you can always find out more about our Boys' Brigade Company from our web site www.1stmonifiethbb.co.uk and Facebook www.facebook.com/1stMonifiethBB

Sincere best wishes,

Archie Peaston (Company Captain)

SAFEGUARDING

What is Safeguarding?

Safeguarding is about preventing harm and abuse and making a timely and appropriate response if it occurs. Harm or abuse of children and adults at risk can happen anywhere, even in church communities. We have a duty to ensure a safe church for all. This means protecting children and adults at risk.

The Church aims to minimise the risk of harm occurring. If harm or abuse does occur, with appropriate support and training, it will be recognised and reported. If it occurs, we will work with the Police and Social Work services if appropriate.

So, if harm or abuse is suspected or witnessed, or it is reported to you, you must immediately report it to one of the Safeguarding Coordinators. Their details are on the posters displayed in all church buildings.

Tricia A Inglis, Moira McLaren, Helen Scott - Safeguarding Coordinators

CHRISTIAN AID REPORT.

The Christian Aid event which was scheduled for Sunday 18th of February, had to be cancelled. Nevertheless, a joint service with Rev Caroline Taylor and myself did take place which covered the news of Rev Muriel Pearson, Associate Minister, St Andrews Church of Scotland, Tiberias, on the 18th of February, and we briefly covered the work of Christian Aid in Gaza during the service too.

A Hunger Lunch will be held on Sunday 19th May – (soup, crusty bread, and possibly something sweet). Donations of home baking would be gratefully received. The building will be decorated with Christian Aid banners. There will be a window display on the theme, envelopes put out on the chairs and available in the foyer for other groups to contribute during the whole week.

Yvonne Grant Christian Aid Convenor.

Christian Aid Ceilidh

I am delighted to let you know that there is to be another ceilidh in aid of Christian Aid and, as last year, I'd love to see members of all the congregations where I'm working. It will once again be held at the Invercarse Hotel, on Monday 17th June, 7.30 – 10.00 pm, with the same (excellent!) band of musicians as last time. There will be a stovie supper and tickets will be available to buy nearer the time.

Caroline Taylor

PICTURES ON FRONT PAGE:

Top row – L -R - Guild coffee morning, BB , Pipe Band, Christmas Eve DIY nativity.

Middle row L to R- Young angels (BB), BB Pipe Band, Mike and Martyn enjoy an earnest chat over a cuppa.

Bottom row L-R - Songs and Memories (SAM) ready to sing and having a blether between songs.

If you have any good photographs of church activities, please email them to me – jmcartney@hotmail.com at any time – the more the merrier (and the harder my job selecting – but I don't mind!)

I hope you enjoy this month's selection.

Also I'd like to include a 'Letters to the editor' section in future IMPACTs so if you have any information you would like to share, comments, or points you'd like to raise, please forward them to me. The deadline for the next IMPACT is Friday 24th May.

Jane McArtney, editor

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS – CONGRATULATIONS TO...



Dorothy and Malcolm Gordon celebrated their Diamond (60th) wedding Anniversary on 22nd February. They were married in Downfield South, Church Dundee in 1964. Dorothy recalls that it was snowing on the day!

They received a card of congratulations from the King and Queen for their Anniversary.

Warmest congratulations from the church family.

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Recently, **Iain Bowman**, was one of four dermatology nursing staff to have accumulated 90 years' service between them! All staff were congratulated and received their long service awards in December 2023.

Iain started his NHS career in April 2003 and his first post was within Dermatology Ward 24. In 2007 Iain transferred to the Dermatology outpatient department to complete training as a dermatology skin surgery nurse. This role involved contact allergies and treatments for hair loss and scarring. In 2021 Iain became a specialist nurse within dermatology dealing with chronic skin disease, children with eczema and within skin surgery.

ANDREW HOWIE and his wife, KATIE have been awarded Honorary Fellowships by The University of Abertay in recognition of their charitable work in the local community.

This is what the University said about them in their Roll of Honour: -

“Andrew and Kathryn (Katie) graduated from Abertay’s predecessor institution over 30 years ago and have dedicated themselves to a lifetime of charitable endeavours.

Their remarkable efforts in combatting food poverty in Dundee have been substantial. They have redirected thousands of pounds worth of surplus food items, which would otherwise have been discarded, to support the homeless and individuals facing hardship. Additionally, their active involvement in volunteering in charity shops across the city has had a profound and tangible impact on the local community. Andrew and Katie exemplify the core values cherished at Abertay, exemplifying a lifelong dedication to selflessly serving others.”

Editor’s note – please share items of family news for inclusion in the IMPACT – send to jmcartney@hotmail.com

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