

Achterarder Parish Church Newsletter

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Musings from the Manse

Shunts, dunts, and things that go bump....

It hasn't been a good week in the Manse.

Wednesday, rushing to Perth, I reached Broxburn in heavy traffic and was looking over my shoulder to see when it was safe to join the roundabout. I saw a gap and moved forward. Unfortunately, the car in front of me didn't. Neat shunt into his rear, with damage to my Mini's iconic front grille. Hefty apologies to the couple in the other car – a lovely Audi which, they told me, was exactly 5 days old (sorry about that). Drove to Castleton Motors, always helpful, who told me I need to go up to my old friend Alan at the body shop. After various pokings they discover the bonnet won't open so fairly radical surgery needed. Late home (of course), I spent what felt like hours doing insurance claims while the unanswered emails piled up and the "things to do" tasks for the day became a pipe dream.

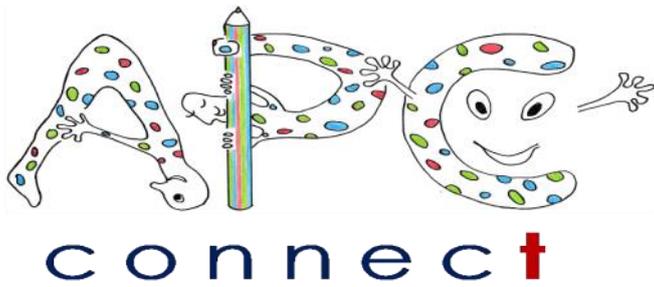
48 hours later, been to the hairdresser and going home down Abbey Road which has some concrete bits inconveniently sticking out into the road to make people slow down (who, me?!). Colossal bump, and the tyre went down. Back on the phone to Castleton Motors who were just about to close for the Friday before Bank Holiday. Highlight of the day was hearing the receptionist bellow to her husband: "Andrew, have we got a tyre for Lynn McChlery's Mini? She's no havin a good week!"

Castleton Motors got me sorted by 4pm (bless them) and left me time to ponder. Why am I on first name terms with everyone in the town who fixes cars? Why is my patient husband/accountant biting his tongue and revising this month's budget (downwards)? Why is the book "The Ruthless Elimination of Hurry" still sitting unread in my pile? When I'm careless and rushed, minor mistakes multiply and that just makes everything more stressful. Maybe I just need a holiday – which starts Monday. Maybe I'm more stressed than I think. Maybe I need to sit again with one of my favourite bits of the New Testament, in the Message translation: "Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? Come to me. Get away with me and you'll recover your life. I'll show you how to take a real rest. Walk with me and work with me—watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace." (Matthew 11:28-30).

I hope and pray you'll get time to rest in the coming weeks with many of us enjoying the new freedoms of the end of lockdown. I hope I'll learn the unforced rhythms of grace, which get me through life with fewer bumps. Enjoy the newsletter!

Lynn





Auchterarder Parish Church Covid-19 Community Support

A chat on the phone

Tel: 07467 793061 or 01764 660152

E: admin@auchterarderparish.org

To speak to a Minister telephone:

Rev Dr Lynn McChlery: 01764 662399

Rev Iain Paton: 01764 682234

Hi Everybody,

As you may have heard, my name is Andrew Kennedy and I have just started as the fulltime youth worker here in Auchterarder Parish Church. If you weren't at church on Sunday, or watched online this is just a quick wee piece to introduce myself so that you all know a bit about who I am.

I studied for a year in Glasgow doing theology (Youth and Community), which was a very practical course with lots of time on placement. My placement there was with Whiteinch Church of Scotland. Over the course of the year, I ran youth groups and events, and set up a Sunday morning bible study group for the young people during the service. Over the past year I have been at home in Edinburgh, working with Murrayfield Parish Church doing some online youthwork there, and with Pulse of the Place, a Samba drumming group who run drumming clubs for young people.

I am very excited to be here in Auchterarder and to get stuck in with the opportunities for youth work here. I am looking forward to hearing about what God has been doing already in this town, and seeing where God will work in the future.

My wife Bonnie and I agree that this seems like a wonderful town with lovely people and we are both excited to be here and be part of the congregation and community here in Auchterarder. Andrew



APC Community Garden - News

Many thanks to all those who have been helping with the construction of the garden and for clearing the ground, it's been slow but steady! The retaining wall is almost complete and after levelling we can get on and install the raised beds. We have also been graced with some kind donations. As well as fertilizer and containers for growing plants, we have received fruit trees, soft fruit bushes, rhubarb, seed potatoes and vegetable seeds, for which we are extremely grateful. These are already being propagated by volunteers, either on site or at home, waiting for the raised beds to be ready. I am glad to say we have also been 'giving' to the community and several members of the congregation have received flowers that have been dug out of the area we are developing. I am also delighted that we have been able to donate plants to Aberuthven Primary School for

their new fairy garden and to Ruthven Towers for their residents to work with.

If you have anything you no longer need and think it might be useful for the garden, or you would be interested in lending a hand, then please get in touch at communitygarden@auchterarderparish.org We are particularly on the look-out for a source of well-rotted manure to add to the raised beds.



Look forward to seeing you in the garden

Kidsteam.

As usual we have been busy in Kidsteam learning more and doing lots of craft 'stuff'! Keith had us making fish that you can see if you happen to be in the Centre hall. They are swimming along the wooden board at the front! We learned that Jesus will always be with us no matter what and to trust in him. Then last week was exciting. We had a quiz about Bonnie and Andrew, our new Youth Leader and his wife, and learned some interesting facts about them – I'm thinking, who played football at a Celtic training course and who has a stripey tiger????? You might be surprised! Then, we heard about the fruit of the spirit and about Stephen who was a man of great faith. Then we made some cool fruit crafts, even one in 3d! You can see some evidence below!



Back to Church for In-Person Worship

We are delighted to be able to offer 3 separate services of worship in church for Sunday worship. Two services take place in the Sanctuary itself and one in the Community Church Centre. The times are as follows: **9.30am, 10.30am and 11.30am.**

Numbers continue to be limited at all services and therefore it is still essential to book a place. You can use the online 'Eventbrite' booking system by clicking this link [APC Weekly Worship](#). Or you can contact our Administrator, Mandy Blackadder, by emailing admin@auchterarderparish.org or calling **01764 660152**. Please do this **before 5 pm** on the **Friday evening** before the service date.

Please be advised that, within the Government and Church of Scotland Guidelines, it is necessary to wear a face covering inside a church and essential that you keep a 2-metre distance from others. Because of the limited number of spaces available for each service, **please book early** to avoid disappointment.

NB: PLEASE REMEMBER TO BOOK EACH WEEK

Services will continue to be live-streamed and recorded as before.

Auchterarder and District Men's Shed

Men's Shed update, we are still here and working away in the background trying to secure long term premises and preparing when we can actually meet in person at the Parish Church.



Last Tuesday (27th April) we had an outdoor meeting at Garries corner where folk were able to say hello and catch up with friends.



The first addition of the APC newsletter was published on 8th May 2020 as we were trying to help each other as we tried to learn to cope with the restrictions due to Covid-19 which was new to everybody.

My distribution list keeps growing as people request a copy of the newsletter.

In the next edition due out on the 15th May I would like to include some highlights from the past year.

If you have anything which you would like me to include please email me with details. Photos, stories, poems, cartoons etc by Thursday 13th May.

Sylvia Elsmere



Church Hanging Baskets

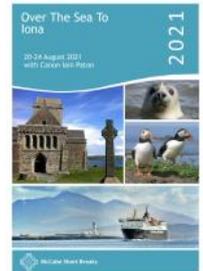
At this time of the year we look forward to putting up the 16 flowering hanging baskets which gives a colourful display at the front of the Church.



If you wish to sponsor a basket or make a small donation towards the cost, then please let Alan Mordaunt or Allan Russell know. Tel 01764 664805 or 07778 963282.
Thank you

Over the Sea to Iona

As in past years, Iain and Marjorie Paton are leading a tour to Mull, Iona and Staffa. The dates this time are from 20th to 24th August 2021 and numbers are quite limited because of social distancing etc. If there is anyone in the congregation who would like to go, please contact Iain on 01764-682234 and he will send you a brochure.



APC Walking Group – Date for the diary

We are hoping we will be able to have our first group outing on 22nd May and more information will be published nearer the time. Please remember it's not just for church goers, anyone is welcome, so bring your friends. Hope to see you on the walk.

Church Accounts 2020

It's that time of year again and our annual accounts have been audited, approved by the elders and passed to OSCR. Due to COVID regulations we are not able to meet as a congregation to discuss them. If you would like to see a copy of the accounts, please email the church office and they will be sent to you. Questions and feedback are gladly received. Please ask your elder, or email the office to reach the Treasurer. Email admin@auchterarderparish.org

Blue Door Foodbank

Opening Hours

Tuesday 10.00 am - 2.00 pm

Friday 10.00 am - 2.00 pm

Auchterarder Parish Church
24 High Street, Auchterarder



For any further information, please contact us on:
info@bluedoorfoodbank.org or 01764 660965

ALERT - the **Blue Door Foodbank** is always very grateful for food donations which can be dropped off at the local Co-op. In particular soup, rice, custard etc. Thank you



Margaret Russell is back home again from hospital after not having a full day clear at home when she fell again. She broke the same ankle and leg as before, and is still in plaster. Margaret is wishing to thank everyone, Iain Paton, Lynn McChlery, Margaret Gilmour her elder, Helen and Chris Haynes. Along with guild members, friends and neighbours for their kind thoughts and good wishes including flowers, cards, telephone calls and superb baking.

Thank you and God Bless.

Margaret Russell

Social Media Reminders

Remember, you can always keep in touch online with APC and all its goings-on in a variety of ways!



The website address is: auchterarderparish.org



APC twitter link is: @apcchat

Messy Church twitter link is: @ApcMessy



Our Facebook pages is: @auchterarderparish

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