

**FUND RAISING NOTES**  
**FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

**Saturday October 22<sup>nd</sup> Leprosy Coffee Morning**  
East and Old Church. 10am – 12 noon

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October Flower Arranging**

There is a demonstration of Flower Arranging given by Fiona Wallace at St. Ninian's Cathedral, Perth from 3 – 5 p.m.

There will be refreshments and a retiring collection in aid of the Roof Restoration Fund.

**Friday November 18<sup>th</sup> Supper with Speaker.** The guest speaker will be **Luke Robertson** on his solo walk to the Antarctic. See details below.

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Tickets at £14 are now available for the Annual Supper with Guest Speaker. We are delighted that Maggie Crouch's godson, Luke Robertson, has agreed to come and tell us about his trip to the South Pole.

Luke was inspired to undertake the adventure, entitled Due South, after undergoing brain surgery to remove a suspected tumour. He also has a pacemaker fitted.

He is originally from just outside Stonehaven and works in the finance industry in Edinburgh.

He started his journey on 5 December and was given the name Luke Snowwalker by a team tracking his progress, as he spent Christmas Day and New Year alone on Antarctica.

Unassisted and unsupported, he received no outside help such as a re-supply by air, and no support from animals or vehicles.

His only company on his trek was a fluffy penguin, given to him by his fiancée. He dragged his equipment, which initially weighed 130kg (20 stone), across 730 miles of snow and ice and experienced temperatures of about -50C and winds of 100mph.

He reached the pole at about 02:30 after a 39-day journey.

Come and join us for the usual Supper in Green Street Halls on Friday November 18th and listen to Luke's incredible story.

Wine and Canapé Reception 7pm.

## **Soup Lunches**

It is with great regret that the Soup Lunch Team has decided to 'call it a day'. Friday September 30<sup>th</sup> was the last of the Lunches.

For well over 6 years we have enjoyed these monthly occasions (apart from during Lent, Christmas time and the period when the halls were being renovated). We started out with some very 'make-shift' ways for keeping the soup hot and a variety of tablecloths of all shapes, sizes and colours! We soon invested in some soup kettles, of which we ended up with five. Our tables began to be decorated with pretty flower arrangements and we finished up with some very 'snazzy' red and white gingham check cloths.

We thank you all very much for your patronage over the years, and especially your compliments and appreciation.

Overall the Lunches have produced £6,292.40 for Church Funds.

## WEDNESDAY & SUNDAY COFFEES

Over the course of this financial year, a total of £900 has been given to the treasurer. This is the total amount of loose change collected in the donation jar at Coffee-time each Wednesday and Sunday - a phenomenal sum! I would like to say a big **THANK YOU** on behalf of St John's to all those who contribute to this total.

**THANK YOU** must also go to all the tea ladies, and occasionally gentlemen, who serve from the trolley each week and do the washing-up. The Wednesday morning tea parties are extremely successful - come along and join us sometime and sample the home-baking. Mmmmmh!

As I have intimated before, £900 is a marvellous total, but fund-raising is NOT the aim of the game, so to speak. How nice to be able to have a chat with friends, make some new friends, catch up on Church news, have some retail therapy at the Sales Table, check out the notice board for forthcoming events etc and, of course, most importantly, extend a warm welcome to any visitors to St John's. These visitors just may, in time, become members.

### Would you like to help by becoming a trolley-dolly one Sunday?

We have 4 teams of 2 at present, meaning a 'duty' once every 4 weeks. An extra team would spread the load to once every 5 weeks. Even becoming a stand-by in case of holidays and illnesses would be most helpful. More information can be had from any of the **TEA-TEAMS** or myself. On Wednesdays, there is no rota, just a great bunch of willing helpers every week.

**CAROL DOUGLAS**

**Try saying this quickly as you imbibe - easier on coffee than wine.....**

**A cup of proper coffee in a copper coffee cup - and while you're at it wear an Irish wrist watch**

## ROTAS

### OCTOBER 9<sup>TH</sup>

*11 a.m. Sung Eucharist*

Job 23: 1-9, 16 - 17, Hebrews 4: 12 – 16, Mark 10: 17 - 31

**Reader** Eleanor Rowlands

**Sidesmen** Walter Lee and Keith Walker

**Chalice Bearers** May Williamson and Judy Hill

### OCTOBER 12<sup>TH</sup> WEDNESDAY

*10.15 a.m. Said Eucharist*

### OCTOBER 16<sup>TH</sup>

*11 a.m. Sung Eucharist*

Job 38: 1 – 7 (34 – 41), Hebrews 5: 1 – 10, Mark 10: 35 - 45

**Reader** Fay Slingsby

**Sidesmen** David and Pat Green

**Chalice Bearers** Wendy Tyndall and Judy Hill

### OCTOBER 19<sup>TH</sup> WEDNESDAY

*10.15 a.m. Said Eucharist*

### OCTOBER 23<sup>RD</sup>

*11 a.m. Sung Eucharist*

Job 42: 1 – 6, 10 – 17, Hebrews 7: 23 – 28, Mark 10, 46 - 52

**Reader** Madeline Kingston

**Sidesmen** Judy Hill and Pat Slingsby

**Chalice Bearers** Carol Douglas and Judy Hill

### OCTOBER 26<sup>TH</sup> WEDNESDAY

*10.15 a.m. Said Eucharist*

## **OCTOBER 30<sup>TH</sup>**

*11 a.m. Sung Eucharist*

Ruth 1: 1 – 18, Hebrews 9: 11 – 14, Mark 12: 28 - 34

**Reader** Lee Winks

**Sidesmen** Evelyn Balfour and Ian Henderson

**Chalice Bearers** May Williamson and Wendy Tyndall

## **NOVEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup> WEDNESDAY**

*10.15 a.m. Said Eucharist*

## **NOVEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup>**

*11 a.m. Sung Eucharist*

Ruth 3: 1-5, 4: 13 – 17, Hebrews 9: 24 – 28, Mark 12: 38 - 44

**Reader** Nora Craig

**Sidesmen** Albert Shepherd and Carol Douglas

**Chalice Bearers** Carol Douglas and May Williamson

## **NOVEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup> WEDNESDAY**

*10.15 a.m. Said Eucharist*

## **NOVEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup> Remembrance Sunday**

Readings and Reader to be determined

**Sidesmen** Walter Lee and Keith Walker

### Christmas Card 2016

Last month there was a suggestion that people might be interested in suggesting designs for the Christmas card; this has not produced a great response so far. However, it has been decided to have one again this year if there is support for it, with the same system as last. If anyone would like to participate again, please give your name either to Roger Cousins or to me. Any contribution can come later, but unless we know there is enough support for this scheme by the end of October, we will not be able to go ahead with it.

Dorothy Bruce-Gardyne

# Tuesday Club

## 2016 - 2017

Meetings in the Green Street Halls

2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the Month at 7.30pm (subject to alteration)

**ALL WELCOME, Men & Women Year's Membership: £10.00**

Visitors per meeting: £2.00

President/Secretary - Evelyn Balfour

Treasurer - Liz Barnett

Helpers - Carol Douglas and Pat Green

### 2016

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| 11 <sup>th</sup> October:  | Street Pastors | Sandy Scrimgeour          |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> November:  | Hedgehogs      | Forfar Countryside ranger |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> December: | Alaska         | Rev. Jane & Mr Nelson     |

### 2017

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| 10 <sup>th</sup> January:  | A trip to Argentina                             | Elaine Henderson |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> February: | Scottish Singers & Songs                        | Joe Wishart      |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> February: | The Carnoustie Traditionalist the Disabled Club |                  |

Tuesday Club to cater

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| 14 <sup>th</sup> March: | Forfar – Phase 1 | Alex Whyte     |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> April: | Lunan Water      | Jim Nicoll     |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> May:    | A.G.M. etc.      | To Be Arranged |

## **Keep Sowing**

In the later part of the 1880s the area around Provence in France was barren because of deforestation. Villages were deserted because streams and rivers had run dry. The wind was very strong as there was little foliage to provide shelter. Out walking one day, a mountaineer called Jean Giono came across a shepherd called Elzeard Bouffler who invited him to spend the night in his hut. After dinner Giono watched the shepherd carefully sort through a huge pile of acorns discarding those which were damaged or undersized, until he had a bag of a hundred which were perfect. The shepherd had been planting these on the hillside for over three years. In total he'd planted 100,000 acorns of which 20,000 had sprouted. Of these he expected that half would be eaten by rodents or just die because of the harsh weather conditions leaving 10,000 alive and growing.

After World War Two, Giono returned to the area and discovered an incredible rehabilitation. There was now a forest accompanied by a chain reaction in nature. Water flowed in the empty brooks. The ecology, sheltered by trees and bonded to the earth by the mat of spreading roots was now hospitable. Willows, lush meadows, gardens and flowers were coming alive.

Twenty miles behind the lines the shepherd had continued his work, ignoring the war and so the reclamation of the land continued. Now whole regions glowed with health and prosperity. On the site of the ruins seen in 1913 now stood neat little farms. The old streams fed by rain and snow were flowing again and little by little villages were being built, people returned and the place came alive again.

Over the years we have all sown seeds of prayer and seeds of witness wherever we were. Have you ever wondered how many survived and have sprung into life? Have you wondered if you can make a difference? If so be encouraged by remembering this true story of a simple French shepherd.

Hilary Bridge

## WHAT IF HEAVEN STARTED USING VOICE- MAIL

Thank you for calling Heaven, If you have a star button please press it now.

Press 1 for Requests

Press 2 for thanksgivings

Press 3 for Complaints

Press 4 for all other enquiries

I am sorry all our Angels and Saints are busy helping sinners right now.

However your prayer is important to us and we will answer it in the order it was received. Please stay on line.

If you would like to speak to God, press 1

For Jesus press 2

For the Holy Ghost press 3.

If you would like to hear King David sing a psalm, while you are holding, press 4. Alternatively you might like to hear the Angelic choir. If so, press hash sign (that is the one that looks like noughts and crosses)

To find a loved one that has been assigned to heaven, press 5, then enter his or her National Health No: following by the hash sign, If you receive a negative response please hang up and dial STD Code 666.

For reservations please enter J O H N followed by the number 3 – 1-6.

Our computers show that you have already prayed today – I am sorry – please hang up and try again tomorrow.

The office is now closed for the weekend to observe a religious holiday, will re-open on *what the world calls* the first day of the week that is Monday. If you need an answer to something that is bothering you of a spiritual nature, please call your parish priest. Calls are free and should be restricted to spiritual matters. He does not need to know, for instance, the coffee has run out.

Your call has been recorded and may be used to help further applicants to the Christian faith.

Thanks you for calling Heaven. Look after yourselves and look after one another.

God Bless