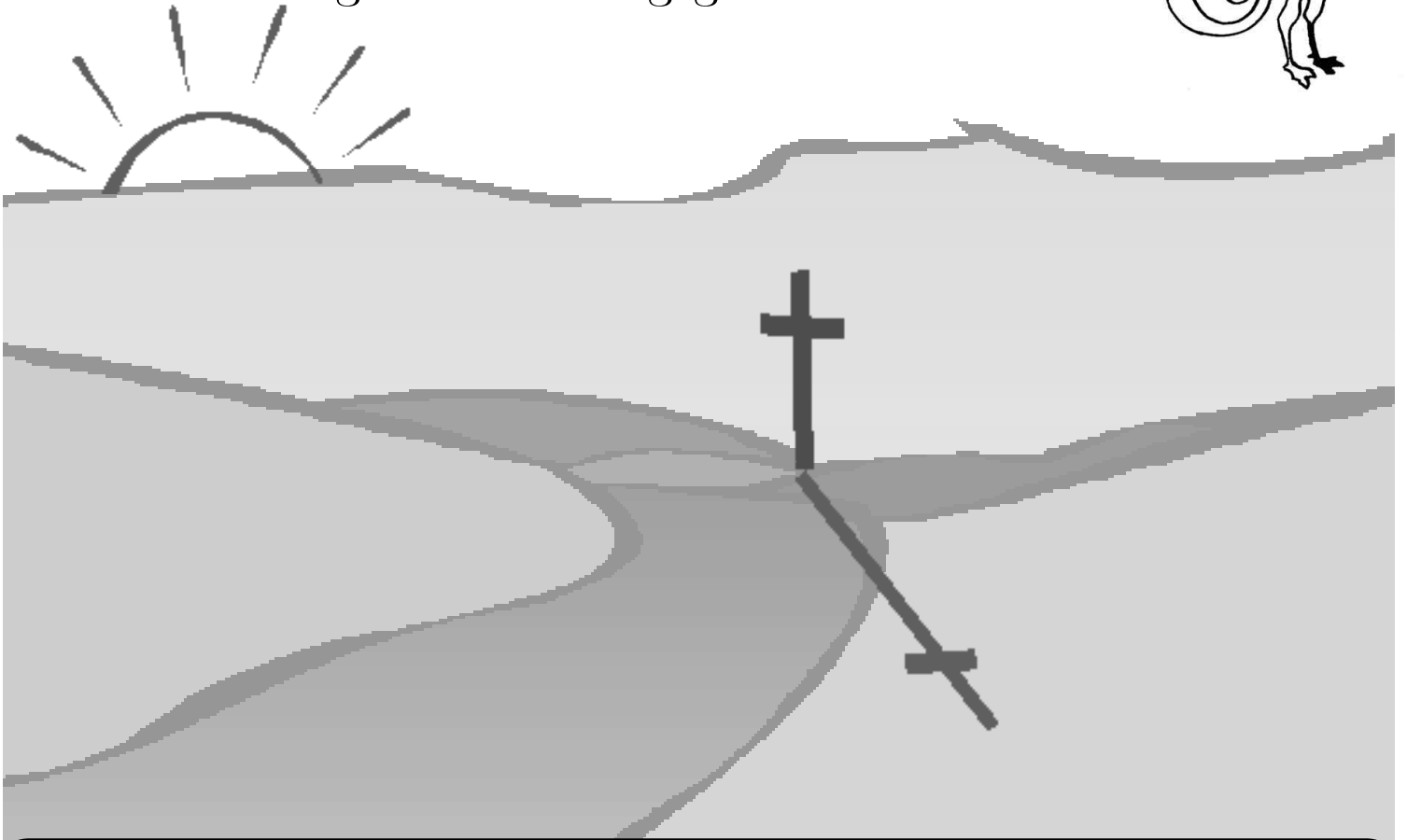


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Summer Prayer

Father, Creator of all, thank you for another Summer.

Thank you for the warmth of the sun, as your love is fulfilled in the warmest of days.

Thank you for the beauty all around us as all the Summer fruits ripen. Thank you for the increased time we have to be with our friends and family.

Warm our souls with the awareness of your presence and light our path with your word and counsel.

Amen

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**Sunday worship is
conducted by Rev Anita
Kerr, every week at 11am .**

What's On?

Girls' Brigade — Monday Evenings
18:30—19:45

Scouts - Thursday Evenings
18:30—19:30 at Meadowside St Pauls

Something else happening?

If you have anything you'd like
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**Contributions for the next edition are
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Hearty Thanks and a Warm Welcome Back

As we look back on our 250th Anniversary weekend, our hearts are full of gratitude. It was a fantastic celebration, and we couldn't have done it without all of you. A huge thank you to everyone who helped make this milestone so special.

A special thanks to Rev Caroline Taylor, Deacon Convener Ray Edwards, and Lindsay McCallum, who led and took part in worship, making our service meaningful and uplifting. We also want to thank the Heart & Soul Swing Band for filling our Saturday celebration with joyful music, song, and energy; Iain Cassells for sounding out the occasion on the bells; the Barbecue Brethren for serving delicious food that brought us all together; and the Cupcake Champions for their delightful treats that added a sweet touch to the festivities on Sunday.

And to all the volunteers who pitched in—whether you were setting up, gardening, serving soup or tea, welcoming guests, or helping clean up—you made everything run smoothly with your generosity and effort. Every task, big or small, was handled with such care and enthusiasm. A big thank you to you all and to everyone who attended.

Having celebrated this milestone, we're also eagerly awaiting the return of our Minister, Anita, who has been on sick leave. We've really missed her leadership, care, and presence. Our thoughts and prayers have been with her, and we can't wait to welcome her back from Sunday, July 2nd, as she begins her phased return to work. Please continue to hold her in prayer over this period. Heartfelt thanks to Caroline, Tim and Lynn Podger who all stepped in to cover worship during Anita's absence. With grateful hearts and excited anticipation, we look forward to what's next for our church. Thanks again to everyone for making our 250th Anniversary unforgettable!

“And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.” - Hebrews 10:24-25

Margaret Adamson

Kingsgait Kirk

A Poem by Jim Adams

**SPREADING WORDS OF LOVE
ACROSS THE SUNSHINE**

**AND SHADOWS OF A
RESURGENT CITY**

**OFFERING HOPE TO
THOSE WHO HAVE NO HOPE**

**WHO ARE PERPLEXED
BY CHANGE AND DIVERSITY**

**A HELPING HAND TO
THE LOST AND LONELY**

**PREACHING THE SAME GOOD NEWS
TODAY AND TOMORROW**

The Fruit of the Spirit



LOVE
Seeks the highest good of others.

JOY
Gladness that is not based on circumstances.

PEACE
Contentment, unity between people.

PATIENCE
Slow to speak and slow to anger.

KINDNESS
Merciful, sweet, and tender.

GOODNESS
Generous and open hearted.

FAITHFULNESS
Dependable, loyal, and full of trust.

GENTLENESS
Humble, calm, non-threatening.

SELF-CONTROL
Behaving well.

'A SAIR HEID'

Reflections on the Sunday School Picnic

My earliest memory of a Sunday School Picnic is of getting off the train and running. I do not know where we were or what happened later - just the sheer excitement of that moment. I do have another memory of crowds of people converging on the East Station, which was probably the same day. Therefore it is likely that the destination was Monifieth.

My sister says that she remembers the bus, going to the Den at Kirriemuir. This was an ideal spot with the hidden, enclosed nature of the park, with its grassy slope leading down to the small burn which ran through the middle of it, before the ground rose up steeply on the other side of the burn.

While that was the most frequent location, it was not the only place. One of the best picnics was when we should have gone to the Den but didn't. On a day of torrential rain, the bus took us past the Den to the top of Bellies Brae, where we alighted and ran straight into the nearby church hall. There we had indoor games, including relay races – running or hopping round or diving under the tubular metal framed chairs. It was great fun, although my mother said that the noise had been deafening.

We did go to other places too – Kirriemuir Common (very windy), Camperdown Park (a big tree) and Letham (a girl was taken to hospital after an accident on the chute).

Wherever the destination, there were certain constants – the excitement and the smell of grass. Then the men would bring round the big bakers' boards with paper bags with sandwiches and cakes for everyone, followed by huge kettles of tea for the adults and jugs of juice for the children. We all took our own cups – enamel mugs or soft plastic ones. Meanwhile the women would sit on rugs or coats, surrounded by all the paraphernalia needed for a picnic, providing a safe haven from which children could foray out on adventures and return at will.

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After the refreshments, the men would hold the big ropes for the races without which no picnic was complete. There were running, three-legged, egg-and-spoon, wheelbarrow and sack race for all ages, toddlers to adults. Taking part, rather than winning was the aim.

The picnic was always a day to remember, but the main memory for my sister and me was the paper bags with sandwiches and cakes. You never knew what you would get – maybe a French Fancy or a fruit slice or even a “Sair Heid”. This was a cake, not the kind of Sore Head that the adults probably had after the indoor picnic in the church hall. A Sair Heid, which was an individual cylindrical madeira cake, surrounded in greaseproof paper and topped with yellow icing. This delicacy can be obtained in some Bakers’ shops in Dundee. If I eat one, I am instantly transported to the halcyon days of the Sunday School Picnic.

Margaret Robertson

Guild News



The 2024-25 session will start on Tuesday 10th September. The programme is currently being put together with, hopefully, something for everyone. The two fundraisers organised by the Guild committee helped to raise money for the Guild projects. Both events were held after the Big Sings. Tea, coffee and 'goodies' were served at the first event and soup and sandwiches were on offer after the second Big Sing. A tombola and book stall helped to boost the takings. Many thanks to everyone who supported these events.

Church Garden

Sincere thanks to Marilyn Graham and her helpers, Jacqui, Alison and Garry, who brightened up the driveway by carefully planting up a variety of flowers. It is amazing how many people pause at the gates as they are passing and admire the gardens.

Thanks must also go to Bob MacDougall who donated plants for the urns on the terrace which ensured that there was a splash of colour for our weekend of celebrations.

Christian Aid Week - Money Raised

Many thanks to everyone who gave to Christian Aid Week in May and June. Altogether £1458.95 has been collected (excluding Gift Aid). The breakdown is as follows:

Church collection through envelopes - £627.20
Souper Sunday £351
Total = £978.20

70K in May
£242.50 (before JustGiving page closed at the end of May)

Ceilidh donations
£161.25

Digital envelope
£27 during Christian Aid Week
£50 in June

I'd like to say an extra thankyou to our Treasurer Morag who was a great help with the admin, to our Girls' Brigade leaders Sheila, Marilyn, Jacqui and Alison who laid on Souper Sunday (it was lovely to have this back on our programme), and to those who were able to increase their donation through the Gift Aid scheme. The final total of our giving for Christian Aid Week 2024 will be reported when it is received from the Christian Aid office.

Warm thanks also to Ruth and Kenny, with friends, Sue, Ian, Heather and Ailsa who provided the music (some people just came for that!) and to Kenny for also calling the dances. It was the first time for some of our dancers to do the Scott Fyffe circle – but maybe not the last!

Rev Caroline Taylor—Christian Aid Co-ordinator

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: Help them and us to make our world a better place. We pray for justice, :
: peace and an end to poverty. Help us to see when things are unfair in our :
: world. In our daily lives, help us to think 'What would Jesus do?' :
: Help us to have the courage to stand up for what we know to be right. :
: **A prayer for the work of Christian Aid from Hoole St Michael Primary School** :
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Christian Aid Week - 70K in May

As some of you will know from church services, I started my 70K in Canterbury, at the cross in the Easter garden situated in the cathedral grounds. My walk around the interior of the cathedral equated to 3,372 steps, a little more than 2 km.

Thanks to a short bus trip, I was also able to walk on the England Coast Path through Whitstable. My other walks were around Edinburgh, on the day of the AGM for Dr Graham's Homes in Kalimpong (where I sponsor a pupil), Carnoustie, Monikie Park, Monifieth and Broughty Ferry. My 70th kilometre was in the area of Dudhope Park, along with Margaret (Chisholm) from the congregation. We would have clocked up at least one more if the rain hadn't come on quite heavily!

Many thanks to my sponsors. As the JustGiving page was closed by Christian Aid at the end of May, later donations were paid into the congregation's digital envelope which remains open.

Rev Caroline Taylor—Christian Aid Co-ordinator

Girls' Brigade News



Our 'Souper' Day for Christian Aid raised just over £350. Thanks go to all those who supported the event and to everyone who donated soup, cheese, bread and biscuits which meant that all monies donated went to Christian Aid.

Our session ended with a 'Fun and Games' night when the girls shared with those present some of the activities and games they have enjoyed throughout the year. Fortunately, we were able to persuade the girls that doughnuts dangling on a string and ducking for apples were not suitable activities for their parents and the friends of the company.

After the girls received their awards from Rev Caroline Taylor, everyone shared some of the girls' favourite party food – pizza, sausage rolls, mini sausages, crisps and cake.

We are in the process of finalising the arrangements for an outing in August before the start of the new session.

A Message from David Pirie

I attended the last night of the Girls' Brigade on Monday evening 10th of June. It was definitely a fun night but to be honest it has left me wondering. Luckily, I do not have to decide who enjoyed themselves the most, the girls or the adults! But you could see by the smiling faces and constant laughter that everyone did enjoy themselves.

We were treated to a variety of relay races, and quizzes and I must be honest and say that I had never seen some of the games before. The one that I thought was really fun was Sharks where the girls all sat round in a circle with their legs just under a large multicoloured parachute / tarpaulin made to look like the sea. With the lifeguards on patrol all around the outside of the parachute to prevent attacks by the sharks, one by one the girls would disappear under the sea (parachute) being pulled in by the sharks.

Oh to be young again !

And then it came to the prize giving where the girls all received a prize from the Rev. Caroline Taylor while applause from those of us who were watching. One young girl taking the opportunity to thank the audience with two quick bows.

This was then followed by coffee and tea along with sausages on sticks, sausage rolls crisps and fancy cakes.

It certainly was a fun night and I think a good time was had by all.

The Captain and officers should be applauded for the very hard work that they do, week after week, guiding and training these young girls but it would be really nice to see a few more of the congregation in attendance to give their support.

J. D. Pirie.

The Great Renewal

**If all the sleeping folk will wake up, all the lukewarm folk fire up,
All the crooked folk straighten up, all the depressed folk cheer up,
All the estranged folk make up, all the gossip folk shut up,
All the dry bones shake up, all true believers stand up,
All church members show up to honour Him who was lifted up,
Then we can have the world's greatest renewal.**

Cardinal Cushing 1977

'The Ferry'

A Poem by an anonymous member of the congregation

**Broughty Ferry the place to be
For 33 years the home to me
The beach, the castle and the sights to see**



**Idyllic and peaceful, colourful and bright
No matter the weather it always feels right**

**A walk to the rock gardens, a walk on the sand
Just follow your feet and see where they land**

**If luck should befall you a dolphin or two
may appear in the river just within your view**

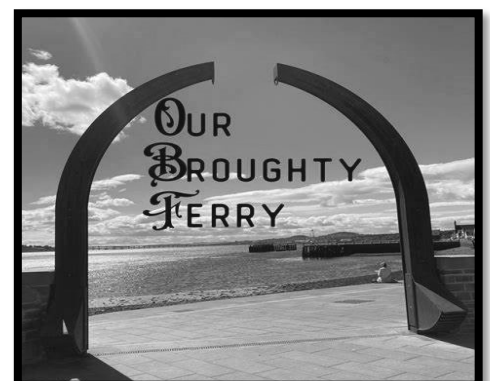
**A seat on a bench to study the Tay
With the lapping of the waves
to wash your troubles away**



**The bridges are surely a sight to be behold
With the Lifeboat in situ as daylight unfolds**

**The sunrise and sunset never fail to impress me
As the waves continue rolling out to sea**

**It certainly feels so special to be here today
Just as I did in my childhood
In a time now far away**



Flowers

	<u>Flower Donor</u>	<u>Flower Committee</u>
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<i>7th</i>	Mrs. D. Grant Mr. J. Spain	Miss. M. Graham
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<i>29th</i>	Mrs. M. McKenzie	Miss. M. Graham

Church Carpet Bowling

Many thanks to everyone who filled in the questionnaire regarding suitable afternoons and evenings for the bowling. It has now been decided that we will continue to have the club on Thursday evenings and hope to begin the session on Thursday 5th September. Confirmation of date and time will be in the next issue of the Wyvern.

Marilyn Graham

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