

## **ROSIE'S LETTER**

September 2016

Dear Friends,

My daughter Rebecca heads off to university in a couple of weeks. She's a very organised young lady, lots of lists of things to do, things to take and things for Mum to buy! There's also her list of things to learn to cook before she goes....or at least Mum's recipes to write down.

I still remember getting a panicky phone call from Jilly, the daughter of a close friend, asking how to make bread sauce - she had agreed to make a chicken dinner for her flatmates and although she had helped me make bread sauce before she just couldn't remember the recipe. A couple of years later at her 21<sup>st</sup> Birthday party she thanked me for teaching her to knit, how to make bread sauce and Pavlova cake, and showing her how to wrap her wet hair up in a turban!

We all have skills we've learned from other people and skills we've shared with other people. During September, our Stewardship Season at Abbotshall, we're going to be thanking God for the skills and talents we have and thinking how we can share them. More particularly we're going to be thinking about how we can learn and share across generations.

At the General Assembly in May I listened to the Report from the Guild. The Convener commented that the church is one of the few places in a community where people of all ages can come together. She strongly encouraged intergenerational working together to build up greater understanding and respect between the generations. Sharing, learning and growing together.

I hope you enjoy taking part.

Yours in Christ

Rosie



### **Young Church Snowman Drive**

The Snowman Drive takes place on Wednesday 7th December at 6 pm.

Tickets are priced at £2 for adults and £1 for children. The cost includes refreshments after the drive. Tickets will be on sale soon. See you there.

### **Thank you**

I would like to say a huge thank you to the Flower Committee for the beautiful flowers and card I received back in the spring of this year when I was unwell. Your thoughts and messages cheered me up very much.

Helen Graham



Shoeboxes can be handed in to the church until Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> October.  
The dedication service is on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov. In Templehall at 2pm; as usual the church will be open from 10.30 that day.

### **GETTING OLDER**

"Lord, keep Your arm around my shoulder  
and Your hand over my mouth!"

From Frank Nuthall

### **Young Church**

Our autumn and winter session is now up and running. Children of nursery and primary age are welcome to come along and join in the different activities on offer.

### **Dates for your diary**

Harvest festival Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER  
Snowman drive Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER  
Disco Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER  
Christmas Fayre Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER  
More details in the next newsletter

Bill Page

## **2016 Stewardship of Talents**

Having completed the four year stewardship cycle of talents, time, money and the natural world we return to the stewardship of our talents. With this newsletter you will find:-

- A Church of Scotland stewardship leaflet "*Words and Phrases*"
- A Stewardship talent exchange card.

This year we are all being challenged to exchange talents across the generations – to share with and learn from each other. The cards are for you to record the talent or talents being shared. Please read the simple instructions on the card and return it once the challenge has **been completed, ideally with a photo. The cards will be displayed so we can celebrate the** sharing of a whole range of talents. You can complete as many cards as you like. There will be prizes...

The youngsters in the Young Church and from all sections in the Scout and Guide groups are taking part as well. They are keen to share if you need to find someone. Please ask Rosie, Morag Michael or Jim Browning if you have any questions. Extra cards will be available in the Church and the closing date for entries is Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November.

## **BEREAVEMENTS**

We were saddened at the passing of

Kathleen Mill in May;

Margot Ward, Isobel Glancy in July.

## **MARRIAGE – CONGRATULATIONS**

Donna Ness married Graeme Salmond in Abbotshall Church on 30 July 2016.

Ross Meldrum married Lynn MacDuff in Abbotshall Church on 27 August 2016.

## **PRAYER GROUP**

We meet in the Vestry on the second and the last Sunday in the month at 10.20am for about 15 minutes. A warm welcome is extended to all to join us on any of the dates listed below.

The Prayer Group dates are:-

11<sup>th</sup> September, 25<sup>th</sup> September, 9<sup>th</sup> October, 30<sup>th</sup> October, 13<sup>th</sup> November, 27<sup>th</sup> November, 11<sup>th</sup> December.

If there is someone or something you would like us to pray for, please put a note in the prayer boxes in the Church Vestibule or the Church Hall.

Anne Gardner

## **Fellowship after church**

Tea and coffee after worship on a Sunday morning is a special time for all who attend. We have a loyal team who set-up, serve and wash-up afterwards and our rota works well but it would run much more smoothly if we had more people willing to help and join in. If you feel this is something you could do then please have a word with Anne Steward.....both men and women would be welcome. The rota is now made up until December so it will be next year now before you would be called upon.

## **THE WALKING GROUP**

The next forestry track went through Devon Wood and then along by its edge from where we had views of Benarty Hill, the Lomonds and Largo Law. The route continued through forested Clatto Hill to Clatto Farm. We stopped at a clearing just before reaching the farm for our picnic lunch. After leaving Clatto we took a track through Downfield and Smithfield and then on to a tarred road going through Burnturk and back into Kettlehill. Finally we enjoyed welcome refreshments in Muddy Boots Farm Shop.

On 20<sup>th</sup> August 6 Holy Strollers, Margaret, Morna, Anne, Jane, Jill and Jenny, had a very pleasant 7 mile walk along the Fife Coastal Path between Pittenweem and Crail. We admired the bicycles adorned with flowers which are a very attractive feature in Pittenweem during the summer. The path exiting the village travelled by a field edge for a short distance and then descended by a flight of stone steps to the coastline. This section follows the edge of Anstruther Golf Course along the rocky shore of Billowness, the haunt of birds such as Eider Ducks, Turnstones and Shags. The path entered Anstruther near the Golf Club House. We stopped at the harbour for a coffee break. The route continued past the Fisheries Museum, Anstruther Easter and Cellardyke, with its picturesque little harbour and headed north east towards Crail. At first the route followed a track which passed through a caravan park and by the side of a pig farm. Further on the path became narrower and led through kissing gates and stone stiles onto open pasture. One of the most interesting features along this stretch is the Caiplie Caves, a fascinating geological feature situated almost half way between Anstruther and Crail. It provided an attractive focal point whilst we sat on some rocks for our picnic lunch. The path continued past an old salt pan building before winding its way via some stone steps to the scenic village of Crail. We returned to Pittenweem by bus and had refreshments in the Cuppa Coffee House.

On all of our walks we were blessed with dry and usually sunny weather. Rain had actually been forecast for several of the walks but in fact it did not arrive until after we had finished walking!

## BIKE AND HIKE – SATURDAY 17th SEPTEMBER

This year a special 175th Anniversary **Bike and Hike** will take place on **Saturday 17th September** in the Fife area. You are invited to join EMMS

International as we cycle or walk round the churches in the Kirkcaldy presbytery and stop off to view our Anniversary photographic Exhibition, **'Health&Hope'** which will be on display at **Abbotshall Church of**

**Scotland, Kirkcaldy, KY2 5PH between 12.30 - 2pm** that day

Over 175 years, generations of friends have got behind the work of EMMS International to bring health and hope to the world's poorest communities.

There is still work to do. Together we can bring health and hope to people who have no access to, or even expectation of healthcare. Together we can bring care and compassion to those fighting to lift themselves out of poverty in Malawi, India and Nepal. Please join us as we share fellowship and fun, make new friends and get together with friends of old while raising funds for our overseas healthcare work in India, Malawi and Nepal.

Abbotshall Walking Group will be taking part and you are most welcome to join them. Jenny McLeod is co-ordinating this so if you are interested please contact Jenny or Rosie, our minister and sponsor sheets are available at the church. The route is as follows:

Thornton Church to Templehall Church (about 4.5 miles)

Templehall Church to Abbotshall Church (about 2 miles)

Abbotshall Church to Kinghorn Church (about 3 miles)

Cyclists may have to find their own way and may want to take longer routes.

### **Suggested church openings times:**

Thornton – 10am to 11am

Templehall – 11:30am to 1pm

Abbotshall – 12:30pm to 2/2.30pm (view our anniversary exhibition **Health&Hope**)

Kinghorn – 2pm to 3.30pm

We hope to see as many of you as possible on the day.

## **Diary Dates**

**Saturday 10 September, 10.00am** – Coffee Morning

**Sunday 11 September, 7.00pm** – Classic Baroque Concert in the Church by Cromlit's Lilt

**Thursday 15 September, 2.00pm** – Thursday Fellowship Group

**Saturday 17 September** – Bike and Hike

**Sunday 25 September, 11.00am** – Harvest Thanksgiving Service

**Thursday 29 September, 7.30pm** – Kirk Session meeting

**Saturday 8 October, 1.00am** – Coffee Morning

**Thursday 20 October, 2.00pm** – Thursday Fellowship Group

**Thursday 3 November, 7.30pm** – Congregational Board meeting

**Sunday 6 November, 9.00am and 11.00am** – Celebration of the Lord's Supper

**Sunday 13 November, 10.50am** – Remembrance Sunday Service

**Thursday 17 November, 2.00pm** – Thursday Fellowship Group

**Saturday 26 November, 10.00am** – Christmas Fayre

**Sunday 27 November, 11.00am** – Advent Sunday Service

**NEXT NEWSLETTER – ADVENT & CHRISTMAS EDITION 2016**

The close down for the next newsletter will be **Sunday 6<sup>TH</sup> November**. Please send your contributions to Diane Murray on e/mail at [dianemurray953@btinternet.com](mailto:dianemurray953@btinternet.com) or by post to 97 Mellerstain Road, Kirkcaldy KY2 6UD or leave in our basket in the church vestibule.