



September 2015

Fossoway Church News



Dear Friends,

Well, the summer seems to be over and the nights are drawing in and although the weather has been sunny there is a cold nip in the air. Today marks that shift from the days and nights being of equal length, to the night time being longer than the day. I heard on the radio today that it is only 100 days to the end of the year. Time flies by, and it is time that we are thinking about at the moment in our church as last week saw the start of our Stewardship Season of Giving.

This is an opportunity for me to thank everybody who gives so much of their time to help the church run smoothly and successfully. There are so many people who do so much it is difficult to name everybody, but thank you all for everything that you do.

It is also an opportunity for each one of us to reflect on our calling and what it is that God is calling us to do on his behalf and to reconsider the *amount* of time that we give, too.

Life is busy there is no doubt about it, there are huge demands on our time. Each one of us has to decide for themselves where and how they are going to *spend* their time. Yes, *spending* time, for time is a precious commodity. When I think of how we spend our time I'm always reminded of the story of Mary and Martha (Luke 10:40-42). Martha was preoccupied with all the many tasks that she needed to do to provide a meal for all her guests. While she was busily dashing about Mary sat and listened to Jesus teaching. When Martha complained that Mary wasn't helping her and appealed to Jesus for his backing he surprised her by supporting Mary. He said, 'Only one thing is really important. Mary has chosen that more important thing.'

We do need to pause sometimes in amongst all the busy –ness of our lives. We need to take time to consider the deeper things of life and to reflect on what matters most. We need to consider where we spend our time and see where spending time gives the most profit and

profit doesn't necessarily mean material rewards. We need to spend time so that we do not become spiritually impoverished.

I think the words of this hymn are very appropriate. In all the rush of life we need to find that quiet time with God listening for his word and being aware of his guidance.

So take some time for prayer and reflection and think about how God is guiding you to spend your time.

God bless

Rev Lis Stenhouse

Take time to be holy, speak oft with thy Lord;
Abide in Him always, and feed on His Word.
Make friends of God's children, help those who are weak,
Forgetting in nothing His blessing to seek.

Take time to be holy, the world rushes on;
Spend much time in secret, with Jesus alone.
By looking to Jesus, like Him thou shalt be;
Thy friends in thy conduct His likeness shall see.

Take time to be holy, let Him be thy Guide;
And run not before Him, whatever betide.
In joy or in sorrow, still follow the Lord,
And, looking to Jesus, still trust in His Word.

Take time to be holy, be calm in thy soul,
Each thought and each motive beneath His control.
Thus led by His Spirit to fountains of love,
Thou soon shalt be fitted for service above.

MONEY NEWS

The latest set of accounts are as at 30 June and already passed over to members of the Kirk Session.

Our total Offerings were marginally higher at £17,305 as against the £17,059 of last year. Tax recovered on gift aid increased from £7,735 to £8,029, as we can now claim on the open plate and WFO offerings provided no single amount is in excess of £20 – this gave us £764 this year. There was nothing of note in our Other Ordinary Income at £1,745 as against £1,905.

Under Expenditure the first section is 'National Ministry and Mission & Wider Work', with total costs at £13,368 as laid down by church head office and Perth Presbytery.

The second section is 'Local Staffing Costs', where the minister's travelling expenses were £701 compared to £131 due to late submission of the claims. Under other expenses we paid £870 for the Disturbance Allowance granted when a minister moves. Last year we paid £551 for removal costs. This year there were no costs under Ministerial Assistance whilst last year we spent £354 on the Interim Moderator. At the end of June we had received no claim from Cleish for our Reader so we should have a figure under this section. Other Salaries etc showed a figure of £2,460 against £2,739 last year and covers costs for the organists and church officer. Last year's figures showed £751 which should have been listed under Ministerial Assistance.

The third section is 'Building Costs', totalling £5,219 against £5,686 last year. Under Fabric Repairs we spent £180 on the AV system and £442 on roof repairs – last year we spent £1,252 on materials/equipment for the path at the side of the church and £362 on sundry electrics. The total for manse repairs last year was £331 on fuel oil and electricity for the upkeep. On Heating & Lighting we spent £3,506 against £2,660 last year, including a rebate of £955.

The fourth section is 'Other Local Costs', where we spent £6,778 against £6,336 last year. Under Telephone, Posts, etc our costs were £1,818 as against £1,013. The main difference was an unpaid bill of £640 from Cleish settled at the beginning of August. Under Other expenses we spent £4,870 as against £5,200 last year. This year we spent £550 on manse rent but received back the deposit of £675. We spent £2,750 on the new youth project, KYTHE, and £783 for new church mugs. Last year we spent £3,300 on manse rent, £675 for the deposit and £120 on an AV training course.

For the Fabric Fund we had a total income of £19,227 as against the £707 of last year. This year we received back from the sale of the old manse the sum of £16,050 which represented recent capital expenditure and 11 months rent for the temporary manse. We also received a total of £2,103 after closure of the Community Office and £554 from VAT refunds which had been pursued by David Chisholm. Last year our funds were from a Bodyshop event and a Scottish Concert. Under expenditure we spent £110 on a new hoover whereas last year we spent £2,400 on the design of the Luke family wall plaque and £442 on a new laptop. The Fabric Fund now stands at a healthy £29,561 although we have already spent almost £5,300 with probably another £1,500 already accounted for.

In our General Fund with church head office we were able to deposit £7,000 from tax recovery and £10,000 from the manse sale proceeds but have already withdrawn £5,000.

From our Church Treasurer Mr Tom Mechan

Session Clerk Report

Christmas Card

The members of the Kirk Session would like to express their thanks to Mr Ian Boe who was asked if he would like to design our Church Christmas card this year. He very kindly agreed to do so and has produced a lovely card for us which will be coming to you soon.

Christmas Events

Jo Chisholm, Helena Thomson and I have met a couple of times over the summer to discuss what we could do for our church, our community and beyond over the Christmas period. With hot water and cups of tea, many ideas flowed, many were rejected, and some put on the back burner for next year.

The following are our suggestions which, with a little input from many people, could result in some exciting events.

- **Thursday Nov 26th McThanksgiving Evening.** This has been explained more fully in Jo's article. Chick White has agreed to give us 10K of casserole venison for this, and Brenda and Gracie have agreed to play some Scottish music at a couple of points during the evening.
- **Saturday Dec 5th Community Carols and Bazaar** I am hopeful, maybe confident, that the folk who did such a great job last year will be happy to organise stalls again this year. Fossoway School Choir, The Dunkeld Handbell Ringers and the Junior Church have all agreed to contribute to the Community Carols. This has promise of being a good day.
- **Sun Dec 15th 6.30pm Fossoway Festive Fun** Jo has written a brilliant sketch panto, again. Who remembers the last one with Robert in a dress?? And there are a few more crackers planned for this evening too, to be followed by festive refreshments.

What we are really clear about is that this year we would like our time, our effort and our giving to be for the needy in our own community of Kinross-shire and beyond. Please refer to Jo's article for more information

Data Protection

During August, all Session Clerks were reminded of their responsibility to implement the Data Protection procedures. It would appear that the Kirk Session needs to get permission from ALL members to hold their data securely. For this to happen we need to appoint a Data Protection Officer, who may require some training, before we pursue this.

I do hope that you will be understanding if your elder knocks on your door asking permission for the church to hold your data securely. This is nothing different than has happened for years. The roll keeper and your elder will have your name, address and phone number (unless you are ex-directory) securely stored.

This information will only be used for Fossoway church related business such as delivery of newsletters, Christmas cards etc.

Communion Elements

It has been agreed by Session that at all future celebrations of the sacrament of Holy Comunion the communion elements will be purple grape juice and gluten free bread. By doing this we hope to be totally inclusive. So many people are now choosing to be alcohol free and more and more people need to be or are choosing to be on a gluten free diet.

Church Maintenance

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Alistair and Willie particularly, as well as other members of the Property Group, for all the time they have put into maintaining our building, making sure the electrics and roof trusses are safe and that the exterior will soon be looking fresh and welcoming.

Presbytery

There was a Presbytery Meeting on Saturday Sept 12th where it was agreed that the format of Presbytery will now be 3 Saturday meetings a year with a mix of Worship, speakers, discussion and fellowship as well as business; with 1 or 2 evening meetings which will be purely business. This change from 7 or 8 Tuesday evening meetings throughout the year, which occasionally went on until after 10, was approved by 50 votes to 4

It was also approved that Cleish linked with Fossoway will be one of 5 charges to have a local Church Review and this process will begin in late September.

It was also brought to everyone's attention that a reduction in our M&M contribution may be available to assist for, locally funded ministry, mission work, youth work, vacancies and special projects and one off fabric expenditure (not ongoing running expenses)

More information of committee reports etc is available in the Presbytery papers which can be borrowed from Janet, Presbytery Elder.

Refugee Crisis

Webster Giving: based at 14 High Street Kinross is collecting for the Refugee Crisis.

They will be delivering a lorry load to Calais in one weeks time.

They are also collecting for and delivering to other Refugee Camps in Turkey and Syria later in the year,

Their web page says that what they **badly need** are:

Shoes, trainers, hiking boots, tents, covers, tarpaulin, and jackets, small and medium.

What they **always need** are:

Tracksuit trousers, jeans, blankets, sleeping bags, all toiletries, woolly hats, pants and pots and pans.

If you can, please deliver any of the above to container 3 , 14 High Street Kinross.

If you cannot manage to get your items there by yourself, then please take it to the Elisabeth Wilkie Hall in strong black bin liners labelled Refugee Crisis and I will ensure that it is delivered. For more information you can log onto Webster Giving or phone 01577 864606

LOCAL CHURCH REVIEW

Cleish, Linked with Fossoway, St Serfs and Devonside is about to begin the process of Local Church Review.

An introduction to the process is as below:

INTRODUCTION AND PROCESS

Local Church Review (LCR) was enacted by the General Assembly in 2011 (Act 1 2011) and replaces the Superintendence Quinquennial Visitation programme as the Presbytery's process for Congregational Review. The Presbytery has the responsibility for conducting a review of every congregation in its bounds, normally every five years.

The object of LCR is:

- to encourage the congregation.
- to facilitate the congregation in setting out their priorities and plans for the next five years.
- to support the congregation as it begins to execute their plans following the completion of the review.

There are several stages to the LCR process:

1. The church is requested to complete a questionnaire. This will be sent out some 6 months before the visit, and will provide the Visiting Team with the congregation's own account of its story.
2. The LCR Visiting Team meet in advance of visiting the church to familiarise themselves with the information submitted from the church in preparation for the LCR visit. Taking into account this information, plus additional input from the Presbytery's Fabric and Finance Committees, from the report of the Annual Inspection of Records, and statistics from the Presbytery Office, the LCR Visiting Team should contact the congregation to discuss and agree the nature, number and purpose of visits, in order to ensure the process will be of maximum benefit to the congregation. If the congregation has already written articulated stories and plans (perhaps from another recent process such as Future Focus) the LCR Visiting Team should be open to receiving these and indicating if they would already fulfil the purpose of the Presbytery's LCR forms.
3. The Visiting Team meets with the church, to identify desired changes and agree SMART goals for the next five years.
4. The Visiting Team compiles a report which is sent to the Minister and Session Clerk of the congregation being reviewed, providing an opportunity to discuss the report before it is finalised.
5. The report is submitted to the Superintendence Committee.
6. The final report is agreed with representatives of the Congregation and the Visiting Team.

From our Session Clerk Mrs Janet Harper

Festive Fossoway:

OK so autumn has only just begun and we are asking you to think about Christmas but, we have some crackers lined up which you won't want to miss!

Last year you may recall that we asked you to put our Church on your Christmas list and you responded by donating to the gifting tree.

This year we would like to reach out and help others. No one can remain unmoved by the plight of those escaping from the atrocities in Syria and, closer to home, there are those in our own community who will not be enjoying the bounties that we will share this advent season.

This Christmas our theme is "Thanksgiving" - putting it simply, taking the time to count our blessings and be thankful for what we have.

There are three important dates to add to your diary which we know you are going to love:

Firstly, in line with this theme we invite you to join us for "**McThanksgiving**" on **Thursday 26th November**. This promises to be a fabulous evening of fine food and music combining the best of Scottish fare with a touch of Americana.

On **Saturday 5 December** we have our Christmas Bazaar and Community Carol Service featuring the Dunkeld Handbell Ringers and, on **Sunday 13 December**, an event not to be missed, "Fossoway Festive Fun" an evening of music, madness, and mayhem featuring your elders as they take to the stage for our mini panto. The evening will be rounded off with a feast of festive baking and a glass or two of wine.

More details to follow but we hope you will add these dates to your diary.

We think we have a lot to be thankful for and we hope you think so too.

We'll be after you.....oh yes we will

Jo, Helena & Janet



Thank you from Evelyn Menzies

I am sure most of you are aware that at the beginning of this year my son, Cree, had a stroke at the young age of 23. It was a devastating time for all of us as a family. I was off work for a month and during that time I got the booklet Try Praying, the timing was excellent as this was exactly what I was doing. Each day I would walk up the forestry trail with our dog and admire God's work. It was here that I gave thanks for the beauty all around and prayed for Cree and all our family, I prayed for strength and direction. Well I got back to work and Cree made a fantastic recovery, what more could I ask for in way of answer from above?



Then Sarah, Rachael and I decided to walk to raise money for the Stroke unit, why wouldn't we, we had just seen Cree learn to walk again. If he could do that then we could walk 3 Munros in 48 hours, couldn't we?

Well we did, Rachael, Sarah and I did Ben Lawers and Ben Ghlas on the 15th June, beautiful weather and more to give thanks for, time to be together and the most amazing scenery all around. Rachael unfortunately twisted her ankle at the top so it was a slow descent but again time to pull together and care for each other.



This left Sarah and I to do Ben Nevis on the 16th. We had such a fantastic day. We met and chatted to lots of people who were there for their own reasons, time to talk about Cree and the future. All this with the back drop of spectacular views right up until about the last 100 meters when the snow and mist drew in. Even here it was superb as we and a whole group of strangers were in it together and everyone offered advice and reassurance, we had a lot of laughs and fun. Life is special and even in the darkest moments there can be happiness.

I would like to thank all of you who kindly sponsored my daughters and I as we climbed our mountains at the beginning of the summer. We raised £2,250 for Cameron Hospital Stroke rehabilitation centre and almost £1000 for Heart, Chest and Stroke. It was a huge satisfaction for us to be able to give something back to organisations that had given so much to Cree.



Fossoway Church Womens' Group

2015/2016

**The Women's Group is open to all women in the community.
We meet on the last Tuesday of each month at 2pm
in the Elizabeth Wilkie Hall; from September until April.**

Our programme for this session *includes:*

Rev. Daniel Harper

Richard Toole Artist

Roger Stark...Happiness

Elsa Sinclair...Dogs for the Deaf

And Lucille Henderson...Yoga (in a chair)

New members **welcome.**

Karen Bernard. President



MARTIN LUTHER

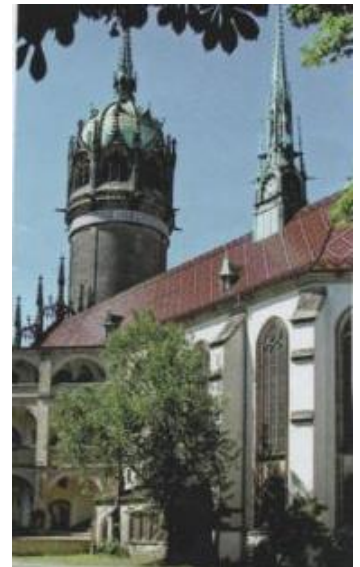


Colin and Kitty McCrone reflect on the diverse and complex ministry of Martin Luther after their visit to Wittenberg, Germany in May this year

Martin Luther was born in November **1483**. He was a friar, priest and Professor of Theology and became an influential figure of the Protestant Reformation. He spent most of his life in the city of Wittenberg. His lifelong calling was the exposition of the Holy Scriptures and it was for this reason that he began to study the original languages of the Bible, beginning with the Psalms and St Paul's Epistle to the Romans.

Luther came to reject several teachings and practises of the Roman Catholic Church. He strongly disputed the claim that freedom from God's punishment for sin could be purchased with money.

In **1517** Martin Luther nailed a sheet of paper with 95 theses on the **Castle Church** (which also served as the **University Church**) door. It laid out a devastating critique of the indulgences (favours) as corrupting people's faith. Aided by the printed press, copies of the 95 theses spread through Germany in two weeks and throughout Europe in ten months. He was ordered to recant his theses by the authority of the Pope. This initiated his excommunication from the church as an outlaw, by the Emperor. His friends helped him to hide in another castle and while in seclusion, he translated the New Testament into German to give the ordinary people the opportunity to read God's word. This had a tremendous effect on the church in German culture. It influenced the writing of an English translation, The Tyndale Bible. Luther's hymns influenced the development of singing hymns in church.



In **1520** he combined an interpretation of the Ten Commandments with a discussion of which good works were commendable from a biblical point of view.

Another pamphlet against the traditional church criticises the seven traditional sacraments and accepts only two as biblically justified, namely baptism and Holy Communion – this deprived the Roman Catholic Church of its popular roots since confirmation and the last rites played a large part of Catholic beliefs.

At Easter in **1543** nine nuns fled from the Cistercion Convent and came to Wittenberg asking Luther for assistance. Luther managed to find husbands for most of them. Another version of this tale was that Luther smuggled the nuns out of the convent in herring barrels!



Katharina

In June **1525** he married Katharina von Bora completely out of the blue. For Luther's enemies this was a scandal. The couple produced six children – three boys and three girls. The death of his daughter Magdalena aged twelve upset him very much. Infant mortality at that time was around 30 per cent.



Magdalena



Luther's House

From **1533** to his death in **1546**, Martin Luther served as Dean of Theology at the University of Wittenberg.

During this time he suffered many illnesses and the physical pain and emotional strain of being a fugitive might have reflected in his writings. Some words contained strident and offensive language against several segments of society, particularly Jews and Muslims. He died on February 18th **1546** at age 62 and was buried in the Castle Church.

We were able to see inside Luther's house and saw where the family lived. The main room is dominated by a large panel representing the 10 Commandments (seen on Page 1).

from Kitty and Colin McCrone



Living Room



FOSSOWAY WALKERS 2014 – 2015



We started our first walk this season beside **Loch Ard**. It was a beautiful day and the houses across the loch were reflected in the water.

Our second walk was part of the John Muir Trail. The path along the beach was a bit rough but otherwise a good walk. The November walk had to be cancelled because of heavy rain but in December we had a very good walk around Aberdour village followed by an excellent Christmas lunch at the Aberdour Hotel. We hope to return there next year.

In 2015 we walked round each of two halves of Loch Leven circuit – there was a little bit of trouble trying to find a place to have our lunch! In February, Eunice took us to Errol where we walked along the Pow of Errol track which took us to the RSPB Nature Reserve on the River Tay which covers about 700 hectares of mud flats and reed beds. We followed a woodland path round to Port Allan which in the past was a busy boatyard. After the walk, we went to a little cafe` called the Horn and enjoyed a hot roll with bacon and fried egg inside – not very healthy eating! The April walk was at Kirkton Glen, Balquidder. It was quite a strenuous walk and some of us turned back, especially as there were some very stormy snow showers. Those who finished the walk went off to Dunblane to see Andy Murray's Wedding and got a very good view. Our final walk was at Glen Turret with good weather and delightful scenery. Tea after was at the Grouse Distillery.

This year our weekend was at ***The Priory Hotel at Beauly***, Inverness.



Unfortunately five of our group had to cancel their booking and so we had a smaller group than usual.

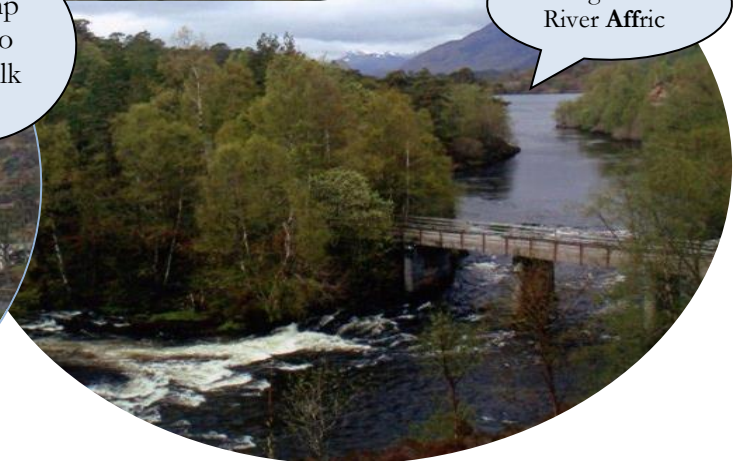
The first walk was eleven miles round Loch Affric.
Only eight of the group did the full round.



View across
Glen Affric

A damp
start to
the walk

Bridge over
River Affric



Heavy rain was forecast for the next day so we went on two shorter walks.
The first was at **Reelig Glen** where there are mature specimen conifers,
planted around 1850 and the second walk was at Brahan Estate.
Fortunately the rain stayed off.



The next day was a very pleasant flat walk following the River Beaulieu from Black Bridge and passing Lovat Bridge to return by fields and forest back to Black Bridge.



Peaceful
River

We were very well looked after at the Priory Hotel and had our usual noisy and relaxed evenings!



From Eunice and Kitty.

TRAIDCRAFT MATTERS

A letter from the Chief Executive of Traidcraft:

Dear Friends

Traidcraft has placed an editorial in the July editions of the church press with a simple message – we're telling the Church and the wider community that we urgently need help. We need **your** help because the world's poorest small-scale farmers, struggling to feed and support their families, need **our** help.

Sound like a familiar plea? It should. It's the same message as when we first started our mission over 35 years ago – to apply to international trade in a practical way the love and justice which lies at the heart of Christian faith, and so give the world's poorest farmers the opportunity to trade fairly and thrive.

Given we're about to publish our accounts which show a trading loss for the fourth consecutive year, we are taking the unprecedented step of trying to communicate directly with Church leaders and members, to try and reinforce the work that we and our supporters have been battling to do. There are two general misconceptions. The first is that the Fairtrade battle is won. Chocolate, tea, coffee, and many more products with the now familiar Fairtrade Mark are stacked high on our supermarket shelves. Something Traidcraft and our supporters can be proud to have helped bring about. However, it is a myth that the job is done. Unfortunately, injustice in trade and its resultant poverty is as much of a scandal now as it was 35 years ago, and right now we're still doing everything we can to tackle it directly.

The second misconception is that Traidcraft and Fairtrade are the same. They are not. Traidcraft is an independent trading company, with a linked development charity. We do not benefit from the sales of Fairtrade products in the supermarkets. Traidcraft trades with and supports the most vulnerable farmers and artisans (who could not cope with the demands or scale required by big business or the supermarkets). We pioneer to bring new commodities into the fair trade arena. Our linked development charity runs projects developing people's potential to trade their own way out of poverty in their own countries; and we lobby big business and government for fundamental changes to the way trade works so that it benefits the poor.

We believe this is the 'best of fair trade.'

But we urgently need help to *keep* doing it because despite the growth of total Fairtrade sales, we've seen Traidcraft sales significantly decline. Why? People are buying Fairtrade products from the supermarket and not from Traidcraft or its supporters. This means our original pioneering mission is now under serious threat.

Our plea is simple: We need to improve our sales to be able to keep doing this vital work so please buy ***Traidcraft products through your church stall, to allow us to support the producers all over the world who depend on us.***

Thank you for your ongoing love and support and please keep us, and those we strive to help, in your prayers.

Yours faithfully,

Andy Biggs, Chief Executive



A letter from our local Traidcraft representative

On page 2 of the August edition of Life and Work there is a letter from Ram Gidoomal the Chair of Traidcraft. It is a plea for churches to support Traidcraft as despite the spread of the Fairtrade

mark Traidcraft itself has made a loss for the last 4 years and if churches are not able to help them continue their work, the poorest farmers (who are not able to meet the demands of the large supermarket chains) will lose their route to market and therefore their livelihood.

A request has been made at the meeting of Perth Presbytery on 12 September 2015 that this plea be highlighted in every church in the Presbytery (there is a powerpoint available at **traidcraft.co.uk/churchaction**). As we already have a stall selling Traidcraft goods one of the other ways in which our churches could support Traidcraft would be by buying Traidcraft tea, coffee, sugar and toilet rolls, kitchen towels and washing up liquid. The support we give to Traidcraft will make a real difference to the world's poorest producers and without increased support from churches; Traidcraft's pioneering mission is under serious threat.

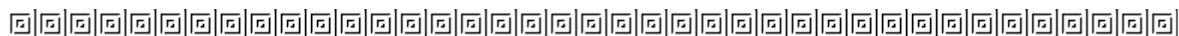
Please consider if your church could increase your support of Traidcraft by buying the tea and coffee to serve at church directly from Traidcraft rather than a supermarket and the other items which are also available – see list below.

Prices from current catalogue (with some reductions on catalogue prices)

Café Direct 500g tub	£15
Decaffeinated Coffee 100g	£4
Catering bag(440) One cup teabags	£10
Box (100) One cup teabags	£2.50
Catering Ground coffee	£13.50
500 Sugar Sticks	£8
Lavender & Aloe Vera Handwash	£3
Lemon Citrus washing Up Liquid	£2
Lemon & Lime Multi-Surface Cleaner	£2
Toilet Roll (4 pack)	£2
Kitchen Roll (2 pack)	£1.50

Thank you

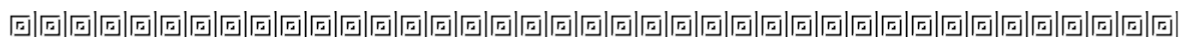
Karena Jarvie



Funeral Services

Janette Allan July 14th

(Alexander) Sandy Garden September 2nd



Safeguarding

I would like to introduce myself as the Safeguarding Officer for our congregation. We have now been informed by the Church of Scotland Safeguarding Department that it is compulsory for all people working with children and adolescents (under age 18), and vulnerable adults (those age 16 and above who have additional care needs) to undergo a Protection of Vulnerable Groups disclosure check. This legislation comes into practice in October this year. I am pleased to let you know that we have a number of people in our congregation who have successfully completed this process and a few more who are still to be finalised.

Your Church needs you!

We need people to keep all the various rotas going: the crèche and Junior Church are always looking for more willing helpers.

People who are already members of the Caring Hearts Group do not have to complete the process however, we would advise that people should do so to keep themselves right. Anybody joining the Caring Hearts Group after October 31st will have to undergo a PVG Disclosure check.

The process is not arduous or painful – a completed form and self - declaration form along with two forms of identity are all that I need. The information that is looked for is of a general nature. The whole process is confidential and nobody from our congregation, including myself and the Minister, keeps any personal information. In fact the Minister doesn't even see the forms! If there is a reason that a person is not cleared through the system we are never told the reason why.

Anyone who would like to help with Junior Church or the Caring Hearts Group, or who thinks that they are already carrying out a post for which a check needs to be done, should contact me, my telephone number is: 01577 840597

From Mrs Evelyn Menzies, Safeguarding Officer.

YOUR CHURCH NEEDS YOU

Church Newsletter Editor

We are looking for an Editor for the church newsletter.

The newsletter is produced 4 times per year and there is a computer in the church office that may be used. Please prayerfully consider if God is calling you to do this very important task in our church life.

If you feel that you have the necessary skills and would like to apply for either of these posts please contact the Minister,
Lis Stenhouse
01577 842128
or the session Clerk
Janet Harper
01577 840225

Flower Group Convenor

Our church Flower Group is responsible for decorating the church with flowers on a Sunday and on other special occasions too.

The Convenor's post involves organising a rota, ensuring that the necessary items are available and liaising with the other members of the group.

Some Dates for Your Diary: September – December 2015

Fri Oct 2nd	9.05 – 11.00am Parent/Carer/ Toddlers 7.30 Film Night ‘ <i>Woman in Gold</i> ’, in the Elizabeth Wilkie Hall
Sun Oct 4th	Harvest Family Service 9.45am followed by refreshments and Traidcraft
Fri Oct 9th	Fossoway Primary School End of Term service 10am
Sun 11th Oct	Morning Worship 9.45am Digging Deeper 6.30pm at Orwell Church
Sun Oct 18th	Morning Worship 9.45am
Sun Oct 26th	Morning Worship 9.45am Joint Choir Concert 7.30pm at Cleish Church
Wed Oct 28th	KYTHE meeting 7.30 – 9.00pm at Orwell Church
Sun Nov 9th	Morning Worship 9.45am followed by refreshments and Traidcraft
Fri Nov 6th	Parents/Carers/ Toddlers 9.05 – 11.00am Film Night 7.30pm in the Elizabeth Wilkie Hall
Sun Nov 8th	Remembrance Service in the Village Hall 9.30am Evening Service ‘Digging Deeper’ 6.30pm in the Elizabeth Wilkie Hall
Tues Nov 10th	Perth Presbytery meeting 7.00pm
Sun Nov 15th	Morning Worship 9.45am
Thurs Nov 19th	Session Meeting 7.00 for 7.30pm
Sun Nov 22nd	Morning Worship 9.45am
Thurs Nov 26th	McThanksgiving supper 7.00pm in the Elizabeth Wilkie Hall
Sun Nov 29th	Sacrament of Holy Communion 9.45am St Andrews Songs of Praise 7.00pm at Cleish Church
Sat Dec 5th	Community Carol Singing and Bazaar 2.00 – 4.00pm
Sun Dec 6th	Morning Worship 9.45am Service of Remembering 2.30pm at Cleish Church
Sat Dec 12th	Perth Presbytery meeting 9.45 – 3.00pm
Sun Dec 13th	Christmas Nativity service 9.45am Fossoway Festive Fun 6.30pm
Fri Dec 18th	Fossoway Primary School End of term service 10am
Sun Dec 20th	Morning Worship 9.45am Christingle Service 5.00pm
Thurs Dec 24th	Watchnight Service : the Choir 11.00 -11.15 Service 11.15 – Midnight
Fri Dec 25th	Christmas Day Family Service 9.45 – 10.30am
Sun Dec 27th	Morning Worship Christmas Readings and Carols 9.45am