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We would love to be able to encourage, support and pray for you in any way that we can.

Sunday Services

If you are able, please come and join us in church or you can continue to watch **online for a livestream** of our Service @ 11am on Sundays through our website **standrewsleckie.co.uk** Previous sermons are also available from our website or **YouTube Channel**. If you (or someone you know) can't access the service online, please try to dial in using your landline phone. Simply dial 01721 444 833 .

Support and Prayer

If you would like support or to have someone to talk with or to pray for you, you can make confidential prayer requests from our website **standrewsleckie.co.uk** or contact us by email at **office@standrewsleckie.co.uk** or telephone 01721 723 121 Tuesday - Thursday 9am to 12noon).

Don't worry about anything, but in all your prayers ask God for what you need, always asking him with a thankful heart. And God's peace, which is far beyond human understanding, will keep your hearts and minds safe in union with Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:6-7)

ZOOM PRAYER MEETINGS :

Monday-Friday: 8.30am-9am (on Thursday we start earlier at 8am to pray for revival) We gather to pray for God to move by His Spirit, bringing His kingdom near and people to know Jesus.

Join Zoom meeting

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/950531397?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/950531397?pwd=SEFwRDVnQzU3aVJqakYwSUhiaW5lZz09)
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Passcode 191243

Wednesday: 9.30am-10am the church will be open for a time of prayer. Please feel free to join us in church for open prayer or to pray silently from your heart

Sunday mornings until further notice 11 am

We now allow larger numbers into the building. A record is kept of those attending for tracking purposes. **It is preferred** that you do this beforehand online using the **booking system** (you just need to enter a name, contact info and how many people in your group) this will keep the number waiting outside to a minimum. You can also just turn up on the day although you will need to scan a QR code or be given a slip of paper for your contact details that can be completed during the service.

Sunday Services will continue to be accessed through the Church website or dialling in using your landline. Contact for all church information is 01721 723121

A MESSAGE FROM THE MANSE

Strength in weakness



I've always loved the moment in that most famous of Bible stories, when Goliath first lays eyes upon David. He is not impressed! The giant Goliath, the mighty champion warrior of the Philistines looks down upon the young, scarcely armed shepherd and exclaims:

"Really? Is this the best you've got?"

(Actually, he says, "Am I dog that you come at me with sticks?", 1 Samuel 17:43, but that's the spirit of his jibe)

We can often be tempted to listen and believe the taunts of the enemy and become discouraged by the apparent lack of strength or resources in ourselves and in the church.

David is undeterred by the mocking discouragement of the giant and responds:

"You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the Lord Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied." (1 Samuel 17:45)5

What matters is not the apparent weakness of God's people but the strength of our God.

Our experience of church has changed greatly in the last couple of years. Although many who feel unable to be present on a Sunday are still tuning in online and are worshipping with us, what we often see on a Sunday morning is a much emptier church than what we were used to. That can make our hearts sink. And we do have real challenges with resources, as people feel weary and stretched. At the time of writing, Alasdair our Session Clerk and Marc our Fabric leader have intimated that they will step down imminently and Yvonne has reminded us that we will need a new Treasurer soon.

Yet as we have often sung, the Lord says:

For I'm building a people of power
And I'm making a people of praise

That will move through this land by my Spirit
And will glorify my precious name

Perhaps we hear the taunt of the enemy, "Really? Is this the best you've got?"

Remember David. What matters is not the apparent weakness of God's people but the strength of our God.

And all you who are weary and hard pressed, hear the promise of the Lord:

He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint. (Isaiah 40:29-31)

Malcolm



Updates of leadership positions:

Alasdair Sutherland has shared that he will be stepping down as Session Clerk imminently. We are very thankful to Alasdair for all his service and leadership and to Kathleen Mason who has kindly agreed to give her support in many functions of the Session Clerk until the summer.

Marc Haslam has stepped down from his role as Fabric Leader. We are very thankful to Marc for all the hard work he has done in this role over the last year in a time of transition and to Jim Yuill who has kindly agreed to take on the responsibility on a short term basis to enable us to find a long term solution.

Yvonne Elliot is seeking an understudy as Treasurer to shadow her in her final year of being Treasurer before supporting the new Treasurer in the final year in Yvonne's final couple of years of service in this role.

Please pray for the Lord to lead and guide us to the right people for these key leadership roles within the church.

Finally, Michelle Sterricks has decided to take a year off all Ministry Leadership (Local evangelism and world mission) and Eldership responsibilities.

Easter



GOOD FRIDAY

Friday 15 April
Service at 7pm



Easter
Sunday
Sunday 17 April
Easter Service
at 11am

We have more things planned for
Holy Week so watch this space

Sarah, our Youth Ministry Leader gives us an update on activities



Youth Group

We have nearly finished renovating our youth room at the top of the Bakehall! Many thanks to all the help and guidance provided by Mary, Les and Marion and to everyone who has pitched in! Our room has the feel of a comfy lounge now, with open shelves for the bibles and books, and plenty of room for our tuck shop treats too!

We use this room on Sunday mornings 10.45-12.15 for 7UP and we also use this room at our Youth Club, alternate Friday evenings 7-9pm. If you want to find out more about 7UP and Youth Club- just message Sarah for info.



Magnitude Camp

We are looking at going to **Magnitude** at Lendrick Muir in the Summer, 23-27th July 2022. This camp for 11-18 year olds, will include big meetings each morning and evening, with bible teaching and worship. The afternoons will be packed with activities, seminars, worships and hanging out! There will be sports competitions, campfires, and lots of cafes to relax in!

We will be camping, surrounded by other Christian youth groups, and the young people will have all afternoon to make new friends and have fun together! Book in now to get a cheaper rate. Email Sarah for booking info and see magnitude.org.uk

Ideally, we would love some extra adults to come along to do our cooking for us; this would take the pressure off our youth leaders (who probably won't get much sleep!) Speak to Sarah if you think you might be able to help with this!



Anchors Club

We are aiming to start our new Anchors club in the next few weeks. The group will be 5.45-7pm on Thursdays and it will be for boys and girls in P1 to P3/4.

1st Peebles Anchors, will be based at St Andrews Leckie Church, meeting in the main church space (lots of space!)

The structure of the group will usually be that each child will come into a small group for a simple game or craft activity at the start of the session, to help them settle in, then we will meet together as a bigger group for lots of active games before exploring a topic or skill (Over the weeks, the children will get a good balance of activities, which cover all the different skills and

experiences to earn their badges, which will go onto their uniform- a red anchors jumper!

The Boys Brigade (which Anchors is part of) has Christian values. We will also be inviting the children to come to special services 3-4 times a year at different churches in the

town- e.g., for Easter, Remembrance, Christmas. More information about the programme, badges etc can be found on the website here. <https://boys-brigade.org.uk/join/> Please contact Sarah if your child would like to join us!

JOIN THE ADVENTURE

THE BOYS' BRIGADE & GIRLS' ASSOCIATION
-> the adventure begins here

ANCHORS
FOR BOYS & GIRLS IN P1 - P3
CONTACT SARAH ON 07942 592435

WE MEET AT
ST ANDREW'S LECKIE PARISH
EASTGATE, PEEBLES, EH45 8AD

JOIN TODAY

Grahame Henderson

After almost a half century of service to the Church as a Ruling Elder, Grahame has intimated his retirement from the Kirk Session. Grahame was ordained as an elder by Dr Craig in 1974 at the old St Andrews Church in the Old Town in Peebles. He was instrumental in helping St Andrews Church and the Leckie Memorial Church join together in a union in 1976 to form St Andrews Leckie Church. As well as serving as a Ruling Elder on the Kirk Session at St Andrews Leckie, Grahame has been very active in both Presbytery and the World Mission Committee of the Church of Scotland. During his time as Presbytery Elder Grahame's roles included several stints as Treasurer and in 2007, he was elected Moderator of the Presbytery. His term as Moderator also included visiting Malawi to establish the partnership between Melrose and Peebles Presbytery and Zomba Presbytery. Grahame has also been very active in the World Mission Committee within the central Church including not that long ago a trip to Palestine to witness at first hand, the conflict between the Israelis and the Palestinians in Jerusalem.

We thank him for all his work and wish him well in his retirement.

The Gospel is this: we are more sinful and flawed in ourselves than we ever dared believe, yet at the very same time, we are more loved and accepted in Jesus Christ than we ever dared hope.

Tim Keller

Laura's Children's Ministry

Update on Sunday Club

Last term in Sunday Club, we worked through the start of the Old Testament using videos and activities from our ShareFaith Resources. Approximately every third week we had a creative response session with different types of activities aimed at helping the children to connect, listen and respond to God. These sessions included outdoor nature activities, a light party, puppets and flag making.

In January, we started a new block on the book of Acts, with a focus on the good news of Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. In our very first session, the children played a game where they spelled out 'Jesus Saves'. I asked the children if they knew what Jesus saves us from? Their answers included 'things we are

scared of', 'things that hurt us and make us sad', 'the devil', 'all the bad things we will ever do', and 'dying'. How wonderful that our children know that Jesus saves! We are excited about looking through the book of Acts together! We will continue to have our creative response sessions approximately every 3 – 4 weeks, and this will include special sessions at the start of Lent, and on Mother's Day.

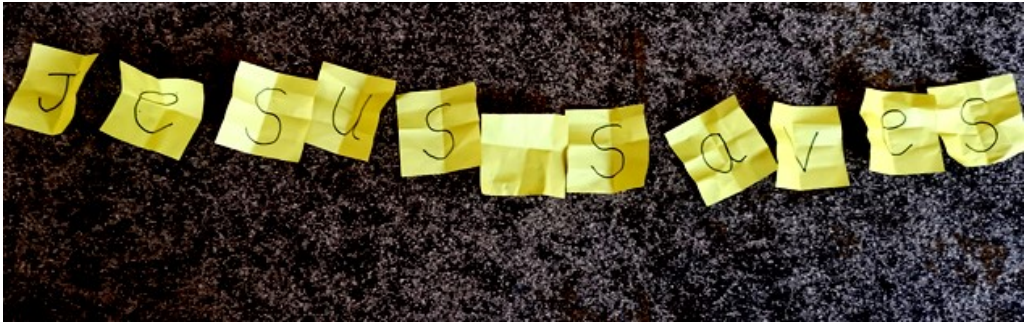
We are delighted to welcome Margaret Semple to our Sunday Club leadership team. Margaret has a lot of experience in children's ministry and is already getting to know the children well.

Here are some photos from the past few months.









**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER
SCOTTISH COMMITTEE**
SCO20446



Friday 4th March 2022
“I Know the Plans I Have for You”

The World Day of Prayer is a global ecumenical movement led by Christian women who welcome you to join in prayer and action for peace and justice. A service is held annually on or near the first Friday in March.

In the midst of the uncertain times we are living in due to COVID-19, the service written by the Christian women of England, Wales & Northern Ireland (EWNI) with the theme “For I know the plans I have for you”, is an invitation to place our trust in God in a time of suffering. It is based on the letter the prophet Jeremiah wrote to exiles in Babylonia, who were in a context of suffering, uncertainty and opposing views on how to respond to the moment.

Today we come together to hear the stories of women who feel excluded, listen to the fear of a child refugee and learn to see the context of a multi-ethnic, multi-cultural, and multi-faith society in England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

World Day of Prayer is for everyone: men, women and young people. Prayer and action link us together around the globe. A warm welcome awaits you at your local service.

Service in the Old Parish Church
FRIDAY 4 MARCH 2022
2pm

Vincent (Vince)

I am sure that you all know well the old saying 'you never miss the water till the well runs dry'.

Without doubt, the meaning behind that saying has been realised of late within St. Andrews Leckie Church following the untimely death on 13th November 2021 of Vince Massie.

For over twenty years Vince had been Church officer here at St. Andrews Leckie Church and through that period had dutifully carried out the

requirements of such post. Not for him however, the accepted role of a Church officer; instead he built up a role in that he had an involvement in practically everything that went on within our Church. This meant that he became a font of knowledge with regard to our Church and regularly helped out with information on past happenings and such like.

I got to know Vince some ten years ago when I stepped in to help cover his absence whilst he had a hip replacement. On his return his assistant at that time, George Blair, decided to step down from his post and Vince asked me to stay on. For anyone that knew him, I am sure they will agree that Vince could be very persuasive, and so began a friendship which I will forever remember. Through that friendship I got to know Vince so well.

Vince was in many ways, a creature of routine and I grew to enjoy and look forward to a Monday and a Friday. We met at 08.30 on each of these days, and you daren't be late. On a Monday we would start by setting up the tables and chairs for lunch and chat then check the fire alarms, the smoke alarms, the fire extinguishers and such like, we would tidy up the Church after the previous day's services and have a general look round the Bakehall and the Church and ensure everything was in order, and tidy. We would have a cup of coffee, put the world to rights and then head home. On a Friday we would programme the heating in the Bakehall and the Church for the coming week's events; we would prepare the Church for Sunday services and again have a check round to ensure everything was in order, and tidy. Then and only then when he was satisfied would we have a cuppa and a chat.



You will note the repeated use of the word 'tidy'. Vince was a stickler for things being tidy and would berate anyone, including our minister, if things were left in an untidy manner. The attention he paid to detail was unbelievable. As Church Officer, he had a need at times to call in tradesmen and his expectation regarding their response was something to behold; just ask John Schaedler. If Vince needed John's services he would contact John, invite him over for a cuppa, bring into the conversation the job needing attention, show him the job - fine you may say. But John knew that he had at the most 24 hours to get the job done or else! How their friendship lasted, is hard to understand!

The thing is, people had a respect for Vince because he, himself, was always available. Nothing was too much bother for him, but if it was, he would tell you but still do it. He was available at any hour of the day. He received many calls from Nancy Forsyth late in the evening to advise that lights had been left on in the Bakehall or Church hall and up he would troop to deal with the problem. He tidied up the seats, tables or whatever after events held in the Church buildings, he swept floors, he washed floors. If there was an event on in the Church he would be on hand to help or deal with anything that cropped up.

Vince had a great affinity for children. Sometimes that would seem not to be the case as he would reprimand them, but usually that was because he saw a danger in what they were doing to themselves. For instance the day he caught several children climbing the trees adjacent to the Church driveway.

Vince was very much a people person and made a point of speaking to anyone new that came to our Church. He visited many of our elderly members of the congregation at times of illness and was available for them as a taxi service should there be a need.

Mind you there were times of disagreement too, but with Vince it was a case of have your say, walk away and reset.

When Malcolm came to take up his ministerial role here at St. Andrews Leckie Church, Vince took him under his wing and taught him the 'ropes' as they say. As Malcolm tells it, there were numerous occasions when Vince would pop up at his elbow to whisper in his ear that he had forgotten to do something. Out of that grew a respect between them which meant so much to both of them.

Vince's role did not confine itself to the Church. He helped out when needed at Dovecote the elderly folks home in Peebles where his presence was much enjoyed.

St Andrews Leckie Church will always remember you Vince, and I take it upon myself to thank you on behalf of our congregation for your many years of service. I am sure that in your memory the cupboard outside of the minister's room will always be referred to as Vince's cupboard.

My abiding memory of Vince will always be of him standing at the front gate of our Church watching the world go by and speaking to people as they passed. I am sure that many within our Church will likewise have such similar memories. I will always regard it as a great privilege to have known Vince, to have worked with him and to have been able to share a friendship with him and I will miss him greatly.

In finishing , I hope you all now see the relevance of my opening to this article, Vince was a one off and we should all be grateful for that.

Thank you Vince and God bless.

Jim Yuill



Although we have shared these photos before, in a previous issue of PSALM, I have such fond memories of when we took Vince out to Cringletie for afternoon tea to mark his retirement

Heather

Babies and Toddlers

@St Andrews Leckie Church

**Tuesdays 10-11.30am
and 1.30-3pm**



Text Sarah 07942 592435

Facebook @ToddlerLeckie to book spaces.

Stewardship and Finance



2021 Accounts

At the time of writing, I am progressing with the 2021 end of year accounts. By the time this PSALM is printed and distributed, I should be able to provide more concrete figures. Although the deadline for the PSALM articles isn't ideal from a Finance point of view, I am able to confirm that the Church continues to maintain a healthy financial position, especially when we acknowledge all the challenges that the pandemic has created.

Our giving has been largely maintained in 2021, even though we have lost a number of members through death or relocation. Many members have been moved to increase their regular giving and we were very encouraged by the number of folk who responded to the National Giving Day initiative, when we received donations of over £7,000. As instructed by the Church of Scotland, this money could be used for specific Ministries and Projects, and it was wonderful to see folk identify projects that are close to their hearts. In addition, these donations are excluded from the calculations which determine our future Ministry and Mission contributions.

Our routine expenditure on utilities and maintenance is lower than previous years as most of our buildings were closed for many months. Our biggest expenditure is on salaries and this has been further increased by the need for additional sanitising cleans between the various groups hiring our halls since they have re-opened. The cost of these additional cleans was discussed with the user groups and all have agreed to meet the additional cost. I hope most of you will have had the opportunity to try our new chairs in the Sanctuary, the purchase of which was approved by the Kirk Session in the summer. This expenditure came from the Vision Fund, topped up by National Giving Day donations specifically for "chairs."

Free Will Offering envelopes

For many years, we have seen the use of Free Will Offering envelopes decrease significantly. This has been particularly noticeable over the

past two years. We have noticed that the frequency of the envelopes being filled was changing too; many members preferring to hand in envelopes monthly rather than weekly. Sometimes, within the monthly envelope, alongside the money were 4 or 5 empty envelopes. The cost of the pre-printed envelopes is not insignificant and this, together with the patterns of giving illustrated above, led us to the solution we have now put in place. Every member using FWOs has been contacted. Those who wish to continue have been given twelve plain envelopes, labelled with their FWO number, for use on a monthly basis. Apart from the savings in pre-printed envelopes, this will reduce the administrative time in opening and counting the contents and will reduce any risk that comes when money is being counted in the office. Can I thank everyone who has agreed to support these changes?

Resources

While I appreciate that my role is mainly about Stewarding the Church's financial resources, I think it is right and proper for me to share my concern about the shortage of *able* members to help support even the simplest, but essential tasks that must be done to keep our Church going. I'm not only referring to key roles, like Session Clerk, Treasurer, Church Officer or Musical Director, but I mean the numerous folk that are needed throughout the week:

- folk to help with our babies, children and young folk on Sundays but also at other times throughout the week
- tea and coffee makers at church on Sunday mornings and evenings
- folk who could meet and greet folk at the door and ensure that we have the names for track and trace (as long as this is necessary)
- folk to join our team who spray the sanctuary after the services (as long as this is necessary)
- helpers to move our lovely, lightweight chairs into position for use by the next group
- drivers to help those who need a lift, get to church
- garden helpers to weed and maintain our beautiful borders
- folk to put out the bins
- folk to bring in the bins
- a team of folk who would be part of a stand by rota to salt the grounds when it's icy or clear snow as required.
- general grounds maintenance, including litter picking

This list is by no means all the help that is needed but if we could cover these tasks, we'd relieve the pressure from a very small pool of people who are covering all of the above and more. Can I ask you

please to pray about this situation? Ask God to point us in the direction of appropriate members. Better still, pray that God will speak and that we will listen if indeed He is identifying us for any of the above.

The relationship between the needs identified above, and my role as Treasurer come together when I start to consider that we might have to start paying for staff to get these tasks done. I certainly don't believe that this would be a prudent use of our finances and I don't think I'd get approval to spend in this way, but we do need help.

Thank you in anticipation,

Yvonne

A little note on chairs...

Every week, we rearrange the chairs in the church for Toddlers groups and Sunday services. This includes Evening services when we have the extra task of putting out tables too. As you can imagine, this can be time consuming. It would be a great help if you could join our very small band of chair movers! Many hands make light work.



If you are able to help, simply stack a few chairs after the service or come and join us stacking and moving chairs after you have had a coffee.

If you can help by popping in on Friday to set up again for Sunday, that would be even better. Please email Heather or Sarah if you can lend a hand.

Soul Restore Counselling

Janice Pace



How Are We? As a Ministry of St Andrews Leckie Congregation

Here is a health check in of your Counselling Ministry as we approach the Spring.

Heart

The heart of the Ministry is the team of Christ-centred people. We are blessed with three Counsellors (including Head of Counselling), four support volunteers, and Kathleen as Administrator. We are still looking forward to having lunch out for Christmas (in January). Hopefully by the time you read this that will have been able to happen, it's important to meet as a team. We also said goodbye and gave thanks to Isobel, who has been a dedicated and gifted Counsellor with us since day one. She is now in a Management role with The Bridge in Wester Hailes, Edinburgh.



Looking to the future we are amazed at God's working out, with two members of our congregation currently studying for the Diploma in Counselling with Vital Connexions. Do keep Cara and Maggie in your prayers. As the Counselling Team grows and looks for more non-emergency clients, ponder whether you would step out and engage in some counselling; no issue is minor if it is of concern to you and benefit from talking.

Breath

The clients are the breath of the ministry, and finding the right rhythm and length of work is as individual as they are. We see them come in, maybe anxious but courageous and hopeful, and we see them change and become more aware and more who they are meant to be. Being alongside them in this growth is a privilege.



God comes in to prompt the work, and allow the Counsellor to display the love of Christ through the therapeutic relationship. Whether this is spoken in faith language with the client or unspoken is up to them. Clients say that they feel a warm welcome and a sense of peace and space at Soul Restore.

We pray for the breath of God to infill us, and breathe out His Holy Spirit over the community who come for Counselling at Soul Restore

Brain

This Ministry would not be able to happen without the practicalities, money and time given by the congregation.

In the first year there were 321 client sessions; on average each client had twenty sessions. We do inform them that we are a donation based service, and in the first year the average donation per client session was £14. This contributes towards costs of running the service; however the shortfall is graciously made up by the Restoration Fund of St Andrews Leckie.



SOUL RESTORE

Counselling

Contact us to talk about coming for an initial Appointment.

01721 400616 – open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday

Email: info@soulrestore.co.uk

Website: <https://soulrestore.co.uk>

William (Bill) S Noble: 1943 - 2021

Many in the congregation may have heard of the sudden death in December of Bill Noble, who was a loyal and committed servant of St Andrews Leckie for many years. Bill was talented in so many ways and he was often the “go to” person when someone with a creative gift was required. Bill always did his very best and sought perfection at all times. Phrases such as “good enough” or “it’ll do” were never in Bill’s vocabulary and many of us are well aware of the dedication and time commitment that Bill gave to projects for our church, large or small. Bill can be credited with several examples where his creative ability shone: he crafted the beautiful dedication plaque in the Session Room in acknowledgement of its refurbishment in 1994, using legacies from the Revd Hamish and Mrs Gray and the Revd Hamish and Margaret Alexander; he designed and made the falls for the music stands which were used for many years; his self-taught calligraphy skills were used to update the Books of Remembrance; the annual Christmas tree for many years was tastefully decorated by Bill’s gifted hands; but many would agree that the Nativity backdrop remains his most significant gift to our church.

Bill’s contribution to the Music Group was appreciated nearly every week for almost two decades. Bill taught himself to play the guitar and, like so many of his other hobbies and gifts, he worked hard to become as good as he possibly could be. He loved to pick the notes of a song rather than just play chords and he is often remembered for his beautiful solo pieces when the young folk were going to their groups or when the offering was being collected.

Bill was a very popular man and a good friend to many in our congregation and within our community. He and Maureen left Peebles and moved to Edinburgh to support their older son Christopher’s family when their first grandson, Alex was seriously ill. We send our love and prayers to Maureen, Christopher and Adam, his beloved grandchildren Luke, Leo, Ben, Evie and Ellis and remember of course Alex, who sadly died in 2012.

He is to lay his hand on the head of the burnt offering and it will be accepted on his behalf to make atonement for him
Leviticus 1: 4



Symphonic Praise tickets now available!

The rescheduled Symphonic Praise From last year will be held at the stunning **St Giles' Cathedral** on the Royal Mile in Edinburgh on

Saturday 5 March



Symphonic Praise seeks to return the great hymns to the worship of the Church, and in so doing, teach theological truths through music, deepen our experience of worship and encounter with God.

Tickets for this event may now be purchased via the link below. We recognise that this is a change from previously free admission - reason below for those who'd like to read it (also, important message for any who can't afford it).

Please note! Due to venue capacity constraints, tickets are very limited for this event.

Event: **Symphonic Praise**

Venue: **St Giles' Cathedral, Edinburgh**

Date: **Sat 5 March, 7.30pm**

Admission: **£12.50 (group discounts available)**

Book: at originscotland.org

Please note: Monthly **Ministry Partners** who give £10/month or more are entitled to two free tickets in 2022. Call us on 0131 541 0117 or [email us](mailto:info@originscotland.org) for more information, or book online if you don't wish to redeem it for this event.

We hope you will be able to join us for this wonderful evening of worship.



Peebles and District Christian Aid Committee has begun planning for **Christian Aid Week 15 – 21 May**. We hope to be able to have a wider range of activities this year, although this will depend on the progress of the pandemic. There will be a house-to-house fundraiser starting on **Sunday**, coffee mornings on **Tuesday, Thursday, Friday** and **Saturday**, plus the ever popular plant stall on **Saturday**. There are plans for a sponsored walk on **Saturday 7 May** – more details to follow - also for an independent challenge, such as a walk, run or cycle, which folk can undertake for sponsorship or by making a donation. Last year we raised over £12,000, despite the pandemic, and it would be wonderful if we could match that figure this year. But we need your help! Here are some advance requests for volunteers.

The plant stall on **May 21** may seem a long time away, but we should be planning for it now. I know it has not been the weather for gardening but we can still think about which plants can be divided in the spring, or sowing seeds if we have the

space indoors. We will be relying on home grown cuttings and seedlings, so would like as many as possible to be donated. Please contact John Hutchinson for more information on 720885, 07914 724552 or at jhutchinson0444@btinternet.com.

Last year we covered the whole town with the house- to-house collection and we would hope to do that again this year. Volunteers are needed to distribute the envelopes. It is not a difficult task. We deliver the envelopes but don't need to collect them again as people are asked to drop the filled envelopes at their nearest collection point. This fundraiser brings in over half of our total during the week, so if you could help with this important task, please contact Fiona Lumb on 07872 838764 or at fiona.lumb@icloud.com.

If you feel you could help in any way with these tasks, we would be most grateful, not to mention the gratitude of the needy people our donations go to support. For more information contact Nancy Hutchinson on 720885, 07512 859861 or at nancy.hutchinson@btinternet.com.

John 1: 18

No-one has ever seen God, but God the One and Only,
who is at the Father's side , has made him known

New International Version

**N.B. The next issue (430) will be May – July 2022
The deadline for items will be Friday 22 April**

All items for inclusion should be submitted to the
church office by that date.

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