



**November to
January
2024**

No 442

Sunday Services

If you are able, please come and join us in church.

Our Service starts at **11am** doors open at **10:40am**.

please try to arrive at least five minutes early, as we start on time for the live stream (morning only).

Evening Service

Our evening service starts at **7pm** doors open at **6:40pm**

Alternatively you can watch online through our livestream on our **website: standrewsleckie.co.uk** or dialling in using your landline. Contact for all church information is **01721 723121**

Previous sermons are also available from our website or our YouTube Channel.

If you (or someone you know) are unable to access the service online, please try to dial in using your landline phone.

Simply dial 01721 444 833 .

Zoom Prayer Meetings

Mon/Tues/Wed/Fri: 8.30am-9am

Thursday 8.00am-9am pray for revival

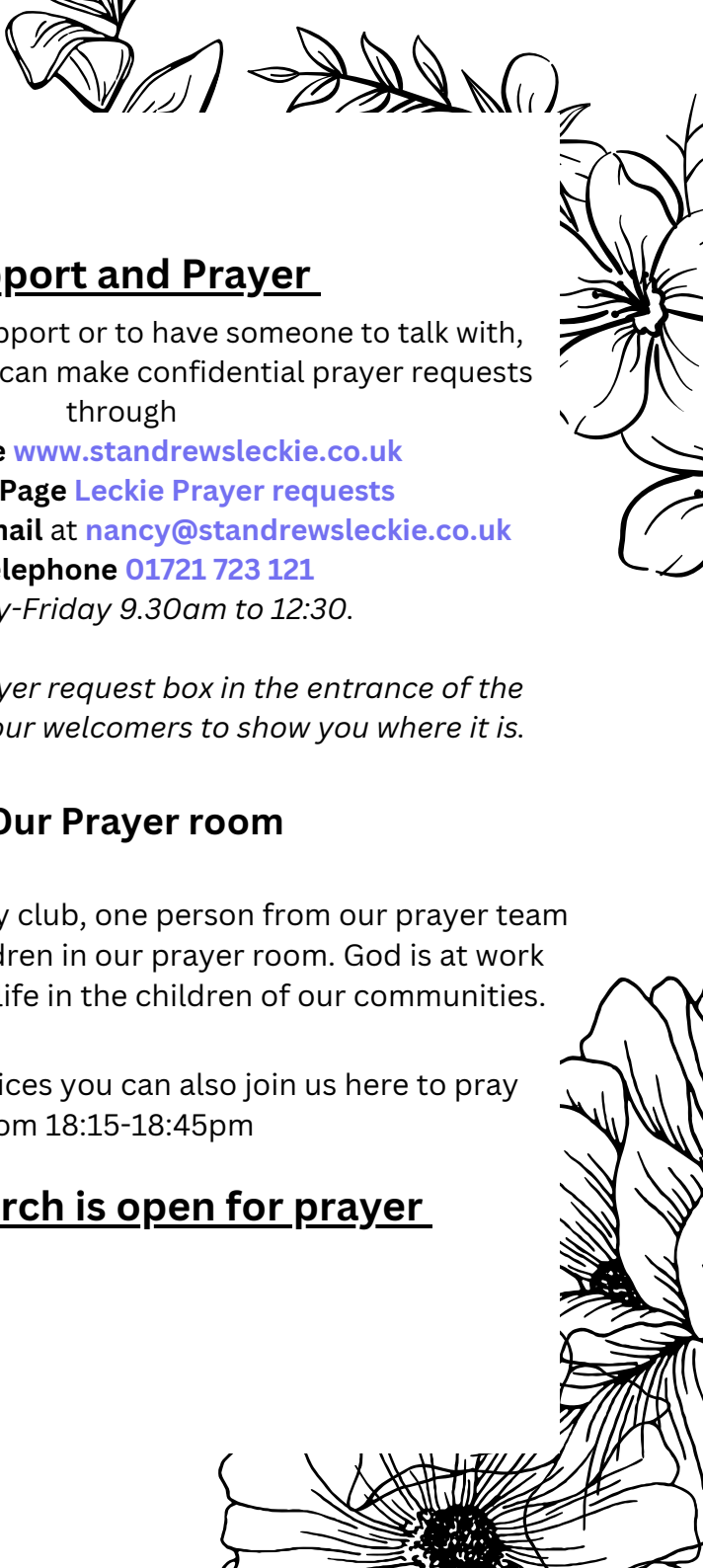
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Join our Zoom meeting

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Support and Prayer

If you would like support or to have someone to talk with, or pray for you, you can make confidential prayer requests through

our website www.standrewsleckie.co.uk

Facebook Page [Leckie Prayer requests](#)

or contact us by **email** at nancy@standrewsleckie.co.uk

or **telephone** **01721 723 121**

Monday-Friday 9.30am to 12:30.

We also have a prayer request box in the entrance of the church, ask one of our welcomers to show you where it is.

Our Prayer room

As part of our Sunday club, one person from our prayer team prays with the children in our prayer room. God is at work building the prayer life in the children of our communities.

On our evening services you can also join us here to pray from 18:15-18:45pm

The church is open for prayer

Did you know ?



We have an online Zoom prayer Meetings

Virtual gatherings like these have become a significant way for communities to stay connected.

Family members and friends who live elsewhere can join the prayer meeting as well

Zoom prayers can offer a sense of togetherness, allowing people to share their faith, offer support, and find solace in collective worship, regardless of physical distance.

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Our vision is for our church to be a round the clock house of prayer.

We invite you to join us in seeking God's presence and power at various times online and in person.

“Philippians 4: 6-7

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. 7 And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”

We are so thankful for God's leading and provision for our October prayer event when many families from our local community joined us on a wonderful Light Walk. Prior to this the church hall was packed with families enjoying making lanterns. The church was open with a huge map of the world projected onto the floor to inspire us to pray for our world and candles to light as we prayed. Jesus is the Light of the World and we want to proclaim this to our community.

When is the church open for prayer?

At the end of each month alternating between Wednesday morning/Friday evening.

Wednesday 9am – 10am intercessory prayer in the prayer room followed by a Prayer Walk at 10am.

Friday 6pm—midnight *(24/7 style creative prayer stations in the sanctuary)*

Wednesday 27th November 2024

No December prayer event

Friday 31st January 2025

Wednesday 26th February 2025

Prayer Ministry

We are encouraged to see people coming forward for prayer after the morning or evening services.

There are trained people who want to pray confidentially with you and bring your needs to our Loving Heavenly Father who says in His word that He can do immeasurably more than we can ask or even imagine.

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

Proverbs 3:5-6

Dont forget

If you have changed your address and/or have new contact details, please let us know, so that we can update our records.

Alternatively, if we have your email address, you can log into church Suite and update it yourself.

We are more than happy to help you with this.



Dates for your Diary

November

- 3rd Slow cooker family meal (after service)
- 10th 10th Remembrance service
(details on next page)
- 29th Ceilidh @ 7pm

December

- 08th Advent Carols @ 7pm
- 22nd Nativity @ 11am
- 24th Christmas eve service @ 6pm (all ages welcome)
- 25th Christmas day service @ 11am (all ages welcome)

January

- 14th Alpha Intro Course
- 21st Alpha Course
- 28th Alpha Course

Remembrance service

9:45am Church Service starts

10:50am Meet at Quadrangle

All children will go to groups at 9:45 (they will not join the service due to it being a shorter service).

No Tea and coffee after service

Prayer requests

Contact nancy@standrewsleckie.co.uk if you would like people to pray for someone or a situation ,or if you wish to receive these prayer emails in order to pray.

There is a box in the entrance to the church for prayer requests.

Requests can also be submitted on the [Leckie Prayer Requests](#) FaceBook page. We have 59 members from our church family on this group already and will pray. You can join this group too if you use FB.

We currently have Georgie Hulks in with us with her lovely dog Broadie working with RVS (on the days they are not having fish and chips or he tries to join in. Is this something you would be interested in?



Do you have an interest in pastoral care; a lovely, gentle dog; and a little free time?

If so, please consider volunteering for Pet and Companion (PEACE). PEACE is a charity that provides canine therapy along with pastoral care for people requiring support and companionship.

Interested? Please get in touch, we'd love to hear from you!
www.petandcompanion.com

Pet and Companion (PEACE) is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO). Charity registration number: SC046851.

Community Café

Our Community Cafe has enjoyed a great year with regulars and new faces coming along and enjoying the welcome and the delicious food. As we take our break over the summer we wish to thank all our volunteers who set up, make food, serve, chat and cook for us. The feedback we get from people shows that our cafe really does make a difference to peoples' lives.

We provide soup, toasties and home baking. Recently we tried having less soup and serving filled rolls instead.

We are REALLY in need of more staff.

There are only three of us who at the moment take the role of kitchen lead. This is not overly onerous. We desire someone in this role to have a basic food hygiene certificate and a PVG for adults and children. PLEASE consider prayerfully if this is something that you might support us in.

We only have three other people who are our kitchen helpers. The kitchen leaders also take this role. As you can see a lot falls on the shoulders of the three kitchen leaders at the moment.

PLEASE consider prayerfully if you might be able to be a kitchen helper.

Other roles in our cafe are; Server and Food Maker. We are always looking for more people to volunteer for these roles too.

We're a very supportive team who enjoy our time together.

We'd love to welcome you to our team. Please speak to Maggie Henderson Nancy Thomson or Susan Hotchkiss to find out more. maggie@standrewsleckie.co.uk.

The cafe restarted on Wednesday 4th September. We look forward to welcoming you there. Please consider bringing along someone who would benefit from this outreach into our community.

Cafe for the community



A warm place to have something to eat and drink
Homemade food,snacks a lovely hot drink and good company.

Wednesdays 3:30-5:30pm

Come and join us, All ages welcome.
Free cafe



Pastoral Visiting Update

Thanks very much to everyone who has provided information re Pastoral Visiting.

Currently I am aware of 8 people in the congregation who have PVG status to undertake visits and who are visiting under the auspices of St Andrews Leckie. I'm sure there are more Pastoral Visitors out there whose details I don't yet have, so don't be shy, tell me who you are.

Anyone who is not currently in this role but would like to become a Pastoral Visitor, please let me know and we can get the ball rolling.

If you would like to have someone from the church visit you, please let me know and I will contact you to arrange a Pastoral Visitor for you.

I would like to organise a meeting in November for anyone who is currently involved in Pastoral Visiting, date to follow.

I would also like to express my thanks to Kathleen Mason who has been an invaluable support in enabling me to draw together all the information required to get to where we are.

Mary Ritchie

As you may all know Mary Ritchie has taken over organising pastoral care visiting. If you feel like you or someone you know would like to be visited by a church member please let her know.

Thank you to our team who visit, write letters, deliver shopping/food and check in on people.

We have also recently expanded our team with two new visitors. If you'd like to volunteer as a visitor Mary can let you know what's involved and get you started.

We've also got a new form which you can see in the Psalm magazine or pick one up in church. It lists all the pastoral care activities such as visiting, bereavement support, gardening, and our two cafes. If you'd like more information on any of these or to volunteer fill in the form and give it to Jacqueline in the office.

Please let us know if you are struggling in any way so that we can try and help. We have in the past delivered shopping, bought gifts and given lifts.

Our new initiative is to have a table at church with presents, wrapping paper and cards that anyone can use to bless our church members and community. If you have any ideas of presents, would like to donate something or especially if you can crochet or knit some baby items please let us know.

Maggie Henderson

**We had a big birthday celebration in October
for Wilma Barrett
Mary Ritchie wrote this lovely poem for her.**

An Ode to Wilma

A poem for a special lady on the auspicious occasion of her 80 th
birthday.

Wilma, means “strong-willed warrior” or “resolute protector”
So aptly named, no other better reflects her
Compassion, her care, her love and her touch
Faithful and steadfast, we love her so much.

With a sense of humour and cheery smile
She’s always there for that extra mile
To lend a shoulder or maybe an ear
She’ll share your burden and dry your tear.

A woman of faith, a child of God
A part of the Leckie Sunday squad
Where each week she is found in the creche or prayer room
Sharing God’s love and dispersing all gloom

May God bless you richly on your special day
May you know His blessings and love all the way
Not just today but for each day hereafter
Keep smiling, keep singing and sharing your laughter.

Mary
Ritchie
05/10/24



Come and join a lovely group of friends and have a tea or coffee and some biccies, you may be lucky and get some homemade cake.

**In he church hall ,first Tuesday of
every month 2-3:30pm
Everyone is
welcome**

Sunday Club update from October 2024

With our Sunday Club children, we recently led a few sessions about our identity in Jesus. We thought especially about our royal identity as children of God and co-heirs with Christ. The children learned that, when we accept Jesus as Lord and Saviour, we are spiritually born into the royal family of God. We are royal children with royal blood! Kings and Queens, Princes and Princesses in His Kingdom!

“But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession” 1Peter 2:9

In our prayer time, we took turns to sit on a throne with a crown upon our heads and pray about this royal identity and what it means for us. We also made our own crowns to take home.





When thinking about our identity in Christ, we also had a try at prophesying over one another. The children learned the ABCD of prophecy – that it should **A**lways **B**uild-up **C**heer-up and **D**raw closer to Jesus. The children were encouraged to listen for the Lord and speak words to each other. This is something we plan to do on a regular basis to help the children learn how to discern the sweet voice of our Lord.

In recent weeks, we have started a new series called Encounters with Jesus,

With John the Baptist, we saw how he willingly paved the way for the Lord, baptised Jesus and said “He must become greater, I must become less.” We thought about how it must have felt for John, when the Lord asked him to baptise Him! And of how the heavens opened and God proclaimed “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.” And how God speaks the same over each of us. In order to help the children learn the story, we went down by the river, where we met with our own John the Baptist!

For Satan, we thought about Jesus's time in the wilderness and how he was tempted by the devil. We realised that Satan probably was the only being who had an encounter with Jesus and didn't come away different. We helped the children to see that the Devil is real, he is an actual personality, and he has sway over the world. It is important to equip our children to recognise his presence and stand against it in their own lives. In the wilderness story, we learned how Jesus stood up to satanic pressure and how we too can have authority over the Devil and that his wiles, his snares, his accusations, do not have to make any difference to our lives at all! Resist the Devil and he will flee!

With the story of Nicodemus, we learned how Nicodemus, a Pharisee and teacher of the law, had his whole understanding of salvation changed forever by his night-time visit to meet with Jesus. We thought about what it means to be 'born-again' and have a personal relationship with God.

Here are some photos of our last few sessions:





Our pictures of Nicodemus meeting Jesus



Time praying in the quiet of the prayer space.

We are looking forward to the remainder of this series, and also looking ahead with anticipation to the Christmas period – don't miss our **family Nativity service on 22nd December!**

We are always looking for adults who might feel called to lead our children in Sunday Club. We have some leaders who support the main activities, and others who stay in the prayer space to lead the children's prayer time. If you feel like you might like to support this important ministry, then please speak to me (Laura) at any time.

Laura Cassidy

“The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.” (John 1:5)

Autumn is upon us and winter is on its way. The warmth of late September that we were treated to a few weeks ago feels a long way off now. The hours of sunlight are decreasing and yet there are moments of dazzling sunshine that can pierce the sometimes dark and dreich days. On a recent walk with Hamish, I left the house on what felt like a dreary day but within ten minutes the weather had changed. I stood for a few moments, surrounded by trees catching fire in warm sunlight that dispersed the gloom of the morning.

In these in-between days, we are following the short book of Ruth on Sunday mornings. It is an ancient and beautiful story that begins in the season of harvest and ends with the embryonic

beginning of the Christmas story and the coming of the Light of the World. It is a very human tale that opens on a dark and gloomy day, where there is yet a single but powerful ray of light. The light appears in the kind and unexpected love of a young woman shown to an elderly relative. The story asks the question if there can be hope for one who has suffered great sorrow and loss and then goes on to paint beautiful pictures of redemption and restoration. The central characters, who include Ruth and a farmer of great integrity, can encourage us to see the lasting significance of our own actions towards others that may go largely unseen. They can inspire each of us to take our part in God’s big story of rescue and restoration through living lives that are filled with kindness, loyalty and faith.

I hope that you will read along with us and I pray that in this season, you will know the light of God’s face to shine upon you in Jesus Christ his Son.

Malcolm Jefferson

A decorative border with intricate floral and scrollwork patterns, framing the central text.

Communion

Holy Communion Dates

Sunday January 26th

Sunday May 25th

Sunday October 26th

Retiring collection to be confirmed

Exciting news

Heather and Gordon Collin are delighted to share with the church family that Wren Trudy May Collin, their granddaughter was born at 9.28am on Tuesday the 24th of October weighing 8lbs 15oz.

Harvest Festival

Thank you to everyone who came to our harvest festival and to who contributed and donated. we made an amazing £324.27 for Tearfund.

Thankyou to Nancy Forsyth for the beautiful flower arrangement and to Sarah Brown for organising.



We also managed to collect a few crates of food for the Peebles Foodbank, who do a wonderful job supporting many families across the borders.

Lest We Forget...

‘Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends’ (John 15:13 ESV) Inspired by images of poppy displays across the nation, a group of ladies here in St Andrews Leckie decided to embark on such a venture. Since January, twenty-five ladies have been knitting poppies at home, with a few completing over 100!

However, as one member said when she gave me the poppies she had made, ‘I haven’t done many, and they are not perfect, but they have all been knitted with love.’

That comment perfectly expresses the sentiment behind our tribute.

Each individual poppy is unique and important having its own special place contributing to the display as a whole.

Over 1,200 people from the Borders were killed in the two great world wars of the 20 th Century, with sadly more lives lost in conflicts since. They are each represented in our display of 1,500 poppies in grateful thanks for their sacrifice for family, friends and country.

Morag Milloy



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