

By the Way Together

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St Augustine's Scottish Episcopal Church, Dumbarton
and
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THE BROONS – SPOT THE DIFFERENCE!

In this issue: Photos galore: Of the Community Fair, The Royal Tattoo, Gambia, Hungary. Read about news of Kenny, looking back at a year for Food For Thought, a new report from the URC... and all the regulars!

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Wedding Reception Invitation



**Catriona Gordon and Ryan
Cameron**

*would like to invite the congregation of
St. Augustine's Church
to the evening reception of their
marriage at*

*Salerno Suite, Ingliston Country Club,
Bishopton, PA7 5PA
0854 301 1010 ingliston.com*

on Monday 26th September 2016

From 8pm until 1am

*Everyone is welcome to come along and
dance to Drums Ceilidh Band and DJ!*

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House rules: No smoking Be respectful

Rent includes all bills, use of kitchen and white goods

£250 per calendar month

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Dumbarton Gambia Education Association

Annual General Meeting

will be held on Tuesday, 13th
September, 5pm
St Augustine's Community Hall

HARVEST FESTIVAL

ST AUGUSTINE'S

AND ST MUNGO'S

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9TH

Bring along donations for the
Foodbank with thanksgiving that
we, ourselves, have enough to eat
for today

'A Taste of Hungary'

19th November 2 -4pm

St Augustine's Church

Light entertainment, sharing of experiences

Short film show, Food,

£5 entry

We hope you can join us - tickets will be made available from
the Office. (All proceeds will be given to the Friends of St
Augustine's)

Bishop Gregor is pleased to announce
that he has made Revd Robin Paisley
and Revd John Riches as Honorary
Canons.

Congratulations also go to Revd
Sandy Montgomery who is to be
made Canon and will be installed in
St Mary's Cathedral on Sunday
November 20th, the Feast of Christ
the King, during Choral Evensong
starting at 6.30pm.

**Always pray to have the eyes to see the best in people, a heart that
forgives the worst, a mind that forgets the bad and a soul that never
loses faith in God.**

Excerpt from "Chicken Soup for the Soul" by Dan Millman

Soon after her brother was born, little Sachi began to ask her
parents to leave her alone with the new baby. They worried that
like 4 year olds, she might feel jealous and want to hit or shake
him, so they said no. But she showed no signs of jealousy. She
treated the baby with kindness and her pleas to be left alone
with him became more urgent. They decided to allow it. Elated,
she went into the baby's room and shut the door, but it opened
a crack – enough for her curious parents to peek in and listen.
They saw little Sachi walk quietly up to her baby brother, put
her face close to his and whispered, "Baby, tell me what God
feels like. I'm starting to forget."



Even by my standards getting up at 4.30 in the morning is a tad early. However in order to catch the early train to London it had to be done and strangely, it added to the

excitement – as I was going to Lambeth Palace, the home of the Archbishop of Canterbury. I had been invited to attend a lecture on Mission and Evangelism and then to attend Evensong in the Chapel. What a privilege.

The journey was uneventful – although it has to be said that London is a VERY long way away! When I arrived I was struck anew by the sheer scale of the numbers of people, all dashing with great purpose along the covered tunnels of the underground like ants in an anthill. Maybe I've been away too long and got too parochial in my outlook!

Crossing Westminster Bridge with the Houses of Parliament behind me and The London Eye in front of me I was greeted by the familiar sound of a piper playing the bagpipes dressed in full Scottish regalia! The tourists were loving it. And it made me feel weirdly at home!

Lambeth Palace is a historical gem built right next to the Thames in the 1200s. It is now sadly surrounded by a typically busy road and stark and



incongruous modern architecture. You enter the Palace through the Morton Tower and

enter a sweeping courtyard at the end of which is the Palace itself with impressive facade. I arrived early (there's a surprise!) but it gave me the opportunity to explore the extensive gardens



which unusually were open for the day. In the gardens there was

an immaculate croquet lawn, a beautiful grey herb garden and a plethora of trees, many of which must have been hundreds of years old.

When the appointed time came I was shown into the Palace to the Guard Room (the ceiling of



which dated to 1490 – how modern!) where I was joined by clergy from all over the country. As we chatted I became wonderfully aware that I was part of a truly “world-wide” church... that we face the same concerns, face in the same direction, have the same desires for our churches and that each in our wee little corner of the Kingdom (divine and secular) were of one mind, joined in the same Spirit. As we listened to the lecture I was encouraged by the stories of mission, the examples of working together and the sense of optimism which pervaded the group.

At 4pm we were directed down luxurious corridors flanked by life-sized portraits of past Primates (as I secretly played ‘Name the Archbishop’!) to the Chapel, the oldest part of the Palace. The ceiling had been



completed destroyed by a bomb in WW2 – and had been re-built and painted in the 80s by a renowned artist (not to my taste, I have to admit, but maybe someone likes it! You can just see the face of Christ above the altar in this photograph. Make up your own mind!). The Evensong service was simple and familiar and at the end of it Archbishop Justin Welby came forward to confer a Doctorate on one of the attendees. And with a final hymn, so my ‘wee day oot’ came to an end. Memorable. Uplifting.

Such a privilege.

With love, Liz

Food For Thought Report for Bishop's MAP Review 26th July

Since we started recording on the 20th Jan 15 we have given out food to 1778 people, 967 adults and 811 children.

We have supported 38 people through addiction, homelessness, severe debt, PTSD and other mental health issues, loneliness and domestic abuse situations.

We currently receive referrals from 38 agencies, both statutory and voluntary as well as housing associations and some concerned individuals. We will and do accept referrals from all.

This year at Christmas we gave 3 gifts each to 228 children who may not otherwise have had a gift from Santa. We also provided filled 'Wellies' from the Guild, chocolates for the whole family and a gift for mum. We again supported our local Woman's Aid and provided clothes, food and gifts to the 10 women and 21 children currently living there and continue to support new families who need emergency aid as they arrive.

Easter saw 250 eggs given away over 2 days.

We facilitated Helping Handbags this year, supporting them to sort the 300 filled handbags and distribute them to local women in need, with Food for Thought directly giving out 100 to the groups and individuals we support including Fast, the recovery house and Alternatives as well as Women's Aid and Children and Families SW teams from both Dumbarton & Alexandria.

Christmas day dinner saw 61 people who would have been alone or who couldn't afford the festivities, coming along for a 4 course meal, entertainment and a gift. All who needed transport were picked up and dropped off.

Without the volunteers who continually support us much of this work would not happen, we thank them wholeheartedly.

As ever we are busy but still very determined to carry on with the work of Our Lord for the benefit of the Community.

News

- Registered as a charity with OSCR on the 16th October SC046053
- Awards for All: Conditional grant award letter received and returned. We received the £10,000 funding on Friday 12th Feb

- Other Funding: We have received £4,000 from Lloyds TSB and £3,000 from YPI with many other applications being unsuccessful
- Including the £15,000 from Bishop Gregor, we have received £26,742.43 in donations from this and other congregations, from local business and organisations.
- Funding applications ongoing: We have applied for £49,900 from the Fairfood Transformation Fund and £9,000 from the Common Good Fund and if successful this will take the project through to 2018. However there is no guarantee that we will get this money and as usual our financial viability is fragile.
- Outreach presentations to local faith organisations include: Lennox Evangelical, West Kirk & Riverside (Ch of Scotland Guild) Churches
- Site visits: This year we have had Gail Robertson SNP, The Indy bus 2, WD Homeless Team leader, Bishop of Woolwich, Martin Docherty MP, John Swinney from Holyrood, Brendan O'Hara MP, Maurice Corry MSP. Our Westminster representatives were very interested in the reasons why many come to us and were very concerned with some of the stories. They took detailed accounts of some and promised to bring them to the attention of Parliament.
- We facilitate the Leap of Faith group, a bi-weekly study group which is a continuation of the pre Confirmation group, many of those who attend have come through the Food For Thought programme.
- We host a drop in lunch every Thursday for the volunteers and everyone we support.
- Currently we are supporting a caseload of individuals in the short, medium and longer term which appears to be very effective.
- We have a great core of volunteers who come to organise us on a daily basis with plans to introduce formal training sessions starting in October.
- At the busy times like Christmas volunteers materialise out of thin air to pick up and drop off the folk attending Christmas lunch, and we have many a waiter/waitress and this year a chef.
- Donations continue to come in on a daily and weekly basis but as always we use most of that as quickly as we get it.

We are confident that Food for Thought will continue and look forward to the challenges to come.

Where 1778 people would have been without help and support is unimaginable.

Our sincere thanks to our supporters for believing that this service was worth fighting for, for getting us the grant that ensured that the work we do for the community has continued and will continue into 2017.

Caroline Marsland



The United Reformed Church

From Dumbarton United Reformed Church

It is good to have the opportunity of contributing to the excellent St Aug's magazine and to keep our Episcopal friends informed of our activities. We in the URC do not simply see ourselves as just hiring a room which happens to be in the Episcopal Church. We see ourselves as fellow Christians who are keenly aware of the welcome we receive and the friendship that we share.

This has been an unsettling time for us with the sad death of our Interim Moderator Rev Zam Walker leading to the subsequent appointment of Rev William Young as Moderator. William is the Minister of both Morrison Memorial, Clydebank and Essenside Drumchapel and this is his first time as Moderator. William admits he is rather uncertain about the duties of a Moderator but very willing to learn!

Normally the Moderator would be expected to guide the church through the Vacancy and towards the calling of a new minister. In our case it is extremely unlikely that we would be able to call a minister so the Moderator's task will be to guide us towards some sort of arrangement with another URC church within what is now called the 'Cluster of Churches' [More about clusters in a subsequent article!]

Our nearest neighbour, Helensburgh Church, is currently vacant, and is producing a Church Profile which is a necessary step in the process of filling the vacancy.

At our recent Elder's meeting it was agreed that we should contact Helensburgh Church with a view to arranging a meeting between the Office-bearers of the two churches as this could be helpful in indicating the way ahead.

A planning application has been made by the purchaser of our former Church building for *'The conversion of former church into 8 dwellings with associated alterations and parking.'*

John Clark



GARDENING AT ST MUNGO'S WITH THE CARBON SPROUTS PROJECT

- ✓ Delivered 10 Sow and grow sessions over the last 12 weeks
- ✓ Girl guides, volunteers and participants harvested strawberries, herbs, spinach, spuds
- ✓ Tallest Sunflowers in the Vale of Leven
- ✓ Tidied cellar area and weeded paths/borders



The leamy
foundation

Immediate plans:

Lots of harvesting to do over the next 6 weeks including potatoes, courgettes, kale, cabbages and a massive turnip!

Plant seeds

Preparation of beds for soil top up.

***As always all are welcome to join us
from 1pm on a Friday at St. Mungo's
church, Alexandria.***





From Kenny

Well, we don't do things by halves in Dumbarton and The Vale, and after trying an amazing back flip off my desk, worthy of an Olympian, I eventually ended up in the RAH for a fortnight after major surgery! Not fun! One day I will write all about the experience and the emotional turmoil of Intensive Care and thinking I was going to die, but not today!

Today is about joy and gratitude that I am home and healing, slowly, too slowly for me, but getting better nonetheless. I wouldn't have made it through without your love and prayers and support. To all of you who sent cards, messages, have visited and cheered me, to those who simply prayed and knew I was safe in the Lord's hands I give my humble thanks and say, "bless you!"

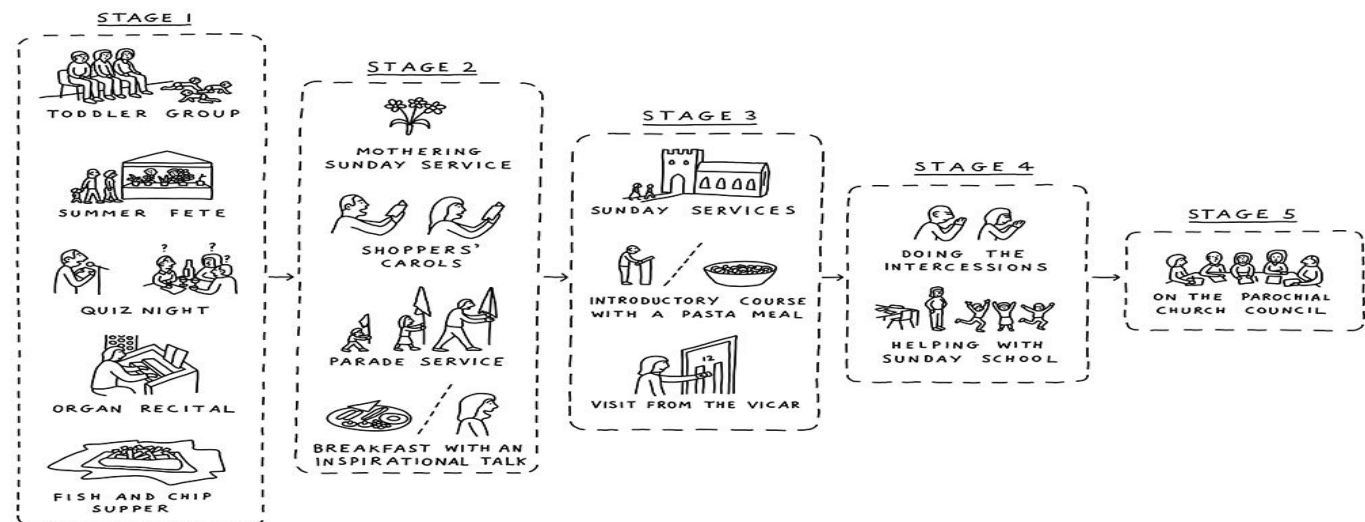
Maybe another four weeks or so, I will be back among you causing mayhem, but until then keep up the praying. I have a bit to go yet.

With **my** love and prayers,

Kenny

OUTREACH

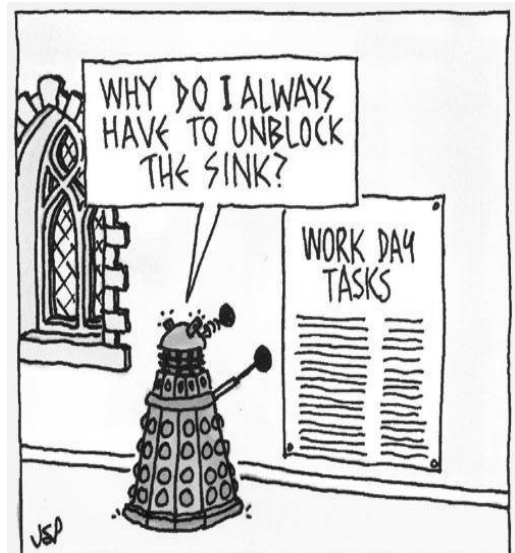
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"Blog unto others as you would have them blog unto you.
Spam not, lest ye be spammed! Though I surf through the
valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no virus..."





DUMBARTON NURSERY SCHOOL LONDON CORNER JULY/AUGUST 2016

Dumbarton Nursery School celebrated its 10th annual graduation and speech giving ceremony on Thursday the 21st July. 27 pupils received certificates and prizes after successfully completing three years of uninterrupted nursery education which has equipped them with the required skills and knowledge to gain entry into the lower basic schools.

The graduation ceremony was colourful and successful - well attended by parents and head mistresses of sister nursery schools within the vicinity



and of course Helen Touray (pictured above) the charity's representative in The Gambia. It was punctuated by songs, rhymes and poems presented by individuals and groups of the various levels in the school; nursery one, two, and three respectively. Sport accolades were also awarded to deserving athletes who took part in our sports day at the Sunrise Education Centre. A total of 27 students were decorated with medals.

Registration for next year is in full flow based on a first come first basis for the most needy children in our community. Application forms have to be filled in and the situation is very difficult as demand far outstrips the spaces available.

The school closes for its annual summer holidays and resumes term on the 26th September 2016.

In conclusion, on behalf of the pupils, staff, parents and, on my own humble behalf, I would like to thank all those who contribute in cash or in kind to keep the school moving on and fulfilling its roles and responsibilities. I wish to say a big thank you to you all. Without your generous contributions I wonder if those currently attending Dumbarton nursery school would ever have the opportunity to receive three years of holistic nursery education at zero cost to the parents. Your contributions are directly making a huge



difference to children attending the nursery which the parents appreciate and see for themselves. As the saying goes 'a job well done is better than a job well said'.

I look forward to another year of even better cooperation, understanding and determination, and rest assured that we will continue to develop the already conducive environment to meet the needs of these poor, needy and innocent children of London corner and its immediate environment.

Until then I wish you all a blessed and prosperous summer holidays.

Sulayman Saidy
Headmaster



MAW BROON'S 80TH BIRTHDAY COMMUNITY BASH GREAT SUCCESS! £726.63 RAISED!





SOUL SISTERS visit HUNGARY



A group of eight participants connected to St Aug's set off on a mission to Hungary this summer. This whole huge adventure had materialised as a spin off from a retreat held two years ago with Revd Henriette Cairns in Edinburgh.

Henriette was a member of St Aug's for a three year period prior to her return to her home country of Hungary. Henriette along with her husband Peter built many positive relationships throughout their time here in Dumbarton and both Henriette and Peter promised an open door to the community of St Augustine's once they were settled in their new parish in Szarvas, Hungary.

The group took them up on this offer and spent three nights in Budapest followed by four nights in the country. They met and connected with women from Henriette's parish and shared a little bit of their active life in the community. The retreat gave them time out from their busy daily schedules, take stock of their work in the community and connect to new friends and create time for some 'pure peace'.

The Group will be hosting 'A Taste of Hungary' event on the 19th of November 2 – 4pm in the church offering a little bit of light entertainment, food, a share of their experiences and to give a short film show. We hope you can join us – tickets, £5 each, will be made available from the Office. (All proceeds will be given to the Friends of St Augustine's)

WHAT A DIFFERENCE A DAY MAKES!



It was Carol's idea. And it was a really good idea: To hold a short (and we mean short – only 27 hours!) retreat away from the hustle and bustle of 'normal' life and deliberately take time to enjoy being together, to eat together and have the time to share and discuss things together. And what a wonderful gift it was to be - for all of us. Here are some of the comments written when it was all over and we reflected on our time 'out':

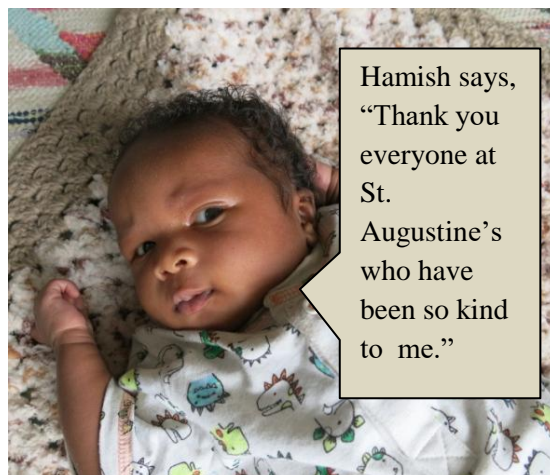
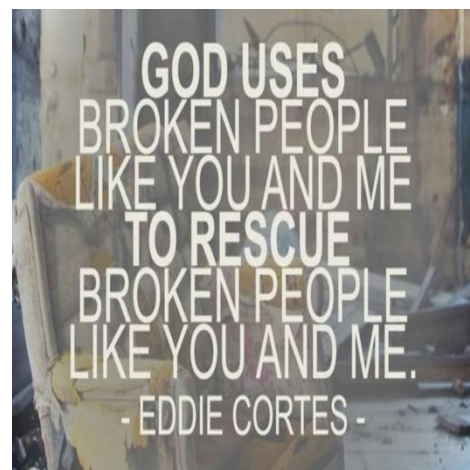
"Peaceful and tranquil. A time of calmness, reflection and growing self awareness. Time to gather your thoughts."

'It was enjoyable, interesting and companionable'.

"It made me think about the elements of the Eucharist and prayer in more depth."

'I was challenged by certain aspects of our weekend – but in a safe and nurturing way.'

"There was an awful lot of laughter!!"



Hamish says,
"Thank you everyone at St. Augustine's who have been so kind to me."

Glad to see the future of the Church is well assured!
Doesn't Caris look quite the thing?!!



Food for Thought would like to thank the Navy for their kind donation of hygiene products. Jamie O'Neill (pictured here) brought 5 boxes of toothpaste, soap, shampoos etc gathered unused from boats which had been out on manoeuvres and would otherwise have been thrown out. All products will be very welcome gifts to those who have so little.



'Wait Till I Tell You.....'

Janette looks back on a summer of incessant breaking news stories and some notable events at St. Aug's while looking forward to the 'season of mists and mellow fruitfulness'.

WHAT A SUPER SPECTACULAR SENSATIONAL SUMMER!

No, it had nothing to do with the weather which like the curate's egg, was only good in parts! It was the excitement of switching on the news channels for reports so unbelievable that the 'silly season' of 2016 had to be deemed a non-event. This aptly named season in July and August, when parliament is in recess usually results in stories of hardly any importance being dragged out to fill the columns and bulletins. This year scoops were everywhere and political discussion on the Westcliff bus was an everyday occurrence. Think back to when the last issue of 'By The Way Together' was thrust into our eager hands. Our royal bingo crowns had just been relegated to the glory hole and we were beginning to enthuse about Wimbledon when suddenly we began to be just a soupcon bemused at the antics of our political elite whose instigations, accusations and resignations did not bode well for a stress free summer. After all, Brexit means Brexit! Down at St. Aug's the 'silly season' is when we move the Saturday coffee mornings from the hall to the back of the Church in the hope that we can lure some unsuspecting High Street tourist in for a free biscuit! This year contacts, from as far afield as Andorra and Hammersmith, joined our group and one lovely family promised to welcome St. Auggie's folk should they ever make it over the Pyrenees!

Local moaning is always a speciality with our coffee and this year we had worries about the Vale (hospital not Church) closing services, WDC changing to more dimly lit street lamps, the appalling sick records of our local council employees, and the new multi-million pound home where we would be spending our twilight years far from the madding crowd. Oh yes, up at Crosslet there are stunning views, it's not far from the cemetery and a stone's throw from where we spent the 'winchin' days of our youth. Bring it on!

August brought the Rio Olympics with wall to wall BBC repeats and our reincarnation as a sporting super state with Team GB's successes. With so many athletes 'medalling' or at least achieving 'a podium' finish one could scarcely keep up! When did medal become a verb and podium an adjective? But we're never happy – complaints came flooding in about excess funding for sport and how much each medal cost. *Help ma boob!* The money came from those couch potatoes who lie around waiting for the lottery results!

RAIN DIDN'T STOP PLAY AT THE TATTOO.

On the glorious twelfth it had been raining all day – even the grouse were wearing their wellies! Heavy rain, leaden clouds and dreich overhanging mist threatened the Friends' long awaited trip to the Edinburgh Tattoo. The golden girls, busy at work in the Friday soup kitchen, procured large heavy duty bin bags in which they planned to envelope themselves. Other fashion statements were woolly bunnets, boots and semmits – this was akin to an Everest expedition!

Our coach driver was called Graham and cheered us up further with reports of hold ups, accidents, excess water, plagues and pestilence on the M8 motorway! But he was a lovely, friendly guy who told us that this would be his first with our favourite coach company to the Tattoo. As always, we assured him that he was with Friends and all would be well despite the efforts of his Sat Nav. The bus parking was at Chambers Street and the Castle was not immediately visible so we warned everyone to remember familiar landmarks on their trek to the Royal Mile as well as providing mobile numbers of exec. members for those likely to get lost. Of course, the inevitable happened but those who went astray were talked back to the flock! The Castle entry area was awash with tourists of all nationalities and orderly queues were being formed which thwarted our efforts to tout a few last minute cancelled tickets. And security was paramount. One eager Hi-Viz wearer spotted my rucksack 'Excuse me, huv you got any booze or drugs in that bag?' My immediate reply was 'Listen, Mister, this is a Church Outing! He looked at me and smiled 'So it's full o' hymn books then?'

Yes, good old Edinburgh managed it all with a smile and a sense of humour. Then suddenly we looked up and realised that the rain had stopped! Twilight was approaching and we climbed into our seats in the esplanade to be greeted by a bright

haggis shaped moon. The scene was set for a magical evening and we were not disappointed. We sat amongst an enthusiastic audience of over 8000 people and enjoyed the awesome experience of music, dance, lighting, fireworks and participation. We all stood up for Auld Lang Syne and joined hands, some with complete strangers. We felt exhilarated and privileged to have been part of the audience – and proud to be Scottish with such a stunning capital city. When the last of our coach party had finally made it back to base after TBag had befriended most of the café owners in the Royal Mile to use the facilities, there was a cheer and we were off – back to the West and to St. Aug's. A great wee night!

FACEBOOKING – EVERYONE'S FAVOURITE TIMEWASTER!

We are all really pleased that Kenny is out of hospital and all those worrying Facebook posts have stopped. As well as trying to change the world, he's now travelling back to his childhood with reminiscences about Andy Pandey and Teddy, even when he has his very own Pokémon family at St. Aug's, whom I understand, and I'm not one to gossip, are not putting much in the collection plate! *But see that Facebook -sometimes wan jist canny get wan's washin' done fur it – it's the biggest time waster on the planet!*

His video of Andy Pandey took me back to the '60s and St. Auggie's old Church Hall that even boasted a stage. We re-enacted a Variety Show called Sooty's Party to which all the TV favourites had invitations and won the Diocesan Youth Festival Banner. The late Jack Watt put the show together and some of today's surviving pensioners played the parts. Maggie was Looby Lou and since Dr. Who was the new sensation, I was delighted to get the part of a Dalek – in a cardboard washing machine box from the co-op. My fellow exterminator was William Boyle – John Hardie's pal. *See kulchur – see St. Auggie's!*

THE BROONS HIT THE HEADLINES AT THE FAIR.

Saturday 3rd September heralded the start of autumn and St. Aug's Community Fair. The pirates of 2015 had to think a little harder about their costumes although they had about a dozen characters from which to select, albeit none of them very glamorous! Margaret Swan opted for the Glebe Street pin up girl, Maggie, while Roberta had to make do with Maw, the family matriarch, since she will soon be the same age!

Cathy Hoatson, complete with moustache and bunnet, emerged from a taxi as Paw and Fran made herself a wonderful beard to be Grandpaw. My purchase of the largest frock in the Charity Shop allowed me to appear as Daphne with the help of a pillow! Christine as one of the weans completed this familiar picture of East Coast family life.

But it was the But and Ben Bistro that was coining in the money. Some of our customers arrived for morning coffee, caught the delicious aroma of lunch and stayed right till afternoon teatime with strawberries and cream. After all they could get another shot at Barbara's muckle prize tombola without getting off their seats! Over in the Church, St. Mungo's alternative tombola was in full swing along with a great variety of merchandise for sale and competitions to enter. We were delighted to raise £726 for our efforts while other participating groups also went home with a profit.

READY, STEADY.....VOTE!

The BBC really pulls out all the stops to get us excited about Strictly Come Dancing. Soon a plethora of celebrities from the world of sport, theatre, music, news and politics will squeeze into sequins and glitter for the coveted award. TBag was very keen to be included but following an ankle injury that resulted in her being wheeled into the Vale, she will settle for spectating – she will be staying in every Saturday night till Christmas.

Meanwhile, over on our rival channel, Simon Cowell and his pals are struggling to find someone with the X-Factor – or even someone who can sing!

Yes, it will soon be time for decisions - but not until I've cast a few more votes for my favourite canine in the Reporter's Pet Idol contest. Kenny thinks I'm suffering, not from OCD, but the lesser known condition of ODD (obsessive dog disorder) and that's *withoot the dug!*

THE REFERENDUM AND THE WEB.

It's not Nicola's fault really. Scottish weans are brought up with the famous legend of Bruce and the spider. Remember the scene when our dejected leader was watching a spider making its web in a lonely cave.

*One effort more, his seventh and last
The hero hailed the sign
And on the wished-for beam hung fast
That slender silken line!*

Aye, try, try, try again – there will be a tartan clad enthusiast at your door soon!

A WEE GLANCE AT THE FUTURE.

Friends are currently brainstorming their programme of events for the coming season. To date they are considering something scary for October and a November Hungarian offering on the 19th at which Anne Dyer and her package holiday / retreat pals will do the organising. This is your opportunity to get your gnashers into some goulash before the festive mince pies appear followed by the traditional Scottish fare that is planned for St. Aug's on the 22nd January. Advance notice is being given to allow intending participants to practice climbing onto chairs and tables in honour of Rabbie Burns. Linda has emphatically stated that the Rector will not be climbing on to anything higher than a Church kneeler!

Janette

SMILE LINES

Visit: A bishop visited a primary school in his full episcopal attire – with his mitre, robes and bishop's crook or crozier. A little lad's mother asked him later what he had thought of the bishop's visit to his school. The little boy replied: 'It was great – now I know what a real crook looks like!'

Church Notices that didn't quite make it...

A talk on drugs will be given at the next Mothers' Union meeting. This will be followed by a Bring and Buy Sale.

A sudden gust of wind took all who were at the ceremony by surprise. Hats were blown off and copies of the vicar's speech and other rubbish were scattered over the site.

The Rector is on holiday this month. Local clergy will be celebrating with us all the Sundays that he is away.

Don't miss the Young Wives' Victorian evening next month. It will be a fun night and some of the women will wear clothes.

Cucumber: A small boy asked his mother for a cucumber to take to Junior Church. A slightly puzzled mother complied. Later she asked what it had been used for. 'Sorry, mum,' he confessed.

'I got it wrong. We were supposed to bring a newcomer.'

Unseen: A small girl greeting her father on his return from a journey by air and learning that he had flown above the clouds, asked if he had seen God. 'Well, no,' said her father, 'you can't see God like that because He doesn't have a body.'

'Oh,' she said, with pity and disappointment, 'only head and legs?'

Golf : 'I play Second World War golf,' one clergyman confessed to another. 'You know – out in 39 and back in 45.'

Not all: Dear Minister: I know that God loves everyone but He has never met my sister. Love Peter (aged 7)

Permission: Extract from an official letter notifying residents of a new boundary road: 'It is hoped to take the new by-pass through the old cemetery, provided we can get permission from the various bodies concerned.'

Egg : What did the egg in the monastery say? 'Out of the frying pan and into the friar.'

Last words: The Seven Last Words of the Church: 'We never did it like that before.'

Where?

The poster read: Where will you be on Judgment Day?

The graffiti below read: Still waiting for the Paisley bus.

Children's understanding of the Bible can have a charm all its own...

A deacon is a mass of inflammable material.

The Pharisees fasted in public but in private they devoured widows' houses.

Today wild beasts are confined to Theological Gardens.

The natives of Macedonia did not believe, so St. Paul got stoned.

A Republican is a sinner mentioned in the Bible.

ROTAS FOR ST MUNGO'S

Sunday 11th September

Reader/Intercessions	Clergy
Sidesperson	Ian Marshall
Music	Phil O'Ryan

Sunday 18th September

Reader/Intercessions	Pat Brooks
Sidesperson	Ian Marshall
Music	Lynne Harvey

Sunday 25th September

Reader/Intercessions	Clergy
Sidesperson	Ian Marshall
Music	Carol Meacham

Sunday 2nd October

Reader/Intercessions	Lewis Kennedy
Sidesperson	Ian Marshall
Music	Lynne Harvey

Sunday 9th October

Reader/Intercessions	Pat Brooks
Sidesperson	Ian Marshall
Music	Carol Meacham

CLEANING

11 th Sept	Finella (plus flowers)
18 th Sept	Iona and Mary
25 th Sept	Margaret
3 rd Oct	Jean (plus flowers)
10 th Oct	Eveline

ROTAS FOR ST AUGUSTINE'S

Sunday Sept 11th

Readers	Maggie W & Margaret Hardie
Intercessions	Linda Macaulay
Chalice	Fran Walker & Janette Barnes
Sidespersons	Linda J & Maggie Wallace
Flowers	Margaret Hardie

Sunday Sept 18th

Readers	Linda Macaulay & David Ansell
Intercessions	Margaret Hardie
Chalice	Sharon R & Maggie Wallace
Sidespersons	Chrissie A & Roberta Mailley
Flowers	Barbara Barnes

Sunday Sept 25th

Readers	Janette Barnes & Fran Walker
Intercessions	Maggie Wallace
Chalice	David Rowatt & Margaret Hardie
Sidespersons	Cathy Hoatson & Margaret Swan
Flowers	Linda Macaulay

Sunday Oct 2nd

Readers	David Ansell & Kirsten Wiggins
Intercessions	Sharon Rowatt
Chalice	Barbara B & Maggie Wallace
Sidespersons	Linda Jenkinson & David Ansell
Flowers	Maggie Wallace

HOW TO MAKE CHURCH BRILLIANT

MAKE THE
PREACHING
DYNAMIC

HAVE
SOME
COMFORTABLE
SEATING

MAKE
ALLOWANCES
FOR THOSE
WHO FIND
THE
SERVICE
TIME
A BIT EARLY

PLACE A
NICE POT
PLANT HERE

ENCOURAGE
THE KIDS TO
PARTICIPATE

SERVE
DRINKS
AND
SNACKS

PLAY SOME
GOOD TUNES,
PERHAPS
OVER SOME
SORT OF
HEADPHONE
SYSTEM

OH YES,
GENERALLY
BE NICE
TO ONE
ANOTHER
AND THAT
SORT OF
THING

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A RIGHT ROYAL EDINBURGH TATTOO!

(Yes, the Auggie 'Friends' were
there, amongst it all!)



Poem by Stuart McWilliam



TOTALLY TATTOED

Tattooed, not a needle on my skin
Entertained by precision and discipline,
Pipe bands, brassbands, marching on parade
Proudly performing on Edinburgh Castle
Esplanade.

Horses prancing, dancers dancing
A colourful display, so enchanting
Tribute song to David Bowie, on the Castle
wall his face,
What about the pipe bands, playing Amazing
Grace.

The motorcycle group what precision
Crisscross routine without a collision
The junior's with motorbikes like toys
Brilliant exhibition, well done, boys!

As the night sky darkened, a thunderous
firework display
Lighting up the castle in splendrous array
A wonderful spectacle such pure delight
Presenting a magnificent sight.

Edinburgh Tattoo you did Scotland proud
Nations joined together entertaining the vast
crowd
Scotland land of kilts and heather
Amazingly we even had the dry weather!!!

