

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

We are going to hold our World Day of Prayer service 'Am I being unfair to you?' on Friday 3rd March at 4pm in our Church. This year the service has been written by Christian women of the Philippines.

Through World Day of Prayer, people are encouraged

To become aware of the whole world and no longer live in isolation

To be enriched by the faith experience of Christians of other countries and cultures

To take up the burdens of other people and pray with and for them

To become aware of their talents and use them in the service of society

Please come along and listen and have a cup of tea afterwards.

Ladies Bible Study

The Ladies Bible Study normally meets on a Monday night once or twice a month at one of their homes and once a year they have a social meal out

For further details, meeting dates and location please contact Annie Tel 01540 661018 or Mary on 810368

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Serving the Community of Aviemore

St. Andrews Church

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The congregation of St. Andrews hope that you will be able to join us in some of the activities held within and around the Church this Spring.

Services	Time	Activity	Location
Sundays	11.15am	Sunday Services	Church
Sunday 26th February	11.15pm	Communion Service during which there will also be a Christening.	Church
Monday 27th February	7.15pm	Ladies Bible Study "Revelation" No 98 & 99	@ Bab's house
Friday 3rd March	4pm	World Day of Prayer Service 'Am I being unfair to you?'	Church
Other	Time	Activity	Location
Sundays	11.15	Sunday School	Hall
First Monday of Month	19.30	Prayer for the Strath	The Chapel, MacDonald's Highland Resort
Tuesdays	19.30-21.30	Tuesday Night Fellowship	Church Hall
Wednesdays	10.00-16.00	Community Cafe	Church Hall
Wednesdays	19.30	Wednesday Bible Study	Eric & Emma's – Park Guest House (across from Church) All Welcome
2nd & 4th Wednesdays	19.30-21.30	Healing Rooms	Church Hall

Please visit our website at <http://standrews-aviemore.org.uk>

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LADIES BIBLE STUDY

The Ladies Bible Study Group has reached Revelation in their studies. This is a challenging book which John wrote, about the message God revealed through the series of seven visions while he was on the island of Patmos. In chapter two and three we have read about the letters to the seven churches, and the 'good and bad' news he brings them. The following is a summary of the letters showing us the qualities our churches should seek and the faults we should avoid!

Church	Reference	Commendation	Rebuke	Action
Ephesus	2: 1-7	Hard work, and perseverance	Forsaken first love	Remember and repent
Smyrna	2: 8-11	Suffered persecution, poverty	None	Don't fear be faithful
Pergamum	2: 12-17	True to faith	Compromise	Repent
Thyatira	2: 18-29	Love, faith, service	Immorality	Repent
Sardis	3: 1-6	Effective	Superficial	Wake up, repent
Philadelphia	3: 7-13	Faithful	None	Hold on
Laodicea	3: 14-22	None	Lukewarm	Be earnest and repent

How do you think Jesus would feel about our Church? What message might he have for us?

Last Year (2016) we raised £1000 for the building of 2 houses in Nepal. This sum included £286 raised via the Sunday School Wellies and £227 raised at the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Services.

CERTAIN OF THE LOVE OF GOD

Early one Sunday morning last summer my husband Edward, who had been ill for several years, passed away. At the time of his death, Edward was at home with me and I was beside him when he took his last breath.

Soon after notifying the necessary people, a doctor came to ask a few questions and certify the death. The doctor also said that she would contact the undertaker. She also asked if I would like to go out later in the morning. Immediately I said that I would like to go to church at St. Andrews and needed to leave home by 10.45.

Edward was taken away a while later and gradually I got ready to head along to the church.

Without a doubt I knew that I would receive a warm welcome from my friends. And of course I did.

What all these delightful people don't realise is that they have the ability to welcome a person whatever the need might be.

I have other friends who were equally supportive (and still are) at this very difficult time.

There is much to do when a loved one dies, especially a close one, so the prayerful and practical support of many lovely people enabled me to cope with all the arrangements and necessary correspondence.

The prayer that St. Paul wrote for the Ephesians (Ch 3 V 14-21) can equally be prayed and applied to a group of God's people in the 21st century.

"For this reason I kneel before the Father, from whom his whole family in heaven and on earth derives its name. I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge – that you may be filled to the measure of all the fulness of God.

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen."

Valerie Cornwall

2016 Church income was £16,910 which was down from £20,492 in 2015. Expenditure was up to £11,266 in 2016 from £10,607 in 2015.



**AFTERNOON
TEA DANCE / CEILIDH**



24 FEBRUARY 2017

2PM - 4PM

GRANTOWN LEGION

Afternoon Tea £2.00

Raffle tickets on sale

ALL WELCOME



**Transport available if booked in
advance Telephone 01479 810004**

The following Tea Dance/Ceilidh will
be held on 1st April at Glen Grove
Lounge, Newtonmore



Volunteers are sought to
help run Messy Church.
If you can help, please
contact Pat or Mark

PASTORAL CARE TEAM

As you know, we, at St Andrews Church have several 'teams' as part of our 'Unitary Board'. The Pastoral Care Team is a small group of ladies (at present) who visit those who are unable to attend Church, who have been ill or bereaved or who would benefit from a short visit to update them on the life of our Church, and have a friendly word.

If you know someone who would like a visit or if you feel led to join this team, please speak to

**Annie Fraser or
Mary Stewart.**

Farewell To A Legend: Michael Paul Toms And Family.

It was a grand night to remember at St Andrews Church Of Scotland Manse Aviemore on Wednesday 11th January 2017 as friends and family and fellowship members gathered to join Jason and his beautiful wife Tam Wheeler to bid Michael Paul Toms and his wife Bron and 4 children final farewell before the 1st leg of their journey back to South Africa. There was a fantastic buffet where everybody took food and refreshments which was enjoyed by all, after there was time for some music and praise before the tearful hugs and goodbyes to the family.

On Sunday 15th January a handful of friends and fellowship members gathered at Kingussie Railway Station to bid Mike and family one last farewell and as the train moved from the platform it was very emotional for us all, we heard late Wednesday evening that all went well and they are now safe at home with family in South Africa. Mike will be very much missed by all who knew him over the six and a half years he was in Aviemore and we wish him and the family all good health.

Walter Pearson

Much More Ministries (MMM)

Men's Religious Bible Study and Movie Nights.

@ Walter's House

3 The Green, Railway Terrace, Aviemore PH221UR

Bible study and prayer every Fortnight on Thursdays from 19.30pm to 21.30pm. All welcome

Religious movie nights every Fortnight on Thursdays from 19.30pm. All welcome

**For further details call Pete Brown: 07938828718 or
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There are older people in your community who are lonely or isolated, seeing nobody but a doctor or nurse now and again. They may have no family or friends nearby and nobody to talk to. They may have disabilities that hamper them getting out easily and they no longer drive.

Time to ourselves or to do nothing is sometimes a luxury that we don't get all that often, but if that's all you have day in day out, it isn't very enjoyable.

So, at Where 2 Today, we aim to break down some of the barriers that stop these people getting out, allowing them to have more social interaction and feel more connected to their community. We want older people to be able to live independently at home as long as possible, but we don't want them to be lonely.

What can you do to help us reduce loneliness in your community?

If you have some free time you could come on board with us as a volunteer Car Scheme driver, befriender, shopping assistant, mini-bus driver, help us at music afternoons or provide one to one support for someone with disabilities such as visual impairment. We have many volunteering opportunities available and are happy to create more to suit your skills or people's need.



Right now we could especially do with strengthening our Car Scheme driver pool in Aviemore. Drivers use their own vehicle or our accessible Citroen Berlingo to offer a door to door service, getting people to healthcare appointments, shopping, social activities, etc.. The commitment is on an as and when you are available and is not a set weekly thing. Full support and any necessary training is given and expenses are fully reimbursed. An induction offers instruction on fares, procedures etc..

We also need some more volunteer telephonists to operate our Car Scheme bookings database. This is usually a commitment of 1 or 2 days each month, 10am-3pm and can be done from our office or from your home, using a given laptop, freeing you up to do things around the house or put your feet up between calls! Full training and support is given and any expenses reimbursed.

If you would like to hear more about volunteering with us or if you or someone you know could benefit from using our services, please call Ros Munro on 01479 810004 or email ros@ct4u.co.uk.

This year Inside Out (Scripture Union) in Aviemore Primary School has been completely different from previous years. Our numbers have been holding up well despite competition from Choir, Rock Challenge and fluctuating lunch times. The greatest change is that an average of six boys have been attending along with the usual number of girls. The boys are interested and contributing much, making suggestions for what we could do from week to week. In the past, activities were slanted more towards girls so the programme has been tweaked to appeal to both boys and girls. It is so encouraging to have these children attending every week and we would value your prayers for their continuing interest.

Thank you.

Anne Courtney