



*Dear friends,*

Christmas comes but once a year... but it seems to get earlier and earlier! The season of Christmas seems to begin in August when Christmas decorations start to fill the shelves, when in fact in the Church calendar the Season of Christmas begins on Christmas Eve and continues until Epiphany on the 6th January. So here's a thought for this Christmas. Rather than breathe a sigh of relief that's it's all over, could the 25th December be the beginning of something – an awakened, renewed or continuing realisation of the great truth behind the tinsel and the Nativity story – that God is with us... and loves us. Enjoy what's left of the run up to Christmas and may true joy be yours this Christmas Season.

Yours *Donald from the Manse*

## **CHRISTMAS POST**

Get your Christmas cards delivered in Dalgety Bay & Hillend for 18p!

Post your cards in the box in the Church's Hall of Fellowship between 28 Nov and 12 Dec. The hall will be open between 9:30am and 12 noon each day except Saturdays.

Cards should be clearly addressed with name, address and post code.

Proceeds will be donated to Frontline Fife.

## **Christmas Fair**

Sat 4th Dec

10 am - 12 noon

## ***Fife Minister to be Moderator***

Rev David Arnott, recently retired from Hope Park Church, St Andrews has been selected as Moderator Designate for 2011/12. Before coming to St Andrews in 1996, David had been minister at Netherlee Church in Glasgow where our own Donald McCorkindale had been probationer assistant in 1991/92. Donald is delighted that a "former bishop" and brother to our own Robin Arnott will be Moderator next year, and is thrilled to have been invited to be one of David's two chaplains. After some administration and organisation beforehand this role focuses on Assembly Week in May and has been described as being the Mod's minder!

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## *Time to Remember*

On the first Sunday in December each year at 3pm there is the Time to Remember service. This is an opportunity to gather together to take time to remember those we have loved and lost. In the midst of the joy and happiness often associated with Christmas time, we acknowledge the pain and the difficult memories which can be heightened at this time of year. All are welcome to share in this simple service. Light refreshments will be served afterwards.

## *Engcongolweni Update*



Work on the church house project in Malawi is progressing.

The church is also working with other groups to raise funds for a piped water supply to the area.

The church harvest appeal for Frontline Fife Homelessness Services raised over £3200. Thanks to all who contributed.

## *Christmas at Dalgety Parish Church*

- Sun 28th Nov. 10 am Morning Worship for Advent Sunday  
6:30 pm Forth Churches Advent Worship
- Sat 4th Dec. 10 am - 12 Christmas Fair
- Sun 5th Dec. 9:30 am and 11am Morning Worship  
3 pm Time to Remember Service  
6:30pm Forth Churches Advent Worship at  
Aberdour St Fillans
- Sun 12th Dec. 9:30 am & 11 am Morning Worship with Communion  
6:30 pm Forth Churches Advent Worship at  
Inverkeithing church
- Sun 19th Dec. 9:30 am Readings and Carols  
11 am Nativity Service  
7 pm Christmas Concert
- Fri 24th Dec. 7 pm Christingle Family Worship  
11 pm Carol Singing in the Church  
11:30 pm Watchnight Service
- Sat 25th Dec 10:30 am Christmas Day Worship
- Sun 26th Dec. 10 am All Age Worship
- Tues 28th Dec 10 am Wee Worship
- Sun 2nd Jan 9:30 am Worship for New Year  
11 am All Age New Year Celebration

## *Adventurous Space*

This year there will be loads of different events around Advent and Christmas helping us all to celebrate the wonder of God's coming among us in Jesus Christ. The church will be open for quiet reflection in the midst of the busy-ness of the run up to Christmas. Each day from Monday 29th Nov the worship area will be set up with opportunities to explore some of what Advent and Christmas can mean to us – things to read, images to ponder, creative activities, contemplative music, and a place simply to be. There will also be times for carol singing, conversation and fellowship, Bible Study and Prayer, fun and games... For full details check out the Church website or the notice boards.