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KEEP COSY & SNUGGLE UP?

Recently I was talking about the themes of Mark 4.35-41 – *'Calming Cushions or Cloudy Chaos?'* – a passage about Jesus sleeping on some cosy **cushions** in a boat; the **chaos** of a wild storm at sea; and someone asking the question as to whether Jesus **cares!**

Looking out at our washing line one week ago I spotted my daughter's old duvet & pillowcase, which reminded me again of those thoughts about cosy cushions that I'd drawn out of that reading. Maybe that's what Jesus had printed on his cushion in Peter's boat? And, despite my teasing folk about the purpose of 'scatter-cushions' recently, cushions can be very **calming** when you snuggle down into them on the sofa, or in a boat! I especially remember when I was little my Mum buying me a small cushion that had lavender in it, which I found very calming. But I don't suppose Jesus suggested that to the fishermen when they were getting all stressed: *"Come on Peter, come for a snuggle on my cushion – Keep cosy, keep calm and snuggle up!"*

The Sea of Galilee (actually it's a really big lake!) is known for its unpredictable weather! The water can go from comfy calm to chaotic crests very quickly, as the wind whips up the water. Jesus' friends are experienced fishermen, having spent plenty of time on this large freshwater lake, so although this will not have been the first time that the disciples have experienced this sudden stormy chaos, this time it was really bad. Their anger with Jesus was about him ignoring their danger in that moment, but also about him taking a snooze on the cosy cushions. But, they didn't cry out, *'Help!'* or *'Do something!'*





Instead, their question is: "Don't you care about us?" This is a cry from the heart, from friends who feel abandoned: 'Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?' Perhaps they knew he could do something that no other man could? So, Jesus rises from his comfy-cosy cushion and calms the chaos of the sea simply by speaking: "Have peace. Be calm." Jesus' asks them (tongue

firmly in cheek, perhaps) – 'Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?' – revealing that despite their commitment to following him, they still only have a rough idea of who he is.

In this story we can hear the disciples shouting over the raging wind and howling rain "Come on Jesus! Don't you care?" Perhaps the biggest question any of us ask of God, or of each other is – 'Do you not care?' Especially over this past year and a half! In the storms of life, God can sometimes seem to be asleep for us (like Jesus on his cushion!), and we can seem to be asleep for each other. How do we find a sense of keeping calm, and how do we know we are being heard by God and others in the midst of these life storms?

Mark's story is about a storm, and trust, and faith. But, more than that, it's a story about calm, comfy-cosy, cushions – and how they (and our friends) help us feel safe in these stormy times.

It is time to get comfy-cosy...!

Tim



Pastoral News as at 20th June 2021

Congratulations to:

Anna Sweeney on her 90th birthday on 31st May

In Hospital:

Malcolm Coggan's younger brother Ben, Daniel Hall (Una & Bill Robertson's grandson) and Sylvia Wright in India

Unwell or recovering at home:

Pam Clark, Katie Gilbert, Ivy Miller, Angela Ndow and Heather & James Rothschild

Dear Lord,

*May your healing touch be with all those we love and care about.
May those people who are anxious for the future feel your loving
arms around them.*

*May they feel strengthened in the knowledge that your abundant
love is enough for everyone who trusts in you.*

May they trust and have hope for the future.

Help us all to find peace and inner, calming thoughts.

In Your name, we pray,

Amen.

An enormous THANK YOU for all the support, prayers, cards and flowers I have received over the last few weeks. It has made such a difference and is really helping me to cope each day. I'm making steady progress and knowing I'm surrounded by your continuing love and concern is very reassuring.

Pam Clark

STEWART BRYSON TELFER

15 November 1945 - 16 May 2021

Stewart was born in Broxburn, the only child of Tom and Ella. After a few years the family moved back to Edinburgh where Stewart went to school at Daniel Stewart's College. He spent the whole of his summer holidays in Arran on a relative's farm where he learned to drive a tractor at a very early age and became adept at milking cows. From school he went to Glasgow University to study agricultural science gaining a BSc. Then on to Aberdeen University to do an MSc and a PhD. It was here he met Sheila in 1969 at a student party and they became engaged in 1971. Stewart took up a lecturing post at the University of Leeds and Sheila followed shortly after. They married in Aberdeen on Easter Monday 1972 and settled into their first house in Yeadon. Two years later the opportunity arose for Stewart to become a warden at Bodington Hall and they moved to look after a house full of 80 male students on a complex housing 650 male students. They had five wonderful years there making many good friends. Jennie was born there in 1975 and Alisdair three years later. In 1979 they moved to Roundhay and started coming to St Andrew's where they have been members for over forty years.

Stewart continued to lecture at the University and pursue his research. This led to the development of a commercial animal health product and in 1996 Stewart took early retirement in order to set up his own company. Sheila joined him as company secretary and for the next 18 years, until their retirement, they worked together mainly from home but also travelling around this country and Europe promoting sales and educating vets and farmers.

Stewart was a keen fan of sport, particularly watching football, golf, cricket, speedway and Formula 1. His enthusiasm and love of football made him the perfect coach for the Cub Pack. He loved playing golf and though declining health meant he could no longer walk round a course, he still enjoyed playing a few holes at Wyke with his friends Richard and Syd right up until a few days before he died.

Stewart served St Andrew's in many ways, often quietly in the background, not least for RoCo. For a number of years Stewart was convenor of the Fabric Group; on the car rota and often tucked away working behind the sound desk on Sundays.

Stewart was a quiet, kind and unassuming man, with a quick wit and well known for his generous hospitality. He was very proud to be Scottish: he loved Scottish delicacies such as haggis, tatties and neeps and of course a wee dram of a fine single malt, or, as friends can testify, a not so small wee dram for them. To those who knew him well, he was a very good and special friend .

Stewart had a very serious accident almost fifteen years ago when he fell from a ladder at roof height onto paving stones which came close to ending his life. Thankfully he survived to see the birth of his beloved grandchildren who were the apple of his eye and with whom he spent many happy hours, playing board games , building Lego and fixing any broken toys that were presented to him. Stewart was very much a family man and was immensely proud of his children and grandchildren. Sheila and Stewart particularly loved the family holidays they spent all together in Cyprus. Travel was a shared love and their trips to Canada and the USA with their dear friends Brian and Jill gave them many very special memories.

Carol Parfitt

with acknowledgement to Sheila

OWEN ARTHUR HARTLEY

21 September 1943 - 1 June 2021

Owen was born in Scunthorpe the only child of Joan and Bob. Inspirational teachers at Brigg Grammar School influenced Owen to go to Oxford. This he did reading Politics, Philosophy and Economics at St Peter's College and went on to do his Doctorate at Nuffield College.

Sheila was at Royal Holloway College. The History Society was having a June Ball organised by her friend Carolyn. Some young men from Oxford were invited to the Ball. Owen was one of those young men. He met Sheila and proposed to her that night and she accepted. Then Owen went off to a computing course in America. In 1968, twelve days after her last exam, Sheila and Owen were married. After a Honeymoon in Oban, they came down to Leeds where Owen was to take up his first teaching post at the University of Leeds to which he devoted his career.

Owen taught in various departments of the University; Politics, History and for a short time Theology. He loved teaching university students and always regarded it as a privilege to be able to do so. Supervising talented PhD students was a special pleasure for him. Owen was held in the greatest esteem by his colleagues and Post Graduate students.

Their first home was a flat in Elmete Hill, then to North Grove Rise before making the move to the other side of the park near to St Andrew's. Helen was born in 1970 and Matthew in 1972. In the summer of 1973 Owen, Sheila and their young children came to St Andrew's and quickly became involved in its activities, becoming church members in October that year. Owen served the church for almost 48 years. He was an elder for many years and was Church Treasurer from 1977 to 1992. After he stepped down as Treasurer he continued to serve on the Finance team and acted as a deputy Treasurer, willingly doing much of the routine work.

From the mid-1980's he helped to lead the Young People's Sunday morning discussion group where he excelled at getting the Christian message across, particularly from a Biblical and historical perspective. He treated the teenagers like adults and with respect and they enjoyed discussing big issues with him. Owen was always anxious to do whatever he could to help young people and their education offering to help with university applications, personal statements or mock interviews for Oxbridge. Many of the young people had cause to be grateful to Owen.

Intellectual Owen was willing to serve in any capacity, as a member of the minister's support group, setting out and clearing up toys for Toddlers, auditing the Scout group or Churches Together accounts and photocopying Sunday morning service sheets. For many years he also served as secretary to Churches Together in Roundhay.

It was a great joy to them when Levi joined Matthew and Carol and they could enjoy having a grandson.

Holidays and the opportunity they provided for relaxation were important to Owen, Sheila and Helen, whether it be a few days at Cober Hill or Whitby or latterly coach trips, often to Scotland. Perhaps the most special for them were the Pilgrimages they made to the Holy Land and Jordan with David Grosch Miller; with the former Synod Moderator, Arnold Harrison, visiting holy sites in Rome and around Umbria and to Oberammergau in Bavaria to see the passion play. Then with David Pickering on two weekend retreats to Lindisfarne and two Hebridean pilgrimages.

Wherever he went or at home reading the paper or one of his seven thousand books, or trekking up Mount Sinai in scorching heat, remarkably Owen was renowned for wearing a shirt and tie. He was a lovely man with many good qualities which he used for the benefit of others. We give thanks for a life well spent and the service and witness he gave to St Andrew's.

Carol Parfitt

25th July 2021 Partnership Anniversary special act of worship



Martinskirche



St Andrew's

Lutherkirche



Join us at the special act of worship at 10.30am on Sunday 25th July to celebrate the 50th anniversary of St Andrew's Roundhay's Partnership with the Lutherkirche in Frankenthal and 30 years of Partnership with the Martinskirche in Bernburg in Germany.

Over the years, many members and friends of St Andrew's have visited Germany to stay with people in the congregations at the Lutherkirche and Martinskirche. Also, we have welcomed many groups of adults and young people from Germany here, to St Andrew's.

Thankfully, Zoom allows the congregations of all three churches to celebrate the anniversary together live, despite the Covid pandemic putting a stop to the Partnership visit which was due to be held here in Roundhay this summer.

The act of worship will take place live at all 3 churches at 10.30am on 25.7.21 but, if you are unable to attend at St Andrew's in person, you can watch live on Zoom. You can join the Zoom meeting at any time from 10am onwards and the joining details are below.

See you there!

The Partnership committee

Topic: St Andrews Partnership Service

Time: Jul 25, 2021 10:00 London

Join Zoom Meeting:

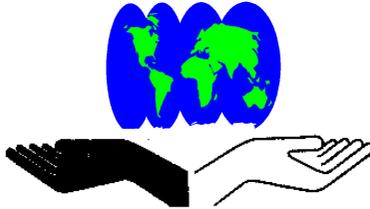
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Prayer for Change

*printed simultaneously in the magazines of
Lidgett Park, St Andrew's and St Edmund's churches*



By Royal decree.

An official proclamation of the highest order of good news for
all

An announcement that will have significant impact on
everyone subject to it

An euangelion was the Greek word for this type of
announcement in the first century AD

This how Mark begins his gospel. This is the good news the
euangelion of Jesus.

In a time when it is may be an unfashionable word in some
quarters what are the implications of denouncing it ?

Dear Lord you are the risen christ who lived and died to
proclaim the gospel to all.

At a time when apathy could be the greatest enemy of the
gospel grant me the wisdom the strength that by your grace
and to Gods glory I may live out every moment of the life in
the gospel. May everyone recognise you in me by what I say
do and think by my sharing the euangelion that can truly
change the lives of all and so the future of your creation
I ask only in your name that all may know your blessings

Amen



Wydan update. Report to elders, January 2021

We have received a night shelter newsletter this month.

The hostel in Holbeck funded by the local authority closed at the end of November, but amazingly Leeds City Council managed to make further funding available to enable LEDAS to establish two houses to accommodate hostel residents. Wydan's support of that cohort of men ceased. Wydan were aware of more asylum seekers needing emergency accommodation and had an opportunity to work with LCC again.

In response to the pandemic, Public Health through LCC awarded Wydan a one off sum of funding to prevent the spread of the virus through this vulnerable group. Wydan are using the funding to provide destitute asylum seekers with initially hotel accommodation and then in suitable houses once properties can be secured. There are currently 5 guests in a family run guest house in LS2. This funding will last until 31st March 2021.

Wydan cannot at present foresee whether or when there may be a need to reactivate a roving night shelter or when it will be safe to do so. 2020 has taught the charity that they can continue to support this vulnerable group of destitute asylum seekers by constantly adapting to the changing circumstances. They continue to rely on volunteer support by currently using a befriending system. Donations are as ever needed and always welcome.

The newsletter is available from Alex or Carol

Front cover photograph taken by Claire Westgarth and used with permission.

WYDAN will take over a new house in mid July in Harehills and It is expected that there would be two guests to start with.

We are looking for volunteers to provide food and limited support to the guests in the house and St Edmund's, St Andrews and Lidgett Park will cover approximately a week a month on a rota basis.

If you could help with shopping, delivering shopping, phone support or donate towards the food and pocket money for the guests (£20 per guest) or would like further information please do get in touch with Jean Livesey from St Edmund's on 0113 2937403 or email jlivesey@ntlworld.com.

We will be arranging an information/training session for the beginning of July.

Prayer Times

Tuesday Evening Prayer Time

7 for 7.15pm via Zoom

Meeting ID: 892 9702 1135

Passcode: 973783

Thursday Morning Prayer Time

10 for 10.30am via Zoom

Meeting ID: 827 1953 9585

Passcode: 426039





YOUR MAGAZINE YOUR WAY

During lockdown I have had lots of positive feedback from readers about the different Lockdown

Diaries and related features. There is no need to this style of magazine to stop once the world goes back to 'normal'.

People are genuinely interested in what our congregation is doing. Have you grown a huge sunflower, won a swimming award, had a special birthday? Have your kids won an award at school or earned a special badge in our uniformed organisations? Do you have a favourite recipe or a useful kitchen tip? These are the types of things I want you to tell me about for future issues. I think we have all missed hearing from our friends young and old. Have you taken a photo that could go on the cover? Please email me (magazine@standrews.cc) with anything you would like to put in.

I really need your input though to make this successful and I would really like to be bombarded with items. It will save me from having to start nagging everyone!

Claire - Editor



Holly (Westgarth) and Mike finally have the keys to their new flat.



I didn't grow these myself (thanks Asda) but they look really cheery from my kitchen window

Gone Days

For two glorious summers,
 I was a child of the Manse;
 Far away, on the Borders
 in wild unspoilt countryside;
 It was all my playground.
 Each day, I roamed wild and free.
 I followed winding lanes
 that led down to the stream;
 Here I could play,
 Dip toes in ice-cold water,
 Lick pure droplets from fingers,
 All so dazzlingly clear.
 I lay on the grassy bank,
 squinting through half-closed eyes
 at the summer sun;
 The stream murmuring dream-like by my side.
 Homeward bound,
 I wandered along unspoilt lanes,
 Hedgerows bright with jewelled flowers;
 The trees above a friendly green-
 dappled covering.
 No adult could disturb this world;
 The magic was mine.

Years passed.
 When I tried to go back,
 nothing was the same.
 I saw with older eyes,
 A dried up stream,
 clipped hedgerows,
 grass and nettles instead of flowers;
 Some houses along a tarmacked road.

I will not go again.

Kath Wolfe



Personal reflections

In recent weeks St Andrew's has lost two long serving and much loved members in Stewart Telfer and Owen Hartley.

Stewart Telfer:

Stewart and I had much in common, being passionate Scots, supporting the same Edinburgh football team (Hibernian), playing golf, and during my time in Biochemistry at Leeds University, Stewart worked in the neighbouring Department of Animal Physiology & Nutrition. Over the years we always enjoyed discussing the fortunes of our national teams, and how Hibs and Leeds United were performing.

Our golfing exploits were lovely days out, and on some days if the golf wasn't great, Stewart would always offer words of encouragement and keep us entertained. As usual the 19th hole was much anticipated over a beer and lunch!

Stewart never sought the limelight but was always there in the background supporting and helping others.

The Thanksgiving Service on 8th June was a fitting tribute to a lovely man, a life sadly cut short, but we all have fond memories of the times shared.

Owen Hartley:

Owen was also a friend of over 40 years and I have many memories of being in his company, often discussing URC history, our different backgrounds (Presbyterian & Congregational), and of course politics. Owen had been a dedicated, respected lecturer at Leeds University for over 40 years and I found this quote from a former student, '*he was challenging, yet entertaining, and a rigorous marker of course essays*', which reflects the high regard in which he was held. He was what many would describe as an '*archetypal*' University Academic, but one with a keen and formidable intellect

When Anne and I joined St Andrew's, we sat close to the Hartley family in church and became good friends, a friendship that lasted after we moved as a family to York. During the years I knew Owen, we both served as Elders of St Andrew's, when he held the role of Church Treasurer, where he demonstrated his attention to detail and commitment to the church he loved.

The Thanksgiving Service on 23rd June epitomised the man, with fine tributes of his family, University, and Christian life, much of which was dedicated to St Andrew's.

Anne and I send our love to both families at this sad time.

Jim Morison

Commitment for Life

We have received a letter expressing grateful thanks to the congregation at St Andrew's for an additional donation of £458.00. This is the Gift Aid from the original donation to the Commitment for Life part of the Christmas Appeal 2020. The letter continues "Your contributions make an enormous and practical difference to our partner communities. Your prayers, activism and generosity are a wonderful demonstration of 'life giving faith, defiant hope and generous love'.



Weekly Services 2021

We are once again meeting for public worship commencing Sunday 18 April at 6pm. Thereafter, we shall meet as normal on Sundays at 10.30am. Our services will continue to be live streamed as below.

We will be streaming our 'live' worship on Sundays at 10.30am via our Facebook Page www.facebook.com/standrewsroundhay

You can also access this via YouTube afterwards <https://bit.ly/2KTiNel>



Worship is at the heart of church life as people gather together to sing, pray, listen to and reflect on the Bible and celebrate the sacraments of Baptism

and Holy Communion. Through worship we may experience drawing near to the heart of God, spiritual refreshment and guidance for life.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this edition of St Andrew's magazine. The deadline for contributions to the September magazine is 20 August please. Articles may be emailed to magazine@standrews.cc

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