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St John's quarterly Finance Report from our Treasurer David Nicoll:

Offerings during March, April and May 2007	£2190.00
Amount paid to Circuit this quarter:	<u>£3759.00</u>
Giving a shortfall of:	£1560.00

This continuing shortfall is being met by inroads into our "rainy day" monies, not yet at crisis point but taking a prudent look at the shortfalls is slightly disturbing.

Major repairs, mostly vandalism, is at present being carried out at the back of the Church. The vestry roof has also had to be partly re-slatted and torn down rones and down pipes replaced.. Severe cracking on organ outside walls is being repaired concurrently.

The estimated cost for all this work, which unfortunately has had to include an anti-vandal screen being erected, will come in at £5000

It is hoped the "vandal repair" work will attract an insurance claim being met.

The Wesley House situation is causing concern as again, unfortunately, the last two tenants have moved on mysteriously.

Discussions are now being held by all concerned into the future policy of the building.

David Nicoll. Treasurer.

If you would like a visit from the minister or know of someone who is ill
Please let us know.

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	Rev. David Firth:	01382 -223059
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We hope you like the news letter and find the information in it useful and informative. Please let us know your views and suggestions. If there are any items of information you would like to see in the news letter or if you have any news, items of interest or a funny story for the news letter please contact:

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The Totum Kirkie News Letter

Welcome friends to your St.
John's Church news letter.

The golden sunshine, vernal air,
Sweet flowers and fruits Thy love declare,
Where harvests ripen, Thou art there,
Who givest all.



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Signs (genuine) seen near Churches:

"Free trip to Heaven. Details inside."

"This is a ch-- ch. What is missing?"

"Sign broken. Message inside this Sunday".

"God so loved the world that he did not send a committee."

"Our arms are the only ones God has to hug his children."

**Julie Andrews turned 69 in October 2006 and to commemorate her birthday s
sang this song to the tune of "My favorite Things" at a concert in Manhatta
Hope you enjoy it as much as the audience did!**

Maalox and nose drops and needles for knitting,
Walkers and handrails and new dental fittings,
Bundles of magazines tied up with string,
These are a few of my favorite things.

Cadillacs and cataracts, and hearing aids and glasses,
Polident and fixodent and false teeth in glasses,
Pacemakers, golf carts and porches with swings,
These are a few of my favorite things.

When the pipes leak,
When the bones creak,
When the knees go bad,
I simply remember my favorite things,
And then I don't feel so bad.

Hot tea and crumpets and corn pads for bunions,
No spicy food or food cooked with onions,
Bathrobes and heating pads and hot meals they bring,
These are a few of my favorite things.

Back pains, confused brains, and no need for sinnin',
Thin bones and fractures and hair that is thinin',
And we won't mention our short shrunken frames,
When we remember our favorite things.

When the joints ache,
When the hips break,
When the eyes grow dim,
Then I remember the great life I've had,
And then I don't feel so bad.

Summer Fayre

The Summer Fayre was held in the church hall on Saturday 2nd June at 10am. and once again it was a great success.

This is entirely due to the hard work of the church members who every year give up their Saturday to come along and prepare the stalls and the kitchen for the event. Without them the Summer and Christmas Fayre's would not happen.

On behalf of St. John's Church I would like to say a big thank you to everyone who helped in any way and also to the members who donated items so generously, please may you continue the good work.

This years Summer Fayre raised £508. Congratulations to everyone.

As yet the Christmas Fayre's date has not been decided as the Church Council meeting is not until 24th September. You will be informed of the date as soon possible and I do hope we can continue to depend on your support as usual.

Thank you once again for your donations towards fresh flowers in the Church. It is lovely to see and smell the fresh flowers on Sunday morning and this would not be possible without your donations.

If you wish to donate flowers on a special date please put your name against that particular date in the calendar which hangs in the vestibule, or let me know and I will be pleased to arrange for flowers to be in the Church on that date.

Thank you once again -- Norma Cargill Tel: 876139



Date for your Diary:

Friday 19th October:

We will be having a Beetle Drive in the Church Hall at 7.15pm.

Please come along and support us and bring as many friends with you as you can.

This is a great nights fun for all the family and the money raised will go towards another great day out next year.

Refreshments will be provided so all we need on the night is your support.

Monday 1st October:

Please come along to a meeting in the vestry at 7.30pm to plan some good entertainment for the church members over the festive period. I need your support in planning this and also in getting members to come along on the evening of the entertainment and supporting the entertainers.

All monies raised from the entertainment evenings will go towards hiring a bus for our outing next year.

Janice Swankie.

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Diary of events during September, October and November 2007

Message from your Ministers.

Dear Friends,

I would like to take the opportunity afforded by the "Totum Kirkie" to express my gratitude to everyone who had a hand in making Sunday 19th August at 3 o'clock in the afternoon such a memorable event in St. John's.

For those of you who were not there, you don't know what you missed!

What a sight it was to see the Church full and even better to hear the massed voices of praise in the words of Charles Wesley.

300 years ago this year, a baby was born whose destiny was to bring to the world hymnody of such a calibre that it has never been matched.

His faith in Jesus Christ so moved Wesley that he was determined to share this wonderful experience with as many people as possible. Even to this day, through the words of his hymns, he is preaching still.

Our Songs of Praise service was thoroughly enjoyable but it was also a challenge to us all. What does our faith mean to us? Are we as moved by what Jesus has accomplished for us as was Charles Wesley? Do we have that same compulsion to go to all people everywhere and share what we know to be true for us so that they too can know Jesus as Saviour?

Perhaps we are missing out on something and as a result, other people are missing out too.

It is obvious that the hymns we sang at our Songs of Praise are popular, but if we share the faith of which they speak, why are we not more enthusiastic about it? So, this year, as we celebrate the birth of Charles Wesley 300 years ago, perhaps we should take a closer look at his hymns and allow them to speak to us in a new and powerful way as he shares his discoveries of the love of God and the saving act of Jesus and all that means for the life of the individual.

Then maybe we can share in the wonder and amazement which was obviously his.

With best wishes,

Rev. Mary Patterson

Meetings for future Reference:

Will all church members voted onto these committees please attend the relevant meeting or let David Nicoll know if you are unable to attend.

Circuit Meeting: 27th September 2007 at Blairgowrie
Church Council: 24th September 2007 at 7.30pm in the Church Hall
Pastoral Committee: 20th September 2007 at 7.30pm in the Vestry

Summer outing to Blairgowrie

On the 23rd June we had an outing organized to Blairgowrie where we would meet up with friends from the 5 churches within our circuit.

The day dawned rather cloudy, but dry, and we were all ever hopeful that the sun would shine for us at Blairgowrie. What a lovely crowd of members, family and friends boarded the bus, about 25 in total, ready for fun and our picnic's packed!

There was a market in the town square at Blairgowrie and most of us wandered around looking at the wares for sale but unfortunately the rain started and we had to head for the hall at Blairgowrie church.

It was a great turnout from all the churches and about a 100 people gathered together. Blairgowrie members had set up tables and chairs in the hall and the "overspill" went into the church. All the food was put onto a communal table where we all helped ourselves to a wonderful selection of food and refreshments. It was the original "all day buffet" as you could have filled your plate many times over (and I think we all did!) and there was still enough for tea and cake before we all left to go home!

After we had all eaten our fill we had an impromptu sing - along in the church where we could ask for our favourite hymn! I think the rafters really did lift with happy methodist voices.

We cleared a space in the church and the children and adults had great fun playing games there, especially the obstacle race with balloons and bean bags. The church rang with laughter and happy voices.

What a lovely afternoon we had with all our friends, yes it did rain but that didn't stop us having great "home made" fun, and looking forward to another outing next year.

A big thank you to Blairgowrie members who supplied all the refreshments and set up the hall. It was a lot of work for them but the day was such a success that we much repeat it next year. God bless you all.

Janice Swankie