

To St Andrew's Session & Board members

## Stewardship @ St. Andrew's.....Joyful Giving

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We invite you to a **Stewardship Workshop**, led by Karen Plater (PCC)

**Saturday September 11<sup>th</sup> 2010, 8:30 am to 12 noon**

Please make every effort to attend this important event.

The Stewardship Team was formed in response to the Presbytery Visitation Report and is made up of members of Session, Board and congregation. We have met a number of times and see our purpose as being: *"To increase involvement and commitment of members and adherents to the life, ministry, fellowship and leadership of the church and to encourage **Joyful Giving of time, talents and treasure**"*

Because there is some urgency to promote Stewardship @ St Andrew's, we have gone ahead with some planning. Karen Plater is PCC Associate Secretary for Stewardship, and her excellent article in a recent Presbyterian Record prompted us to invite her to lead a workshop in September. Originally planned as another Session Retreat with Board members invited, we then realized that it could be open to the whole congregation as an opportunity to stimulate interest in possibilities for Stewardship. Our hope is to find a common purpose and the willingness to work towards it. So we took an 'executive decision' to go ahead and just hope that we have Session's approval for something that will take place before the next Session meeting!

We also hope very much to have the personal support of Session & Board members by your participation in the Workshop and by promoting it. I believe that it is vitally important that we lead by example. As well as a funding shortfall, we have an energy shortfall and we need to encourage greater active participation by those who are able, to ensure a viable future for St Andrew's. Above all, we need to embrace the possibilities offered by the theme of 'Joyful Giving' ....and by God's Grace we will be united in our purpose.

Yours in Christ's service

Janet Dalglish (Stewardship Team Chair)

PS....Advance notice; another date for your diary: **Turkey Dinner, Saturday Oct 2nd**