



FAITH matters

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As told in the stories called *The Vet in the Vestry*, Alexander Cameron is a country vet who became a minister. He remembers an extraordinary incident that occurred before he entered the ministry. He walked down into a pasture and saw a cow stuck in the mud. The vet gave the cow a shot of medicine, rubbed its tail between two sticks and poured water into its ears. But nothing worked. The animal had given up. It wouldn't budge. Ten men, a tractor and a horse couldn't pull the cow out of the mud hole.

Then the vet had a flash of inspiration. He brought the cow's calf around. The calf made a cry for help. Instantly, the cow heaved and splashed out of the bog. The vet knew that what scientific know-how failed to do, love did, the love of a cow for its calf.

Love moved the animal, and love moves us. Love...oh we're good at that! Except for a few moments of selfishness, of "I want" and "Me first", we are good at loving. We are good at loving because we have been loved first by Jesus Christ. Love characterizes the St. Andrews congregation. Love brings us together in a single community united in loving response to the love of the living God. Love moves us. Love moves us to action, to invite others to join our loving community, to do

mission work in the area to help those less fortunate, to offer congregational care, to provide education for all ages, to bring love to the moment. So, let us celebrate that love, the love God offers to each of us, the love we offer to others. Let us be grateful!

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