

100 years of worship



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St Mary's Parish Church, Kirkintilloch

St Mary's Parish Church, Kirkintilloch will be 100 years old on 12th September 2014. As we go forward in the next twelve months to this important date we have organised the following events to allow us to celebrate creatively 100 years of worship in a way which is inclusive, nurturing and vibrant. We want to acknowledge the contribution of the past and we want to recognise the continuing contribution by so many today.

Accordingly, you are invited to:

1 “An Evening with....”

We have lined up speakers for a series of special events running from October until May 2014. You can spend an evening in conversation with, amongst others, politician Annabel Goldie, noted Glasgow solicitor Len Murray and football commentator Jock Brown. The events which will involve hospitality will be ticketed with dates to be announced.

2 Christmas Festival

On 11th December a special event will be held in our halls to celebrate Christmas involving refreshments and entertainment.

3 Vintage Evening

We will hold a social evening on 25th April 2014 as if it were 25th April 1914.

4 Baptism 100

An invitation will be extended to the family and friends of the last 100 children to be baptised in St Mary's Church to a picnic party on 7th June 2014.

5 Canal Cruises

St Marys has seen many boats pass by its doorstep along the Canal and during the summer we will be hosting our own cruises on the Canal.

6 Flower Festival

The Church will be decorated by our Flower Circle and open to the public on 6th September 2014.

7 Centenary Service 14th September 2014

This will represent the culmination of our year with a service on the anniversary of the dedication of the Church.

You can help us with:

1. Assembling a list of our favourite 100 Hymns

A note of your top ten favourite hymns is requested. We will prepare St Mary's favourite 100 Hymns from your suggestions.

2. Compiling a prayer book of 100 prayers and reflections

We would like to receive your suggested prayers. Those you have heard or read or maybe you would like to write one yourself. We will announce in due course when we are looking for the prayers to be handed in.

3. Creating our Dedication Quilt.

We will require help organising the various pieces of fabric that will together create our Dedication Quilt.

You will be able to purchase to help raise funds:

1. **Calendar 2014**

A calendar with dates inserted for some of our key events and featuring photographs of St Mary's Church. The Calendar will be available to purchase in November.

2. **Kirkintilloch Male Voice Choir CD**

The Choir have kindly donated their services to record a CD of a selection of our favourite Hymns. The CD will be available in September 2014.

3. **Anniversary Book**

We are preparing a new book on the Church that will complement the previous histories of this Building. The new book will be available in September 2014.

These are only some of the events and activities we are organising. More events are being planned. You can learn more about our Anniversary Year and the various events that are being held by logging on to the St Marys Website (www.stmaryskirkintilloch.org.uk) or reading our regular updates in the Parishioner or by checking the notice board at the entrance to the Church and the Halls.

We hope this year of celebration will make St Mary's Church a stepping stone and building block of faith for the next 100 years.

