

The **Parishioner**



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Pastoral Letter

June 2012

Dear Friends,

'Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.' (2 Corinthians 5:17)

Over the long weekend of the Queen's Jubilee we were around the house more than usual. We decided it would be a good opportunity to do some 'Spring-Cleaning'. Having lived in the Manse for a few years we have accumulated quiet a lot of 'stuff'. In the loft I had two dining tables and twelve dining chairs. I had kept them, thinking, 'you never know when you will need another dining table!' In the loft there was Ice Hockey equipment which was clearly too small for our children. In the recesses of the loft there were clothes, shoes, hats and winter coats that were all too small. Sorting through the various spaces in the loft, cupboards and drawers we found things we had lost and recognised those things that were no longer of any use to us.

This week our hallway has been filled with bags for the Charity shop, recycling, friends, and the bin.

As the week went on we discovered we had too much rubbish for our 'wheelie bin'. This rubbish consisted of

things that were broken or of no use to anyone. In an endeavour to follow through with our original intention to have a 'Spring-Clean' I hired a van to take our rubbish to Mavis Valley rubbish dump. I was delighted to fill the van and throw away the things that were no longer of any value. This 'stuff' had been clogging up the house. Practically a 'Spring-clean' can be desirable and sometimes necessary. Theologically we have to get rid of the rubbish in our life!

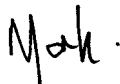
When you read the Old Testament there is a symbolic action people adopt. It is the custom for people to lay their hands on a goat and then send it out into the wilderness. The bible says; "He is to lay both hands on the head of the live goat and confess over it all the wickedness and rebellion of the Israelites - all their sins - and put them on the goats head. He shall send the goat away into the desert in the care of a man appointed for the task" (Lev 16:21,22). In the new testament at John 1:29 you read these words 'The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said; 'Look, the lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world'. This alludes to the Jewish Passover when a lamb's blood was daubed on the door lintel to save the people. Death did not come to the house if the blood was on the door. This meant the lamb had saved the people. In the new testament we are told Jesus saves the people. Crudely stated, Jesus deals with the rubbish. This is more than a 'spring clean', it goes to the very core of our being. The cleansing Jesus offers restores our soul.

Thinking of the relief there is in going to the rubbish dump, how much more relief is there in digging deep into our hearts, confessing our sin and knowing the forgiveness that Jesus can bring. This is a clearing of the deck, a fresh start, a new beginning!

What rubbish is holding you back from spiritual growth, what broken places need restored?

This is the essence of the passage from 2 Corinthians – 'Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come'.

Kindest regards



Parish Register

Baptisms

'Jesus said 'Let the children come to me, for as such is the Kingdom of heaven' . . . he placed his hand upon them and blessed them.'

May *Seren Scott, daughter of James and Jacqueline
 Elise Mitchell Gordon McMillan, daughter of Craig and Karen*

The Lord bless you, and keep you: the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you: the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace

Weddings

'God is love and those who dwell in love dwell in God and God in them'
We celebrated the marriage of:

June 02 Nicola Cassells and William Knight

Funerals

*'Jesus said 'I am the resurrection and the life . . .'
'Blessed are they that mourn for they shall be comforted'
'Jesus said 'The souls of the righteous are in the hands of God.'*

May 31 Williamina Baxter 64 Oak Drive Lenzie
June 01 Helen McQueen 1 Ballater Drive Stirling

Special Anniversaries – Golden Wedding

Dan and Betty Tennant celebrate their Golden Wedding on 16 June.
Congratulations and best wishes are sent to them from all at St Mary's.

Diamond Wedding

Mr Mrs R Neil, 32 Blackthorn Avenue celebrated 60 years of marriage on 06 June. Warmest congratulations and best wishes from all at St Mary's on reaching this wonderful occasion.

Change of Address

Mr & Mrs J. Kempself and Mr Mrs A McNamee celebrated their anniversary in September.



Church Flowers

We wish to thank the following members who will donate the flowers for the chancel of our Church during June, July and August.

June	10	Mrs M. Henderson, Mrs H. McKay, Mrs M. Taylor, Mr Mrs D. Burns
	17	Mrs C. Holbein, Mrs V. Weir, Mrs M. Stirling, Mr Mrs E Kerr
	24	Mrs P. Doran, Mrs T. Leishman
July	01	Mrs M. Glennie, Mrs E. McNamee, Mrs E. Gillespie
	08	Mrs E. Langley, Mrs D. McPherson
	15	Mrs M. McLachlan, Mrs E. Cowie
	22	Mrs A. Cunningham, Mrs A. Brownlie, Miss A. Tassie
	29	Mr Mrs I. Chesney, Mrs D. McMillan
August	05	Mrs R. Campbell, Mrs N. Fleming Nancy and Anita, Mrs R. Fitzpatrick
	12	Mrs R. Bennie, Mrs C. Whitehead, Mrs J. Stirling
	19	Mr S. Ashmall, Rev. F. Haughton, Mrs D. Clarke, Mrs J. Hutton
	26	Mrs M. Wilson, Mrs V. Hogg, Mrs J. Reid
September	02	Mrs R. Stevenson, Mrs J. Thomson, Mrs M. Clarkson

The following members, whom we wish to thank for their assistance, will be responsible for distribution.

June	03/10	Mrs D. More, Mrs I Kennedy
	17/24	Miss E. Cousin, Mr G. Burns
July	01/08	Mrs B. McEwan, Mrs S. Burns
	15/22	Mrs R. Poynton, Mrs E. Walker
July	29 /	Mrs J. Meggett
August	05	Mrs M. McMurrrough
	12/19	Mrs V. Carmichael, Mrs M. Stirling
	26 /	Mrs S. McMillan
September	02	Mrs J. Smith

Thank You . . .

Thank you acknowledgements have been received from: Mr C Cruickshanks, Mrs N. Rees, Mrs E. Dunn, Miss J. Provan, Mrs M. Welsh, Mrs J. McKean, Mrs M. Marshall, Mrs M. Laing, Mrs E. Stirling, Mrs M. Macintosh, Mrs M. Smith, Mrs E. Morrow, Mrs C. Devine, Mrs R. Stevenson, Mrs M. McPherson, Mrs A. McPhee, Mrs M Wallace, David Clarke, Mrs I. Livingstone, Mrs M. Stirling.

I wish to thank all who gave donations to the Chancel Flowers during the month of May; they are greatly appreciated by all who receive them.

Janice Reid

With Thanks

Cathie Devine thanks all at St Mary's for the lovely flowers, cards, visits and good wishes after her recent health scare. A special thank you to the Wednesday Welcome group for their quick reaction on getting her to hospital. It was very much appreciated.

VISITORS ARE WELCOME

St Mary's is a sit anywhere Church and visitors are always welcome. If you feel there should be more to life than retail therapy and Friday night clubbing, try coming along to the 11 o'clock service on Sunday morning. You may hear something to change how you value your life and your relationships with those around you. You don't have to join up to join in.

The Church office is located on the right as you enter the Church Halls. The secretary, Mrs Lynn Hay, is available in the office Monday to Friday 9.15 a.m. – 12.15 a.m. and may be the first point of contact for general enquiries. Lynn will be able to refer you to the person best suited to respond. Church office telephone and fax 0141 775 1166 or e-mail: office.stmarys@btconnect.com

The Parishioner

As there is no Parishioner during the months of July and August, copy for the September issue should be handed to Sandra Burns, left in the Publications pigeon hole in the Hall vestibule, or sent by e-mail to sandraburns@ntlworld.com no later than Sunday 19 August. N.B. This is one week early so that organisations can have their new session starting dates inserted.

Summer Work Parties

The list of work required during the summer months has now been compiled. If you are able to help in any way please speak to me or any member of the fabric committee.

David Tinto

The Publications Committee

The Publications Committee wishes everyone a good summer, with plenty of sunshine. Thank you to all who have contributed over the past few months and we hope to 'see' more of you in September.

Recognition Service

will take place on Sunday 24 June and Sunday School will then be on holiday until September. SUNDAY CLUB will start on 8 July until the end of August for all school age children. Further details will be intimated in the Sunday Welcome Sheet.

Christian Aid Week 2012

This year 16 people from St Mary's collected £1,338.70p. Although there were less collectors this year, the total is nearly £100 more than what was collected last year. Sincere thanks to everyone who collected and helped in whatever way with the collection and to everyone who gave at the door step and to all who made a donation.

Paul Malcolm

'Although you will never know the recipients personally, you know you have helped to make their lives better' – Christian Aid Collector.

The Guild

Once again we thank Moira for organising our outing. Although the weather was a bit damp and chilly in St. Andrews, we enjoyed the day and our tea, in each other's company.

The Bells of St Mary's



June	10	Mary Stirling and Jen Biggans
	17	Paul and Charlotte Malcolm
	24	Andrew and Fraser Leishman
July	01	Linda Brown and Jean Ralph
	08	Angela Montgomerie and Shona McKay
	15	Lisa Thomson and Karen Morrison
	22	Lynsey Ferris and Janet Millin
	29	Dorothy Stewart
August	05	James Paterson and Scott Millin
	12	Mary Stirling and Jen Biggans
	19	Paul and Charlotte Malcolm
	26	Linda Brown and Jean Ralph
September	02	Angela Montgomerie and Rachel McLachlan
	09	Lisa Thomson and Karen Morrison

Friends of St Mary's Sponsored Cycle September 9th 2012

I am pleased to say we have 12 volunteers so far for our Glasgow to Edinburgh Cycle Ride on 9th September, but there is room for more!



The Fresh n' Lo Pedal for Scotland event takes in a combination of cycle path, road and track routes for 47 miles from Glasgow Green to Murrayfield Stadium in Edinburgh. There is transport organised to bring you and your bike back from Edinburgh. The entry fee includes lunch and various refreshment stops along the way. The event allows you to cover the

route in your own time and at your own pace. Those participating range from 15 to over 60 years of age and various standards of fitness! The cost will be between £33 - £39, including transport from Edinburgh for adults and £23-£29 for under 16's /over 60's. If you would like more information, please have a look at the website <http://www.pedalforScotland.org/> and if you are interested in participating please contact me.

Charles Hay, Session Clerk

Rainbows

Rainbows will restart on Wednesday 12th September at 6.30pm. We will have three places available next session for girls aged 5-7 years who would like to join us. If you would like more information or want to put a name on our waiting list please phone: Agnes Marran on 0141 776 2225 or see her in Sunday school.

Shipmates

Shipmates are now finished for summer and start back in September, watch for the date in September Parishioner. There are 30 boys in the section and for various reasons 3 of their leaders have left, meaning that Lindsey Campbell is looking for more leaders. There is no age stipulation, but bearing in mind that the boys range in age from 5 – 8 years, this would be more suitable for younger helpers. Without this assistance, it would be very difficult, perhaps impossible, for Lindsey to continue on her own. If you would be interested in helping Lindsey on a Monday evening or would like more information, please contact her on 07979 504862.



Listeners Circle

The first meeting after the summer months is Friday 21 September 2012. The choice of music then is that of Edith Dunn. Everyone is welcome at 2.00pm in the Session House.

Hymns for Special People

Census Officers
Window Cleaners
Politicians
Librarians
Insurance Salesman
Dry Cleaners
Crossing Wardens
Contractors
Golfers
Lawyers
Car Valet
Seamstress
Dentist
Obstetricians

All people that on earth do dwell
One more step along the way
O Jesus I have promised
Let all mortal flesh keep silence
Blessed assurance
O for a faith that will not shrink
There's a friend for little children
The Church's one foundation
There is a green hill far away
In the hour of trial
Shine, Jesus shine
Holy, holy, holy
Crown him with many crowns
Go labour on

David Gray

29th January 1838 – 3rd December 1861

Our local poet was born of humble cotton weavers in Duntiblae, Waterside and was the eldest of 8 children. His appreciation of natural beauty was kindled when, as a youth, he would watch the rivers Luggie and Bothlyn as they flowed past his home.

David was a clever lad and due to his parents sacrificial effort attended the University of Glasgow. Their intention was for him to be a Minister of the Kirk, but David had set his mind on a literary career and with the exuberance of youth and learning, that can bring impetuosity, he, with his university friend Robert Buchanan, decided fame and fortune awaited them in London. David's embryo literary talent had not gone unnoticed and while at university, his poem 'The Luggie' received favourable comments from people of influence. On arrival in London, he missed his friend at the station and not knowing where the lodgings were, slept in Hyde Park. From this consequence a cold was caught that wouldn't lift, his health deteriorated and soon followed the diagnoses of consumption. David returned to Merkland and his devoted family's care. He was visited by his benefactors, who, knowing his longing to see his work in print, endeavoured to find a publisher for his verse. David was said to be diffident and humble in manner reverent in mind and conscious of many failings.

Sonnets 'In the Shadows', written in the last months of his life, along with his poem 'The Luggie' aspire to give the reader insight, of the wonders to be seen, if we just watch for a while, God's beautiful, natural world. The published print of his poem 'The Luggie' was placed in his hand on 02 December 1861 and he died the following day. His few last words were 'God has love and I have faith'.

David Gray's Monument, erected in 1865, stands over his grave, just beyond the entrance to the Auld Aisle Burial Ground.

A Golden Wedding poem by David Gray

1. O Love, whose patient pilgrim feet
Life's longest path have trod
Whose ministry hath symbolled sweet
the dearer love of God -
the sacred myrtle wreathes again,
thine altar, as of old;
and what was green with summer, then,
is mellowed now, to gold.
2. Not now, as then, the Future's face
Is flushed with fancy's light
But memory, with a milder grace,
Shall rule the feast, tonight
blest was the sun of joy that shone,
nor less the blinding shower -
the bud of fifty years ago
Is love's perfected flower!
3. O memory, open thy mystic door;
O dream of youth, return;
And let the lights that gleamed of yore
Beside the altar burn!
The past is plain, 'twas love designed
e'en sorrow's iron chain,
and mercy's shining thread has twined
with the dark warp of pain.
4. So be it, still. O Thou who hast,
That younger bridal blest,
till the May - morn of love has passed
to evening's golden west -
come to this later Cana, Lord,
and, at thy touch divine,
the water of that earlier board
Tonight shall turn to wine.

The above articles contributed by Mrs Betty Tennant.

Choirbook fit for a Queen

Throughout this Jubilee year anthems from the Choirbook for the Queen are being sung by cathedral and collegiate choirs in every corner of the United Kingdom. They will showcase the quality and diversity of the choral tradition in the United Kingdom during her 60 years as Queen. 80 of the country's most prestigious choirs will sing the anthems in services throughout 2012, many of which are also being broadcast.

Bowls

A small boy stunned his parents when he began to empty his pockets of coins. Finally his mother asked him where he had got all that money. "At church," the boy replied nonchalantly. "They have bowls of it."

The Rectory

St. James the Least

My dear Nephew Darren

I was sorry to hear that your church was broken into last week. Since your sound system rivals that of any concert hall and your projection equipment would put most cinemas to shame, it is not surprising that is what they had their sights on. Your bemusement that they never touched your library of recordings is less understandable. I would have thought that few thieves would have been much interested in thirteen alternative renditions of "Shine Jesus, shine" and other such artistic gems.

It may have been an act of Christian charity to put a sign outside saying "Thieves will be forgiven", although since they took this as an invitation to burgle your house the following evening, I hope your forgiveness still operates. You must have been greatly relieved to find that your collection of numbers from train spotting were untouched. They must have been so overjoyed to discover your tins of night-time cocoa that they overlooked them in their excitement.

Last year, we also had unwelcome visitors. The thieves must have spent several hours breaking down the 400 year-old oak door to get in. Had they bothered to try the handle, they would have discovered that we never lock the church anyway.

Since we have yet to leap forward into the nineteenth century, there was little to attract them. Had they removed the marble sarcophagi of the Earls of Lincombe, the money they may have made wouldn't even have paid for the subsequent hernia operations. Inevitably, there was general outrage that the poor box had been broken into – although as far as I can remember, for many years it had contained nothing more than an old three-penny piece and a button.

For many of our congregation, this represented the End of Civilisation as we Know It. Calls were made to have a permanent armed guard on the premises and a few even speculated about the possibility of having tactical nuclear weapons and strategically placed land mines about the place. Colonel Beauchamp generously offered us his collection of man traps.

Perhaps our thieves may be forgiven their crime, but until that three-penny piece and button are returned, it will not be forgotten.

Your loving uncle, Eustace

Jesus – No Ordinary Man

In biology, he was born without normal conception.

In chemistry, he turned water to wine.

In physics, he disproved the law of gravity when he walked on water.

In economics, he fed 5,000 with two fishes and five loaves of bread.

In medicine, he cured the sick and the blind without administering a single dose of drugs.

In history, he is the beginning and the end.

In government, he is the Prince of Peace.

In religion, no one comes to the Father except through him.

Jesus is Lord. Of all things.

Cry Baby

A woman took her 4-month-old baby to visit her neighbour. The baby began to fuss soon after they arrived. Callum, the 5-year-old son of the neighbour she visited said, "Where did you get this little baby from?"

"He was sent from Heaven," the mother replied. As the baby continued to cry and yell, the little boy said, "I bet I know why he was sent from Heaven. God wanted it quiet up there!"

The Treasurer acknowledges, with thanks, two anonymous donations, one of £50.00 and one of £10.00

Annual Stated Meeting

Our Annual Stated Meeting will take place on Sunday 24th June 2012 immediately after the service. There will be a short presentation of the accounts and an opportunity to raise any questions.

Fairtrade Stall

The Fairtrade Stall will be closed during the school holiday period and re-open on 12 August. Please visit the stall over the next few weeks to stock up on Fairtrade goodies as well as allowing us to clear current stock.

Thank you to all of our customers for your support over the last year. Purchasing Fairtrade goods makes an incredible difference to our brothers and sisters in developing countries.

Session Report

Our meeting in May included a presentation from our Treasurer John Thomson on the church accounts. In these challenging economic times the level of voluntary giving by the congregation stands up well in comparison with previous years. However with rising costs and a substantial contribution to the central funds, we still find ourselves in deficit.

We, like the majority of Churches in the Church of Scotland have to wrestle with on the one hand, ensuring St Marys remains financially viable as a congregation on its own and on the other paying our fair share to the central fund. We are one of the wealthier congregations in the Church of Scotland and if we subscribe to the belief that the Church of Scotland should maintain a presence in every parish in Scotland then we have to pay more by way of a contribution to the Church centrally. When we see that contribution eating into our reserves then naturally we feel nervous for the future of St Mary's. Accordingly, the Session has asked me to write to the Church of Scotland to express our concern in this respect.

Similarly as I mentioned in my article last month, we are presently involved in the process of Glasgow Presbytery reviewing how the various churches operate in the Glasgow area and whether there is a need to have 4 ministers in the 4 churches in Kirkintilloch. This is the Presbytery Plan. Again we feel anxious that our present arrangements as a result of this review may change. If we recognise however our duty as Christians to spread the Good News then we have to recognise that difficult decisions sometimes have to be made in order to achieve this. We await advice on how the Plan will be moved forward and again Session have asked me to write to Glasgow Presbytery to encourage some decision here as we remain in limbo at the moment and that is not in the interests of the church, both this one and the Church nationally.

Charles Hay
Session Clerk

TREASURER'S REPORT

April Offering

DATE	FREEWILL OFFERING	GIFT AID	OPEN PLATE	STANDING ORDERS
01.04.12	405.02	416.00	105.70	
08.04.12	592.41	536.10	179.19	
15.04.12	558.61	972.60	236.16	
22.04.12	653.61	1450.50	88.05	
29.04.12	703.01	514.60	81.26	
Standing orders				3259.00
TOTAL	2912.66	3889.80	690.36	3259.00
Total for the Month		10751.82		

MAY OFFERING

DATE	FREEWILL OFFERING	GIFT AID	OPEN PLATE	STANDING ORDERS
06.05.12	353.91	398.00	333.68	
13.05.12	656.05	540.10	106.45	
20.05.12	480.50	408.50	120.00	
27.05.12	494.41	477.03	72.32	
Standing orders				3379.00
TOTAL	1984.87	1823.63	632.45	3379.00
Total for the Month		7819.95		

APRIL & MAY RECEIPTS AND DONATIONS

Life & Work & Parishioner receipts	91.80
Over 50's Badminton Club	48.00
From Trefoil Guild to Special Projects Fund	100.00
To Special Projects Fund	200.00
From St Mary's Guild to Special Projects Fund	825.00
Donation from Elaine Byrne to Special Projects Fund	50.00
Donation from Miss Jean Reid	100.00
Donation to Special Projects Fund	100.00
From Tuesday Ladies Badminton to Special Projects	450.00
East Dunbartonshire Council WRVS Hall Use	667.00
Kirkintilloch Male Voice Choir	352.00
Over 50's Badminton Club	100.00
Christian Aid	285.03
Donation to Special Projects Fund	100.00
From 1st Kirkintilloch Rainbow Unit to Special Projects	50.00
Over 50's Badminton Club	60.00



In the UK we take water and sanitation for granted, but life can be very different in developing countries. Today, almost 1 billion people do not have access to safe water and 2.5 billion have no effective sanitation. Every year, 1.4 million children die from preventable water related disease – that is the equivalent of 160 school classes every day!

WaterAid is an international charity, founded in the UK in 1982. We transform lives by using practical solutions to provide clean water, safe sanitation and hygiene education to the world's poorest people. These basic human rights underpin health, education and livelihoods, forming the first essential step in overcoming poverty.

The WaterAid200 Challenge – 16th June 2012

The WaterAid200 Challenge features 200 mountains nominated by WaterAid supporters.

The Challenge aims to place a team of 4-7 walkers on top of all 200 mountains across the UK and Ireland between 11am and 3pm on Saturday 16th June. St Mary's has once again produced a team of "willing" volunteers to take part in the challenge – Bobby Brown and Karen Morrison, Stuart Hay, Gordon Morrison and David Tinto. After their success at Buachille Etive Mor in Glencoe in June 2010, this year the team are going to tackle Ben Lawers at Loch Tay, near Killin.

If you would like to support this event, sponsorship forms are available at the Church door and across in the halls. Alternatively, you can donate on line by visiting the team's web site at: <http://my.wateraidfundraising.org.uk/stmarys>

All of your donations will support WaterAid's life saving work in Nepal, making a very real difference to people's lives by improving access to safe water, hygiene and sanitation.

Sincere thanks for your continued support.

Gordon Morrison.

www.wateraid.org.uk

www.wateraid200.org

Prayer Secretary

Dear Friends . . .

June is a lovely month, (we won't think half of the year is gone - a time to relax, to think of a break, enjoy the garden and the long daylight hours. I am going to have my time to relax because this is the last 'Parishioner' which I am doing after nearly eight years - it's time I relaxed. The piece I have chosen is called 'Relax' and is by Richard Carlson from his book 'Don't Sweat the Small Stuff and it's all small stuff', at page 143.

Enjoy your summer. God bless us all, Margaret

What does it mean to relax? Despite hearing this term thousands of times during the course of our lives, very few people have deeply considered what it is really about. When you ask people what it means to relax, most will answer in a way that suggests relaxing is something you plan to do later, when you retire, or when you get everything done. This implies that most other times should be spent nervous, agitated, rushed, and frenzied. Very few actually come out and say so, but this is the obvious implication. Could this explain why so many of us operate as if life were one great big emergency? It's useful to think of relaxation as a quality of heart that you can access on a regular basis rather than something reserved for some later time. You can relax now and, in fact, relaxation and creativity go hand in hand.

Being more relaxed involves training yourself to respond differently to the dramas of life. It comes, in part, from reminding yourself over and over again that you have a choice in how you respond to life. You can learn to relate to your thinking as well as your circumstances in new ways. With practice, making these choices will translate into a more relaxed self.

Yours, Margaret

With sincere thanks from all connected with Publicity for all the Prayers, Readings, Poems etc. contributed by Margaret over the years. We will miss you.

Bible Sketchbook

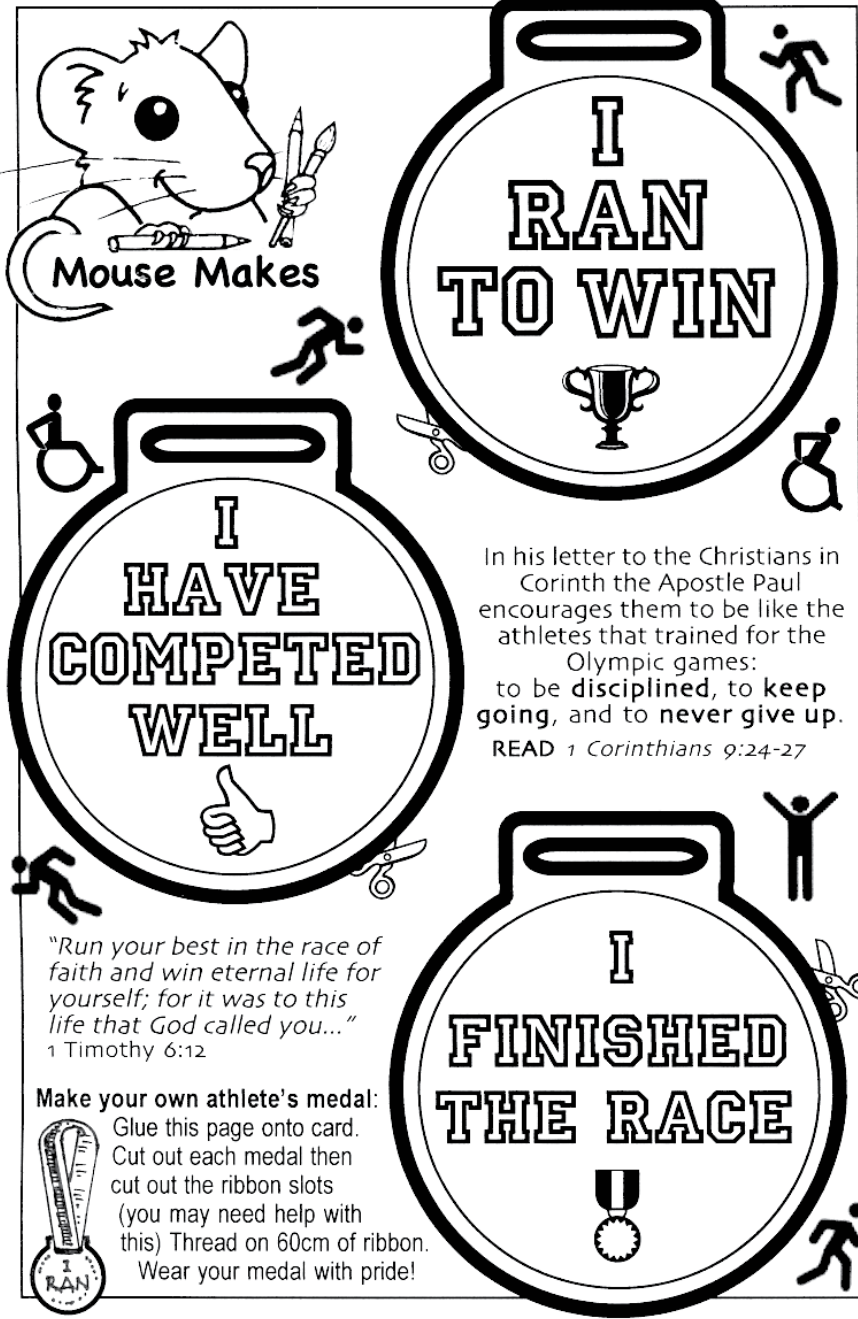


Sin has a nasty way of tying us up and stopping us from running the Christian race. So get rid of it! Be like an athlete and discipline your body. The prize is eternal life and that's much better than a wreath that fades. So – keep running for Jesus. He even died on the cross for you and me because of the amazing prize of resurrection joy!

Read more in:
Hebrews 12:1-2,
1 Corinthians 9:23-27,
2 Timothy 4: 7

Run for Jesus!





Mouse Makes

I
RAN
TO WIN



I
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COMPETED
WELL



In his letter to the Christians in Corinth the Apostle Paul encourages them to be like the athletes that trained for the Olympic games: to be **disciplined**, to **keep going**, and to **never give up**.

READ 1 Corinthians 9:24-27

"Run your best in the race of faith and win eternal life for yourself; for it was to this life that God called you..."
1 Timothy 6:12

Make your own athlete's medal:

- Glue this page onto card.
- Cut out each medal then cut out the ribbon slots (you may need help with this) Thread on 60cm of ribbon.
- Wear your medal with pride!



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THE RACE



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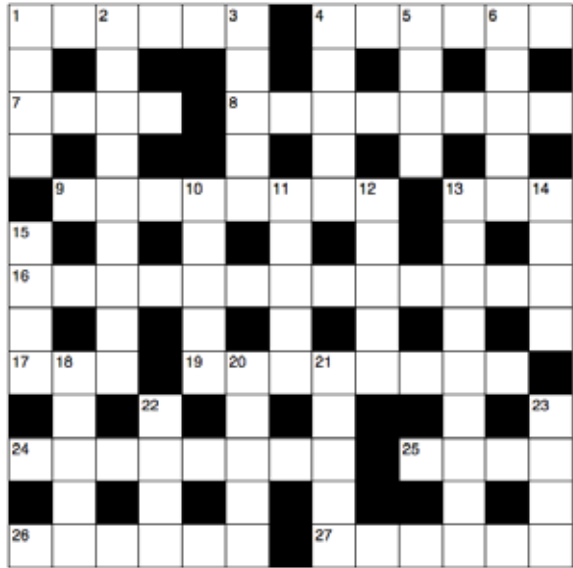
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Across

- 1 'I pray that out of his glorious — he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being' (Ephesians 3:16) (6)
- 4 'Saul's father Kish and — father Ner were sons of Abiel' (1 Samuel 14:51) (6)
- 7 'Praise the Lord, O my —' (Psalm 103:1) (4)
- 8 See 5 Down
- 9 Laws (1 Kings 11:33) (8)
- 13 'Who of you by worrying can — a single hour to his life?' (Luke 12:25) (3)
- 16 Artistry (Exodus 31:5) (13)
- 17 'Your young men will see visions, your — men will dream dreams' (Acts 2:17) (3)
- 19 How David described his Lord (Psalm 19:14) (8)
- 24 'If this city is built and its — — restored, you will be left with nothing in Trans-Euphrates' (Ezra 4:16) (5,3)
- 25 'The holy Scriptures, which are able to make you — for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus' (2 Timothy 3:15) (4)
- 26 Intended destination of arrows (Lamentations 3:12) (6)
- 27 Eve hit (anag.) (6)

Down

- 1 'For I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find — for your souls' (Matthew 11:29) (4)
- 2 Where Peter was when he denied Christ three times (Luke 22:55) (9)
- 3 Remarkable early 20th-century Indian evangelist, a convert from Hinduism, — Sundar Singh (5)
- 4 'Now the king had put the officer on whose — — learned in charge of the gate' (2 Kings 7:17) (3,2)
- 5 and 8 Across The Lover describes this facial feature of the Beloved thus:



ANSWERS AT FOOT OF PAGE

- 'Your — is like the tower of Lebanon looking towards —' (Song of Songs 7:4) (4,8)
- 6 'Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled — your waist' (Ephesians 6:14) (5)
- 10 Trout (anag.) (5)
- 11 Easily frightened (1 Thessalonians 5:14) (5)
- 12 The ability to perceive (Ecclesiastes 10:3) (5)
- 13 One of the clans descended from Benjamin (Numbers 26:38) (9)
- 14 "It is one of the Twelve," he replied, "one who — bread into the bowl with me" (Mark 14:20) (4)
- 15 Resound (Zephaniah 2:14) (4)
- 18 Traditional seat of the Dalai Lama (5)
- 20 Precise (John 4:53) (5)
- 21 Build (Ezekiel 4:2) (5)
- 22 Beat harshly (Acts 22:25) (4)
- 23 Darius, who succeeded Belshazzar as king of the Babylonians, was one (Daniel 5:31) (4)

ACROSS: 1, Riches. 4, Abner's. 7, Soul. 8, Damascus. 9, Statutes. 13, Add. 16, Craftmanship. 17, Old. 19, Redeemer. 24, Walls are. 25, Wise. 26, Target. 27, Thief.
 DOWN: 1, Rest. 2, Courtyard. 3, Sadhu. 4, Arm he. 5, Nose. 6, Round. 10, Tutor. 11, Timid. 12, Sense. 13, Ashbelite. 14, Dips. 15, Echo. 18, lhasa. 20, Exact. 21, Erect. 22, Fog. 23, Mede.



St. IGNATIUS of LOYOLA: 31st July

The youngest of 13 children, Ignatius Loyola was born in Spain. When a young soldier he was badly wounded by a cannon ball that shattered his leg. As he recovered he asked for a best selling book of the day, a romance, to read to take his mind off the pain but ended up reading about Jesus and the lives of the saints. His life changed as he resolved to continue being a soldier, but now as a soldier for Christ.

In 1534, at the age of 43, he and 6 others offered themselves to the service of the Catholic Church. They became the Society of Jesus and Ignatius was elected to serve as their first general. When other Jesuits were sent on various missions by the pope, Ignatius stayed in Rome founding homes for orphans and colleges all, in the words of the Jesuit motto, 'ad majorem Dei gloriam' - for the greater glory of God.



BIBLE BOOKS

Can you unscramble these letters to find books in the Bible?

1. ashjou
2. imythot
3. hurt
4. kuel
5. brosprev
6. tonslaminate
7. chaimal
8. theres
9. chainstroin
10. himerea j



What kind of man was Boaz before he married?

Ruthless.

Which Bible character had no parents?

Joshua, son of Nun.

Answers: 1.Joshua 2.Timothy 3.Ruth
4.Luke 5.Proverbs 6.Lamentations
7.Malachi 8.Esther 9.Corinthians
10.Jeremiah

ST MARY'S PARISH CHURCH ORGANISATIONS

Day	Organisation	Location	Time	Contact
Sunday	Sunday Worship	Church	11.00am	Rev Mark Johnstone
	Sunday School	Church Halls	11.00am	Elaine Stevens/Louise Barry
	Seekers		11.00am	Elaine Stevens/Louise Barry
	Creche	Church Halls	11.00am	Elaine Stevens/Louise Barry
	Fairtrade Stall	Main Hall	12 noon	Leslie Baird/Fiona Leishman
	Badminton			
	Beginners	Main Hall	4.30-5.30pm	Trevor Patterson
	Junior	Main Hall	5.30-7.30pm	Trevor Patterson
	Senior	Main Hall	7.30-9.30pm	Liz Barrie
Monday	Youth Fellowship	Mid Hall	7.30-9.30pm	Lorna McCallum
	Nursery	Church Halls	8.30-11.45am	Janet Brady
	Ladies Bowling	Main Hall	1.30-3.30pm	Cathie Devine
	Shipmates	Main Hall	6-7pm	Lindsey Campbell
	BB Junior/Company	Main/Mid Hall	6.45-8.30pm	Garry Burns/Iain Hill
	Men's Club	Main Hall	7.30-10pm	Archie Smith
Tuesday	Nursery	Church Halls	8.30-11.45am	Janet Brady
	WRVS Lunch Club	Mid Hall	12.00-1.30pm	Jane Hutchison
	Ladies Badminton	Main Hall	1.30-3.30pm	Doreen More
	Badminton			
	Junior	Main Hall	6-8pm	Trevor Patterson
	Senior	Main Hall	8-10.30pm	Liz Barrie
	Prayer Time	Session House	7-7.30pm	Rev Katy Owen
Wednesday	Country Dancing	Mid Hall	7.45-10pm	Moir MacNeill
	Nursery	Church Halls	8.30-11.45am	Janet Brady
	Wednesday Welcome	Session House	10-11.20am	Mary Stirling
	Wednesday Service	Church	11.30-12noon	Rev Mark Johnstone
	Over 50s Badminton	Main Hall	1.30-3.30pm	Anne Allan
	Rainbows	Mid Hall	6.30-7.30pm	Agnes Marran
Thursday	Brownies	Main Hall	6.30-7.45pm	Elizabeth Cousin
	Vestry	Church Vestry	7-9pm	Church Office
	Nursery	Church Halls	8.30-11.45am	Janet Brady
	Flower Circle (Alternate Weeks)	Mid Hall	7.30-9pm	Elizabeth Walker
	Friday	Nursery	Church Halls	8.30-11.45am
Listener's Circle (Monthly)		Session House	2-4pm	
Guild		Mid Hall	7.30-9pm	Moir MacNeill

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