

Risen Christ
your wounds
declare
your
love for the world
and the wonder of your risen life.

Give us compassion and courage
to risk ourselves for those we serve
to the glory of God the Father.

The Parishioner

April 2015

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Pastoral Letter

April 2015

Dear Friends,

I really have a frustration at home. 'The catch-up TV' facility in our home does mean that people never miss something they wanted to watch on TV. However it also means no one else misses it either. There was once a time when you missed a TV programme you did not want to see you did not need to see it. Now even if you want to miss a programme there is invariable someone in your home who may want to watch it and you end up having to watch it too. It is a bit like re-runs, you see certain movies, or films coming on the TV with monotonous regularity. If you have a DVD player you may have watched a movie more than once.

Recently I watched the movie 'Atonement' for the third time. As I watched this critically acclaimed movie I was touched and moved by scenes I

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had not even noticed the first time round. There were elements in the movie that struck me as significant. First time round I was not aware of how important these scenes were.

When we have seen something before we often pre-empt what is about to happen. We often think we know the story and therefore let it run thinking it has nothing new to say to us. The thought is there is nothing new to be revealed in the movie.

As Easter has come and gone we may have felt it was 'the same old story'. We have heard the Easter story from childhood and could tell the story ourselves, backwards and forwards. There is a problem in making the assumption it is like a soap opera rerun or a movie we have viewed again and again. Easter is annual and we have probably heard the Easter story more than we have watched the TV or viewed a movie.

What can you see anew in the Easter story.

Jesus challenges the wheeling and dealing in the Temple
Jesus is challenged by people who think they know better than him

Jesus reveals the nonsense of those who want to trick him

Jesus shares a meal with his friends

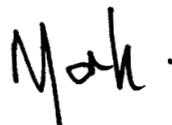
Jesus goes to the Cross

Jesus dies but where there is death there is hope

Jesus rose again. Life Life Life.....

A belated happy Easter season to you all.

Kindest regards

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark." with a period at the end.

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.'

March 08 **Alexander John Love**, son of John and Elizabeth
Morar Robertson

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

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.'*

February 25 Mrs Anne Tinning, 14 Duntiblae Road, Kirkintilloch
28 Charles Klingan, 7 Albert Road, Lenzie
March 04 Mrs Anne Hay, 25 Chestnut Court, Milton of Campsie
09 James Dolan, Flat 29, Kelvin Court, West High Street,
Kirkintilloch
20 Miss Rachel Wilson, 15 Thistle Street, Kirkintilloch
26 Bertie Patrick
27 John Evans, 4 Archibald Terrace, Milton of Campsie

Special Anniversaries –

Golden Wedding

Jack and Janette Stewart, 5 Broom Gardens, Lenzie were married in St Mary's on 30 March 1965 and still worship with us today.

Adam and Wilma Steele, were married in St Mary's on 03 April 1965 worshipping with us for many years. They now live in Troon, but are still in contact with Church.

To both these couples, congratulations and best wishes are sent from the congregation here in St Mary's.

Thought for the Day

The biggest lie I tell myself is "I don't need to write that down, I'll remember it."



Church Flowers

We wish to thank the following members who will donate the flowers for the Chancel of our Church during April.

April	12	Mrs Eleanor Walker, Mrs A Brownlie Mrs L Sinclair
	19	Mrs M Darroch, Mrs I Whyte, Mrs C Cuthbertson
	26	Mrs J Robertson, Mrs A Scott, Mrs P Malcolm
May	03	Mrs L Pitcairn, Mrs C Wilson, Mrs A Differ, Mrs H Brown
	08	(Preparatory) Miss A Tassie
	10	(Communion) Miss J Campbell, Mrs J Finney, Mrs M McCaffer, Mrs D Stewart, Mrs Elizabeth Walker

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

April	05/12	Mrs B McMillan, Mrs M McMurrough
	19/26	Mrs V Carmichael, Mrs M Stirling
May	03/10	Mrs E Malcolm, Mrs J Kempself

Thank You

Thank you acknowledgements have been received from the following people:

Mrs Betty Hill, L & J Sinclair, Mrs E. Letham, Mrs E. Goodwin, Mr Mrs J. Macintosh, Mrs B. Cowie, Mr Mrs E. Devine, Mrs M. Primrose, Mr Mrs R. Neill, Mr Mrs D. Hickey, Mr Mrs S. Paterson, Clingan/Ashworth family, Mrs M. Fyfe, Mrs M. Stirling, Mrs J. Jennings, Mr Mrs B. Wallace, Mrs J. Whyte, Mrs J. Cunningham, Mr E. Kerr, Mrs M. Maule, Mr Mrs G Tinning, Mr Mrs McPherson, Miss L Caven.

Thank you to all who have given donations towards the Chancel flowers for the month of March.

Once again Kathleen Storey has gifted money towards the church flowers in Memory of her Mum and sisters Ray and Nora.

Janice Reid

The Bells of St Mary's



April	12	Angela Montgomerie and Karen Morrison
	19	Lisa and Daniel Malloy-Gibson
	26	Dorothy Stewart and Paul Malcolm
May	03	Mary Stirling and Jen Biggans
	10	Linda Brown and Jean Ralph

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 p.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 0141 775 1166 or e-mail: office.stmarys@btconnect.com

The Parishioner

Copy for the May Parishioner 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 26 April.**

Listeners Circle



The last meeting of this session will be on Friday 17 April, which is one week earlier than normal. The choice of music is that of John McGugan and everyone is welcome at 2.00 p.m. in the Session House.

Quiz Night

Come and exercise your little grey cells. A fun quiz night will be taking place on Friday 24th April starting at 7.30pm. Teams of six will take on the quiz master. Come in a ready-made team or come and join a team on the night. Having fun will be as important as answering questions. Lots of prizes to be won. Cost is £5, with a light supper included. All profits to the roof fund.

(This evening replaces 'Gardener's Question Time which will now take place later in the year')

It is with sadness that we announce the death of Jim Keellings who resided in Florida, USA. Jim attended St Mary's from a very young age and was an Elder for many years before he and his family emigrated. Our thoughts and prayers at this sad time are with his wife Cynthia and son David.

For MPs only

At the pearly gates, St. Peter greeted a minister and a member of parliament and gave them their room keys. "Vicar, here are the keys to one of our nicest single rooms. And for you, Mr MP, the keys to our finest penthouse suite." The vicar began to protest that this was unfair. "Listen," St. Peter said, "ministers are a ten a penny up here, but this is the first MP we've ever seen."

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A team of football mad volunteers from The Boys' Brigade Scotland and including our Former Junior Section boy, Craig Lowe, are celebrating after officially becoming the Guinness World Record holders for the longest 5-a-side game (55 hours) with Gordon Strachan the first to congratulate them.

Former BB member and current national football team manager, Gordon Strachan OBE, spent time with the group earlier this week to celebrate their success.

The group of 16 players have smashed the current Guinness World Record held by Sodexo Ireland who managed a total of 53 hours playing time. They will now be recognised in the Guinness Book of Records.

Stephen McKean Strathkelvin Battalion Boys Brigade PR Officer congratulates all the BB Scotland Boys and especially Craig.

Christian Aid News



The annual Christian Aid fair held in St Mary's Hall on 07 March 2014 raised £2,100, with the paper stall raising £182. This total includes £85 donation from St Mary's members. A further £40 was received from St Mary's members on

the Sunday. Sincere thanks are due to everyone who donated to, helped out at and attended the fair.

Christian Aid week starts on the 10th of May. The house to house collection will take place as usual.

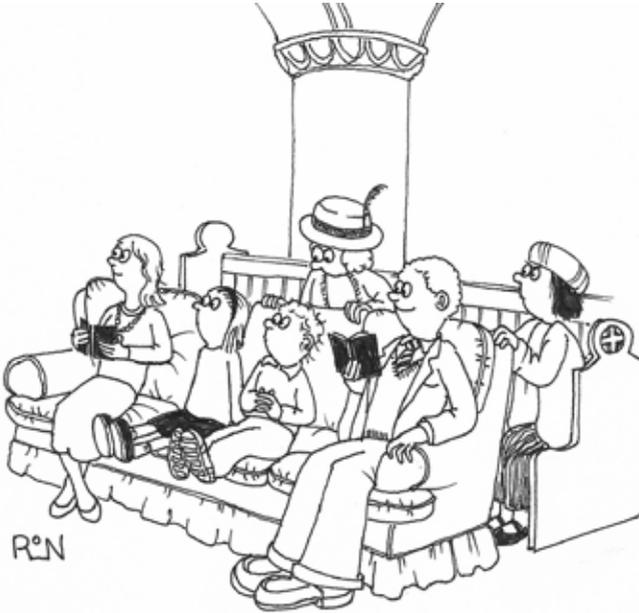
Anyone able to help out for an hour or two please contact Paul Malcolm on 0141 578 1520.

Daisies



There is an old saying 'when you can stand on seven daisies at once then spring has come'. I like daisies with their bright yellow middles and tiny petals. If you look closely, you will see that not all the daisies in any lawn will be white; some of them are edged with pink. When I was little I asked my mum why and she told me this story to explain why.

On that first Easter morning, when Jesus walked in the garden and was seen by Mary and the other women who thought he was a gardener, his bare feet touched just some of the daisies in the grass. And because he still had the wounds in his feet his blood touched the daisies and marked their petals pink. I love this story and still to this day I feel sorry for the daisies that Jesus didn't touch – because when Jesus touches our lives all things change and spring comes into our hearts forever.



Regular worshippers were upgraded to first class

Tubs of Graces

We will be participating in the above scheme operated by UNICEF once again this year. Labels for your tubs are now available. The tubs should be returned on Sunday 21st June, which is the recognition service for our young people. Once again we look forward to St. Mary's giving generously to this worthwhile cause.

Elaine Stevens & Louise Barry
KidZone

Hugh Biggans
Finance Convenor

Jesus appearances after his Resurrection

The following list of witnesses may help you put all those references in order . . .

Mary Magdalene	Mark 16:9-11; John 20:10-18
Other women at the tomb	Matthew 28:8-10
Peter in Jerusalem	Luke 24:34; 1 Corinthians 15:5
The two travellers on the road	Mark 16:12,13
10 disciples behind closed doors	Mark 16:14; Luke 24:36-43; John 20:19-25
11 disciples WITH Thomas	John 20:26-31; 1 Corinthians 15:5
7 disciples while fishing	John 21:1-14
11 disciples on the mountain	Matthew 28:16-20
A crowd of 500	1 Corinthians 15:6
Jesus brother – James	1 Corinthians 15:7
Those who saw the Ascension	Luke 24:44-49; Acts 1:3-8

St Mary's Junior Badminton – Club Championship 2015

Our Junior Club Championship was held in St Mary's main hall on Saturday 31st January 2015. Thirty five juniors entered our four singles events which started at 1:00 p.m. and finished at 8:00 p.m. At the end of an exciting day's badminton the club champions and runners up for season 2014-15 are as follows:-

Ladies U13 Champion Sarah Zou, runner-up Keira McMillan
Ladies U18 Champion Beth Seggie, runner-up Lisa Begg
Gents U13 Champion Max Li, runner up Iain McKenzie.
Gents U18 Champion Peter Burns, runner up Alexander Fan.

The club championship continues to be one of the big days in our season and it is largely well supported by the juniors. There are currently forty two juniors on the books and there were thirty five entries for the four competitions. I would like to thank all of the players who took part and all of the friends and relatives who turned up to see them play.

There were only two players in the Ladies U13 championship. This was once a boom group within the club, but we don't seem to be recruiting girls at this stage at present as there are currently only three in the club. The two girls who played went straight into a final and Sarah beat Keira in a good competitive game. For a brief moment we considered scrapping this section, but the girls played well and very enthusiastically so I'm glad we didn't.

The Ladies U18 championship was also a bit thin with only 6 entrants. This is often a problem group because many of our teenagers have part time jobs once they are sixteen or over. Two of our best young lady players though, Beth Seggie and Lisa Begg, battled out a tense three sets before Beth won. Beth won the U13 championship two years ago and winning the U18 championship so soon shows considerable skill and commitment to our sport.

The two seeded players got to the final of the Gents U13 competition where the final became a tense affair. Iain was ahead for most of the game but Max pulled the score back and ultimately won by three

points. Both Max and Iain train and play at advanced badminton groups in Glasgow and are among those being watched for the future. It was marvellous to see such young talented players on show and we value their contribution to both this competition and the wider club. Peter Burns finally won the U18 championship after losing the last two previous finals. His opponent on this occasion was Alexander Fan who is also his doubles partner when they play for their school. Peter won the final in two close games with Alexander just failing to force the match into a third and deciding game. Both of these young men have been playing with us for many seasons and it's very satisfying to see them play so well. Studies have severely restricted these men's attendances at the club this season, but they played their final to a very high standard which was a great effort by both players.

Club members and friends of the club help run this competition every season and I'm greatly indebted to Nancy Burns, Elizabeth Barrie, Jenifer Reid, Ruth Patterson, Andrew Ironside and Craig Smith who did loads of stuff all day long. I must also sincerely thank St Mary's for the use of the hall on a Saturday and their continued support throughout the year.

Trevor Patterson

Prayer of Easter Hope

Dear Father,

When we have lost someone we love, the world seems very dark. Sometimes we might feel that our world has ended, and it's hard to turn round and glimpse any light ahead.

But you, Lord, know all about that, and you care.

You sent Jesus to overcome death and lead us into the light of his forgiveness and freedom - to new and eternal life.

Help us Lord, like Mary, to turn away from the darkness death wants to scare us with, and to reach out to you.

Help us to take courage, strength and confidence from the reality of Jesus' resurrection.

He is alive and we are his. There is nothing to fear. All shall be well.

Hallelujah.

Amen

Session Report

I am pleased to report that our initial Project Enquiry submission to the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) was successful. This means that we can progress our application for grant funding towards the cost of roof repairs. The application is a two stage process. Stage 1 seeks approval in principle for our project, based on an outline proposal. If successful, we would receive funding to allow us to develop our detailed proposals and then submit our second stage application. Our Stage 1 application is now with HLF for their consideration. It is hoped we will receive a decision by the end of May. The Steering Group continue to meet on a regular basis and have been working very hard to ensure submission deadlines and requests for information are met. We await with interest on the outcome of our Stage 1 application.

In relation to the Swift Conservation project, two nest boxes have recently been positioned on the East side of our halls. Have a look to see if you can spot them, the next time you are passing. Hopefully, in the years to come, we will be spotting the Swifts as they visit their new nesting sites!

In last month's Parishioner, our Finance Convenor outlined the process for selecting our designated charities for the next three years. Nomination forms are now available at the Church door, up to and including Sunday 12th April. I would encourage you to take this opportunity to participate in the selection process and help identify our nominated charities for the 2015 to 2017 period.

Finally, there are two exciting items of news relating to our Nursery School:

The nursery started in our Church halls back in 1965, which means they are 50 this year! It feels like no time at all since we had our "40th" birthday party, but staff and the nursery committee are busy planning appropriate ways to celebrate this latest significant milestone.

In addition, the nursery has recently been awarded their 4th Green Flag, confirming their "Eco School" status. We believe this award makes St Mary's Nursery the most successful partnership nursery in East Dunbartonshire in regard to their eco projects.

Our congratulations and best wishes go to all the staff and children at the nursery.

Gordon Morrison, Session Clerk



JESUS IS ALIVE!

Early on the first Easter morning Mary Magdalene and some other women went to the tomb where Jesus had been buried. When they reached the tomb it was open, the big stone that had sealed the entrance was rolled away - and it was empty! They thought that someone had stolen Jesus' body but an angel told Mary what had really happened, that Jesus was alive!

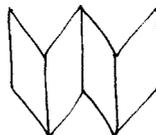
The disciples were all together when Mary arrived back with her news and told them what had happened, but they wouldn't believe her. They were confused and afraid. Sometimes we say 'I can't believe it' if someone tells us really good news. We say 'I'll believe it when I see it with my own eyes' and that is what the disciples said. And when they saw the risen Jesus they believed. Read about what happened that first Easter Day in the four Gospels. And what is the next thing that you do when you hear good news? You want to share it with someone else.

Share the Good News with someone this Easter!

SPREAD THE NEWS

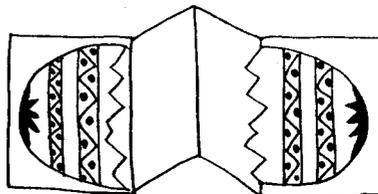
One way you can pass the good news on is to send Easter cards. You could make some of these easy Easter egg cards (the egg is a symbol of new life so that's why we have eggs at Easter). You will need

- a strip of thin card about 10cm by 30cm
- another piece of coloured card for the egg about 9cm by 12cm
- felt tip pens
- a ruler, scissors and a glue stick.



Fold the long strip of card in half and then each half back on itself to make a W shape.

Draw an egg shape on the coloured card and cut round it. Cut the egg in half with a jagged edge and stick it onto the folded card as shown. Decorate it and write your message inside - you could even draw a fluffy yellow chick inside the egg.



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What is smooth, oval and very rich?

An eggstravaganza.

The Rectory . . .

St James the Least

My dear Nephew Darren

There are times when I indulge you too much; why I ever let you run your course "Taking Responsibility for your Church" among our congregation, I am now unable to understand. I had hopes that it might encourage a few more people to volunteer for the flower rota, or to give occasional help mowing the churchyard. I even had a vague fantasy that someone might turn detective, and discover who was eating the chocolate biscuits between Sundays, condemning the rest of us to munch on Rich Tea after Services.

Unfortunately, your course turned out to be inspirational, and has fired up our members to take on all sorts of new initiatives. Enthusiasm in a congregation can be a very dangerous thing, especially if people start making decisions on their own.

Those who formed a welcoming group are admittedly well-meaning – although it was more than a little traumatic for those coming through the door the next Sunday to be greeted with frenzied hand-shakes, big toothy smiles, and even hymnbooks. That is unheard of in this church – we always ignore people and leave them to find hymn books – if they can.

Naturally, all those offering to

take the prayers, produce new orders of Service and even to give the occasional sermon have been booked on the appropriate training courses. By the time they have been completed, I can only hope they will have gone off the idea.

But it was the group which decided to "beautify" the church who have proved the most tiresome. Hanging the Christmas tree lights round the altar made it look as if I was standing behind a fairground stall, waiting to invite people to throw hoops round teddy bears – although I would have rather enjoyed making winners sit for the rest of the Service holding a polythene bag containing a goldfish.

Our pulpit has also been given a makeover, with the various panels painted in contrasting colours; I am sure the sixteenth century Flemish woodcarvers would be delighted with the result, although the next time any medieval historians come to view it, I shall take the day off – probably travelling abroad.

My dear Darren, your course took the stopper out of the bottle; would you please run another to put it back?

Your loving uncle, Eustace

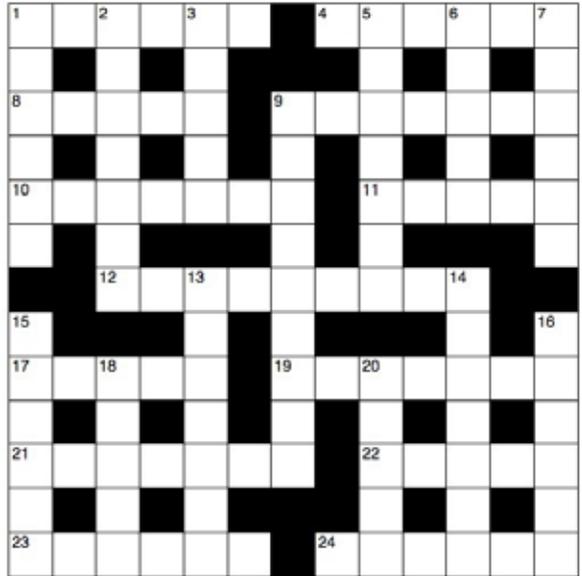
Across

- 1 Relating to the whole universe (6)
- 4 The disciple who made the remark in 8 Across (John 20:24) (6)
- 8 'Unless I see the nail marks — — hands, I will not believe it' (John 20:25) (2,3)
- 9 He urged King Jehoiakim not to burn the scroll containing Jeremiah's message (Jeremiah 36:25) (7)
- 10 Baptist minister and controversial founder of America's Moral Majority, Jerry — (7)
- 11 'Look, here is — . Why shouldn't I be baptized?' (Acts 8:36) (5)
- 12 Repossessed (Genesis 14:16) (9)
- 17 Port from which Paul sailed on his last journey to Rome (Acts 27:3-4) (5)
- 19 'Moses was not aware that his face was — because he had spoken with the Lord' (Exodus 34:29) (7)
- 21 Roonwit, C.S. Lewis's half-man, half-horse (7)
- 22 Grill (Luke 24:42) (5)
- 23 'The lot fell to Matthias; so he was added to the — apostles' (Acts 1:26) (6)
- 24 'I was sick and you looked after me, I was in — and you came to visit me' (Matthew 25:36) (6)

Down

- 1 Coastal rockfaces (Psalm 141:6) (6)
- 2 Academic (1 Corinthians 1:20) (7)
- 3 Publish (Daniel 6:26) (5)
- 5 For example, the Crusades (4,3)
- 6 11 Across is certainly this (5)
- 7 He reps (anag.) (6)
- 9 Liberator (Psalm 18:2) (9)
- 13 Man who asked the question in 11 Across was in charge of all her treasury (Acts 8:27) (7)

Crossword



ANSWERS AT FOOT OF PAGE

- 14 They must be 'worthy of respect, sincere, not indulging in much wine' (1 Timothy 3:8) (7)
- 15 The human mind or soul (6)
- 16 'O Lord, while precious children starve, the tools of war increase; their bread is — ' (Graham Kendrick) (6)
- 18 'We played the flute for you, and you did not — ' (Matthew 11:17) (5)
- 20 Bared (anag.) (5)



ST MARY'S PARISH CHURCH ORGANISATIONS

DAY	ORGANISATION	LOCATION	TIME	CONTACT
Sunday	Sunday Worship	Church	11.00 a.m. – 12 noon	Rev Mark Johnstone
	Sunday School	Church Halls	ditto	Elaine Stevens / Louise Barry
	Seekers	ditto	ditto	Barry
	Crèche	ditto	ditto	Elaine Stevens / Louise Barry
	Fairtrade	Main Hall	12 noon – 12.30 p.m.	Fiona Leishman/Leslie Baird
	Badminton			
	Beginners	ditto	4.30 p.m. – 5.30 p.m.	Trevor Patterson
	Junior	ditto	5.30 p.m. – 7.30 p.m.	Susan Wilson
	Senior	ditto	7.30 p.m. – 10.30p.m.	Trevor Patterson
	Youth Fellowship	Mid Hall	7.30 p.m. – 9.30 p.m.	Lorna McCallum
Monday	Ladies Bowling	Main Hall	1.30 p.m. – 3.30 p.m.	Cathie Devine
	Shipmates	ditto	5.45 p.m. – 6.45 p.m.	Lindsey Campbell
	Junior & Company			
	Section Boys' Brigade	ditto	6.45p.m. – 8.30 p.m.	Iain Hill Archie Smith
	Men's Club	Main Hall	7.30 p.m. – 10.00p.m.	
Tuesday	Running/Walking Group	Hall Vestibule	7.00 p.m.	Bob Brown/Jean Ralph
	Ladies Badminton	ditto	1.30 p.m. – 3.30 p.m.	Doreen More
Wednesday	Junior Badminton	ditto	6.00 p.m. – 8.00 p.m.	Trevor Patterson
	Senior Badminton	ditto	8.00 p.m. – 10.30p.m.	Susan Wilson
	Prayer Time	Meeting Place	7.00 p.m. – 7.30 p.m.	Rev Katy Owen
	Country Dancing	Mid Hall	7.45 p.m. – 10.00 pm.	Moira MacNeill
	Wednesday Welcome	Session	10.00a.m. – 11.20am.	Mary Stirling
Thursday	Wednesday Worship	House	11.30 a.m. – 12 noon	Rev Mark Johnstone
	Over 50s Badminton	Main Hall	1.30 p.m. – 3.30 p.m.	Anne Allan
	Brownies	ditto	6.30 p.m. – 7.45 p.m.	Elizabeth Cousin
	Rainbows	ditto	6.30 p.m. – 7.30 p.m.	Agnes Marran
	Vestry Hour	Vestry	7.00 p.m. – 8.00 p.m.	Rev Mark Johnstone <i>Telephone Church Office</i>
	Running/Walking Group	Hall Vestibule	7.00 p.m.	Bob Brown/Jean Ralph
	Flower Circle (alternate weeks)	Mid Hall	7.30 p.m. – 9.00 p.m.	Elizabeth Walker
Friday	Listeners' Circle (monthly)	ditto	2.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m.	
	Guild	Mid Hall	7.30 p.m. – 9.00 p.m.	Moira MacNeill

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