

The **Parishioner**



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Pastoral Letter

April 2011

Dear Friends,

I sometimes wonder why folks would feel that Church and faith has gone out of fashion? I wonder what the recently taken Census will report in terms of '**What religion, religious denomination or body do you belong to?**'

I consider this question as Easter approaches recognizing that Christian faith speaks clearly to our human experience. It seems at times we may have got a bit caught up in running churches, organising religion and keeping hold of historic status. This has perhaps been done at the expense of an authentic faithful Christian encounter.

I am increasingly struck by those who are not part of a regular congregation who enjoy the opportunity for 'mindfulness', 'meditation' and 'personal development'. The vocabulary of faith is well used by the 'self-help'

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gurus of our day. Books are written, seminars offered and CD's recorded that encourage people to 'Live life to the full', 'Feel the fear and do it anyway', 'Know restoration in your life', 'Be reconciled to your loved ones'.

Many of the concepts and experiences of those who seek something more in life are present in the life of our Christian faith community. We may need to find new ways to engage with the wider community. Jesus offers a life-transforming encounter where, the old is made new, the broken restored, the sick healed, the dead brought back to life. Who wouldn't want a part of this?

As Easter approaches I hope we can find new ways to share the 'Old Old Story'. Our faithful priorities are; **Worshipping God, serving the vulnerable, promoting reconciliation, caring for all of God's people and creation, engaging with society, discovering and encouraging life in all its fullness, empowering young people, developing leadership, releasing the gifts of all the people of God, providing opportunities to encounter the presence of Jesus Christ.**

When the journey through Easter is complete I hope we are refreshed to explore how we take what we know to be true into the wider community. There is a need to recapture the imagination of those untouched by Church. In doing so our faith is shared.

Kindest regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark'.

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 20 Abbie Rebecca Muir, daughter of Joseph and Janice.

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.'

March 04 Margaret Frew, 83 Ellisland, Kirkintilloch.

New Members

(By Special Resolution)

Mr Frank and Mrs Helen Bowers, 17 Bridgeway Road, Kirkintilloch.

We welcome them into St Mary's and trust they will find peace and joy in our midst. The good wishes of the congregation are sent from all at St Mary's.

Golden Wedding

William and Betty Campbell, 4 Newdyke Avenue celebrated 50 years of wedded bliss on 25 March. They were married in Kilsyth Anderson Church. Congratulations and best wishes to them from the congregation of St Mary's.

Change of Address

Mrs J Stewart, formerly 18 Belmont Court now residing at 75 Muirside Avenue.



Church Flowers

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

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| April | 10 | Mrs J. Keellings, Mrs E. Cowie, Mrs W. Steele |
| | 17 | Mrs E. Wilson, Mrs A. Brownlie, Mrs M. Cant, Mrs L. Sinclair, Mrs C. Cuthbertson |
| | 24 | Mrs M. Darroch, Mrs I. Whyte, Mrs P. Malcolm, Mrs J. Ewing |
| May | 01 | Mr Mrs I. Brown, Mrs H. Brown, Mrs J. Robertson, Mrs A. Scott |

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

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| March | 27) | Mrs J. More |
| April | 03) | Mrs G Kennedy |
| | 10/17 | Mr G. Burns, Mrs & Miss E. Cousin |
| | 24) | Mrs D. Kerr |

May 01) Mrs J. Cardwell & Mrs P. Rose

Thank You . . .

Thank you acknowledgments from those who received Chancel Flowers during the last month.

Mr Mrs S. Smart, Mrs J. Stirling, Mrs C. Holbein, Mrs B. MacKenzie, Mrs A. Clelland, Mrs E. Morrow, The Campbell Family, Mr Mrs L. Gaston, Mr Mrs R. Dewar, Mrs M. Wilson, Mrs M. McPherson, Mrs M. Marshall, Miss J. Currie, Mr D Clarke, Mrs C. Hickey on behalf of her Mum Mrs M. Montgomery, Miss K. Halliday, Mrs V. Anderson, Mrs J. McLachlan, Mr I Smith, Mr S. McClement, Mrs J. Honeker.

We would like to thank Mrs M. MacRae for the £100 donation towards the chancel flowers in memory of her son David. Nora and Kathleen have again remembered their Mum's birthday by giving a donation for the Chancel Flowers.

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Margaret, Richard, Edward and John Pears would like to thank all of their friends in St. Mary's Parish Church for their kind expressions of sympathy during their recent bereavement.

The Hutchison Family would like to thank Rev Mark Johnstone and Rev Katy Owen for the lovely service for Kenneth. We would also like to thank friends from St. Mary's for all support we have received – it has been overwhelming. Joan and Bill Hutchison.

Gardening Volunteers

Once again the rather harsh winter has finally vanished. When all seemed to be gloomy up came the snowdrops, the crocus and the daffodils to cheer us all. Spring has arrived. How would you like an outdoor pastime? - with the weather always fair? There are a few vacancies to assist with the upkeep of the flower beds around the church. The first five applicants are guaranteed a post and in spite of the recession, a pay increase is imminent; 25% more than last year is being considered. And no strike action is necessary; no union dues; no Health & Safety issues. Just good old fresh air. Want to learn more - contact Bill or Ben, the Flower Pot men, also known as **Archie (775 2362) or Lambert (776 5908)**.

Plant Sale

The Kirkintilloch Horticultural Society is holding its Annual Plant Sale on Saturday 28th May in the Main Church Hall from 8.30am until 1.00pm. Quality bedding plants, vegetable plants, hanging basket plants available.

The Bells of St Mary's

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| April | 10 | Andrew and Fraser Leishman |
| | 17 | Linda Brown and Jean Ralph |
| | 24 | Mary Stirling and Angela Montgomerie |
| May | 01 | Lisa Thomson and Karen Morrison |



Prayer Secretary

Dear Friends . . .

This piece by John Sentamu, Archbishop of York, I put in The Parishioner four years ago. I hope you agree that it's worth repeating. May we all enjoy the blessings of Easter.

Happy Easter, Margaret

Easter Sunday is a day for noisy celebrations. In churches throughout the land, bells will ring and choirs will sing those great Easter hymns of joy in celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. There are those who might wish that we were a little quieter in our celebrations or were a little less public in our joy. The problem with such a request is that it ignores the fact that in the resurrection of Christ, God is speaking to the world, and when God speaks you can't ignore Him. Our faith is one of prayer and parties, of justice and joy, of love and life.

Thirty-five years ago I was a Stipendiary Grade 1 Magistrate in the northern part of Uganda: a region that had suffered the worst of Idi Amin's brutalities. While I was there, a widow arrived at the court, carrying her newborn son in a rather tattered suitcase pierced with four breathing holes. She had walked 30 miles through the jungle the day after the birth, for she realised her son was dangerously ill. She had gone first to the church to ask the local priest to baptise the child. To her sadness, the priest had been brutally murdered two months before. A young woman who was my interpreter at the court told her, "The new magistrate is a Christian, he may agree to baptise your son, even though he isn't a priest. Take him to the court – but don't say I told you to." So she arrived at court and asked to see me. Yes, the new baby boy was seriously ill. And being acquainted with the rules of the Church of Uganda, I agreed to baptise the little fellow and got her to agree to take him to the hospital a few yards away. As the child was lowered over the basin of water a big black cat jumped through the window. "Heavens, what an unlucky child!"

muttered my English court clerk. But the local people broke into cheers and clapping, for they know well such animals do not come where death is. The baby lived. And that, for me, is the Easter message. Easter is life: new living life, the reason why the disciples were transformed from terrified, defeated and scattered individuals to a confident and joyful body of believers. Life is magnetic. Life is the Lord's. Good Friday and Easter are death turned to life. So I beseech those inside and outside the churches: choose life this Easter!

Choose that exciting new life that risks and gives. "I have come that you may have life and have it in abundance," says our Lord. And it is there gloriously offered this Easter.

Listeners Circle

The last meeting before the Summer break will be on Friday 15 April. The choice of music this month is that of Mr Jim Walker. Everyone is welcome at 2.00 p.m. in the Session House.



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 24 April**.

The Parishioner Online

Missed or lost your copy of the Parishioner ... why not go to www.stmaryskirkintilloch.org.uk and see this month's copy. Stephen McKean, Webmaster, hopes to build on this and have previous copies online so you can look back on past copies. The Publications Committee would like to thank Jim Wilson for setting the Parishioner on a PDF form for us to see.

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

Christian Aid News

The Kirkintilloch and Lenzie Christian Aid group once again thank St Mary's for the use of the Church Halls for their annual fair on 05 March. The total sum raised was £2,763 and the paper stall raised just under £170. Sincere thanks to everyone who donated paper items for the stall, bought tickets for the Fair and to everyone who made a cash donation.

The group are holding their Annual Service later this month in St Columba's Church (more details later). Christian Aid week this year begins on 15 May. Please consider giving up one of your evenings to help the world's poor.

Boys' Brigade



A BIG THANK YOU to everyone for their generous donations at the Boys' Brigade soup lunch. The sum raised towards funds for the summer camp was £350.

Many thanks to all who helped on the day.

The Annual Inspection is on Monday, May 23 at 645pm. The officers and boys look forward to seeing you on the night.



"It's the only way we can cope with all the couples who want to get married on the same day as William and Kate."

From Merry Christmas to Happy Easter Flower Circle Coffee Morning Saturday 16 April

The ladies of the Flower Circle, having been frozen out, snowed in and generally fed up with the weather which prevented their usual coffee morning last December, have now emerged like the daffodils in Spring ready to hold their long delayed coffee morning.

Saturday 16 April 2011 is the new date, from 10.00 am to 12 noon. The cost is still £1.50 and if you have any of the original tickets they will be honoured. New tickets are available from any member of the Flower Circle if you did not get any first time around, or if you did, but have put them in 'a safe place' you can get new ones the same source or pay at the door.



...er... the good news is the youth-group have made a great start by pressure-washing the west window...

Making it real – Artefacts for the St Mary's Timelines

Preparation is underway for the Future Focus series of timeline events planned for May and early June 2011.

We would welcome the loan of any photographs and other visual material, household items, clothing or other relevant artefacts that apply to the four sets of decades that will be covered by the timelines.

Examples of iconic items of the various decades are provided below to stimulate ideas and encourage a rummage around your homes or lofts for similar items. Please remember that our timelines have two dimensions: the historic background and your personal input. The personal input follows, in the form of your written input and your photographs relevant to your life and that of St Mary's. Remember, it's your story told in your own way of how St. Mary's has touched your life over the years:

"My sense of faith is heightened during Holy Week services. Maundy Thursday at St. Mary's is always deeply moving and challenging..."

"I received flowers from the church when I needed them most. To be remembered in other people's prayers is such an encouragement."

"There's been a great deal of change in the world since I first started going to St. Mary's. I'm comforted that faith and fellowship remain a constant there."

Most of the artefacts listed below provide the historical background and are designed to evoke memories and experiences of these eras.

1930s and 1940s

Clothing, wartime memorabilia – warden's helmet, items of uniforms, ration book, evacuation papers, gas mask, air raid patrol arm band etc. Movie memorabilia - posters- King Kong, Frankenstein. Camera or cine projector with slides or films to show. Music – Dance band music (Glenn Miller), 78 rpm records and gramophone, newspapers, pre-war coins and paper money, typewriter, wireless radio, children's toys and games, household items, pocket watch, fountain pen or writing nibs, Bakelite phones etc.

1950s and 1960s

Record players, 45rpm singles, vinyl records and DANSETTE record player. Fashion – mini-skirts, kaftans. Movie memorabilia – Sound of Music, West Side story, James Bond, Music – Beatles, Rolling Stones, Cliff Richard, Elvis., transistor radio, TV, reel to reel tape recorder, slide or cine projector with films to view, newspaper, pre-decimal coins and notes of the realm, vintage camera, Goblin Teasmade, anything Mary Quant,

vintage wrist watch, 8 track car stereo system, wedding dress, household items, Trimphone, Melamine tableware, mechanical calculator, vintage telephone. Toys and games - Vintage Barbie doll, original monopoly/ board games, Meccano sets, Spacehopper, Spirograph, Etch-a-Sketch, original lava lamp, newspaper front page of moon landing etc.

1970s and 1980s

Space hopper, stylophone, Atari early games consoles, retro sweets, roller boots. Fashion – flared trousers, platform shoes, leg warmers, wedding dress, shoes, kipper ties. Movie memorabilia – Star Wars, Saturday Night Fever, Indiana Jones, Fame. Music – disco. Vintage digital watch, alarm clock, compact cassette player, TV, radio, newspaper, currency, household items, Soda Syphon, original wooden sunburst clock, vintage electronic calculator, computer, computer console games like ATARI, BBC MICRO, SINCLAIR ZX, SEGA MEGA DRIVE, Chopper bikes, skate board, vintage telephone, kids toys and games, original Rubix Cubes, Lego sets, vintage mobile phones, early CD Players, decimal coin commemorative sets etc.

1990s and 2000s

Wii, Xbox, iphones, mobile phones, Nintendo, GameBoy, Sony Playstation. Music – Spice Girls, Take That. Laptops, Iphones, Ipads, Ipods, Kindle ebook readers, up to date smart-phones, flat screen TV, Tellytubbies, Furbies, Buzz Lightyear, Cabbage Patch Dolls, (preferably working on the night), wedding dress, ghetto blaster boom box etc.

Other sources of artefacts include Anniversaries, Coronation, Royal Weddings, Silver / Golden Jubilee, Church Anniversaries (1964 & 1989), Events: World War II, Space Flight / Apollo Missions, Concorde, Forth & Clyde Canal (closing in the 60s and re-opening for the new millennium) and induction of new ministers.

You may offer your artefacts on loan either through completing the forms for the purpose or by bringing them directly to the church foyer before the service each Sunday from 3 April through to the timeline events. Future Focus volunteers will be on duty in the church foyer to receive your forms or items, to help record them and possibly even scan your photos and attach them to your written input. We will do our best to ensure the safe return of any item/s you lend us, but please do not offer anything so precious to you that it would be a disaster if it was damaged or lost.

**Melissa McKenzie, Mission & Discipleship Task Group
St Mary's Parish Church**

Invitation

You are cordially invited to four celebrations at St Mary's Parish Church!

To celebrate our soon to be launched web based timeline, we invite you to enjoy four evenings to be held in our church halls, where our invited guest speakers, static displays & video presentations, (plus other attractions) will together be themed to segments of our timeline.

Professional caterers have been arranged to provide a finger buffet for each of our four events.

For catering purposes please indicate on the tear-off slip which evenings you are able to attend and how many persons will attend each night.

For catering purposes please indicate the number of people attending each evening in the appropriate box.

Please note you are invited to all four evenings.

| Friday 13th May Theme is 1930-40s | Friday 20th May Theme is 1950-60s | Friday 27th May Theme is 1970-80s | Friday 3rd June Theme is 1990s-2010 |
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All tear-off slips must be returned by Sunday 1st May 2011 by popping these into the Future Focus boxes located in the church vestibule and hall corridor.



Name:.....

Address:.....

Tel. No:.....

ECO Church

At the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland in May 2009, the delegates passed a motion to establish the "Carbon Footprint" of each church in every Presbytery and then to reduce that "footprint" by 5% each succeeding year. This is all in an effort, indeed a must, to slow down climate change which is happening and for which we human beings are responsible.

Recently our Session agreed that St Mary's should become an ECO friendly church. Our nursery school has already taken major steps and achieved great success in their efforts in this aim and their green flags fly proudly over our halls. Now it is the adult's opportunity, indeed obligation, to carry these efforts forward.

What is a "CARBON FOOTPRINT"? It is a measure of how much carbon dioxide(CO₂- remember it from your school days?) that we create from burning gas, oil and electricity to heat and light our church and halls. The carbon dioxide badly affects the atmosphere and interferes with the climate around the world; changing weather patterns – wetter winters; hotter/drier summers; not too bad in our country but disastrous in many other parts of the world where desert conditions expand; crops fail, animals die, famines follow; the poor get poorer. We complain – they suffer.

I was asked to establish our "footprint" for the past 12 months. It was 120,000 kilograms of carbon gas and we have to reduce that by 5% this year. We spent £23,000 on gas, oil and electricity to heat and light our premises; we could save about £1150 in our costs and we would help to save countless people worldwide from poverty or death. We are the stewards of God's creation and we all have an obligation to care for it. We can/must reduce our "footprint".

Switch off that light when not in use; use energy saving light bulbs; turn down that thermostat by a degree or two; conserve water; recycle these tin cans, paper, glass and plastic bottles and jars. We already do many of these things but we could try a little harder- say 5% harder.

Your new ECO committee has started its work but we do need YOU to help out too.

Lambert Sinclair. ECO member

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Climate Change: What you can do (2)

This is the second article in a short series making some suggestions for members of the congregation to consider as their personal response to climate change. This month we are looking at reducing your electricity consumption:

The aim is to reduce the amount of CO2 produced through reducing the amount of electricity used and transferring to electricity from a renewable source.

First, carry out an audit of electricity usage – look back at the bills for the last year or two and see how much you are spending.

Second, reduce the amount of electricity you are using by:

- Using low energy bulbs – more and more different types of bulb are being produced.
- Turn off lights and computers when not in use, never leave anything on standby. Only switch your computer printer on when it is needed. Don't leave your photocopier or scanner on all the time, but only when needed.
- Only boil the water you actually need in your kettle or coffee maker.
- Clean windows let in more light and reduce the need for having the lights on! Also cleaning your light fittings regularly means more light!

Third, what about buying electricity from a renewable source? Friends of the Earth recommend checking out the following tariffs (in alphabetical order):

- Eco Energy
- Ecotricity Old Energy Tariff
- Good Energy (previously known as unit[e])
- Green Energy 100
- RSPB Energy

Check their website for an in-depth explanation of renewable electricity suppliers (www.foe.co.uk and then 'climate' and then 'green energy'). Although it costs more initially it could mean that in the long run it is no more expensive and you would make big inroads into reducing your CO2 emissions.

Fourth, what about producing your own electricity? More and more small scale renewable electricity generation schemes are being used. Look into the possibilities of wind generation or solar tiles to help reduce CO2 emissions, especially if you have a south facing roof. There are grants available to offset the purchase costs.

Fifth, check the state of your loft insulation!

TREASURER'S REPORT

February Offering

| DATE | FREEWILL OFFERING | GIFT AID | OPEN PLATE | STANDING ORDERS |
|----------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| 06.02.11 | 683.00 | 402.50 | 123.40 | |
| 13.02.11 | 634.50 | 552.00 | 87.10 | |
| 20.02.11 | 552.10 | 1491.53 | 90.00 | |
| 27.02.11 | 681.50 | 890.50 | 153.00 | |
| Standing orders | | | | 3296.33 |
| TOTAL | 2551.10 | 3336.53 | 453.50 | 3296.33 |
| Total for the Month | | 9637.46 | | |

| RECEIPTS AND DONATIONS | Received with thanks |
|--|-----------------------------|
| Donations to Parishioner and Life & Work Receipts | 203.80 |
| Legacy From The Estate of The Late Peter Ellis Stirling | 1000.00 |
| Donation to Special Projects Fund | 1000.00 |
| Donation to Special Projects Fund | 200.00 |
| St Mary's Running Club Donation to Special Projects Fund | 170.25 |
| St Mary's Listeners Circle Donation to Special Projects Fund | 100.00 |
| Mrs Weir Donation to Special projects Fund | 20.00 |
| Soroptimist International of Kirkintilloch & District | Hall Use |
| Rotary Club Of Kirkintilloch | Hall Use |
| | 140.00 |
| | 220.00 |

TWR's outreach to the troubled Middle East

Amid the ongoing unrest in the Middle East and North Africa, Trans World Radio continues to deliver spiritual programming to the region, proclaiming the peace, hope and love of Jesus Christ. "There's no doubt that the Middle East and North Africa region is in a state of turmoil and chaos," says TWR's Arabic Ministries leader. "What we see on the news... can be quite alarming since we don't know what the future holds for this region."

TWR's outreach to the Middle East and North Africa covers the entire region, which includes 20 countries and some 383 million people. Each week TWR reaches men, women, youth and oral people groups with weekly radio broadcasts in the languages of the region, which include Arabic and Berber and their many dialects, Assyrian, Farsi, Hebrew, Iraqi, Sous-Tachelhit and Turkish.

17 April Palm Sunday: Jesus at the gates of Jerusalem

Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday, when the Church remembers how Jesus arrived at the gates of Jerusalem just a few days before the Passover was due to be held. He was the Messiah come to his own people in their capital city, and yet he came in humility, riding on a young donkey, not in triumph, riding on a war-horse.

As Jesus entered the city, the crowds gave him a rapturous welcome, throwing palm fronds into his path. They knew his reputation as a healer, and welcomed him. But sadly the welcome was short-lived and shallow, for Jerusalem would soon reject her Messiah, and put him to death. On this day churches worldwide will distribute little crosses made from palm fronds in memory of Jesus' arrival in Jerusalem.



Holy Week Services

Monday: St. Columba's Parish Church

Tuesday: Hillhead Parish Church

Wednesday: St. David's Memorial Park Church

Thursday: Communion at
St. Mary's Parish Church

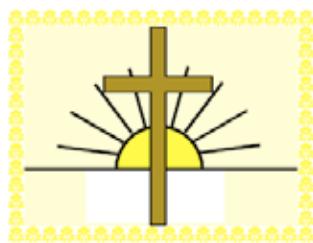
Friday: St. Columba's Parish Church

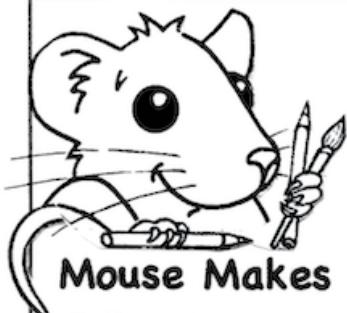
All services commence at 7.00pm each evening

GOOD FRIDAY WALK at 11.00am

EASTER SUNDAY WALK:

*Leaving Hillhead Parish Church at 8.00am via Canal
to St Mary's for 9.00am Communion*





Mouse Makes

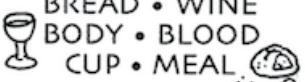
Follow the Easter story using the Bible references, then look for the words in the wordsearch puzzle



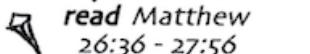
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Last Supper

PASSOVER • ROOM
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BODY • BLOOD
CUP • MEAL

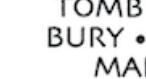
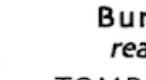
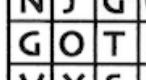
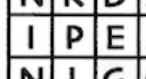
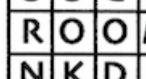


Betrayal and Death



KISS • MESSIAH
CHRIST • SON
CRUCIFY • JESUS
CROWN • THORNS
ROBE • TREE
NAILS • CROSS
DARKNESS • QUAKE
DEATH • LOTS

Easter Wordsearch



Burial and Resurrection

read Matthew 27:57 - 28:20

TOMB • STONE • LINEN • BODY
BURY • THREE DAYS • MORNING
MARY • ANGEL • HEAVEN
GOD • RAISED • JOY • GO TELL
GOOD NEWS • PEACE • SPIRIT
SAVIOUR • PRAISE

Across

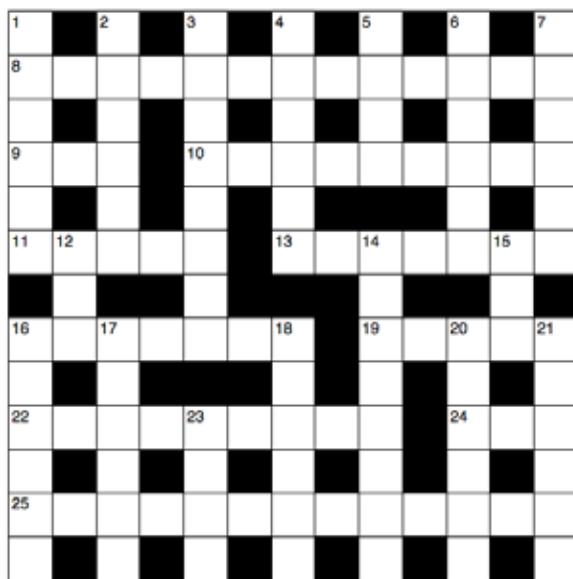
8 'He poured out his life unto death, and was numbered with the —' (Isaiah 53:12) (13)
 9 'When they had sung a hymn, they went — to the Mount of Olives (Matthew 26:30) (3)
 10 Comes between Galatians and Philippians (9)
 11 'Your heart will — and swell with joy' (Isaiah 60:5) (5)
 13 Muslim holy month (7)
 16 Ten ears (anag.) (7)
 19 Under (poetic abbrev.) (5)
 22 How Abram described himself to God when he complained that his inheritance would pass to a servant (Genesis 15:2) (9)
 24 'Go to the — , you sluggard' (Proverbs 6:6) (3)
 25 Debar from receiving Communion (13)

Down

1 My — for His Highest (Oswald Chambers' best-known book) (6)
 2 Festival of the resurrection (6)
 3 'His sons will prepare for war and — a great army' (Daniel 11:10) (8)
 4 'Let not the — string his bow' (Jeremiah 51:3) (6)
 5 Name of the River Thames in and around Oxford (4)
 6 'From then on Judas watched for an opportunity — — him over' (Matthew 26:16) (2,4)
 7 'But Christ is faithful — — — over God's house' (Hebrews 3:6) (2,1,3)

ACROSS: 8. Transgressors. 9. Out. 10. Ephesians. 11. Throb. 13. Ramadan. 16. Nearest. 19. Neath. 22. Childless. 24. Ant. 25. Excommunicate. DOWN: 1. Utmost. 2. Easter. 3. Assemble. 4. Archer. 5. Isis. 6. To hand. 7. As a son. 12. Hoe. 14. Monastic. 15. Apt. 16. Nuclei. 17. A piece. 18. Tied up. 20. Ararat. 21. Hatred. 23. Dome.

Crossword



ANSWERS AT FOOT OF PAGE

12 Long-handled implement used to till the soil (Isaiah 7:25) (3)
 14 Order to which monks and nuns devote themselves (8)
 15 Appropriate (Proverbs 15:23) (3)
 16 I, uncle (anag.) (6)
 17 'They gave him — — of broiled fish' (Luke 24:42) (1,5)
 18 'Weren't there three men that we — — and threw into the fire?' (Daniel 3:24) (4,2)
 20 Mountain where Noah's ark came to rest (Genesis 8:4) (6)
 21 'Don't you know that friendship with the world is — towards God?' (James 4:4) (6)
 23 Prominent architectural feature of large cathedrals such as St Paul's (4)

Turn to Jesus now!

The Roman Governor could have saved Jesus, but he was weak. He turned Jesus over to the people who were baying for his blood. The soldiers had already whipped him and mocked him with a crown of thorns. The people got their way. Jesus was crucified even though he was innocent. A criminal dying on a cross nearby put his trust in him. Amazing! Jesus assured him he was forgiven and would have eternal life. That can be true for each of us. But much better to turn to him now than leave it to the last minute like that criminal!



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 | Ken Craig |
| | Crèche | ditto | ditto | Dorothy Stewart |
| | Fairtrade | Main Hall | 12 noon – 12.30 p.m. | Fiona Leishman/Leslie Baird |
| | Badminton | | | |
| | Beginners | ditto | 4.30 p.m. – 6.00 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/Bessie Cousin |
| | Shipmates | ditto | 6.00 p.m. – 6.45 p.m. | Lindsay Campbell |
| | Junior & Company | | | |
| | Section Boys' Brigade | ditto | 6.45p.m. – 8.30 p.m. | Iain Hill |
| | Men's Club | Main Hall | 8.00 p.m. – 10.00p.m. | Archie Smith |
| Tuesday | WRVS Lunch Club | Main Hall | 12 noon – 1.30 p.m. | Jane Hutchison |
| | Ladies Badminton | ditto | 1.30 p.m. – 3.30 p.m. | Doreen More |
| | Junior Badminton | ditto | 6.00 p.m. – 8.00 p.m. | Trevor Patterson |
| | Prayer Time | Session House | 7.00 p.m. – 7.30 p.m. | Rev Katy Owen |
| | Senior Badminton | ditto | 8.00 p.m. – 10.30 p.m. | Susan Wilson |
| | Country Dancing | Mid Hall | 7.45 p.m. – 10.00 p.m. | Moira MacNeill |
| Wednesday | Wednesday Welcome | Session House | 10.00a.m. – 11.20a.m. | Mary Stirling |
| | Wednesday Worship | Church | 11.30 a.m. – 12 noon | Rev Mark Johnstone |
| | Over 50s Badminton | Main Hall | 1.30 p.m. – 3.30 p.m. | |
| | 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> |
| Thursday | Flower Circle (alternate weeks) | Mid Hall | 7.30 p.m. – 9.00 p.m. | Elizabeth Walker |
| | Choir | Session House | 7.45 p.m. – 9.00 p.m. | David Burns |
| 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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