



The **Parishioner**

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Pastoral Letter

December 2013

Dear Friends,

'...Endurance produces character, and character produces hope.....' (Romans 5)

On Sunday afternoon I made a trip to Tayport. I was travelling with some friends to collect a K8. Until last week I did not know what a K8 was! I now know what a K8 is, a K6 and K5 through to 1.

To most people the (K6s) are your traditional Red Telephone Kiosks. The original classic design for these telephone kiosks was produced by Sir Giles Gilbert Scott. This is the same architect and designer who designed the tower at Glasgow University; he also designed the famous St Pancras Railway station in London. To his credit there are many iconic buildings in the British landscape that owe their beauty to his imagination, e.g. Liverpool Cathedral, Guinness Brewery, North Block at Guildhall and the tower at

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Cambridge University library. (Google and have a look).

He was clearly a man who took care over great things and small things. The symbol of the red telephone kiosk endures.

My reason for travelling to Tayport was to bring a Kiosk home to Kirkintilloch. The Lion Foundry in Kirkintilloch manufactured many of these kiosks and it seems right that some of them should return to decorate the street scape. Some of these markers of our heritage have a place in the present. They may remind us of our industrial past and they may bring a confidence to the present. They may endure and as they endure they encourage us to take a pride in the work of the past.

This year at St Mary's we are celebrating 100 years of our current building. We see something from the past that endures. The centenary is more than a celebration of what physically endures; it also challenges us to think of what spiritually endures.

As we move towards advent I hope we can take care over the large and the small things and see what will endure for the life of our Church as found in Jesus Christ. The season of advent endures and points us anew to the coming of God's only son into the world that we may see God's love for us and God's challenge that we love one another.

Have a lovely Christmas and holiday season.

Yours

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.'

November 10 **James Lockhart Dolan**

November 17 **Katie West** daughter of Fraser and Donna

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.'

October 30 Mrs M Laing, 49 Auchinleck Avenue, Robroyston

November 08 W Alexander Baird, 19 Friarscroft, Kirkintilloch

13 Mrs M Kerr, 8 Lammermoor Crescent, Kirkintilloch

14 Mrs M McKinnon, formerly of Kelvin Court,
Kirkintilloch

22 Mr D Fleck, 8 First Avenue, Auchinloch

December 02 Mrs. Sarah Jack, Campsie View Nursing Home,
Kirkintilloch

Special Anniversaries –

Diamond Wedding

Mr Ronnie and Mrs Helen Campbell, 20 Woodhead Avenue, Kirkintilloch, celebrated 60 years of marriage on 04 December.

Best Wishes and congratulations are sent from all at St Mary's.



Listeners Circle – on Friday 20 December in the Session House at 2.00 p.m. will be a selection of Christmas music chosen by Jim Walker. Visitors are always welcome, especially at this festive season. You may even get a mince pie and slice of cake to accompany your cuppa in the interval. The

first meeting of the New Year is Friday 17 January when the music presenter will be Moira Lawson.



Church Flowers

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

December	08	Mrs I. Livingstone, Mrs S. Gow
	15	Mrs I. Hay, Mrs N. Marshall, Mrs R. Downs
	22	Mrs D. Kerr, Mrs V. Weir, Mrs R. Bennie, Mrs L Brown
Christmas Eve		Mrs B. Hill
	29	E. & C. Kerr, Mrs V. Anderson, Mrs J. Finney, Mr R. Laing
January	05	Mr G. Fraser, Mrs M. Smith, Mrs A. Somerville
	12	Mrs J. Nicol, Mrs J. Reid
	19	Mr Mrs D. Burns, Miss J. Provan, Mrs S. Burns, Mr Mrs J. Cuthbertson
	26	Mrs J. Pearson, Mrs D. McPherson
February	02	Mrs D. Smith, Mrs J. Cardwell

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

December	01/08	Mrs M. Hardie, P.L. & C. Malcolm
	15/22	Mrs J. Reid Mrs M. Gaston
	29)	Mrs J. McCann
January	05)	Mrs J. Pearson
	12/19	Mrs L Sinclair, Mrs M Wilson
	26)	Mrs D More
February	02)	Mrs I Kennedy

The Bells of St Mary's

December	15	Angela Montgomerie and Mary Stirling
	22	Lisa Thomson and Karen Morrison
	29	Dorothy Stewart and Paul Malcolm
January 2014	05	James Paterson and Janet Millin
	12	Mary Stirling and Jen Biggans
	19	Linda Brown and Jean Ralph
	26	Angela Montgomerie and Mary Stirling
February	02	Lisa Thomson and Karen Morrison



Thank You . . .

Thank you acknowledgements have been received from the following people who received Chancel Flowers during the month of November.

Mr Mrs B Stevenson, Mr Mrs A Stevenson, Mrs M. MacRae, Mr Mrs J. Lang, Mr R. Laing, Mrs J. Tinning, Mrs H. Brown, Mrs P. Kerr, Mrs J. Thomson, Mrs M. McCaffer, Mrs J. Allan, Mrs J. Clarke, Isobel, Mrs R. Garrity, Mrs M. Stevenson, Miss A. Tassie, Dr D. Primrose, Mrs M. McMurrough, Mrs N. Cowan, Mrs B. Cousin, Mrs L. Morrison, Mrs M. Thompson, Mrs A. Cunningham, Mrs E. Goodwin, The Baird family, Mrs M. Knox, G. & L. Black, Mr J. McIsaac, Mr M. Lynch, Mrs M. Girault, Mr Mrs D. McFarlane, Mrs M. MacNeill, Mrs H. Donald, Mrs S. Chesney, Rev K Owen, Mrs M MacNeill, Mr B. Wallace.

The men's club have again given me a cheque for a £100 to go towards the pot plants. A very big thank you to them and everyone who has donated towards the pot plants.

Janice Reid

The family of the late Grace Watson thanks all who brought St Mary's to Grace by visiting, delivering flowers etc when she was no longer able to attend. Thanks to all who supported the family in their loss and to those who contributed to the retiring collection, which resulted in £500 being donated to the Church Roof Fund.



The Guild

The Guild meets on Fridays in the Lesser Hall at 7.30 p.m.
The programme for January is as undernoted.

January	10	Robert Hamilton – Slides Selection
	17	Rev Stuart Fulton – Criminal Justice
	24	Stephen Cairns – Role of the Firefighter
	31	Kirkintilloch Brass Bands – Open Night
February	07	Louis Reddick – Trip to Bermuda

Advanced date for your diary – Guild Coffee Morning Saturday 15 February

Session Report

At our December meeting we took the opportunity to discuss the Evening Communion Service. Many have noticed that the number of members coming along in the evening has fallen. The question was naturally raised, should we continue with the evening service?

We have had a positive response to the additional communion services in September and February. It is encouraging that these services have been so well received. Part of the reason for that is it allows some folks who feel uneasy with the common cup method of celebrating communion to participate in communion when otherwise they might not. The same argument can apply to the evening service and arguably the reason why the evening service was introduced. It allowed those who were serving the elements at the earlier service an opportunity to be served. It also allowed those members serving in the Sunday school to participate in communion.

Our numbers may have dropped in the evening and sometimes the numbers of Elders serving out-number those being served. But the invite to the communion table is an invite to all and the Session felt that sometimes the number of people who come along is not the measure of whether the service is to be valued. If it still addresses a need and the principal participants in serving communion remain willing to serve then the evening service will remain.

The Kirk Session wishes the congregation a peaceful Christmas and Happy New Year.

Centenary

I would like to thank the folks who serve on our centenary committee for their hard work this year. We have had a couple of very successful events and we look forward to 2014 as our celebrations take shape leading up to 14th September 2014.

As you may be aware, we are selling calendars comprising beautiful pictures of the Church courtesy of Karen Morrison and containing reference to key dates in our celebrations priced £6. These are available over in the halls after the service, but if you cannot make it out to the Church please contact the Church Office and we can arrange to take your order.

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Our list of the top 100 hymns has been completed and we will let you know the most popular carols included as part of the festive services, as well as in the New Year, letting you have full details of the list.

Our next event is our Festival of Christmas event on 11th December which will be a traditional celebration of Christmas, old and new with refreshments. After that we have an Evening with Ewan Aitken on 24th January. Ewan is secretary to the Church of Scotland's Church and Society Council. The role of this Council is to engage on behalf of the Church in the national, political and social issues affecting Scotland and the world today. This covers a huge range of issues including human rights, asylum, ethics, science and technology, concerns about gambling, climate change and education issues. It will be fascinating evening with the usual hospitality provided by Nonna's Kitchen.

In February we take a different tack when we will be joined by Jeremy Singer. A lecturer in the School of Computing Science at Glasgow University. Jeremy also hosts a Christian blog "My kind of Messiah" and takes a more modern approach to spreading the word of God. An altogether different but none the less thought provoking evening in store.

Lastly we are hoping to get together a one off community choir drawn not just from St Mary's but from the Kirkintilloch community that will come together over a couple of evenings. The aim will be to sing for fun and fellowship and to perform for one night only at a celebration concert held with the Kirkintilloch Male Voice Choir at the end of August. More details to follow....

Charles Hay, Session Clerk

Charles Hay thanks all those who supported him in his MOVEMBER month.

Gala Dinner – On 14th November 2014 as a way to wind down after our year of celebration and to start the build up to our 200th anniversary we are organising a Gala Dinner in the grand surroundings of the Radisson Blu Hotel in Glasgow. Tickets will be priced at £40 each and this includes a 3 course meal, complimentary drink on arrival and bus travel to and from the Radisson Blu Hotel. We will be joined on the evening by some guest speakers. To reserve a place, a £10 deposit per person is required.

A Christmas Quiz

Are these statements true or false?

1. The town of Bethlehem is just over 20 miles from Jerusalem.
2. The composer, Gustav Holst, who wrote the music for the carol 'In the Bleak Mid-Winter', lived in Thaxted, Essex.
3. A pheasant is one of numerous birds mentioned in the song: 'The 12 days of Christmas'.
4. The first light bulbs used to decorate a Christmas tree were switched on at London's Great Exhibition in 1851.
5. After leaving Bethlehem, Mary and Joseph with the baby Jesus went into Egypt.
6. The Christmas stamps produced by Royal Mail in 2009 depicted the Nativity on stained glass windows.
7. The second line of the carol 'Once in Royal David's city' is: 'Stood a smelly cattle-shed'.
8. 'Vrolyk Kerstfeest' means 'Happy Christmas' in the Slovakian language.
9. 'Merry Christmas Everybody' sung by Slade was top of the UK singles chart in 1983.
10. Bethlehem in Israel stands 2,550 feet above sea level.
11. Mistletoe is nutritious to many animals, but poisonous to people.
12. In December 2001, the world's longest Christmas cracker was measured at 207 feet.
13. The carol 'Silent Night' was originally written in Russia.
14. Poinsettia plants were first discovered in Mexico by Joel Poinsett in the mid 1800s.
15. There is a village in Wales called Bethlehem.
16. The song 'Have yourself a Merry little Christmas' featured in the film 'Meet me in St. Louis' (1940).
17. The story for the film 'The Snowman' was written by Roald Dahl.
18. 'A Christmas Carol' was written by Charles Dickens in 1843.
19. Bing Crosby and Bob Hope starred together in the film 'White Christmas' (1954).
20. Christmas Activities were banned in 1647 following an Act of Parliament introduced by Oliver Cromwell.

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Christmas Services

Wednesday 18 December Blue Christmas Service

Although the Christmas lights may illuminate the streets and even our living room, our mood may not reflect the joy that many feel. During our Blue Christmas service we will have an opportunity to give expression to any sense of loss, pain, regret or fear — in the midst of the twinkling lights we take time to be still, silent and in the silence we know a deeper kind of listening.

The service begins at 7.30pm.

Arrangements for the other services over the Christmas period are as undernoted:

- **Christmas Evening**
– Wednesday 11 December 2013 at 7.30pm
- **Movie Night**
– Thursday 19 December 2013 at 7.30pm
- **Nativity and Baptism**
– Sunday 22 December 2013 at 11.00am
- **Christmas by Candlelight**
– Sunday 22 December 2013 at 7.00pm
- **Watchnight Candle Service**
– Tuesday 24 December 2013 at 11.00 p.m.



Doors open at 11pm for informal carol singing with service beginning at 11.15pm and finishing at 12.15am.

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Bi-Annual Burns Supper

to be held on Saturday 25 January 2014. The tickets are £16.00 and will be on sale at the end of December.

Philippines Typhoon Appeal

St Mary's responded very generously to the above appeal, raising the sum of £599.48 at the retiral collection. This has been sent to Christian Aid and will help to alleviate the terrible suffering caused by the typhoon. Thank you.

Paul Malcolm

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

The next issue will be **February 2013** and copy for this 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 January**. With continued thanks to those who make donations towards the cost of producing the magazine. The Publications Committee take this opportunity of wishing everyone a lovely Christmas and Happy New Year. Personal thanks from the Editor to all involved who give of their time every month assisting in the production of the magazine and of keeping the Website up-to-date.

Christmas: Where did Christmas trees come from?

There are two early stories that mention fir trees. The first involves St Boniface, who went to Germany in the 8th century as a missionary and found people sacrificing a child to their god under an oak tree. Boniface was appalled, and rescued the child. He then chopped down the oak tree and found a tiny fir tree growing nearby. He gave this to the people and said: "This is a symbol of life. Whenever you look at this tree, remember the Christ-child who is the one who will give you life, because he gave his life for you."

The second early fir tree story involves Martin Luther in the 16th century. It is said that one year he decided to drag a fir tree into his home and to decorate it with candles. He used it as a visual aid, telling people that the candles symbolised Jesus as the light of the world, and the evergreen tree symbolised the eternal life that Jesus gives to us. Many of the people who followed Luther were struck by the idea, and took up the custom.

Why you should sing lullabies to your children

It shouldn't work, but it does: singing lullabies to your children when they are in pain really does help them. So practise your rendition of Twinkle Twinkle Little Star and Hushabye Baby! Singing lullabies calms children's heart rates and pain perception more than leaving them alone or even reading to them, according to research at Great Ormond Street Hospital. Prof Tim Griffiths, a neurologist, explained it this way to the BBC: "There's an ancient part of the brain in the limbic system which is responsible for the emotional responses to music.... What I think is happening here is that the emotional part of the brain is being stimulated by music."

Say ‘sorry’ – it really helps

The very British habit of apologising for problems beyond our control may not make sense, but it does make friends. Such apologies lead other people to view us as more trustworthy.

From Hugh Grant (apologising for everything) in Four Weddings and a Funeral, it seems that “superfluous apologies represent a powerful and easy-to-use tool for social influence”, according to a professor at Harvard. “Even in the absence of culpability, individuals can increase trust and liking by saying, ‘I’m sorry’.”

A handy thing to remember as the busy festive season approaches, when you’ll need all the goodwill from others that you can get. Proverbs 15:1 put it this way: ‘A gentle answer turns away wrath...’

Prayer of Thanks at Christmas

Loving Father of Christmas, In this year when we have welcomed the birth of a baby, born to be King of this country for a generation, we thank you for the everlasting gift of your precious son, Jesus, King of all Kings, whose reign will last for ever and ever.

Thank you that he became one of us; that he lived and died and rose again so that we might be offered the gift of eternal life. Please open our eyes and ears and hearts this Christmas, by the power of your Holy Spirit. May we see, hear and experience the peace and joy, comfort and life, which is your Christmas present to us, wrapped up in the presence of Jesus. Emmanuel, God actually with us, today!

Thank you, thank you Lord. Amen.

Chirstmas Quiz answers: 1. False: It is only five! 2. True. 3. False. 4. False: Light bulbs were not commercially available until after 1879. 5. True. 6. True. 7. False: Replace the word ‘smelly’ with ‘lowly’. 8. False: It is Dutch. 9. False: It was 1973. 10. True. 11. True 12. True: It was also 13 feet in diameter, and made in Buckinghamshire. 13. False: It was written in Austria. 14. True. 15. True: It’s in Carmarthenshire, north-east of Llandeilo. 16. True. 17. False: The story was by Raymond Briggs. 18. True. 19. False: Bing Crosby starred with Danny Kaye. 20. True: Christmas was an illegal festival for 13 years!

The Rectory . . .

St James the Least of All My dear Nephew Darren

So, you have just attended a course on 'Diary Management', to get you prepared for another year. If you had visited me, I could have told you all you need to know in half the time. Allow me to provide you with useful information which was probably not provided in your conference hand-outs.

First: buy the smallest diary you can find: large blank pages only encourage you to fill them with too many appointments; the smaller the page, the easier it can be made to appear that your days are fully booked.

Second: make sure that it is of a size that will conveniently fit into any pocket. When dates are being arranged for subsequent meetings, you can theatrically start going through jacket, trouser and overcoat pockets. By the time you discover it was in your briefcase all along, all the dates will have been fixed and no one will notice you never got any of them.

Third: adopt your own private code for bookings. This means that any parishioner looking over your shoulder and seeing "1.30pm PLS" or "7.30pm WTD" will assume you are attending

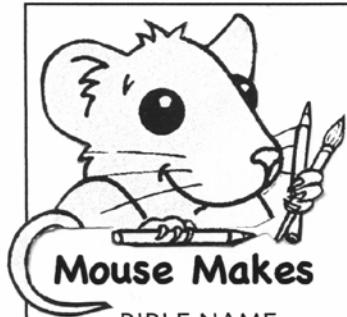
important church meetings. The fact that they mean "Post Lunch Sleep" and "Walk The Dog" will be known to you alone – although do have alternative possibilities for your acronyms should you ever be challenged. My congregation know I am assiduous in attending the "Pauline Letters Seminars" and my membership of the "World Theology Directorate" is of many years standing.

Fourth: Record everything in pencil so that once you return home, you can rub most of it out and can then deny you knew anything about those meetings you were supposed to attend – and to prove it, you can show the blank page in your diary.

Fifth: Put someone else's address inside your diary. Should you ever have to resort to the ultimate act and need to lose it, you do not want some Good Samaritan returning it to you from the churchyard compost heap.

So you see, your day of flip charts and group discussions were quite wasted – and I would gladly have presented my course for half their price.

Your loving uncle, Eustace



Mouse Makes

BIBLE NAME WORDSEARCH

ABRAHAM =father of many
 ADAM =man
 ANDREW =strong man
 AMOS =burden bearer
 ANNA =gracious
 BENJAMIN =son of the right hand
 EVE =to breathe
 ELIZABETH =fullness of God
 ESAU =hairy
 DEBORAH =bee
 DANIEL =God my judge
 DAVID =beloved
 GABRIEL =man of God
 GAD =fortune
 HANNAH =gracious
 ISAAC =laughter
 JESUS = God is saviour
 JOSEPH = increase
 JOSHUA = saviour
 MATTHEW =gift of God
 MOSES =deliverer
 NAOMI =beautiful
 NATHANIEL =gift of God
 PAUL =small, humble
 PETER =a rock
 PHOEBE =bright, pure
 JOHN =God is gracious
 PRICILLA =ancient
 RUTH =friend
 SARAH =princess
 SHEM =name
 STEPHEN =crowned
 TAMAR =palm tree
 THOMAS =twin
 TIMOTHY =valued of God

Eight days after he was born, Mary and Joseph named their baby with the name the angel Gabriel had given them. It was a special name for a very special baby.. the name **JESUS** which means **GOD IS SAVIOUR**

Read: Matthew 1:21
 and Luke 2:25-38



Can you find all these
 bible names in the grid?

Does your name have a meaning?

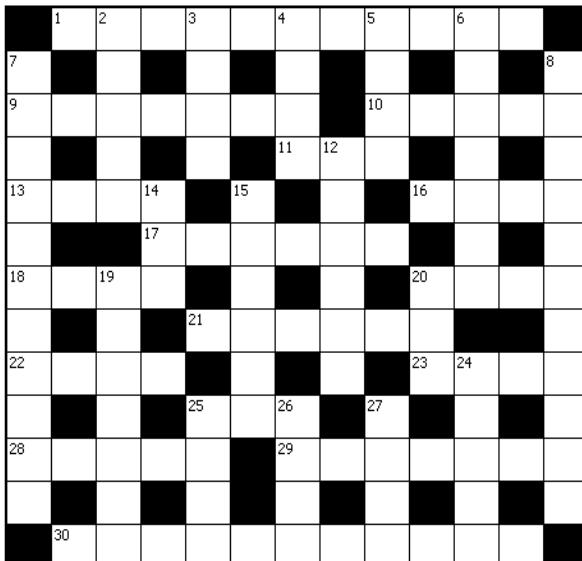
Across

- 1 'Again Peter denied it, and at that moment a — began to crow' (John 18:27) (4)
- 3 Fetters (Job 33:11) (8)
- 8 Perform on a musical instrument (1 Samuel 16:23) (4)
- 9 Paul describes it as 'the third heaven' (2 Corinthians 12:2-4) (8)
- 11 Loyally (Deuteronomy 11:13) (10)
- 14 Hens? Me? (anag.) (6)
- 15 Not visible (Matthew 6:6) (6)
- 17 Predicted site of the final great battle (Revelation 16:16) (10)
- 20 Jacob's youngest son (Genesis 35:18) (8)
- 21 One of Zophar's eleven sons (1 Chronicles 7:36) (4)
- 22 For example, London, Paris, Rome (8)
- 23 United Society for the Propagation of the Gospel (1,1,1,1)

Down

- 1 Favourite church activity: Fellowship round a — — — (3,2,3)
- 2 Divinely bestowed powers or talents (8)
- 4 Pile together (1 Thessalonians 2:16) (4,2)
- 5 Commanded to justify (John

Crossword



ANSWERS AT FOOT OF PAGE

- 8:13) (10)
- 6 Timothy's grandmother (2 Timothy 1:5) (4)
- 7 Killed (Psalm 78:34) (4)
- 10 One of Graham Kendrick's best-known songs, — — King (3,7)
- 12 Indecency (Mark 7:22) (8)
- 13 Unceasing (Jeremiah 15:18) (8)
- 16 He prophesied 'the abomination that causes desolation' (Matthew 24:15) (6)
- 18 British Board of Film Classification (1,1,1,1)
- 19 Pans (anag.) (4)

ACROSS: 1, Cock. 3, Shackles. 8, Play. 9, Paradise. 11, Faithfully. 14, Enmesh. 15, Unseen. 17, Armageddon. 20, Benjamin. 21, Beri. 22, Capitals. 23, USPG. DOWN: 1, Cup of tea. 2, Charisma. 4, Heap up. 5, Challenged. 6, Lois. 7, Slew. 10, The Servant. 12, Lewdness. 13, Unending. 16, Daniel. 18, BBFC. 19, Snap.

ST MARY'S PARISH CHURCH ORGANISATIONS

Contact list 2013.14	Organisation	Location	Time	Contact
Sunday	Sunday Worship	Church	11am	Rev Mark Johnstone
	Kidz Zone	Church Halls	11am	Elaine Stevens/Louise Barry
	Seekers		11am	Elaine Stevens/Louise Barry
	Creche	Church Halls	11am	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	Nursery	Church Halls	8.30-11.45am	Janet Brady
	Ladies Bowling	Main Hall	1.30-3.30pm	Cathie Devine
	BB Shipmates	Main Hall	6-7pm	Lindsey Campbell
	BB Junior/Company	Main/Mid Hall	6.45-8.30pm	Garry Burns/Iain Hill
	Running/Walking Club	Session House	7pm	Bob Brown/Jean Ralph
	Men's Club	Main Hall	7.30-10pm	Archie Smith
Tuesday	Nursery	Church Halls	8.30-11.45am	Janet Brady
	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	Meeting Place	7-7.30pm	Rev Katy Owen
	Country Dancing	Mid Hall	7.45-10pm	Moira MacNeill
Wednesday	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 50's Badminton	Main Hall	1.30-3.30pm	Anne Allan
	Rainbows	Mid Hall	6.30-7.30pm	Agnes Marran
	Brownies	Main Hall	6.30-7.45pm	Elizabeth Cousin
	Vestry	Church Vestry	7-9pm	Church Office
	Running/Walking Club	Session House	7pm	Bob Brown/Jean Ralph
	Trefoil Guild (monthly)	Mid Hall	7.45-10pm	Edith Dunn
Thursday	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	Janet Brady
	Listener's Circle (Monthly)	Session House (church)	2-4pm	Robert Dewar
	Guild	Mid Hall	7.30-9pm	Moira MacNeill

For further information on any of the above –

Please contact the Church Office on

0141 775 1166 or email: office.stmarys@btconnect.com

Pray

Blessed are the merciful for they shall obtain mercy.

St Matthew 5 : 7

When did you last give yourself the unique satisfaction of going well out of your way on an errand of mercy?

*Why are thou cast down, O my Soul?
And why are thou disquieted in Me?
Hope thou in God.
Psalm 42 : 5*
Life's like that.
Optimism sits firmly on one side of the emotional Seesaw and pessimism supports itself on the other.

Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God. St Matthew 5 : 8

Heaven is where love is; and where love is, heaven has already begun.

Verily, verily, I say unto you. He that heareth My word and believeth on

Him that sent Me, hath everlasting life and shall not come into Condemnation; but is passed from death into life. St John 5 : 24

‘Heareth believeth – hath’. We don’t need to be very good at grammar to see that the gospel concerns not only the past and not only the future, but is also the Gospel of the Present Tense.



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