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Pastoral Letter

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Dear Friends,

Over the past month a highlight for me has been my visit to Rome. Along with my eldest son Ross I visited the Eternal City and took in the sites. It is often called the Eternal City because it has taken a significant role in the history of Europe. We visited the Colosseum where the Gladiators fought, the Trevi fountain which is named after the young girl who supposedly took Agrippa's thirsty soldiers to its source. Trevi means three ways and the fountain sits in a section where three streets come together. We also visited the Spanish steps one of the widest stair cases in Europe. Our visit to the Hark Rock Cafe was also memorable.

One morning, early, we visited St Peter's Basilica. It is a grand building. It is claimed to have the largest interior of any Christian Church in the world. It is Baroque architecture in its highest form. Visiting the Sistine Chapel brought so many pictures to life and placed them in context.

The contrast between the teaching of Jesus, and how the church throughout the ages has attempted to express its faith seem miles apart. From the Carpenter in Galilee to the magnificent Church buildings that pepper the sky line we must make a huger leap. We have the buildings and they are part of our history and heritage. However on several occasions during our trip we saw how the Church was attempting to

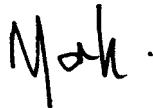
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draw folks eyes upward to God. There were clearly places for personal devotion, meditation and reflection. There were spiritual books to read, pictures to see and music to listen to. It was important to make the internal spiritual journey while soaking up the relics of a bye-gone age. We were encouraged to look at the true treasure of our faith.

In our own daily journey it may not be the significant sites of an Eternal City, it may not be years of history and preservation, but there may be other things that distract us. It may be a preoccupation with a person or event, it may be the pressure of work, money, time. There will be other distractions that need to be put in their place, or left in their place, in order that we may feed our soul.

Jesus said 'Wherever your treasure is there will your heart be also' -- what do we really treasure -- the faith and the people around us.

Kindest Regards

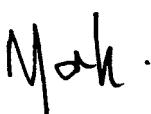
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Communion ...

Dear Friends,

In the future St Mary's will have four main communions in the year. There will also be a celebration of communion on Maunday Thursday of Holy Week and on Easter morning. We will be moving to four Communion services a year beginning this March. Two of our Communion services will be in the manner traditionally adopted at St Mary's, that is by using 'The Common Cup', and bread that each individual breaks a piece from. The wine used with the 'Common Cup' is an alcoholic sherry. The other two Communion services will use small individual glasses and the bread will already be cut. The wine in the individual glasses will be alcohol free. Both methods of celebrating Holy Communion are equally valid and symbolically rich. The Kirk Session in coming to this decision are responding to requests from the congregation. Nothing is being taken away from the life of the church and it is our hope that those who may have felt excluded through our traditional practice will acknowledge the invitation and attend these additional communions.

kindest regards

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Parish Register

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.'

December	08	Mrs Elizabeth Ross Darroch Nursing Home Cumbernauld
	14	Mrs Mary Downie 128 Meiklehill Road Kirkintilloch
	16	Mrs Christina (Ina) Gillies 40 Market Road Kirkintilloch
	23	Mrs Mary Arthur Abbeyfield House Springburn
	28	Mr Roger David Whipp 1 Sycamore Way Milton of Campsie
January	30	Mrs Elizabeth McFarlane
	07	Mr David Ure 18 Alder Avenue Lenzie
	11	Mrs Nancy McLatchie 35 Barrhill Court Kirkintilloch
	26	Mr Colin Campbell 24 Alloway Gardens Kirkintilloch

Special Anniversaries – Golden Wedding

Norma and Robert Cowan were married in Shettleston Parish Church on 27 January 1962 and congratulations and best wishes are sent from the congregation as they celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary.



Church Flowers

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

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February	12	Mrs E. Goodwin, Mrs R. Dewar, Mrs L. Wilson
	19	Mrs J. Brown, Miss L. Struth
	26	Mr A. Smith, Mrs I. Livingston, Mrs J. Reid
March	04	Mrs A. Cunningham, Mrs M. Stead, Mrs M. Hardie

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

February	12/19	Mrs S McMillan, Mrs J Smith
February) 26	Mrs M Malcolm
March) 04	Mrs R McMillan



Listeners Circle

The next meeting will be on Friday 17 February. The choice of music this month is that of John McGugan. Everyone is welcome at 2.00 p.m. in the Session House.

Safeguarding Seminar

As a Church and a community we are committed to protecting vulnerable groups wherever we may come across such people in our midst. To assist members in identifying and reporting instances where a child or an adult may be subject to some form of abuse and unable to defend themselves, we are holding a breakfast morning seminar on Saturday 25th February at 9.00 a.m. The event will start with breakfast and then a short presentation on the importance of proper safeguarding procedures. There will then be an opportunity to discuss particular scenarios and how they should be dealt with before finishing with a general discussion. The seminar is of importance not only to those undertaking a pastoral role in the Church or who work with one of the organisations within the Church, but to anyone who has any questions about safeguarding procedures or would like to know more about protecting the vulnerable.

Breakfast will be available from 9.00 a.m. and we would hope to finish around 11.30 a.m. To help us with the catering can you let me know if you are intending to come along by completing your details on the slip enclosed with this Parishioner and placing it in the Session Clerk pigeonhole next to the Church office or placing it in the basket on the table at the front door of the Church on Sundays 12th & 19th February. Thank you.

Charles Hay
Session Clerk & PVG Co-ordinator

Thank You . . .

The following acknowledgments have been received for flowers and Pot Plants over the months of December and January.

Mrs N Fleming, Mrs J Rankin, Mrs B. Hill, Mrs M. Fraser, Mrs B. McKenzie, Mrs P. Kerr, Mrs C. Hickey, Mrs M. Montgomery, Mr Mrs G Struthers, Mrs M. Fyfe, Mrs I. Kennedy, Mrs J. Whyte, Mrs C. Smith, Mrs J. Hutton, Mrs M. Cant, Mr Mrs A. Stirling, Mrs J. Allan, Mr Mrs D. Clarke, Mrs J. McKean, Mrs M. McDonagh, J. & C. Barrie, Mrs A. Dickinson, Mrs M. MacRae, Mr Mrs J. Honeker, Mr Mrs J. Bogle, Mrs J. Sinclair, All at Waterside and Farms, Mrs M. Gaston, Mr Mrs I. Smith, Miss D. Brown,
Mr Mrs A. Hill, Mrs A. Scott, Mrs I. Vennett, Mrs K. Pollock, Mrs M. Smith, D. & M. Primrose, Mrs M Lamb, Mrs J. Johnstone, Mrs A. Johnstone, Mr Mrs R. Robertson, Mr Mrs J. Macintosh, Mrs M Given, Mrs I Anderson, Mrs M. Middleton, Mrs C. Wilson, Mrs E. Dunn, Mr Mrs A. Morrison, Mrs V. Lindsay, Mr Mrs I. Devine, Mrs A. Marran, Mrs J. Stirling, Mrs S. Nicol, Mrs J. Thomson, Miss S. Duncan, Mrs M. Pears, Mrs J Stirling, K. & F. McKean on behalf Mr Bob McKean, Mrs N Wright, Mrs G Watson, Mrs M Hoey, A & E Henderson, Mrs B Davidson, Mr R Robertson.

Janice Reid thanks Margaret Weir for sending her Mum's flower donation for the Christmas Day service and apologises that her name was omitted in the December Parishioner.

Sincere thanks are also due to all who donated to the Chancel flowers and pot plants; to the ladies who arranged them and the ladies and gentlemen who have delivered them during the past year 2011.

The Bells of St Mary's

February	12	Paul and Charlotte Malcolm
	19	Andrew and Fraser Leishman
	26	Linda Brown and Jean Ralph
March	04	Angela Montgomerie and Shona McKay



Prayer Secretary

Dear Friends ...

Last time I wrote that we were waiting for Christmas and the dawn of another year. Now it's over and we are still waiting - for the first spring flowers, for holidays. The shops aren't just waiting to sell Easter Eggs, they are already, in brightly coloured displays. I hope you will be blessed with good health in 2012. The piece I have chosen this month is from page 1 of 'Prayer and Personal Devotion' by Martin Isreal.

Yours, Margaret

Personal Devotion

Prayer is the ascent of the mind to God; it is also the fellowship of the soul with God. The former stresses the personal aspect of prayer, while the latter brings in the important element of shared devotion in a community of seekers after the divine presence. Let it be said at once that we can never find God; on the contrary, it is He who makes Himself known to us when we are quiet and attentive. He stands patiently at the soul's doors, where He knocks for admission, but until we are sufficiently still, we will fail to hear His call, and so continue in blind abandon with our present activities, in the meantime becoming increasingly agitated, distracted and fatigued. Indeed, our own emotional disorder causes more tiredness than does the busy routine of daily living. Furthermore, we are deflected from doing what is immediately in front of us as we fight imaginary emotional battles in our uneasy minds. We tend to spend too much time meeting troubles halfway that we forget the immediate work ahead of us and are oblivious of the wonder of the world around us.

Organisations Accounts 2011

Will all treasurers of the Church organisations please note the following members of the finance committee have agreed to be auditors for that year:

**Jim More Gordon Sinclair John Pears Lewis Wilson
Hugh Biggans**

It is important that these accounts are available as soon as possible, especially those which are incorporated into the Church Accounts, which should be completed by 31 March 2011. Please therefore approach one of the auditors and provide your records to him/her no later than 29 February 2012.

Hugh Biggans Finance Convenor

The Parishioner

Copy for the March 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 February.

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

The Guild Coffee Morning

Guild Coffee Morning is in the Church Hall on Saturday 11 February 2011 between 10.00am and 12 noon.



Tickets are £1.50 and can be obtained from any member. Please come along and support them.

Thank you to all who supported The Guild by taking a Quiz Sheet for their Guild Week. They raised the sum of and the answers are as undernoted. They raised the sum of £145 and the winner was Anne Russell.

Guild Week General Quiz 2011

1	She would look sweet on the seat of a bicycle built for two	Daisy
2	Can she play the zither like Miss Abicair	Shirley
3	A square in Edinburgh is named after this queen	Charlotte
4	A politician whose statue stands outside Glasgow Royal Concert Hall	Donald Dewar
5	Is she burstin' out all over during the summer months?	June
6	World War Two general	Montgomery
7	Is worth four points in bridge	Ace
8	Doctor Findlay's housekeeper	Janet
9	Knew Mr Rochester	Jane
10	Delicious with mint sauce	Lamb
11	A park and house in Glasgow	Pollok
12	President or head of a Trades Guild in Scotland	Deacon
13	Australian slang for a woman	Sheila
14	This name means pearl or precious stone	Margaret
15	The Lady of the Lamp	Florence Nightingale
16	The Galloping Gourmet	Graham Kerr
17	Auld Reekie	Edinburgh
18	The Windy City	Chicago
19	Jersey Lily	Lily Langtree
20	The Merry Monarch	Charles II
21	The Prince of Darkness	Peter Mandelson
22	Lake Tiberius	Sea of Galilee
23	A Kist o' Whistles	Church Organ
24	The Red Duchess	Duchess of Atholl
25	La Stupendo	Joan Sutherland
26	The Son of Perdition	Judas Iscariot
27	The Red Priest	Antonio Vivaldi
28	Braveheart	William Wallace
29	Defender of Man	Alexander
30	Who gave her promise true	Annie Laurie



Christian Aid

Christian Aid launches emergency appeal for typhoon victims in the Philippines
Christian Aid has launched an emergency

appeal to enable its partner organisations in the Philippines to reach more people who have lost their homes and livelihoods in floods caused by Typhoon Washi, which struck the southern island of Mindanao late last year.

Christian Aid, which has already allocated £50,000 to relief work, will distribute emergency supplies in the Cagayan de Oro port area, such as: rice, mineral water, canned goods and cooking oil as well as mats, blankets, mosquito nets and cooking utensils. These will go to 700 families in Consolacion and another 250 families in Macasandig.

Christian Aid Fair

Kirkintilloch and Lenzie Christian Aid group are holding their annual fair in St Mary's Church Hall on Saturday, March 3, 2011 from 10.30am-1.30pm. Once again St Mary's will be operating the paper stall. Donations of paper items, e.g. stationery, toilet rolls, colouring-in books etc. would be appreciated and can be handed into the Church Office or placed in the vestibule up to March 2. St Mary's is also staffing the antiques stall and a few new helpers are required. Anybody interested in helping this stall for one hour please contact Paul Malcolm 578 1520. Thank you for your support.

Life and Work

The annual subscription for 'Life and Work' is £17.40 for 12 issues and is now due. Single copies may be purchased for £1.80 each from the rack in the vestibule – while stocks last. Previous subscribers should use the envelope enclosed with this Parishioner, or you can obtain one from the desk in the vestibule of the Church, as can new subscribers. The content of this Church of Scotland Magazine is very varied, including a letters page, feature articles by various people, Church news from around the country to name but a few. Why not give it a go – even if it is only one issue – we're sure you will then wish to subscribe.

St Mary's Junior Badminton

Season 2011-2012 has been in full swing for the junior club since the beginning of September. In that time we have trained two coaches and sent squads of players to 3 Glasgow Juniors badminton events. While this is all going on the club still meets on Tuesdays and Sundays for the normal diet of practice and play. Here are some of our activities in more detail.

Two of our rising seniors, 16-21 year olds, expressed an interest in working with the junior club last season. At the AGM of the main club, the members voted to send Renz Cruz and Craig Smith on a coaching course to obtain the nationally recognized Badminton Scotland qualification. With some advice from Badminton Scotland we obtained a 50% grant from Sports Scotland towards the men's fees. Glasgow Juniors agreed to fund 50% of the remainder and so the club eventually only paid 25% of the original tuition fees for the course. Both Renz and Craig now work regularly with the young players and we would hope to repeat this process in years to come. Many thanks to Renz and Craig for their commitment.

Glasgow Juniors held a singles event on the 2nd of October at the Cockburn Centre. We work at the Glasgow Juniors events and it's great to see the St Mary's kids and parents turning up in numbers to participate. We had approximately 16 players at this event out of a total entry of 50. Beth Seggie, James Paterson and Renz Cruz all won their respective groups. BTW, James was one of the cyclists on the Glasgow to Edinburgh bike ride, or eat-fest as it became for both James and Thomas Hay. The cakes and milk which Mark Johnstone has referred to in the past obviously did James's badminton no harm at all! The Glasgow Juniors Doubles event was a little quieter when it was held at the end of October with 20 entered pairs. We were represented by 14 players in 7 pairs. The tournament was played in 4 groups and St Mary's won three of them.

Congratulations to Steven and Scott Curran, Lisa Begg and Vicki Archer and Renz Cruz and Andrew Ironside who were all successful.

The Glasgow Juniors Team Event is held on the Sunday of the Scottish International weekend at the Kelvin Hall. In previous years we used to pick three teams and take them to the event in our own cars. Things have changed over recent years and parental support within the club is now so great that we can arrange to participate in outside events and the parents will bring their children along for us. This season 33 players asked to play. One young lady had to withdraw after hurting her foot and so the remaining 32 players formed eight teams.

All 32 got to the Kelvin Hall with their parents help and they all played well. The other clubs in the league also supported the event well and the total entry exceeded 100 players, 27 teams of 4. There are 12 courts in the main sports hall at the Kelvin Hall and it was simply fantastic to look down the hall and see so many youngsters playing badminton. Everywhere we looked you could see players belting shuttles and there were St Mary's players in the thick of it all over the hall. Four of our teams won their mini league but unfortunately only one team won their playoff match against the winner of the similar level league. The winning team was St Mary's 3 which was an all girls team of Sara Shu, Haihui Yan, Emma Lowe and Claire Surgeon who was the team captain. Well played ladies.

The first half of the season was very busy and it seems to have passed very quickly. In the second half there are two further Glasgow Juniors events to play in and our own club championship on the 4th February. Our numbers are approximately 50 and there are 4 names on the waiting list. The junior club continues to be successful and we must express our thanks to the congregation for the use of their hall. No hall, no badminton club, it's that simple. Thank you all very much.

Trevor Patterson

Session report

The first Session of the New Year was a time for everyone to catch up on the business of the Church after the festive break.

As you might expect, storm damage to the Church formed part of the Fabric Convenor's report. Whilst we had recently carried out repairs to the roof, the high winds resulted in more damage. We have been in contact with our insurers and the repairs to latest storm damage are being organised. Our Fabric Convenor, David Tinto, also provided an update on the hall curtains which also require some attention. We are grateful to David and his team for their hard work.

At the moment Fabric and Finance seem intertwined in that maintaining the fabric of the building costs money. Hugh, our Finance Convenor provided an update on the accounts that are being prepared and more details will be provided in due course. Our Youth Convenor, Garry Burns, let Session know of some interesting initiatives the Committee are considering and we wish them well with these.

You will have noticed in the Order of Service we have been publicising the Nursery as we look to maximise the number of children attending. Part of running the Nursery nowadays involves submitting a tender application to the local authority in order to secure a funding contribution from the local authority towards the cost of the children attending. It is a time consuming and challenging exercise and again we can only express our thanks and appreciation to the Convenor, Gordon Morrison, his Committee and the staff for taking this on.

Mary Stirling reported that preparations were going well for the Burns supper and having prepared this report after the event I know it was a successful event enjoyed by all.

Finally Publications and their Convenor Sandra Burns have asked for help with delivering the Parishioner as we have lost a few Elders and we would like to arrange for some help to deliver the Parishioners in the districts that have fallen vacant. This would involve usually one evening or afternoon a month visiting 4 or 5 homes. If this is something you would be interested in please let me know.

My thanks to all the Convenors for their continuing hard work.

Charles Hay, Session Clerk

TREASURER'S REPORT

November Offering

DATE	FREEWILL OFFERING	GIFT AID	OPEN PLATE	STANDING ORDERS
06.11.11	517.43	391.20	160.50	
06.11.11	109.00	162.00		
13.11.11	496.21	715.80	219.21	
20.11.11	511.16	494.77	72.90	
27.11.11	526.31	373.50	215.80	
Standing orders				3422.00
TOTAL	2160.11	2137.27	668.41	3422.00
Total for the Month		£8387.79		
DECEMBER OFFERING				
DATE	FREEWILL OFFERING	GIFT AID	OPEN PLATE	STANDING ORDERS
04.12.11	795.71	614.30	109.18	
11.12.11	601.01	446.50	159.60	
18.12.11	479.02	448.50	209.36	
25.12.11	298.00	304.80	70.66	
Standing orders				3422.00
TOTAL	2173.74	1814.10	548.80	3422.00
Total for the Month		£7958.64		

NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER RECEIPTS AND DONATIONS

Over 50s Badminton	48.00
St Mary's Ladies Bowling Club Donation to	
Fabric	250.00
Donation	100.00
Strathkelvin Talking Newspaper	96.00
St Mary's Men's Club	125.00
Donations to Parishioner	30.00
Donation to Large Print Order of Service	10.00
Ina Shanks donation to Parishioner	20.00
Donation in Memory Of George Campbell	50.00
Sponsor money to Friends of St Mary's	70.00
Over 50s Badminton	60.00
Eastside Company	250.00
Donation to Friends Of St Mary's	30.00
Donation to Friends Of St Mary's	150.00
J & D Lawson	150.00
Co-operative Funeralcare	50.00
Gift Service Envelopes (Deafblind Scotland)	435.00
Gift service Envelopes (WaterAid)	492.00

Sharing of Marriage ...

The old man placed an order for one hamburger, French fries and a drink. He unwrapped the plain hamburger and carefully cut it in half, placing one half in front of his wife. He then carefully counted out the French fries, dividing them into two piles and neatly placed one pile in front of his wife. He took a sip of the drink, his wife took a sip and then set the cup down between them. As he began to eat his few bites of hamburger, the people around them were looking over and whispering. Obviously they were thinking, 'That poor old couple – all they can afford is one meal for the two of them'. As the man began to eat his fries a young man came to the table and politely offered to buy another meal for the old couple. The old man said they were just fine – they were used to sharing everything. People closer to the table noticed the little old lady hadn't eaten a bite. She sat there watching her husband eat and occasionally taking turns sipping the drink. Again, the young man came over and begged them to let him buy another meal for them. This time the old woman said 'No, thank you, we are used to sharing everything'. Finally, as the old man finished and was wiping his face neatly with the napkin the young man again came over to the little old lady, who had yet to eat a single bite of food and asked 'What is it you are waiting for?' She answered – **'THE TEETH!'**

You can start again!

'You will give me added years of life, as rich and full as those of many generations, all packed into one.' Psalm 61.6
A man out walking in the early Spring saw a bird's nest

lying on the ground. It had been destroyed by a storm. He thought sadly of the time and work it must have taken to build it, but suddenly his thoughts were interrupted by a bird singing. When he looked up into the tree, he saw a wonderful sight: the little bird was busy building another nest!

You can't go back. You can't rewrite the past! But you don't have to wallow in regret or remorse. Your experiences have made you the person you are today and, if you're still breathing, then you can start your life over again, beginning right now! David blew it – his mistakes were bigger than most people's, but he decided not to be a prisoner of his past. He prayed: 'You will give me added years of life as rich and as full of those of many generations, all packed into one.' Psalm 61.6. Get your eyes off the rear view mirror! All of us have things we wish we had done differently – or hadn't done at all. What is past is past. Put it under the forgiveness of a merciful God and move on. Your best days are ahead if you can accept this promise and move on it.

What kind of motor vehicles are in the Bible?

Jehovah drove Adam and Eve out of the Garden in a Fury.

David's Triumph was heard throughout the land.

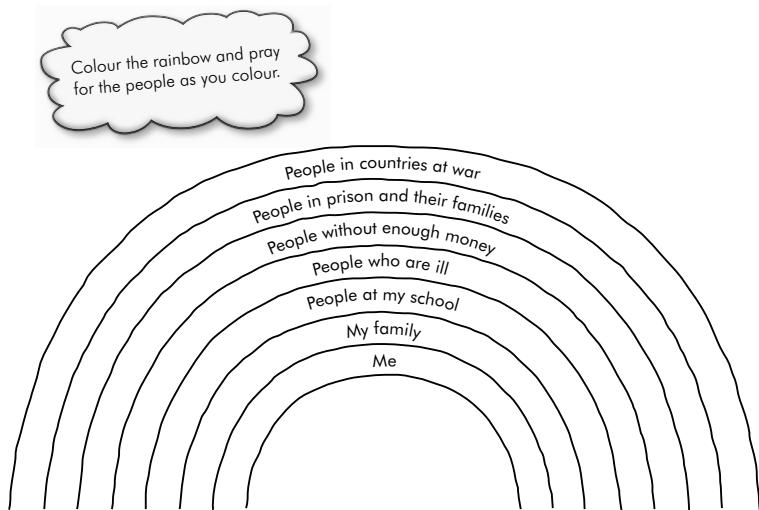
Honda... because the apostles were all in one Accord.

Volkswagen Beetle: 2 Cor. 4:8 "We are pressed in every way, but not cramped beyond movement."

Kiss Kiss

An honest seven-year-old admitted calmly to her parents that Billy Brown had kissed her after class. "How did that happen?" gasped her mother. "It wasn't easy," admitted the young lady, "but three girls helped me catch him."

Rainbow prayer



'Each morning you listen to my prayer, as I bring my requests to you and wait for your reply.'
(Psalm 5:3)

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Jonathon wondered even if he saved enough for a whole missionary what he would do with it when it arrived.



UNICEF Tubs Of Grace

As you can see from the sum intimated below, we once again had a very successful campaign raising funds to further the work of Unicef. To everyone who participated, a BIG, BIG thank you!! I also wish to thank everyone who gave me assistance with sorting, counting, and carrying; your help and support I could not do without and I am truly grateful.

Kind regards
John Thomson
Treasurer

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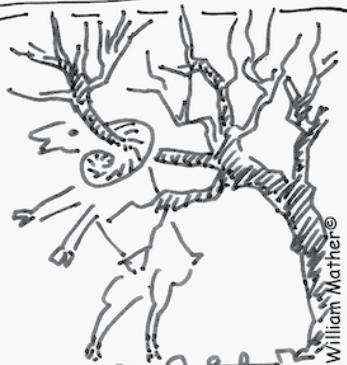
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Bible Sketchbook

God provides!

To get rid of sin
A sacrifice was needed.
Abraham was willing
To sacrifice
His only Son.
But God substituted
Another life instead.
In the same way
God substituted
Jesus - his only son -
As a sacrifice
For our sins.
The key: obedience;
The result: countless
Blessings in the
Holy Spirit!

Read more in Gen 22:1-18;
Mk 10:45; Heb 6:13-14





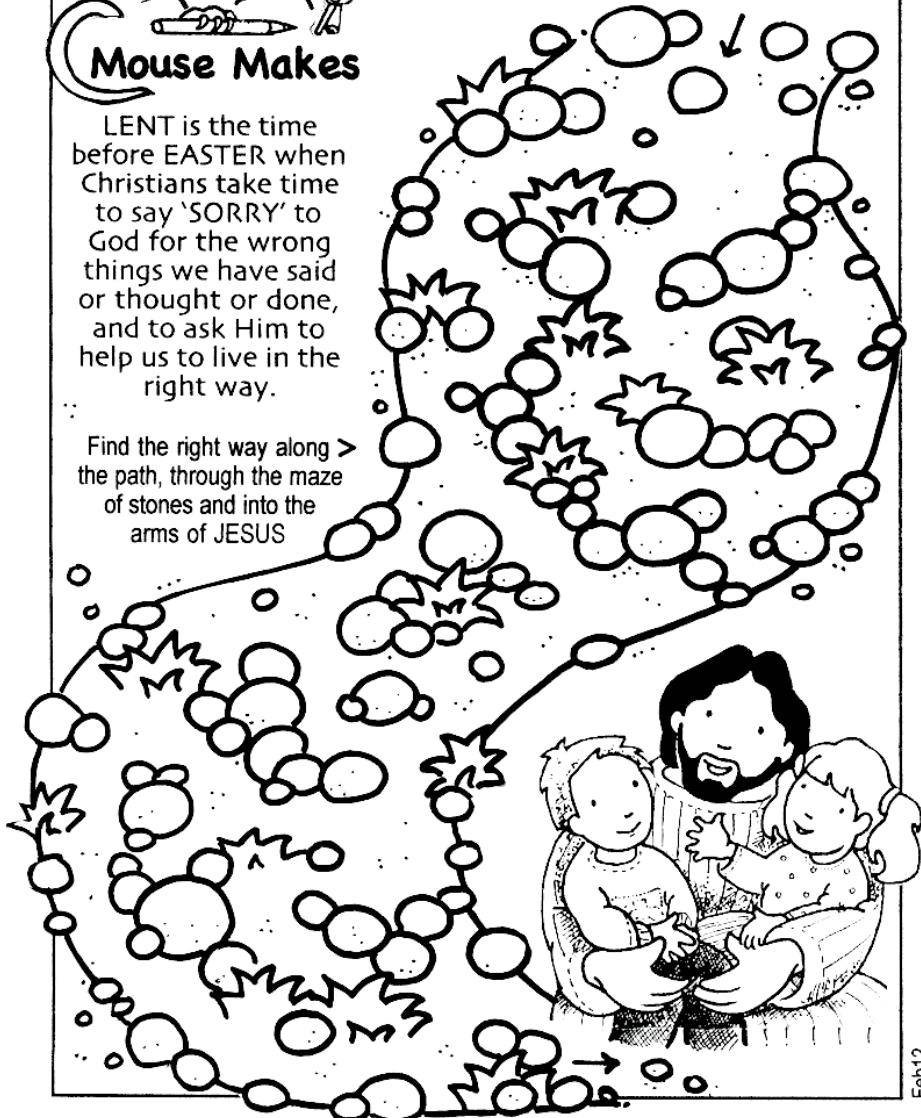
Mouse Makes

LENT is the time before EASTER when Christians take time to say 'SORRY' to God for the wrong things we have said or thought or done, and to ask Him to help us to live in the right way.

Find the right way along > the path, through the maze of stones and into the arms of JESUS

"Teach me how to live,
O LORD.
Lead me along
the right path..."

Psalm 27:11



Feb12



GEORGE HERBERT

Born the seventh of 10 children in 1593, George Herbert grew up to be well known as a scholar and became a Member of Parliament. In 1630 he became a parish priest and spent the rest of his life in a small Wiltshire village. He preached, wrote poetry, helped rebuild the church and cared deeply for his parishioners who called him the 'Holy Mr. Herbert'.

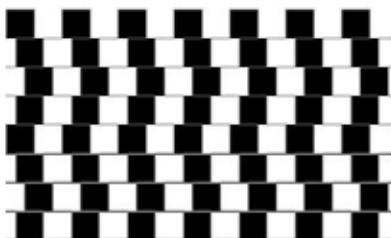
He died aged 40 of tuberculosis, and perhaps we would never have heard of him were it not for his poems. He hid patterns and puns in his poems: in one called 'Easter Wings' the printed words look like the wings of birds soaring into the sky. A number of his poems became hymns, such as 'King of Glory, King of Peace', 'Let All the World in Every Corner Sing' and 'Teach me, my God and King'.

There is a window honouring George Herbert in Westminster Abbey, but he lives on in the words of hymns that are still sung today.



PUZZLES BEFORE YOUR EYES...

Stare at the black light bulb for at least 30 seconds. Then immediately stare at a white area – you should see a glowing light bulb!



Do these lines go straight across or do they slope? Check them with a ruler to get the answer.



Roses are red
Violets are blue
Some poems rhyme
But this one doesn't!



**What birds spend all their time
on their knees?**
Birds of prey.

**What do you call a group of
chickens playing hide-and-
seek ?**

Fowl play.

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. – 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/Bessie Cousin
	Shipmates	ditto	6.00 p.m. – 7.00 p.m.	Lindsey Campbell
	Junior & Company			
	Section Boys' Brigade	ditto	6.45p.m. – 8.30 p.m.	Iain Hill
	Men's Club	Main Hall	7.30 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
	Senior Badminton	ditto	8.00 p.m. – 10.30 p.m.	Susan Wilson
	Prayer Time	Session House	7.00 p.m. – 7.30 p.m.	Rev Katy Owen
	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
				Telephone Church Office
Thursday	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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