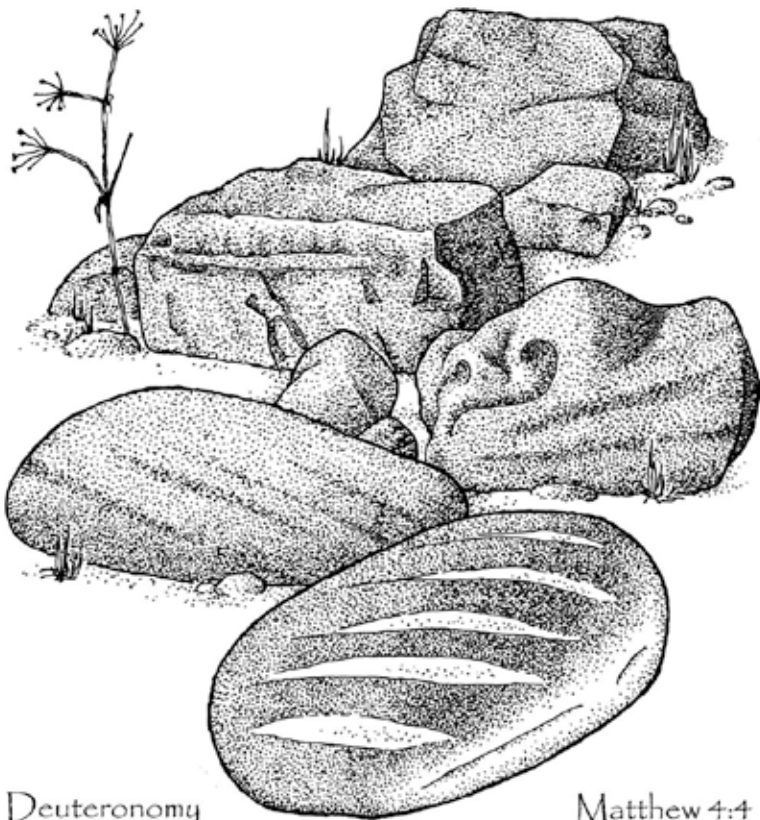


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Deuteronomy  
8:3

Matthew 4:4

Bread is not enough to keep us alive;  
we need to feed on every word of God

# *The* Parishioner

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# Pastoral Letter

February 2016

**Dear Friends,**

## ***Road Ahead Closed***

Over the past few days I have been trying to work out what we will do at the Church while access from Cowgate is not possible. It was only on Tuesday 2nd February we were informed of the complete closure commencing on 8th February. Although occasional access will be possible for funerals, coming through Barley Bank Car park. The 'Road Ahead Closed' may cause difficulties for Blue Badge holders, those visiting who do not know the area and those who bring and collect children from the various organisations and especially the Nursery. Attendance at Sunday morning and Wednesday morning worship may be affected. Acknowledging all of the above and not listing my other concerns I want to use this 'Road Ahead Closed' as a metaphor for the Christian life.

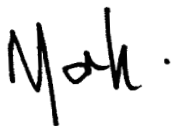
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Often in life we will come up against difficulties that we can't just breeze through. We may need to take another route or give up on that journey all together. My heart recently went out to those who were affected by the flooding and related landslide(s). There was one community where the local bridge was lost completely and it meant a detour of over 150 miles. For schools, Doctors and shopping, people had to go a completely different route taking so much longer. Simply to do what they had to do they had to travel for miles. For the things they needed to do people would make the journey. They also developed a programme of car sharing, helping folks shop, delivering medication to needy neighbours and opening their homes to small groups, like choirs, chess clubs and reading groups. The road closure created a new sense of community and interdependence. They saw something new and positive come from such an awful experience.

In the book of Hebrews chapter 10 at verse 20 you can read these words, 'Jesus opened a new and living way' also in Isaiah chapter 43 verse 19 you read 'See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland'. Jesus said 'I am the way the truth and the life'.

Whatever Road closed signs we meet in life may we seek the new way and the new thing given by God to us.

***Kindest regards***



Mark J

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# 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.'*

December 13 Ella Bamford daughter of Michelle & Stephen  
January 2016 17 Finlay John Hutchison son of Margaret and David  
Ivy McAuslane daughter of Lyndsay and Derek

*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'.*

December 08 James Gray, 9 Alexander Place, Kirkintilloch  
23 Mrs Catherine Wilson, 41C Cowgate, Kirkintilloch  
January 2016 05 Mrs Violet Anderson, Kelvin Court, Kirkintilloch  
06 William Smillie, 62 Cairnview, Kirkintilloch  
07 Mrs Ann Reid, 6 Alloway Quadrant, Kirkintilloch  
12 Agnes Ferns, Whitefield Lodge Nursing Home,  
Lennoxtown at Campsie Parish Church  
18 Bill Cheyne, 22 Langmuir Avenue, Kirkintilloch  
20 Robert Martin, Fourhills Nursing Home, Glasgow  
21 David Sutherland, Fourhills Nursing Home Glasgow  
at Kenmure Church, Bishopbrigs  
21 Thomas Welsh, 19 Woodstock Avenue, Kirkintilloch  
25 John Speirs, 47 Strathearn Grove, Kirkintilloch

## Change of Address

Mrs Margaret Cooper formerly 25 Alexander Place, Waterside, now residing in Buchanan House Care Home, Bearsden.



# Church Flowers

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

February	07	Mrs M. Taylor, Mrs L. Black
	14	Mrs R. Dewar, Mrs L. Wilson, Mrs E. Goodwin, Mrs J Smith
	21	Mr A. Smith, Mrs J. Reid
	28	Mrs J. Brown, Mrs M. Hardie
March (Communion)	06	Mrs E. Morrow, Mrs A. Beveridge, Mrs A. MacNeill

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

February	07)	Mrs J McCann
	14)	Mrs A Pearson
	21)	Mrs J Sinclair
	28)	Mrs M Wilson
March	06)	Mrs D More
	13)	Mrs I Kennedy

## *Thank You*

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

Mrs N Fleming, Mrs S Burns, Mr Mrs J Whyte, Mr Mrs J. Marran, Mrs A. Scott, Mrs M. Henderson, Mr Mrs J. Macintosh, Mrs S. McLellan, Mr Mrs A. Henderson, Mr Mrs R. Robertson, Mrs B. Pate, Mr Mrs G. Sinclair, Mrs V. Lindsay, M. & E. Malcolm, Mrs S. Nicol, Mr Mrs J. Pearson, Mrs I. Hay, Mrs B. Davidson, Mr Mrs W. Rodger, The Wilson Family, Mrs J. Stirling, Mrs M. Beattie, K. Hannah, Mrs M. McCaffer, Mr D. Somerville, Mr Mrs J. Lamb, Mrs N. Cowan, Mrs C. Clingan, Mrs A. Frame, Miss J. Provan, Mrs D. Halliday, Mrs J. Allan, Mrs L. Hay, Mr Mrs G. McDonagh, Mrs L. Cowan, Mrs I. McKinnon, Mr Mrs H. Miller, Mrs B. Little, Mrs J. Smith, Miss M. Weir, Mr Mrs A.

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## *Thank You* continued

Beveridge, Mr Mrs N. McKinnon, Mrs J. Frew, H. & A. Lynch, H. & C. Cruickshanks, The Shaw Family, R. & C. McLachlan, Mr Mrs T Sludden, Mr Mrs N. McCann, Mrs M. Middleton, Miss J. Campbell, D. & M. Primrose, Mrs S. Tolmie, Mrs M. Lawson, Miss D. Brown, Mrs M. Townsend, Mr Mrs I. Smith, Mrs M. MacRae, Mr Mrs J. Gault, Mr Mrs G. McLellan, Mr Mrs R Smart, Mrs I. Vernet, Mrs M. Fyfe, Mrs J. Cardwell, Mrs J. Montgomery, Mrs K. Pollock, Mrs E. Walker, A. & M. Stirling, The Hill Family, Mrs J. Jennings, Mr Mrs L. Sinclair, Mr Mrs J. Morrow, Mrs M. Smith, Mrs E. Letham, Mrs E. Harris, Mrs M. Devine, Mrs M. Lamb, Mrs B. Davidson, Mr Mrs J. Whyte, Mrs B. MacArthur, Mrs D. Stewart, Mrs B. Young, Mrs C. Kerr, Mrs E. Goodwin, Mrs M. Maule, Miss A. Tassie, Bill & Betty Wallace, Mrs A. Somerville, Mrs K. Maxwell, D & J Clarke, Mrs M Given, Mrs I Anderson, Miss C Owen, B & E Cousin.

Over the year, our congregation has been extremely generous towards the Chancel flowers and Pot Plants. I thank you on behalf of our members, young and old, who have needed the thoughts and prayers of St. Mary's. I would also like to thank the willing band of helpers who deliver the flowers each week. Without the donations and the deliverers, we would not be able to send out so many beautiful flowers during the year. They have been much appreciated by all.

I would like to especially thank Mrs F. Leishman, Mrs E Walker, Mrs R. Poynton, Mrs B. McEwen and Mrs I Sinclair, who have given of their time and talent arranging the flowers that beautify our Sanctuary.

I am always looking for more helpers to go on our rota for delivering the Chancel flowers. At present it would be twice a year that you would be asked. Please contact me on 776 4974 if that is something you are interested in doing for your Church.

**Janice Reid**

***Birthday Wishes to Archie Smith who was 90 on 18 January. For years Archie worked tirelessly for his Church – Elder, Lifeboys (now Junior Boys' Brigade), Boys' Brigade Captain, Men's Club, Choir member. A proper gentleman and always around to lend a hand.***

## *The Sacrament of Holy Communion*

*The Rev Mark Johnstone and Kirk Session invite you to celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion on the morning of Sunday 6th March. We will use non-alcoholic wine, prepared bread and individual glasses. As this is Mothering Sunday and an all-age service, the serving of communion will be slightly different. This is a celebration of the Lord's Supper and is open to all who wish to respond to Christ's invitation.*

*Do this in memory of me ..... Luke 22 : 19*



## **The Guild**

The Guild meets on Friday evenings in the Mid Hall at 7.30pm and the programme for February into March is as under.

- |          |    |                                     |
|----------|----|-------------------------------------|
| February | 12 | Lambert Sinclair – Slides Selection |
|          | 19 | Nordoff Robins – Music Therapy      |
|          | 26 | Jim Pearson – Wood Turning          |
| March    | 04 | Plus 4 – 50's and 60's Music        |

***Guild Coffee Morning is on Saturday 13 February 2016***

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## **The Bells of St Mary's**

- |          |    |                                       |
|----------|----|---------------------------------------|
| February | 07 | Mary Stirling and Nikita Rayner       |
|          | 14 | Lisa and Daniel Malloy-Gibson         |
|          | 21 | Dorothy Stewart and Cara Bevans       |
|          | 28 | Paul Malcolm and Cerys McCormack      |
| March    | 06 | Karen McCallum and Angela Montgomerie |



*On Tuesday 2nd February we were informed by East Dunbartonshire Council's representative that we will have no access to the church via the Main Gate. Cowgate will be closed from the Bridge to Catherine Street.*

## Listeners Circle



The next meeting of the Listeners Circle will be on Friday 19 February at 2pm in the Session House. Everyone is welcome to come along and listen to the programme of music which has been compiled this month by Robert Dewar.

## 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](mailto:sandraburns@ntlworld.com)  
**no later than Sunday 28 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 0141 775 1166 or e-mail: [office.stmarys@btconnect.com](mailto:office.stmarys@btconnect.com)

# Christmas Card Delivery

Jean and Ruth thank everyone who helped sort or delivered Christmas cards. Although there were not as many cards as previous years, the sum raised was £1040, which was divided between Marie Curie and CHAS.

Due to family commitments I will not be able to organise the distribution of cards this year, but would be pleased if someone out there might take over. Thank you once again to everyone who has helped me over the past years.

**Ruth Poynton**

## Kirkintilloch and Lenzie Christian Aid Group

**Saturday 5th March** is the date for their Spring Fair. Again, it is being held in our Church Hall from 10.00am – 1.00pm. Stalls include books, baking, groceries, paper stall etc. Any items for the paper stall will be gratefully received. Ticket is £2 includes tea and available from Paul Malcolm.

## The Flower Circle

The Flower Circle held their Annual Coffee Morning on 05 December 2015 and thank everyone who attended on such a wet and windy day. They raised the sum of £672 and thank everyone who helped make it a good morning.

## Life and Work

The annual subscription for 'Life and Work' has gone up slightly this year to £21.36 for 12 issues and is now due. Single copies may be purchased for £2.20 each from the rack in the vestibule – while stocks last. 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.

# Session Report

The Kirk Session met on Wednesday 20th January and once again, our proposals for the restoration of the Church roof were a key focus for discussion. At our previous meeting in November we were eagerly awaiting the outcome of our application to the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF). As I am sure you are aware, our application was successful and a sum of £215k has at this stage been set aside for our project. This grant has not been released to us yet – we still have to go through a second stage application before the funds are secured. However, it is a significant step forward for our project and fantastic news, not only for the folks at St Mary's, but also the wider community of Kirkintilloch and beyond.

At our meeting we heard about the next steps for the restoration plans and the likely timescales involved. There is still a lot to do in the coming months! June 2016 will see the submission of our stage 2 application for grant funding. Then, over the summer months, we would expect to be undertaking the tendering exercise that will lead to the appointment of a contractor to undertake the work. The work itself is likely to take 6 months to complete, hopefully starting on site by the Spring of 2017. In the meantime, it is essential that we continue all of our fantastic fundraising efforts. If we are successful with our stage 2 application and secure the backing of HLF, our project will become reality after being in the planning phase for a considerable period of time. However, making the building wind and water tight has always been considered to be the first phase of our project. Completing this work will allow us to develop our plans to upgrade the interior, ensuring that our wonderful building is fit for purpose for the next 100 years!

Session has also agreed to undertake a programme of refurbishment / repair activities to the Church organ. We received a report which identified a number of items which will benefit from planned maintenance. It was probably the 1970s when we last spent any significant monies on the organ and session agreed that it is appropriate for a number of the identified items should be carried out now. This work is due to commence in early February and is planned to take approximately 6 weeks to complete. It is expected that for the majority of the time that this work is ongoing, the organ will still be available for Sunday worship.

Finally, I previously mentioned the Care Commission inspection at our nursery. That inspection report has now been published – details are contained in a separate article in this month's parishioner. As previously indicated, the report highlights the excellent level of service offered by our nursery and on behalf of the Kirk Session and the Congregation I would like to offer our congratulations to Joanne and all of the staff at the nursery. This very positive report is a reflection of their professionalism and dedication in providing a most valuable service in our community.

**Gordon Morrison, Session Clerk**

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*Come and join us on the John Muir Trail as we walk in the footsteps of the Father of Democracy. On this last leg of the trail we proceed along the canal tow path from Kirkintilloch to Bishopbriggs. We are very fortunate to have one of the Mugdock Rangers, Alan, to lead us on the way. The route is about five and a half miles long and we plan to return to Kirkintilloch by bus. Please meet at St. Mary's Church at 1 pm on Wednesday 24th February. This is an Eco congregation initiative to encourage people to exercise more and enjoy and care for the environment. We are beginning to look towards our third Eco award and appreciate your continuing support. Bring your friends, wear adequate footwear, a hat may be useful and a waterproof jacket...Just in case it rains!*

*Katy Owen*

## **Eco News**

**Please continue to bring your old clothes, shoes, bags, belts, curtains, etc for our Rag Bag bin. Remember we also recycle old batteries, pairs of glasses, plastic bottle tops and mobile phones.**

## **14 – The very first Valentine card – a legend**

The Roman Emperor Claudius II needed soldiers. He suspected that marriage made men want to stay at home with their wives, instead of fighting wars, so he outlawed marriage.

A kind-hearted young priest named Valentine felt sorry for all the couples who wanted to marry, but couldn't. So secretly he married as many couples as he could - until the Emperor found out and condemned him to death. While he was in prison awaiting execution, Valentine showed love and compassion to everyone around him, including his jailer. The jailer had a young daughter who was blind, but through Valentine's prayers, she was healed. Just before his death in Rome on 14 February, he wrote her a farewell message signed 'From your Valentine.'

So the very first Valentine card was not between lovers, but between a priest about to die, and a little girl, healed through his prayers.



*Breaking News! – We are delighted to announce that our report from the unannounced Care Inspectorate inspection from last term is now online. We were assessed on 8 points, 2 from each of the 4 inspection focus areas and were awarded 3 grade 6's (Excellent) and 5 grade 5's (Very Good). We feel the inspection reflects the hard work and dedication of the staff team and are very grateful for your support.*

*Welcome back to nursery! We hope you all enjoyed a lovely Christmas and New Year.*

We would like to thank you for supporting the nursery last year and also like to take this opportunity to thank all parents, carers and their extended families for coming along to our Nativity Concert. The children put on a fabulous show! Money raised from the Nativity and raffle tickets sales came in at £510 - our Christmas Fayre and Lairdsland Christmas Fayre raised £250 and our DVD sales totalled £215. This gave us an overall total of £975!! This money will go towards nursery funds for resources.

We are delighted to welcome our new children and hope they have fun making new friends here at St. Mary's Nursery School.

## **Burns Day / Special Shake 'n' Wake**

We celebrated Burns Day on **Monday 25rd January** by having a Scottish themed Shake 'n' Wake. All parents/carers and families were invited to join us for this at 9.15am. Everyone was encouraged to wear a "touch of Tartan". The café menu included some Scottish fare for the children to sample.

# Prayer on Prayer

Dear Father,

Thank you that you want us, your children, to connect with you in prayer.  
Thank you that we can come to you, rest in your presence and spend time with you,

either quietly or crying out our thoughts and concerns from open hearts.

Help us to trust you; to be confident that you hear us and will answer our prayers, in the right time and in the right way for us, even if we don't always understand.

Thank you for the sustaining privilege of prayer,

In Jesus name Amen.

## TREASURER'S REPORT November Offering

DATE	FREEWILL OFFERING	GIFT AID	OPEN PLATE	STANDING ORDERS
01.11.15	573.88	431.00	77.70	
08.11.15	329.30	426.00	231.00	
15.11.15	417.02	258.50	238.26	
22.11.15	530.56	369.10	38.60	
29.11.15	375.40	462.00	134.47	
Standing orders				3643.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2226.16</b>	<b>1946.60</b>	<b>720.03</b>	<b>3643.00</b>
<b>Total for the Month</b>		<b>8535.79</b>		

## DECEMBER OFFERING

DATE	FREEWILL OFFERING	GIFT AID	OPEN PLATE	STANDING ORDERS
06.12.15	444.60	343.50	168.90	
13.12.15	428.20	405.00	140.88	
20.12.15	788.18	432.50	157.91	
27.12.15	365.00	327.00	122.90	
Standing orders				3643.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2025.98</b>	<b>1508.00</b>	<b>590.59</b>	<b>3643.00</b>
<b>Total for the Month</b>		<b>7767.57</b>		

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## **RECEIPTS AND DONATIONS Received November and December**

**Received with thanks and gratitude for your consideration of our Church**

St Mary's Mens Club Donation to Roof Fund	638.63
Ladies Bowling Club Donation to Roof Fund	300.00
Running and Walking Group Donation To Roof Fund	500.00
At the Funeral of the Late Mrs Catherine Wilson to Roof Fund	189.13
Various Donations to The Roof Fund (the majority of donors preferring to remain anonymous)	1430.00
Donation Following Blue Christmas Service	25.00
Over 50's Badminton Club Donation to Hall funds	100.00
J & D Lawson	100.00
CO-OP Funeral care	100.00
Bequest from The Estate of The Late Annie Letford for The Fabric Fund	500.00
Various Parishioner Donations	40.00
Christmas Card Money to be distributed to Chosen Charities	1040.00
Christmas Charity Monetary Donation Envelopes CHAS	270.00
Christmas Charity Monetary Donation Envelopes Marie Curie Cancer Care	570.00

## **Sick**

During a church service my young niece had to go outside, as she did not feel well. She returned a few minutes later and admitted: 'I have been a little sick. But it doesn't matter, there's a box at the door marked 'for the sick'.

## **Wages**

Advert for a new minister: 'Wages not high, but retirement benefits out of this world.'

# On the art of drinking well

## The Rectory . . .

*St James the Least*

*My dear Nephew Darren*

You closed your last letter with the remark that it was time to retire to bed with a cup of cocoa. That may be all very well for the pious intensity of a theological college - although a stiff whisky was always acceptable in my day - but it is not a style to continue once in the parish. I do feel obliged to give you a few hints about what should and should not be drunk in public as a parish priest.

Morning visits are to be discouraged, but if one is unavoidable, and you are invited to have a drink, then it has to be coffee. It is the only time of day when a mug is acceptable - provided, of course, that it is china. In the afternoons one changes to tea, but only from cups. Blended varieties may be all very well for Curates in their first year, but it should be Darjeeling for an incumbent. Fruit teas are for Quakers only.

If an inappropriate vessel is offered, then the drink should be accepted, but left untouched. Since the visit will be discussed in the finest detail throughout the parish the moment you have left, your host will soon learn why and not make the same error a second time. It is for the same reason that if you ever want to circulate a piece of news round the parish as quickly as possible, never put it in the parish magazine, just mention it casually during one

of your visits. Everyone will know by tea time.

Alcoholic drinks must be carefully judged. A sherry - dry, naturally - is probably best if you are invited to lunch. In the early evening a gin and tonic would be the drink of choice. To ask for whisky would indicate that you are about to go over to Rome, and a mineral water that you have your roots in non-conformity. Beer is never drunk in someone's house unless you suffer from some personal tragedy, such as being the diocesan youth chaplain.

However an occasional beer in the pub with the bell-ringers (who will be real ale fanatics to a man) or after choir practice - which seems to be the real purpose of holding practices anyway - or as a treat for the sacristan, will show you are a man of the people. It is some years since I visited the pub.

Understanding wine should be taught at every theological college as an essential part of the ministry. Develop a taste for claret, dear boy, and you will be starting your journey towards high office.

And perhaps you should give that tin of cocoa to the verger.

*Your loving uncle, Eustace*



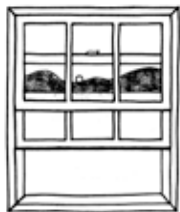
## HYMNS

When you come to church you hear hymns. Hymns are songs of praise to God. Some are very old and some, like the ones you may sing at school, are new.

Have you ever wondered who wrote the hymns we sing? For example, one hymn writer was Mrs Cecil Frances Alexander, the wife of the Bishop of Londonderry. She wrote a book called 'Hymns for Little Children' which was dedicated to her godchildren. The book was published in 1848 and contained hymns that we know well today; 'All Things Bright and Beautiful', 'Once in Royal David's City' and 'There is a Green Hill Far Away'.

It is said that she wrote the last hymn because of the view from the Bishop's palace. The house looked out over the city walls to the green hills in the distance.

So the words  
we sing  
today come  
from the view  
that Mrs  
Alexander  
had from her  
window.



## HYMN TITLES

All the following hymn titles have some words missing – can you fill in the blanks. All the hymns are from Mission Praise and the answers are below.

1. While \_\_\_\_ watched
2. Lead us, \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_, lead us.
3. Away in a \_\_\_\_
4. Forty days and \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_
5. Hark! The \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ sing
6. \_\_\_\_ has broken
7. \_\_\_\_ night, \_\_\_\_ night
8. There is a \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ far away
9. We plough the \_\_\_\_ and scatter
10. Amazing \_\_\_\_

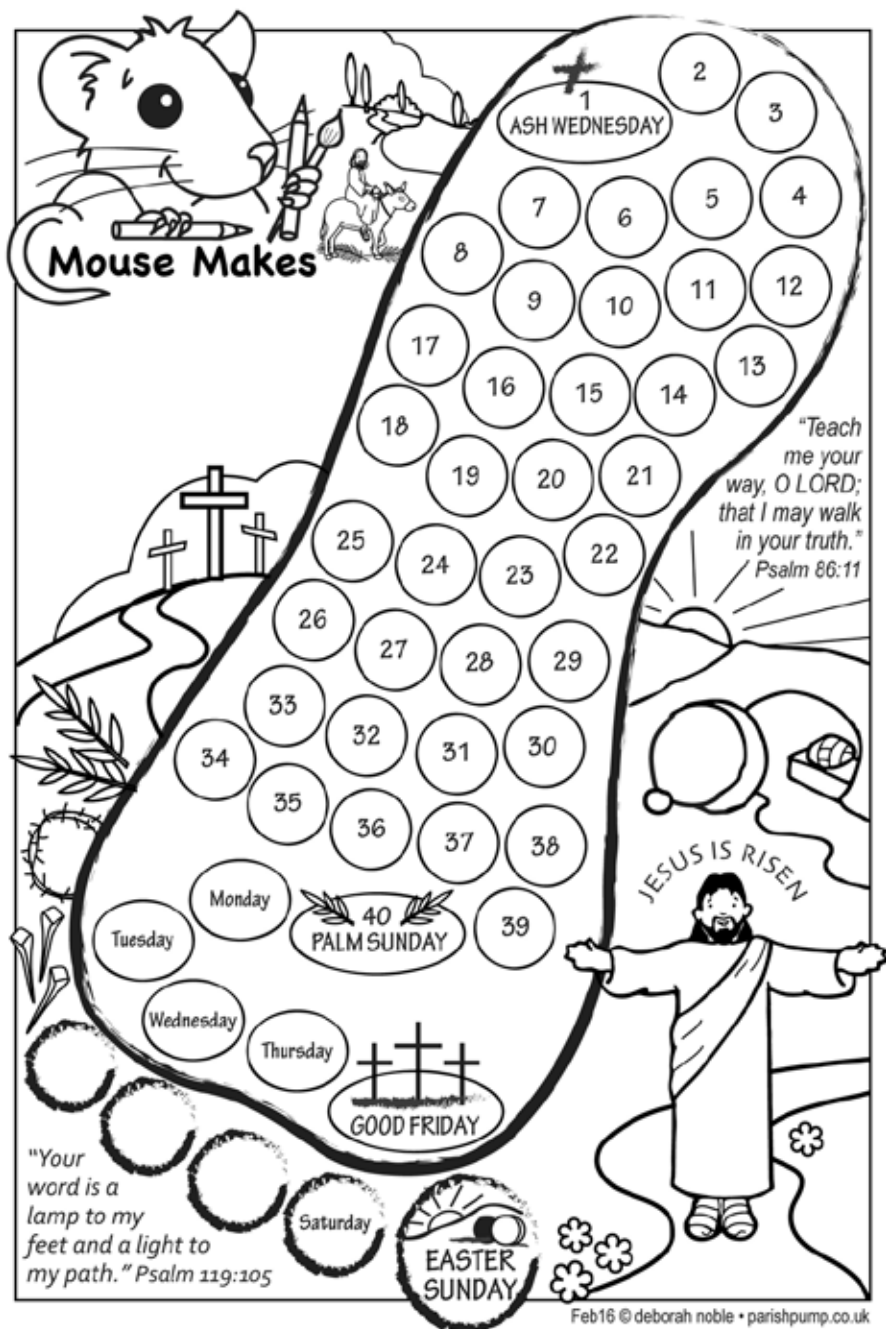
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### Didn't your teacher say your singing was heavenly?

Well, she did say it was like nothing on earth.



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- Answers:** 1. While shepherds watched  
2. Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us  
3. Away in a manger 4. Forty days and forty nights 5. Hark, the herald angels sing 6. Morning has broken 7. Silent night, holy night 8. There is a green hill far away 9. We plough the fields and scatter 10. Amazing Grace.

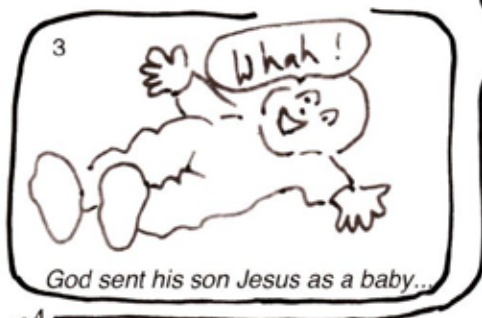
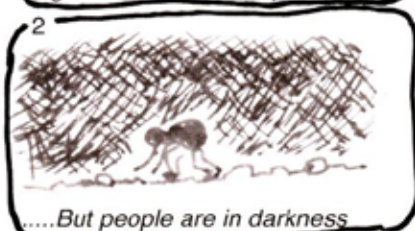


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# Your Kingdom Come!

## Bible Sketchbook

Every Christian church prays regularly "Your - or 'Thy' - Kingdom come." It's part of the **Lord's Prayer**. We're asking for the 'kingly' rule of Jesus to cover the world so one day we'll all be in his glorious Kingdom! The big problem is all of us are in the darkness of evil and sin and far away from this Kingdom. But God did the most amazing thing - he sent his son Jesus into the world **AS A BABY!!!!** And Jesus calls all of us to follow him, go the way of the Cross so we can be free from the darkness and come into the wonderful freedom of his Kingdom! *How about you? Is this your experience? Read more in Luke 11:2 and Matthew 6:33*



# *Your Kingdom Come!*

Bible Study notes to go with Bible Sketchbook art-work  
“Your Kingdom Come!” For individual or group use.

- 1) Read Luke 11:2: Jesus calls us to pray to the Father “Your Kingdom come” and in Matthew 6: 10, the words “Your will be done” are added. Consider what this means if we pray seriously for the Father’s “kingly rule” to come.
- 2) Matthew 6: 33 Jesus says: “Seek first his Kingdom and his righteousness and all these things will be given you as well...” Read vv 25-34 and think what this means in the context of worrying about things.
- 3) Darkness: what is the ‘darkness’ that people are caught up in? Read Ephesians 5:3-7. Contrast this with vv 8-11.
- 4) Read Luke 1:31-33 The Father’s promise through the angel to Mary. What promises can you see here about Jesus’ future? Think what is said here about Jesus as King and about his Kingdom. Does this mean the Father, Son and Holy Spirit are all involved in this Kingdom?
- 5) Read John 3:16. What was God’s attitude to the world and what did he do about it? What happens to those who follow Jesus?
- 6) John 3:3 How can a person “see”/come into the Kingdom of God?

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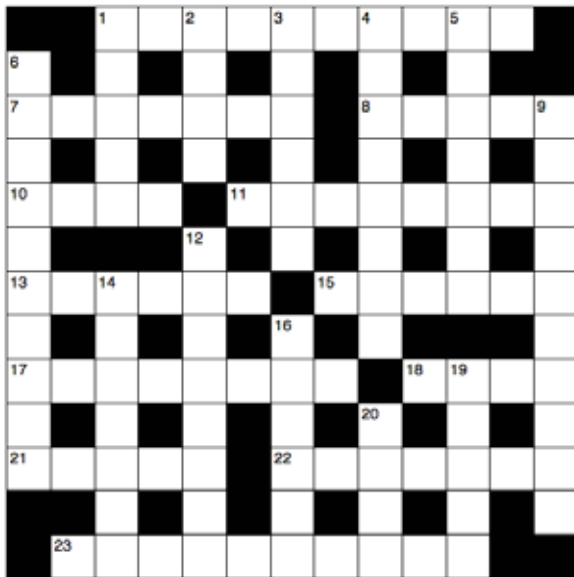
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- 1 Made from the fruit of the vine, symbol of the blood of Christ (4)
- 3 'You are to set an ambush behind the city. Don't go very far from it. All of you be on — — ' (Joshua 8:4) (3,5)
- 8 Seep (4)
- 9 Celebrated by Jesus on the night of his betrayal (Luke 22:15) (8)
- 11 One of the supposed sites of Christ's burial place in Jerusalem (6,4)
- 14 'A city on a hill — be hidden' (Matthew 5:14) (6)
- 15 He inherited Elijah's mantle (2 Kings 2:12-13) (6)
- 17 Where Jesus prayed 'Not as I will, but as you will' (Matthew 26:36, 39) (10)
- 20 'Only in his home town and in his — — is a prophet without honour' (Matthew 13:57) (3,5)
- 21 Sail (anag.) (4)
- 22 How Jesus was punished before his crucifixion (Matthew 27:26) (8)
- 23 Eye sore (4)

## Down

- 1 Can't grow (anag.) (5,3)
- 2 A servant girl to Peter, 'You also were with that — , Jesus' (Mark 14:67) (8)
- 4 Well-being (Proverbs 3:8) (6)
- 5 Pentecostal denomination, — of God (10)
- 6 One of the 'obvious' acts of the sinful nature (Galatians 5:19, 21) (4)
- 7 'I preached that they should repent and — to God' (Acts 26:20) (4)
- 10 ' — — , the world will not see me any more, but you will see me' (John 14:19) (6,4)

# Crossword



ANSWERS AT FOOT OF PAGE

- 12 He betrayed Jesus: Judas — (Luke 6:16) (8)
- 13 Jesus to Peter: ' — — of my sheep' (John 21:16) (4,4)
- 16 The centurion said, 'Surely this man was — — of God' (Mark 15:39) (3,3)
- 18 Baked bread (Mark 8:14) (4)
- 19 'Blessing and honour, glory and power, be — Him' (Handel's Messiah) (4)



# ST MARY'S PARISH CHURCH ORGANISATIONS

DAY	ORGANISATION	LOCATION	TIME	CONTACT
Sunday	Sunday Worship	Church	11.00 a.m. – 12 noon	Rev Mark Johnstone
	Sunday School	Church Halls	ditto	Elaine Stevens / Louise Barry
	Seekers	ditto	ditto	Barry
	Crèche	ditto	ditto	Elaine Stevens / Louise Barry
	Fairtrade	Main Hall	12 noon – 12.30 p.m.	Fiona Leishman/Leslie Baird
	Badminton			
	Beginners	ditto	4.30 p.m. – 5.30 p.m.	Ruth Patterson
	Junior	ditto	6.00 p.m. – 7.30 p.m.	Ruth Patterson
	Senior	ditto	7.30 p.m. – 10.30p.m.	Liz Barrie
Monday	Ladies Bowling	Main Hall	1.30 p.m. – 3.30 p.m.	Cathie Devine
	Shipmates	ditto	5.45 p.m. – 6.45 p.m.	Lindsey Campbell
	Junior & Company			
	Section Boys' Brigade	ditto	6.45p.m. – 8.30 p.m.	Iain Hill
	Running/Walking Group	Hall Vestibule	7.00 p.m.	Bob Brown/Sheena Nicol
Tuesday	Ladies Badminton	Main Hall	1.30 p.m. – 3.30 p.m.	Doreen More
	Junior Badminton	ditto	6.00 p.m. – 8.00 p.m.	Ruth Patterson
	Senior Badminton	ditto	8.00 p.m. – 10.30p.m.	Liz Barrie
	Prayer Time	Meeting Place	7.00 p.m. – 7.30 p.m.	Rev Katy Owen
	Country Dancing	Mid Hall	7.45 p.m. – 10.00 pm.	Moirra MacNeill
Wednesday	Wednesday Welcome	Session	10.00a.m. – 11.20am.	Mary Stirling
	Wednesday Worship	House	11.30 a.m. – 12 noon	Rev Mark Johnstone
	Over 50's Badminton	Main Hall	1.30 p.m. – 3.30 p.m.	Ann Allan
	Brownies	ditto	6.30 p.m. – 7.45 p.m.	Emma Harte
	Rainbows	ditto	6.30 p.m. – 7.30 p.m.	Agnes Marran
	Guides	ditto	7.45 p.m. – 9.30 p.m.	Lucy McCallum
	Vestry Hour	Vestry	7.00 p.m. – 8.00 p.m.	Rev Mark Johnstone
				<i>Telephone Church Office</i>
	Running/Walking Group	Hall Vestibule	7.00 p.m.	Bob Brown/Sheena Nicol
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.	Moirra MacNeill

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