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Pastoral Letter

March 2015

Dear Friends,

Easter will fall on Sunday April 5th 2015. I hope we will be able to have our usual Holy Week services; the Good Friday Walk and the Easter morning walk from Hillhead Parish Church. There will be many occasions during Easter to participate in activities with those who attend other congregations. If we follow the plan from previous years you will see in the Magazine what night the service will be held in the various Church of Scotland congregations.

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Some traditions call the period leading up to Easter the period of Lent. At the heart of Lent is the idea of going on a journey. It is in many ways Jesus journey to Jerusalem. It is a journey when we see him fulfilling his life's purpose in his death and resurrection.

As we travel through the weeks leading up to Easter can we perhaps take time to see it as a time when we take stock of our own life? The idea that God takes people on a journey is at the heart of the Old Testament when they come out of slavery into freedom. Our life is a journey in and with Christ, a liberation from slavery into the freedom of God.

This Easter take time to try and understand the meaning of your life, the things that bring you joy or cause you sadness. Try during this Easter journey to identify your hopes and your dreams. When Easter arrives try to be ready to live out the purpose of your life in God. This is a journey we all should make.

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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	27	Mr John Frame, 22 Kelvin Court, Kirkintilloch
February	04	Mr Bill Rosie, 20 Moss Road, Kirkintilloch
	07	Mr John Devine, 108 Waverley Crescent, Kirkintilloch
	11	Mrs Sheila Pringle, Berryknowe, Tintock
	14	Mr Norman Gardner, 65 Craighdu Road, Milngavie
	21	Coner Wilson, 31 Kenilworth Road, Kirkintilloch



Church Flowers

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

March	08	Mrs E. Morrow, Mrs A. Beveridge, Mrs M. MacNeill
	15	Mrs K Pollock, Mrs D McMillan, Mrs A Scott
	22	Mrs C Hickey, Mrs J Paterson, Mr D Houston
	29	Mrs J Whyte, Mrs P Sinclair, Mrs E Gillespie
April	05	Mrs J. Stewart, Mrs J Keellings, Mrs E Cowie, Mrs W Steele

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

March	08/15	Mrs S Burns, Mrs B McEwen
	22/29	Mrs E Walker, Mrs R Poynton
April	05/12	Mrs B McMillan, Mrs M McMurrough

Thank You

Our thanks go to the ladies and gentlemen who gave so generously towards the Chancel flowers for the month of February.

Thank you acknowledgements have been received from the following people: Mr G Tinning, Mrs A Tinning, Mrs N. McMillan, Mr D. Thomson, Mrs J. Smith, E. & B. Cousin, Miss M. Douglas, Mrs M. Henderson, Miss M. Weir, Mrs M. Pitcairn, Mr G. Burns, Mr Mrs A. Stewart, Mrs S. Nicol, Mrs M. Thomson, Mrs M. Beattie, Mrs M. Devine, Mr A. Smith, Mrs A. Rodger, A. & M. MacNeill, Mrs I. Hay.



The Guild

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

March 13	Toggery Fashion Show (Open Night)
20	Dr Mary Frame – Marie Curie
27	A.G.M. – Quiz Night



British Summer Time

British Summer Time begins at 1.00 am on Sunday 29 March. Please remember to put your clocks and watches FORWARD ONE HOUR before you retire on the Saturday night or you could be late for Church!

The Bells of St Mary's



March	08	Angela Montgomerie and Karen Morrison
	15	Lisa and Daniel Malloy-Gibson
	22	Dorothy Stewart and Paul Malcolm
	29	Mary Stirling and Jen Biggans
April	05	Linda Brown and Jean Ralph

Holy Week Services

Can you please include in the magazine the Easter Services as follows:

Monday	30 March	St Columba's Parish Church
Tuesday	31 March	Hillhead Parish Church
Wednesday	01 April	St David's Memorial Park Parish Church
Thursday	02 April	St Mary's Parish Church
Friday	03 April	St Columba's Parish Church

Start time to be confirmed and this will be intimated in the Weekly Sheet within the next week or so.

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 29 March.**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Kirkintilloch Male Voice Choir 94th Annual Concert is in the Church on Saturday 28th March at 7.30pm.

Guest is Tenor Jamie MacDougall. Tickets are £8 and can be purchased from any choir member, Lynsey's Flowers, Catherine Street, Kirkintilloch or by phoning 0141 775 2437. **Tickets can also be purchased at Church from Sally McLellan or David Burns.**

Tickets for the Toggery Fashion Show on Friday 13 March are now on sale and can be had from Moira MacNeill. The price is £5.00 and includes tea/coffee.



Listeners Circle

The next meeting will be on Friday 20 March. The choice of music this month is that of Jim Walker. Everyone is welcome at 2.00pm in the Session House.

GARDENER'S QUESTION TIME

Come and hear about spring and early summer gardens.

The dos and the don'ts.

The things to grow and the things not to grow.

**Have your questions answered by
'Colin from Caulders'**

Followed by light refreshments

All profits going towards the roof fund

Tickets cost £5

Friday 24th April at 7.30 pm.



Scottish Bible Society

Scottish Bible Society is having a Coffee Morning on Saturday 28 March in the Baptist Church Hall, Kirkintilloch from 10am – 12.30pm.

Tubs of Grace

We will be participating in the above scheme operated by UNICEF once again this year. Labels for your tubs will be available from Palm Sunday, 29th March, onwards. The tubs should be returned on Sunday 21st June, which is the recognition service for our young people. Once again we look forward to St. Mary's giving generously to this worthwhile cause.

Elaine Stevens & Louise Barry
Kid Zone

Hugh Biggans
Finance Convenor

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

Lodging House Mission

A big thank you to everyone who sent in donations of food, sweets, clothing and money over the Christmas period to help us sustain a service for the men and women who come through our doors.

This winter, the LHM is again involved in partnership with the Glasgow Winter Initiative Night Shelter. This service provides a secure and safe environment for Glasgow's vulnerable rough sleepers during the coldest time of the year. Tea, coffee and snacks are also provided. The LHM has supplied free meal vouchers for those attending and to date over 500 have been distributed. Since the beginning of December the average number attending has been around 20 per night. This is well above last year's attendance.

We have been much encouraged by the positive response of churches to our request for volunteers to help at the Mission. We still seek volunteer tutors in the shape of people possessing a skill which they would be prepared to teach to our service users over a short course of classes. For example, we have a demand for a painting and decorating class. Please consider whether anyone in your congregation would be able to assist us in this way.

Many thanks.

Gus Mckay, Chaplain

If you think you can assist in any way to help at the Mission please contact Rev Katy Owen.

Advance Notice of Charity Nominations for Next Three Years

It is hard to believe that it is three years since we first introduced the selection process for our designated charities. So it is time to get your thinking caps on again as the sheets for your nominations will be available on the following three Sundays: 29th March, 5th April, 12th April

Once again the top twelve nominations will be placed on ballot papers which will be available on 17th and 24th May. As before the top six will form the nominated charities for 2015 to 2017.

The charities who

come first and sixth will share the funds for 2015, the second and fifth for 2016 and third and fourth for 2017. Where possible can you think of smaller local charities rather than major charities who find it easier to raise funds.

Hugh Biggans, Finance Convenor

A million sold and voted the UKs favourite Fairtrade Egg!

Introduced in 2010, The Real Easter Egg was initially turned down by supermarkets as they were unsure that a 'faith egg' would sell. How wrong they were. Last year, in a national poll, the Real Easter Egg was voted the UK's favourite Fairtrade egg and now more than a million Real Easter Eggs have been sold!

The Real Easter Egg is still the only Fairtrade egg with a copy of the Easter story in each box. There is also a charitable donation for every 150g egg sold. More than £140,000 has been donated from sales. It also supports farmers and producers in the developing world by using Fairtrade chocolate.

Please visit the Fairtrade stall where they will be selling 'The Real Easter Egg'.

Refugees Collection

A big "Thank You" to everyone who has been contributing to our collection of goods for St Rollox Church - your donations are very much appreciated.

Through their Community Outreach Programme, St Rollox support local residents, asylum seekers and refugees in North Glasgow. By "recycling" your unwanted goods, you are helping to ensure this invaluable work can continue.

The need for goods is constant, so if you are having a "Spring Clean" then please remember that St Rollox are always looking for:

- Ladies & Gents, Boys, Girls & Baby Clothing
- Shoes
- Household Goods & Textiles
- Small Portable Electrical Items
- TVs, DVDs, Computers in working order
- Prams & Toys

Bring any donations to Church and we will arrange for them to be passed on to St Rollox.

Thanks again for your support.

Gordon Morrison
Session Clerk

Shopping habits change

How often do you shop for food? These days, chances are that you are buying 'little and often', popping into your mini-supermarket several times a week, and buying only what you need for the next couple of days. It is a thrifty way of living; the trend has helped to reduce food wastage by as much as a fifth, compared with seven years ago. According to a survey by Waitrose, one in four of us is visiting a 'convenience' store at least once a day. Perhaps it gives a whole new insight into 'Give us today our daily bread...' (Luke 11:3)

Alzheimer's and Memory Loss

We are looking for some items to add to a Memory Box on the theme of Childhood Toys. Memory or Reminiscence Boxes are used in Care Homes to enable people with Dementia to recall the past. Some of our members in Campsie View and Kintyre have benefited from these group experiences. Here is a list of things you may be able to donate. Please note these should be in good condition and are non-returnable.

Snakes and Ladders, Ludo, marbles, a child's tea set, Ladybird or old school reading books, stamp or other collection cards from cigarette packets, a skipping rope, rubber balls, a yoyo, chalk, old "scraps", furniture from a doll's house, doll with hand knitted clothes, wooden pencil case, old coins, baby's shawl, pail and spade, flask for picnics, Beano or Dandy Comics, Broon's books, Coronation tins of sweets 1953, toy motor cars, buses, trains, etc., white lacy gloves. Hand knitted woollen children's jumpers or cardigans.

This is part of our Eco congregation project as we look forward to achieving our second award for St. Mary's Church. Please put all items in the box marked Reminiscence Box in the vestibule.

Many thanks to those who have already donated.

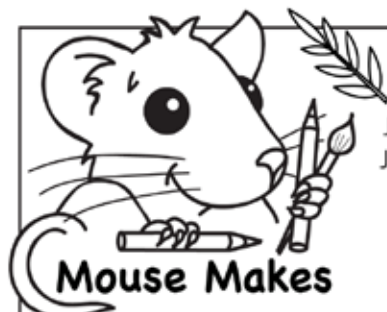
Katy Owen

Palm Sunday Prayer

Loving Father,

People didn't recognise Jesus as your son, on that first Palm Sunday, even though you had told them what to expect. They wanted him to be their hero, to do things their way, to meet their expectations. To be a king of their own creation. Perhaps we still do.

Help us to look beyond what we think is best, to see that the values of your Kingdom are very different from the values of this world. Help us to proclaim you as our King, to commit ourselves to building for your Kingdom to come - and then to trust you and get on with it. In Jesus name, Amen.



Mouse Makes

Some believed Jesus was God's Saviour, the Messiah, but some did not.

What do you believe?

Read these stories from Mark's Gospel - 1:40-45, 4:35-41, 5:1-43 and 6:30-56

JESUS COMES TO JERUSALEM AS KING

As Jesus and his disciples approached Jerusalem they came to the Mount of Olives. Jesus sent two disciples ahead of him and said "You will find a donkey and her colt, untie them and bring them to me."

A large crowd spread their coats and branches cut from the trees onto the road in front of Jesus and shouted:

"Hosanna to the Son of David!"

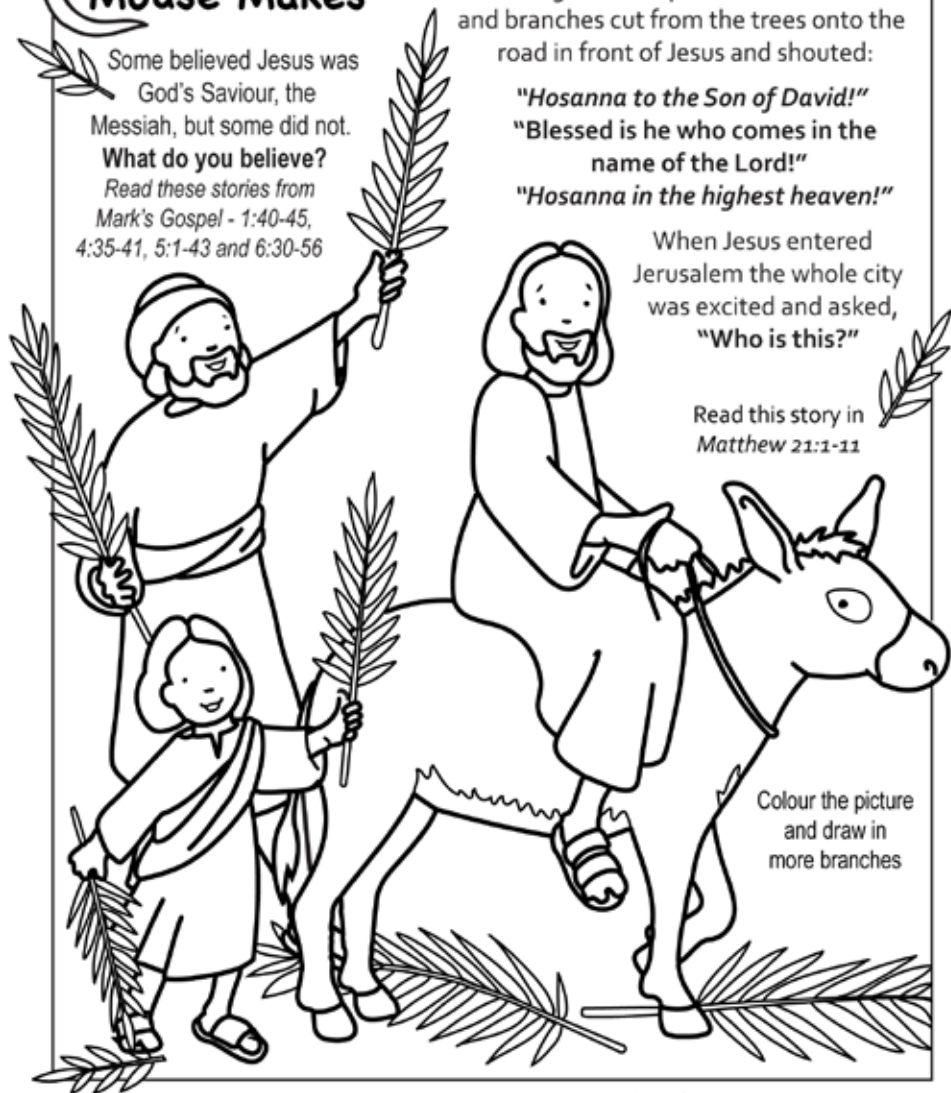
"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"

"Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

When Jesus entered Jerusalem the whole city was excited and asked, "Who is this?"

Read this story in Matthew 21:1-11

Colour the picture and draw in more branches



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St ANGELA

It is not that long ago that most girls never had the chance to be educated. But one determined woman started the process, and her name was Angela Merici. She was born in Italy on 24 March 1474. Both her parents died when she was only 10, and then when Angela was 13 her elder sister died too, which led her to dedicate her life to God. When she was only 22 she started a school for young girls in her home town and this was so successful that she was invited to start schools in other places. Her faith led her to make pilgrimages to the Holy Land and to Rome.

It was when she was in Rome in 1524 that she suddenly lost her sight. Pope Clement VII asked her to stay in Rome to take charge of an order of nursing nuns but she refused and went home to Brescia. When she was almost 60 she started the Order of St Ursula, which is still involved in teaching today. Even though she was blind, St Angela Merici had a vision of what was possible with God's help.

SCHOOL SUBJECTS

This timetable has the lessons scrambled up – can you unravel the school subjects? Answers below.

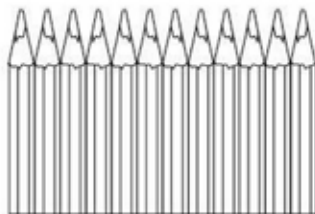
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Period 2	ROYTHIS
Period 3	GHELSIN
Period 4	CHNFER
LUNCH	
Period 5	RAT
Period 6	MYITCHERS
Period 7	MESAG

What did I get for my history test?

Well, first the good news – you spelled your name correctly.

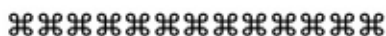
Teacher: You missed school yesterday, didn't you?

Pupil: Not really.



What do elves learn in school?

The elf-abet.



Answers: 1.Mathematics 2.History
3.English 4.French 5.Art 6.Chemistry
7.Games

The Rectory . . .

St James the Least

My dear Nephew Darren

I cannot be wholly sympathetic because your church car park is now inadequate, only having space for 100 cars. Your solution of advising members of the congregation to park in the adjoining supermarket car park may not have been wise. The maximum time people can stop there is 90 minutes, and as your sermons alone often reach that length, returning to find their cars clamped may not make you universally popular – although it may give your congregation the opportunity of practising Christian forgiveness.

Since the medieval architect who built St. James the Least was not overly concerned with car parking, the only space we have is along the road by the church. Inevitably, it gets blocked, which causes us all immense satisfaction when those not attending church but intending to have a morning shopping, find themselves unable to get out of the village until Mattins is over.

I did once encourage people to walk to church across the fields, but when the present Earl of Stowe started to get his staff to lay waterproof sheeting along the paths so he could avoid getting mud on his shoes, I decided the idea was best dropped.

For most, the inconvenience of parking only makes attending church more of a pleasurable challenge; we so enjoy having something to complain about. Major Hastings, however, who has complained endlessly about parking problems, made a point last Christmas by leaving his car in the middle of the vicarage lawn. I was so pleased he happened to park just where I had had a garden pond filled in only the previous week. He returned to find that the car had sunk up the windscreen and needed a crane to remove it. And it would have made a charming garden feature; I could even picture it with garden gnomes on its roof.

For weddings, a farmer allows us to use the field adjoining the church. While he rarely attends church on Sundays, he is always there the week before – I suspect praying for heavy rain, so he can make a fortune charging to tow out with his tractor those who have got stuck. Perhaps the greatest act of witness your church could perform would be to get everyone attending church to park on the ring road, bringing the entire town to a halt until your three hour Sunday morning Service is over.

Your loving uncle, Eustace

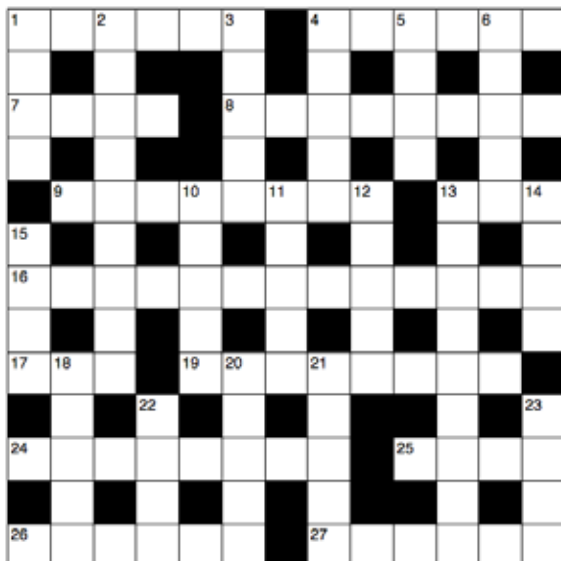
Across

- 1 The earth is one (6)
- 4 'On a hill far away stood an old — cross' (6)
- 7 'I am the — vine and my Father is the gardener' (John 15:1) (4)
- 8 The Caesar who was Roman Emperor at the time of Jesus' birth (Luke 2:1) (8)
- 9 'Your — should be the same as that of Christ Jesus' (Philippians 2:5) (8)
- 13 Jesus said that no one would put a lighted lamp under this (Luke 8:16) (3)
- 16 Involvement (1 Corinthians 10:16) (13)
- 17 Armed conflict (2 Chronicles 15:19) (3)
- 19 Where the Gaderene pigs were feeding (Mark 5:11) (8)
- 24 What jeering youths called Elisha on the road to Bethel (2 Kings 2:23) (8)
- 25 The Venerable —, eighth-century Jarrow ecclesiastical scholar (4)
- 26 8 Across issued a decree that this should take place (Luke 2:1) (6)
- 27 Come into prominence (Deuteronomy 13:13) (6)

Down

- 1 Where some of the seed scattered by the sower fell (Matthew 13:4) (4)
- 2 Sexually immoral person whom God will judge (Hebrews 13:4) (9)
- 3 Gospel leaflet (5)
- 4 Physical state of the boy brought to Jesus for healing (Mark 9:18)
- 5 Tugs (anag.) (4)
- 6 To put forth (5)
- 10 Nationality associated with St Patrick (5)
- 11 Leader of the descendants of Kohath (1 Chronicles 15:5) (5)
- 12 'After this, his brother came out, with his hand grasping — heel' (Genesis 25:26) (5)
- 13 At Dothan the Lord struck the Arameans with — at Elisha's request (2 Kings 6:18) (9)
- 14 'Peter, before the cock crows today, you will — three times that you know me'

Crossword



ANSWERS AT FOOT OF PAGE

- (Luke 22:34) (4)
- 15 Spit out (Psalm 59:7) (4)
 - 18 'When I —, I am still with you' (Psalm 139:18) (5)
 - 20 Concepts (Acts 17:20) (5)
 - 21 Thyatira's dealer in purple cloth (Acts 16:14) (5)
 - 22 Does (anag.) (4)
 - 23 The second set of seven cows in Pharaoh's dream were this (Genesis 41:19) (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.	Trevor Patterson
	Junior	ditto	5.30 p.m. – 7.30 p.m.	Susan Wilson
	Senior	ditto	7.30 p.m. – 10.30p.m.	Trevor Patterson
	Youth Fellowship	Mid Hall	7.30 p.m. – 9.30 p.m.	Lorna McCallum
Monday	Ladies Bowling	Main Hall	1.30 p.m. – 3.30 p.m.	Cathie Devine
	Shipmates	ditto	5.45 p.m. – 6.45 p.m.	Lindsey Campbell
	Junior & Company			
	Section Boys' Brigade	ditto	6.45p.m. – 8.30 p.m.	Iain Hill Archie Smith
	Men's Club	Main Hall	7.30 p.m. – 10.00p.m.	
Tuesday	Running/Walking Group	Hall Vestibule	7.00 p.m.	Bob Brown/Jean Ralph
	Ladies Badminton	ditto	1.30 p.m. – 3.30 p.m.	Doreen More
	Junior Badminton	ditto	6.00 p.m. – 8.00 p.m.	Trevor Patterson
	Senior Badminton	ditto	8.00 p.m. – 10.30p.m.	Susan Wilson
	Prayer Time	Meeting Place	7.00 p.m. – 7.30 p.m.	Rev Katy Owen
	Country Dancing	Mid Hall	7.45 p.m. – 10.00 pm.	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 50s Badminton	Main Hall	1.30 p.m. – 3.30 p.m.	Anne Allan
	Brownies	ditto	6.30 p.m. – 7.45 p.m.	Elizabeth Cousin
	Rainbows	ditto	6.30 p.m. – 7.30 p.m.	Agnes Marran
	Vestry Hour	Vestry	7.00 p.m. – 8.00 p.m.	Rev Mark Johnstone
				<i>Telephone Church Office</i>
	Running/Walking Group	Hall Vestibule	7.00 p.m.	Bob Brown/Jean Ralph
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

For further information on any of the above –

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



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