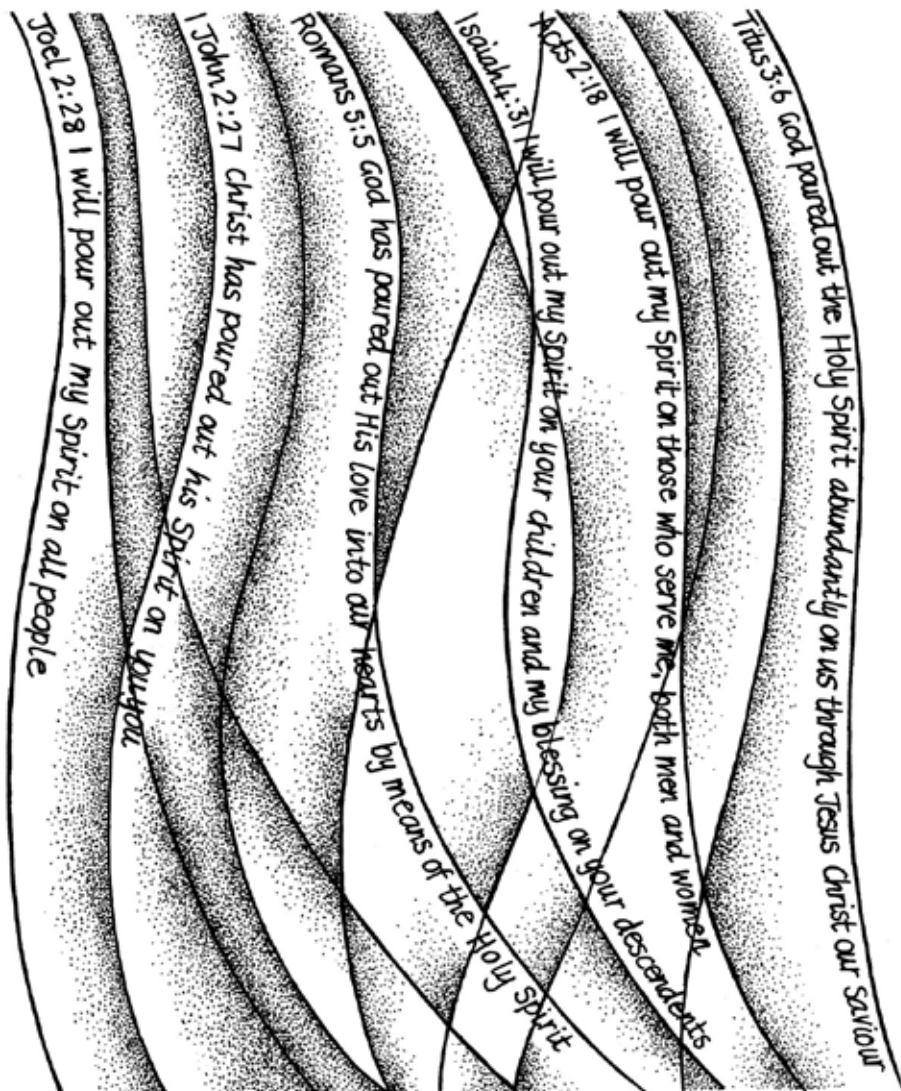


The Parishioner

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Pastoral Letter

May 2016

Dear Friends,

***‘When the day of Pentecost came they were all together in one place’
(Acts 2:1).***

The day of Pentecost is named after the Greek word pentekostos, which means ‘fiftieth’ and refers to the feast of ‘Weeks’, fifty days after Passover and Easter.

The first followers of Jesus were ‘all in one place’. Not only the disciples, but the hundred and twenty men and women who had chosen to follow him. They were together praying and waiting upon the risen Christ. The Greek word suggests they were all of one mind. Then suddenly a mighty

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sound filled the house, it is like a wind. This is the gift of the Holy Spirit who comes to all those who wait upon the Lord.

The suggestion the early disciples were of one mind is challenging. Many had come from different places; there was the challenge of the faith being opened to non Jews and there was the fear running deep in the hearts of the believers. We are told in spite of this ‘They were one’.

In our current political, economic, social and even personal situation we perhaps more readily see division and separation. We hear of well known retailers closing and we fear for the unemployed. We hear of some areas of heavy industry being challenged by foreign imports. We see people moving from war torn countries or economically challenged areas of the world seeking safety and security for themselves and their children. The media ask us to ‘vote’ —‘In’ or ‘Out’ one political party or EU. It can feel like, division, division everywhere.

Let us seek unity in Church and community that the greater good may be served and the witness of Pentecost proclaimed — ‘where all are one’.

Kindest regards

Mak.

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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.'

April 17 **Joseph David Holland**, son of David and Kirsten

The Lord bless you, and keep you: the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you: the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace

Funerals

*Jesus said 'I am the resurrection and the life ...'
'Blessed are they that mourn for they shall be comforted'
Jesus said 'The souls of the righteous are in the hands of God'.*

March	29	Janet Irving, Four Hills Nursing Home
April	01	James Cumming, 29 Alexandra Avenue, Kirkintilloch
	13	Thomas Craig, 14 McCash Place, Kirkintilloch
	18	John Brown, 19 Crossgates, Eastside, Kirkintilloch
	21	Isabella Thomson, 2 Waterside Road, Kirkintilloch
	27	Thomas Miller, 37 Quarry Drive, Kirkintilloch

Weddings

'God is love and those who dwell in love dwell in God and God in them'
We celebrated the marriage of:

April 03 Elaine Docherty and Craig Henson

Change of Address

Lynn Reid formerly of 25 Heather Gardens, Lenzie, now residing at 16 Lammermoor Gardens, Kirkintilloch.

Weekly Freewill Offering Envelopes

The envelopes now being used have been printed with the facility to note on the exterior of the envelope the 'Amount enclosed £'. This was not requested when ordered at the printers and is not required in the way we process these envelopes. Therefore, there is no requirement to complete this section.



Church Flowers

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

May	08	Miss J. Campbell, Mrs J. Finney, Mrs D. Stewart,
(Communion)		Mrs E. Walker
	15	Mrs M Anderson, Mrs D Halliday. Mrs J Lang,
		Mrs M McCaffer
	22	Mrs M Girault, Mrs J Melrose, Mr G Burns,
		Mrs M Maule
	29	Mrs F Wishart, Mrs M Malcolm, Miss A Tassie
June	05	Mrs L Burns, Mrs M Henderson, Mrs H McKay,
		Mrs M Taylor

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

May	08/15	Mrs M McMurrough and Mrs B McMillan
	15/22	Mrs M Stirling and Mrs V Carmichael
May 29/ June 05		Mrs A McPhee and Mrs M McCaffer

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

You are warmly invited to join in the celebration of Holy Communion on Sunday 08 May at 11am and 6.30pm and to the Preparatory Service on Friday 06 May at 7.30 pm. The Preparatory Service is for everyone who attends worship and offers an opportunity to think about Communion and what it means. Communion will also be offered at the Wednesday Welcome on 11 May and once again an invitation is extended to all who wish to participate.

Do this in memory of me Luke 22 : 19

Thank You

Thank you acknowledgements have been received from the following who received Chancel Flowers during the last month.

Mrs C Holbein, L & L Caven, Mrs M. Lawson, Mrs B. Cowie, Mrs M. Primrose, Mrs K. Pollock, Mr D. McFarlane, Mrs I. Hay, Mrs A. Somerville, Mrs C. Morrison, Mr & Mrs J. Lang, Mrs V. Lindsay, Sadie Smith on behalf of her daughter Lynn Reid.

Jim and Janette Whyte thank the congregation of St Mary's for the beautiful flowers and cards received for their Diamond Wedding.

Jack and Mary Macintosh thank St Mary's congregation for the chancel flowers and cards received on the occasion of their Diamond Wedding.

Jack and Eleanor Morrow thank their many friends at St Mary's for the beautiful flowers and cards received on their Diamond Wedding.

I wish to thank all our members who have donated towards the Chancel flowers during the month of April.

My thanks also to the faithful band of ladies and gentlemen who help to distribute our beautiful arrangements.

Janice Reid

Sheila Gow thanks St. Mary's congregation for the cards and flowers Jim received on his 80th Birthday.

Isobel Hay is very appreciative of all the kind wishes she received during her recent convalescence following her accident. Pleased to say she is back on her feet and getting mobile.

Sandra Burns thanks all her friends in St Mary's for their cards and good wishes on her recent move to a new home.

Thank you for all the lovely cards and good wishes received following the birth of our Granddaughter.

We are pleased to report that Eilidh is now at home with her family and doing well.

Gordon & Margaret Morrison

Guild Outing update . . .

Would those going to the Guild Outing on Saturday 14th May, please note the bus leaves Sainsbury's Car Park at 1.30pm for Eastwood Theatre.

The Bells of St Mary's



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

The Parishioner

Copy for the Summer issue (which includes June / July / August) should be handed to Sandra Burns, left in the Publications pigeon hole in the Hall vestibule, or sent by e-mail to sandraburns.me@gmail.com
no later than Sunday 29 May

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

Your Magazine Needs YOU!!!



*Your magazine needs YOU! or to be more explicit your news. The Publications Committee warmly welcomes all items of news and general interest stories from everyone connected with St Mary's Parish Church, including all of the organisations. So, if you've got news or simply want your fellow parishioners to know of something worth sharing, then spread the word and help to keep your magazing yours! Please pass your June issue news items for **THE PARISHIONER** to the Editor, Sandra Burns as detailed on previous page.*



Christian Aid Week

15th-21st May, 2016

New helpers are required for this year's House to House collection in Kirkintilloch, Waterside and Lenzie. One evening is all that is required. Anyone interested please 'phone Paul Malcolm – 578 1520. You can also put your name on a sheet in the vestibule.

- ❖ Christian Aid insists that everyone should be able to live a full life, free from poverty.
- ❖ They work with people of all faiths and none.
- ❖ They never give money to governments.
- ❖ They currently work in 39 countries with 568 local partner organisations in Africa, Asia and the Middle East and Latin America and the Caribbean.
- ❖ They are the official development agency of 41 Church denominations in Britain and Ireland.

Dates for your Diary

Eco-congregation

You are invited to join us on the last leg of the Thomas Muir Trail from Cadder Church to Bishopbriggs on Wednesday 18th May. The walk is 2.5 miles (4 km) along the canal bank and we will be led by Alan, one of the Mugdock Rangers. We set off from Cadder Church at 1 pm and hope to reach Bishopbriggs before the Thomas Muir Cafe closes at 4pm. We plan to return to Kirkintilloch by bus. The Eco committee would be delighted if you could come. All are welcome.

Christian Aid

Our annual lunch will take place on Sunday 22nd May. A choice of soups will be available after the service on this Sunday. Money raised will be added to that collected in the area and sent to support the work done by Christian Aid.

Fund Raising Lunch for the Roof

Our final lunch for this session to help raise money for the roof will be held on Sunday 12th June. Whilst it will take the form of a baked potato lunch, as this coincides with the weekend of the Queen's official birthday, there will be a few 'extras' to help us celebrate.

Come along and have lunch with us to celebrate a 'special official birthday', to add to the £1000+ already raised by these lunches for the roof and to enjoy the company of family and friends as you eat.

The Christian Aid Fair

which had been due to be held in March had to be cancelled due to the works going on outside the Church. This will now be held in the Church Hall on 17 September 2016.



Nursery News for April/May 2016

We have now sourced a sink for the mud kitchen being developed outside - thanks to all the parents who have helped with this so far. There are still some jobs to be done to complete this, so please let us know if you would like to give us a hand.

Our new snack menu is now up and running. This has been developed in line with the "Setting the Table" document and has been created with input from children, parents/carers and staff. It is displayed on the table in the corridor. Children will also be involved in preparing snack for their peers by helping to peel and chop fruit and vegetables, etc.

Nursery Support Teacher

Last term, Karen Cowie our EDC Nursery Support Teacher, was involved with our workshops in "Nurturing Children" and developing plans for our sensory area in the Star Room. We look forward to Karen joining us again this term as we complete this new area. A photograph of Karen will be displayed in the corridor on the mornings she is in nursery.

Promoting Independence

We encourage children to develop their independence whilst at nursery. Some of the skills being developed include independently brushing teeth, changing shoes, putting on jackets, going to the toilet and washing hands. Children are also involved in preparing snack and developing skills such as spreading butter or cheese on crackers etc.

Review

With help from many of our parents/carers we have managed to have lots of trips into the wider community this year -we could not do them without you. Overall the trips have been an enormous success and our children have had the opportunity not only to experience new activities but also to go on different types of transport. Children thoroughly enjoy this aspect of the trips in addition to the workshops, developing both their skills and knowledge.

During May, we will be issuing a service evaluation for all parents/carers to complete. This will offer you the opportunity to give your views regarding trips and other aspects of the nursery. Your views are important to us as it allows us to continually improve, plan and reflect on our service and practice.

The silent sermon

A member of a certain church, who had previously attended services regularly, stopped going. After a few weeks, the minister decided to visit him. He found the man at home all alone, sitting by a blazing fire. Guessing the reason for his minister's visit, the man welcomed him awkwardly, and led him to a comfortable chair near the fireplace and waited.

The minister made himself at home, but said nothing. In the grave silence, he contemplated the dance of the flames around the burning logs. After some minutes, he took the fire tongs, carefully picked up a brightly burning ember and placed it to one side of the hearth all alone. Then he sat back in his chair, still silent.

The host watched all this in quiet contemplation. As the one lone ember's flame flickered and diminished, there was a momentary glow and then its fire was no more. Soon it was cold and dead.

Not a word had been spoken since the initial greeting. But now the minister chose this time to leave. He slowly stood up, picked up the cold, dead bit of coal and placed it back in the middle of the fire. Immediately it began to glow once more, with the light and warmth of the burning coals around it. With that, the minister smiled at his host, and quietly let himself out.

Christ is All-in-All

We hold you and your treatment
at the heart of every prayer,
And we ask our God who loves you
Just to hold you in His care.

May He make His presence known
To you in every way He can
While the healing balm of Christ is placed
In the hands of mortal man.

So may the good Lord bless you
As He holds you in His grace;
And may He ever let His peace
Be known in every place

Where your journeying will lead you;
In whatever may befall:
That you will know in everything
How Christ is all-in-all.

By Sam Doubtfire

Walking out

“I hope you didn’t take it personally, Reverend,” said an embarrassed woman after a church service, “when my husband walked out during your sermon.” “I did find it rather disconcerting,” the preacher admitted. “It’s not a reflection on you, sir,” insisted the church-goer. “Ralph has been walking in his sleep ever since he was a child.”

TREASURER’S REPORT

Will the congregation please note that our offering receipts, on a monthly basis, such as listed below, are not sufficient to cover our typical monthly expenditure to operate as St Mary’s Parish Church.

March Offering

DATE	FREEWILL OFFERING	GIFT AID	OPEN PLATE	STANDING ORDERS
06.03.16	446.10	461.00	134.20	
13.03.16	462.00	304.00	88.14	
20.03.16	452.50	534.50	113.20	
27.03.16	479.80	550.00	226.90	
Standing orders				3711.00
TOTAL	1840.40	1849.50	562.44	3711.00
Total for the Month		7963.34		

RECEIPTS AND DONATIONS Received During
March

with thanks and gratitude for your consideration of our Church

Donation from Cynthia and David Keellings	300.00
Roof Fund Donation	40.00
Parishioner Donation	15.00
Parishioner Donation	20.00
Kirkintilloch West District Guiding	40.00
Baked Potato Lunch 13.03.16 Donations to the Roof Fund	411.00

The Rectory . . .

St James the Least

My dear Nephew Darren

So you are beginning to plan your first Summer Fete in your new parish. That you appear to be looking forward to it shows how little you know about them.

Parishes hold Summer Fetes so that their clergy can preach more meaningfully on purgatory. Their ostensible purpose is to raise money for the church - which is wholly illogical. The parish could double the money raised if the Fete were dropped, none of the endless preparations made, if everyone spent a pleasant afternoon in their own gardens and each person simply donated £20 to the church instead. But we still feel obliged to go to endless trouble, making ourselves miserable so we can show each other what a good time we are having. That it generally pours seems to make the entire event even more grimly satisfying.

No, the real reasons for a Summer Fete are twofold. First, it gives the entire parish the chance to inspect the Rector's garden. Whatever state it is in, it will cause disapproval. If it is poorly kept, then I am clearly being ungrateful for having three acres of lawn to enjoy. Mowing it each week should be one of my delights; what else would I do with a whole day off each week anyway? The hand mower, kindly given by

Colonel French is assumed to be quite adequate - and rumour has it that I need to lose weight anyway. The mower was presented to me when the Colonel bought his own gardener a sit-on motor mower - which is of a size and opulence that makes me assume it has a drinks cabinet and satellite navigation.

The second reason for a Fete comes as a special perk for the organisers. It gives them a chance to inspect the inside of the Rectory. Under the pretence of looking for a little more sugar, they can systematically inspect all the kitchen cupboards and comment on their contents. By the end of the day, the whole parish will know what marmalade I spread on my toast, that I use unnecessarily expensive washing powder, and where I have unsuccessfully tried to hide the gin.

The details of what then happens while the Fete is in progress must wait until my next letter, when we will have had our own. It is now time for Evensong, drinks with Major Mallet and his wife, and then a quiet evening with a good book, while I toy with other possible hiding places for the gin this year.

Your loving uncle, Eustace



THE LADY & THE LAMP

On 12th May 1820 a baby girl was born who changed the way that we care for people who are ill. Florence Nightingale grew up at a time when only the worst kind of person became a nurse but she had an idea of the way things could be. Her chance to change things came with the Crimean War.

Florence travelled there with a few others and started work in the military hospital at Scutari where conditions were dreadful: wounded soldiers were left lying in dirt without proper food or care and most of them died. The army doctors already there didn't want Miss Nightingale or her nurses, but gradually they improved conditions. The nurses scrubbed and cleaned as well as caring for the wounded and the soldiers began to recover. Florence Nightingale was called the Lady with the Lamp because she would walk the wards at night, checking on patients. After the war, with the support of Queen Victoria, Florence was able to improve hospital care for everyone.

WASHING WORDS

All the words in this wordsearch are to do with clean and dirty. Can you find them all? The words go up, down, backwards, forwards and diagonally and some letters are used more than once.

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A	D	E	S	S	D	B	R	O	T
D	W	T	A	H	S	K	A	O	S

bath brush dirt
duster dry
grime grubby
mud soak
soap sparkling
stained tap tub
vacuum wash
wet



What did the dirt say to the rain?

If this keeps up my name will be mud!

What did the big tap say to the small tap?
Little squirt!



... and what did the small tap reply? Big drip!"



It was the festival of **Pentecost**, 50 days since **Passover** and Jews from many countries had come to **Jerusalem** to celebrate.

The Apostles and other believers were all together in one place when they heard a sound like a strong **wind** and saw what looked like **tongues of fire** which spread out and touched each person.

All of them were filled with the **Holy Spirit** and began to talk in other **languages** as the Spirit enabled them.

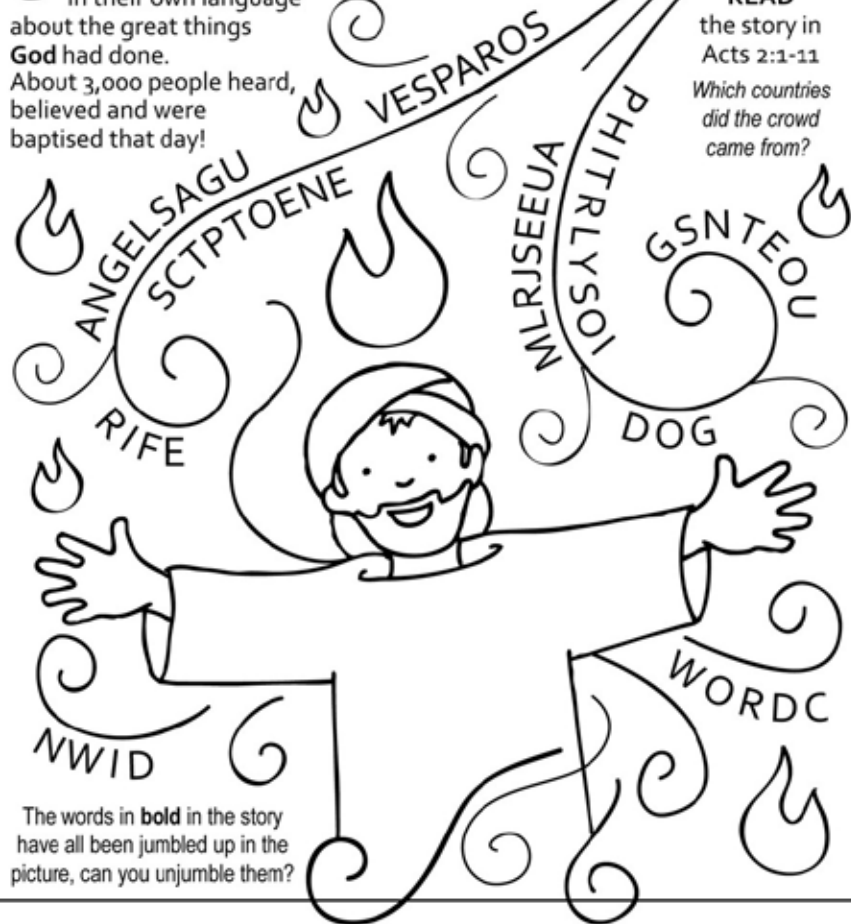
A **crowd** gathered outside, they were all excited because each of them heard the believers speaking in their own language about the great things **God** had done.

About 3,000 people heard, believed and were baptised that day!

READ

the story in
Acts 2:1-11

Which countries
did the crowd
come from?



The words in **bold** in the story have all been jumbled up in the picture, can you unjumble them?

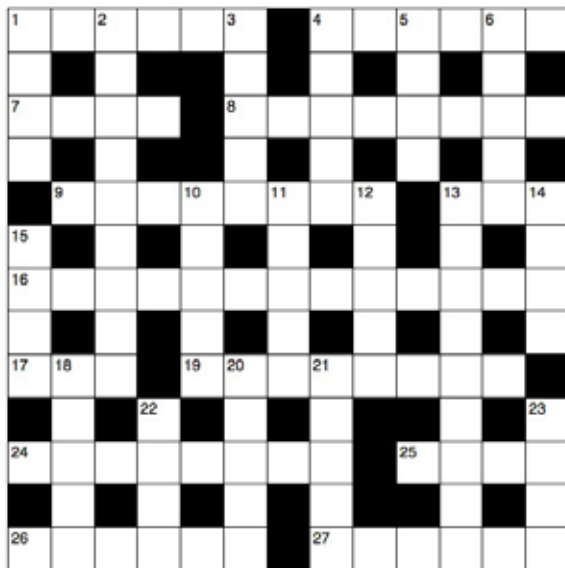
Across

- 1 One who owes money, goods or services (Isaiah 24:2) (6)
- 4 'A good measure, pressed down, — together and running over' (Luke 6:38) (6)
- 7 Continuous dull pain (Proverbs 14:13) (4)
- 8 This bread contains yeast (Amos 4:5) (8)
- 9 'But take heart! I have — the world' (John 16:33) (8)
- 13 And the rest (abbrev.) (3)
- 16 What Paul was accused of by Tertullus, the high priest's lawyer, in his trial before Felix (Acts 24:5) (13)
- 17 Rap (anag.) (3)
- 19 Founder of the Jesuits in 1534 (8)
- 24 'For where your — is, there your heart will be also' (Luke 12:34) (8)
- 25 The first word written on the wall during King Belshazzar's great banquet (Daniel 5:25) (4)
- 26 'We all, like sheep, have gone — ' (Isaiah 53:6) (6)
- 27 One was given in honour of Jesus in Bethany (John 12:2) (6)

Down

- 1 'The blind receive sight, the lame walk, the — hear, the dead are raised' (Luke 7:22) (4)
- 2 Conduct (Colossians 1:21) (9)
- 3 In the Catholic and Orthodox traditions, the body of a saint or his belongings, venerated as holy (5)
- 4 'Like a — of locusts men pounce on it' (Isaiah 33:4) (5)
- 5 Very old (Genesis 44:20) (4)
- 6 In Calvinist theology, one who is predestined by God to receive salvation (5)
- 10 How Nicodemus addressed Jesus when he visited him one night (John 3:2) (5)
- 11 Sea (Psalm 148:7) (5)
- 12 'I will — you, my God the King; I will praise your name for ever and ever' (Psalm 145:1) (5)
- 13 One of the groups of philosophers that Paul met in Athens, who disagreed with his teaching about the resurrection (Acts 17:18) (9)

Crossword



ANSWERS AT FOOT OF PAGE

- 14 Barred enclosure (Ezekiel 19:9) (4)
- 15 'Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in — with the Spirit' (Galatians 5:25) (4)
- 18 Cares (anag.) (5)
- 20 Garish (Ezekiel 16:16) (5)
- 21 'So God said to Noah, "I am going to put — to all people"' (Genesis 6:13) (2,3)
- 22 Just (2 Corinthians 6:13) (4)
- 23 'The — of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge' (Proverbs 1:7) (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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