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'All hard work
brings a profit'

Prov. 14:23



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Pastoral Letter

September 2015

Dear Friends,

Despite the weather I hope you have had a good summer. I am aware for some there have been change and challenge. It may seem the new session at the Church begins and little has changed or much has changed. This will always have to do with our personal circumstance, the journey we are on. One writer I was reading recently said 'Whoever you are, whatever you're at, join us on the journey....'

At St Mary's we are keen for you to share a bit of your journey with us.

The Congregation is inclusive, diverse and we seek to offer a welcome. If you are a long time member of the Church, or recently started attending, I hope you will see value in sharing regularly in worship and the various other activities that take place in the life of the congregation.

In this magazine you will find an outline of special services highlighted for the coming year. I hope these services will offer a bit of colour in the midst of the year's routine. I

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hope they will resonate with your steps along the path that is your journey.

Before the summer started I visited Barcelona, where we have friends. On one very warm afternoon our friends took us for a walk up Tibidabo Mountain. The path from the railway station was dusty and a little demanding. At one point our friend suggested we take the most unassuming thin dusty path. We stumbled onto the path. After a short walk the view opened up. From the short dusty path the City of Barcelona with its history, spires and grand architecture, open up.

If your path seems dusty, look for the path that may open up your horizon.

Kindest regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark' followed by a small dot.

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 Parishioner

Copy for the October magazine 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 27 September.

The Publications Committee are always interested in the activities of all our Organisations, especially the young people of Church, so if you wish your voice to be heard, or have something you would like published in The Parishioner, please let the Editor know.

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.'

June 21 Jayce Gillon Campbell, son of Martin and Melanie
July 05 Findlay Blair Wilkes, son of Stephen and Kirstie
19 Andrew Nicolson, son of Neil and Carol

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

Weddings

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

May 18 Yvonne Daly and Robert McNicol
June 06 Leoni Hanlon and Derek Johnston
13 Karen Morrison and David McCallum
August 1 Danielle Conlon and Stuart Clelland

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'.

June 19 Harry Ormerod, 34 Industry Street, Kirkintilloch
26 Mrs Beatrice Williamson 6 Kirksyde Avenue, Kirkintilloch
July 6 Mrs Joan Brown, 60 Rosehill Road, Torrance
Michelle Watt, 5 Douglas Avenue, Airth
10 Mrs Catherine Macdonald, 14 Geelong Gardens, Lennoxtown
17 Mrs Lillian Shearer, 25 Service Street, Lennoxtown
21 Mrs Ada Newall, 4 Ellisland Drive, Kirkintilloch
30 Mrs E Donald, 41 Alexander Place, Waterside
31 Stewart Smart, 25 Glasgow Road, Kirkintilloch
August 3 Mrs Gladys Cowan, 1 Badenoch Road, Kirkintilloch
6 Mrs Charlotte Smith, 1 Norwood Avenue, Kirkintilloch
14 David Travers, 37 Ivanhoe Drive, Kirkintilloch

Change of Address

Mrs E Goodwin, formerly 10 Hayston Road, now residing at 21 Kelvin Court, Kirkintilloch.

Mrs Karen McCallum (Morrison), formerly 11 Campsie View, now residing at 39 Inverary Drive, Gartcosh.

Anniversaries

Silver Wedding – 25 years

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| Hugh and Jen Biggans | 28th July |
| Charles and Lynn Hay | 10th August |

Ruby Wedding – 40 years

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| John and Margaret Pears | 12th July |
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Golden Weddings – 50 years

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| Stewart and Elizabeth Walker | 1st July |
| Jack and Margaret Lang | 9th July |
| John and Agnes McIsaac | 30th July |

Diamond Weddings – 60 years

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| George and Hazel Struthers | 29th July |
| Angus and Moira MacNeill | 20th August |

To all the above couples, congratulations and very best wishes are sent from the congregation of St Mary's.

Gardening Club

The wet and disappointing summer (?) left many gardens in a poor state. Alas, that also included our Church gardens.

It was decided to have a major overhaul across all areas. Volunteers from the Gardening Club, ably assisted by other members of the congregation, spent many hours over an entire week tidying up the plots and pathways by removing excessive moss, soil, etc. and filling a skip. There have been many appreciative comments by members and passers-by of our efforts.

To all who helped a very big **THANK YOU!**

Lambert Sinclair



Church Flowers

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

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| September | 06 | Mrs J. Stewart, Mrs D. McMillan, Mrs R. Stevenson |
| | 13 | Mrs M. Glennie, Mr H. Biggans, Mrs B. Little, The Fisher Family |
| | 20 | Mrs C. Devine, Mrs J. Bett, Mr M. Miller, Mrs B. Cowie, J & A Marran |
| | 27 | Mrs A. Differ, Mrs M Wilson, Mrs J. McKean, Mrs M. Girault |
| October | 04 | Mrs S. Nicol, Mrs V. Anderson, Mrs M. Malcolm, Mrs I. McCrae |

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

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| September | 06/13 | Mr G Burns and Miss E Cousin |
| | 20/27 | Mrs S Burns and Mrs B McEwen |
| October | 04/11 | Mrs R Poynton and Mrs E Walker |

Summer Work Load

Once again we have completed nearly all of the work that we scheduled back in May. Biggest job this year was repairing and repainting the rear wall of the Main Hall. Other painting jobs this year was skirting and dado rail in main hall and window frames in Mid Hall. All low gutters around Church were cleaned out and various joinery jobs completed. Other work is still ongoing.

Thanks again to the Fabric Committee and others for their help during the summer period.

David Tinto

Thank you letters are acknowledged from the following who received chancel flowers during the summer months.

J & G Boyle, Mr Mrs G McDonagh, Mrs E Goodwin, Mrs N Fleming, Mrs M. Fyfe, Mrs H. Campbell, D. Primrose, Mrs M. MacNeill, Mr Mrs T. Ward, Miss A. Tassie, Mrs M. Devine, Mrs B. Davidson, Mr Mrs S. Walker, B. & E. Cousin, Miss J. Campbell, Mrs M. Wilson, Mrs N. Rees, Mr Mrs J. Pears, R. & A. Pears and Baby Ben, Mrs M. Macintosh, Miss D. Brown, Mr R Dewar, Mr Mrs A MacNeill, Mrs M Given, Mrs E. Goodwin, Mrs M. Devine, Mrs A. Scott, Mr Mrs D. McMillan, Mr Mrs J. Macintosh, Mrs S. Robertson, Mrs E. Dunn, Mrs B. Pate, Miss J. Provan, Mrs C. Devine, Mr Mrs A. Morrison, The Donald Family, Mrs M. Wilson, Mr Mrs J. McIsaac, Mrs M. Macintosh, Mr Mrs H. Biggans, Mrs M. McCaffer, Mr J. Lamb, Mr R. Lang, Mrs L. Harris, M. & J. Lang, Mrs A. McPhee, Mr Mrs N. Cunningham, Mr Mrs W Rodger, Mrs S. Tolmie.

I wish to thank our members who so generously gave towards the Chancel flowers over the summer.

Janice Reid

Thank You

Cynthia and David Keellings thank their many friends in St. Mary's for kind expressions of sympathy following the loss of Jim earlier this year. Your cards, love and support, across the miles, have meant so much to both of them at this sad time.

Mrs Nan Fleming thanks all her friends in St Mary's for kind thoughts, visits and cards during her stay in hospital; also for the good wishes, cards and gifts received on her recent 'special' birthday. She is especially appreciative of Katy's visits over the past few months.

I would like to thank everyone for their flowers, cards and good wishes. These have been a comfort to me during my recovery. Thank you –
Janice Smith

Starting Dates for the New Session

Listeners Circle



The first meeting of the new session will be on Friday 18 September at 2pm in the Session House. Everyone is cordially invited to come along to hear ninety minutes of a wide range of music selected by Edith Dunn, with a break in the middle for tea and conversation.

Flower Circle

A warm welcome awaits everyone in the Flower Circle, which resumes on Thursday 17 September at 7.30 p.m. Elizabeth Walker looks forward to seeing you all.



The Guild

The Guild meets on Friday evenings in the Lesser Hall at 7.30 p.m. They commence their new Session on 2nd October. All are welcome, including gentlemen, to come along and enjoy the fellowship and listen to a varied selection of topics throughout the Session year.

Young Church starts on the first Sunday in September.

- Crèche 0-3 years
- Kidzone 3-10 years
- Seekers 10 years upwards

They are still looking for helpers on either a regular or occasional basis and would specifically like to hear from younger Church members to help with the Seekers.

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Shipmates start back on Monday 7th September at 5.45 till 6.45pm.
All boys from P1 to P3 welcome.

Boys' Brigade starts back on Monday 7 September at 6.45 p.m. The Leaders look forward to seeing the boys and welcoming any new ones.

Ladies Bowling Club resumes on Monday 7 September from 1.30 – 3.30 p.m. New members will be made most welcome. There is no waiting list, so come along for a game of bowls, tea or coffee and of course a 'wee' biscuit and a chat.

Country Dance Class resumes on Tuesday 15 September at 7.45 p.m. in the Lesser Hall, when 'old' dancing feet and hopefully new ones, (ladies and gents), will be made most welcome for an enjoyable evening.

The Kirkintilloch Horticultural Society Annual Flower Show



The Kirkintilloch Horticultural Society Annual Flower Show will be held in the Church Hall on Saturday 06 September from 1.30 – 3.45 p.m., with an auction of cut flowers and produce taking place at 3.45 p.m. There is also a tea room, raffle and tombola. The Society thanks the Rev Mark Johnstone and Session for the use of the Halls for the Flower Show and also the Plant Sale in May.

September Prayer

Loving Father, Please help us with all the new things September brings: a new school year, new stages of life, with children moving on or out, new challenges for many as summer gives way to autumn. Help us in this season of change to know the constant reality of Jesus. Thank you for the new life He freely offers to all who turn to Him.

In Jesus' name. **Amen**

The Bells of St Mary's

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| September | 06 | Linda Brown and Olivia Fotheringham |
| | 13 | Mary Stirling and Nikita Rayner |
| | 20 | Lisa and Daniel Malloy-Gibson |
| | 27 | Dorothy Stewart and Cara Bevens |
| October | 04 | Paul Malcolm and Cerys McCormack |
| | 11 | Angela Montgomerie and Karen McCallum |



Session Report

Our Kirk Session meeting took place in the Church halls in June. It has become the tradition that our final meeting before the summer recess is organised as an open evening for members of the congregation to join with the Elders on Session and this year was no exception. Ten members of the congregation and representatives of some of our organisations attended, to hear first hand of the business Session is addressing, as well as having the opportunity to join in fellowship over tea and coffee at the end of the meeting.

One area of discussion over the past months has been the proposal to form a Parish Grouping with the other Church of Scotland Congregations in Kirkintilloch. At our Session meeting in June we were able to report that our congregation had voted in favour of the proposal – 174 in favour, with only 11 against. Since then, the other congregations (St David's, St Columba's and Hillhead) have also voted on the proposal, again in favour of the formation of the grouping. Accordingly, a report was submitted to Glasgow Presbytery, where the proposal was ratified. A development group is being formed to help identify the many opportunities we have to work more closely with each other within the Kirkintilloch community of Faith. Our accounts for the year to December 2014 were presented and approved by Session at our June meeting. We also discussed our proposals for the maintenance of the Church and halls over the summer months. In particular, our fabric committee are focussing on our carbon footprint and looking at ways in which we could potentially reduce our energy consumption (& energy bills!).

As always, our Special Projects proposals were a topic for conversation at our meeting. However, a significant amount of work has also taken place over the summer months and we received an update on progress from our three 'wise men' (David, Hugh and John) in August. Since then, we can report that our application for Heritage Lottery funding has been resubmitted. We look forward, with interest, on the outcome of the application process. Our sincere thanks go to everyone involved in the substantial amount of work required to get us to this stage in the process.

As we look forward to the start of a new Session calendar, I hope that you have enjoyed some rest and relaxation over the past couple of months, even if our summer weather hasn't quite matched our expectations. I am grateful for all of the work that has continued over the summer months and I look forward to a productive and successful year, as we start the business of the new session.

Gordon Morrison, Session Clerk

Social Committee

Below is a list of planned events for next session.

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| Sunday 13 September | Centenary + one. Souper Sunday in aid of the roof fund |
| Sunday 08 November | Second event for the roof fund |
| Thursday 26 November | Christmas craft night – on this evening we will welcome ISew2 who will provide us with some ideas for Christmas, with an opportunity to make a craft to take home. |
| Sunday 10 January | Third event for roof fund |
| Saturday 30 January | Burns Supper |
| Sunday 13 March | Fourth event for roof fund |
| Friday 01 April | An evening with Colin from Caulders Garden Centre, telling us how to prepare our gardens for the following season and answering our questions. |
| Sunday 15 May | Fifth event for roof fund |

More information for all of the above will be provided at the appropriate times.

Church Ladies with Typewriters

A bean supper will be held on Tuesday evening in the Church hall. Music will follow.

Pot-luck supper On Sunday at 5.00 p.m. Prayer and meditation to follow.

The minister would appreciate it if the ladies of the congregation would lend him their electric girdles for the pancake breakfast next Sunday.

Harvest Festival

Harvest this year will be celebrated on Sunday 18 October.

Souper Sunday

On Sunday 13 September the Social Committee will be holding the first of a series of fund raising 'Lunches' after the service. This first one will be a soup lunch. They hope to hold further 'Lunches' on the second Sunday of November, January, March and on the third Sunday in May.

Come and enjoy lunch and fellowship whilst helping raise funds for the roof.

Life and Work is the magazine of the Church of Scotland. In a history spanning over 130 years, it has established itself as the pre-eminent voice of the Church of Scotland.

Though firmly rooted in the affairs of the Kirk, it also aims to cover a broad range of subjects of interest to church-goers across the spectrum from international affairs and British political and social issues to science, ethics and the arts. Each monthly issue includes a forum for views on current social and moral issues, a monthly meditation and regular articles on the spiritual side of life, reviews of the latest books, videos and Christian resources, and regular features on the Church worldwide.

Some of the topics in the current issue: September 2015:

'By His Wounds We Have Been Healed'

Jackie Macadam explores the various facets of Christian healing

A New Chapter for 'Livingstone's Hospital'

Relaying the Message

Pictures from Eco-congregation Scotland's Climate Justice Baton Relay around Scotland.

The Heart of the Matter

The Rt Rev Angus Morrison says that a Christian life must involve head, hand and heart

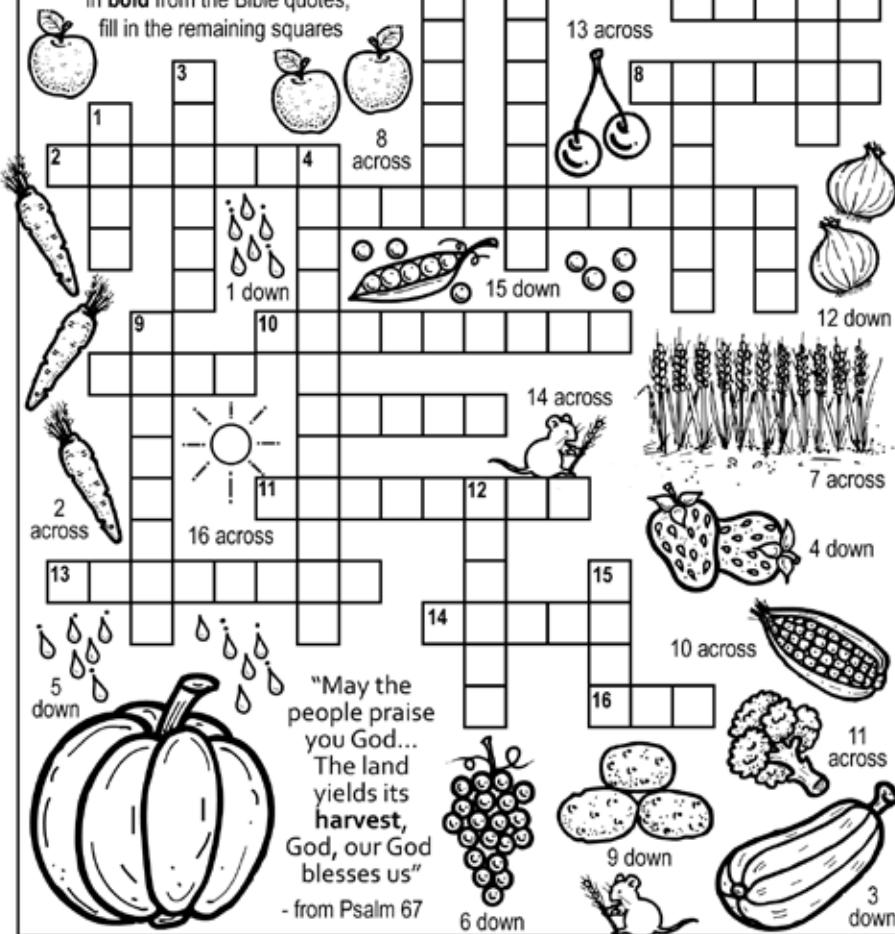
Jane Davidson tells how a family pilgrimage led to partnership between Scotland and a Zambian hospital with links to the famous explorer.

There are still a few copies available in the stand in the Church vestibule - £2.20 per issue.



Mouse Makes

Use the picture clues to solve the harvest crossword puzzle, then using the words in **bold** from the Bible quotes, fill in the remaining squares





St GILES

St Giles was a hermit, someone who lived a quiet life of prayer away from other people. His special day is 1st September and he lived in a forest near Arles in France, sometime in the 9th century.



The story goes that he had a pet deer. One day the King was hunting in the forest and shot an arrow at this deer.

When the huntsmen found the deer it was in a woodland clearing with St Giles. The saint himself was wounded by the arrow and held the deer in his arms - and all around them were the hunting dogs, silent and still as if held by an invisible power.

St Giles is the patron saint of cripples and beggars. His emblem is an arrow and in the United Kingdom there are over 150 churches dedicated to him.



WOODLAND WORDS

Can you find all these words from the forest? The words go up, down, backwards, forwards and diagonally and some letters are used more than once.

M U S H R O O M S S
B H M O S D I A S L
U A O W T V K A K O
T F D L Y S S O M O
T N O G L F S R E T
E I A K E Y A D G S
R V Y C G R R E E D
F S N A K E G W O A
L M M R O W F O X O
Y E R O M A C Y S T

* ant * badger * butterfly * deer * fox * grass * holly * ivy * moss * mushrooms * oak * snake * sycamore * toadstools * worm *

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Did you hear about the car with the wooden wheels and wooden engine?

It wooden go.

What is the smallest ant in the world?

An infant.

What do ants take when they're ill?
Antibiotics.



The Rectory . . .

St James the Least

My dear Nephew Darren

I'm sure your church's team of management consultants meant well, but their visit here was not wholly helpful. It is all very well when they are co-ordinating office staff, secretaries, clergy teams and legions of volunteers, but here, there is me, Miss Margison and a golden retriever

Our simpler pattern works perfectly well: if it happens in church, I do it; if it involves drawing up rotas, stoking the boiler, visiting the sick or clearing the car park of snow or the churchyard of leaves, Miss Margison does it. If something small and furry or flapping and feathery has strayed into the church, the golden retriever does it – by carrying it back outside.

Inevitably, there are legions of people around the parish who are always “glad to lend a hand if needed.” Having said that, they then feel satisfied and actually do nothing but complain about those of us who do do things.

Rotas are irrelevant, as whatever is written down never bears the slightest resemblance to reality anyway. As soon as someone

finds that they are booked on a certain date to read a lesson, make coffee, or mow the churchyard, they immediately book a holiday for that week.

If we are lucky, they may find a replacement – apart from one occasion. Major Hastings was unable to read the lessons on a certain day, so he booked another, then forgot and booked a second person. Cometh the day, they both went to the lectern and neither would give way, so we had the lessons read by two people. It would not have been too bad if they read at the same pace, but they got ever more out of phase as the reading progressed, one having returned to his pew while the other was still doggedly finishing the last few verses.

I did, however, greatly appreciate your team's advice on time efficiency. From now on, on Sunday mornings, the lessons will be read while the hymns are sung, the collection taken while the anthem is given and the sermon preached while the notices are delivered.

Your loving uncle, Eustace

Across

8 Where the Ark of the Covenant was kept for 20 years (1 Samuel 7:1) (7,6)

9 One of the parts of the body on which blood and oil were put in the ritual cleansing from infectious skin diseases (Leviticus 14:14-17) (3)

10 Uncomfortable (3,2,4) 11
'Yet I have loved Jacob, but Esau I have — ' (Malachi 1:3) (5)

13 Where Paul said farewell to the elders of the church in Ephesus (Acts 20:17) (7)

16 'Jesus bent down and — to write on the ground with his finger' (John 8:6) (7)

19 Prophet from Moresheth (Jeremiah 26:18) (5)

22 Comes between Exodus and Numbers (9)

24 and 2 Down 'Then Elkanah went home to Ramah, but the boy ministered before the Lord under — the — ' (1 Samuel 2:11) (3,6)

25 There was no room for them in the inn (Luke 2:7) (4,3,6)

Down

1 Rough drawing (2 Kings 16:10) (6)

2 See 24 Across

3 Underground literature (including Christian books) circulated in the Soviet Union (8)

4 Lo, mash (anag.) (6)

5 The Bible's shortest verse: 'Jesus — ' (John 11:35) (4)

6 'Can a mother forget the baby at her — and have no compassion on the child she has borne?' (Isaiah 49:15) (6)

7 Can be seen in a dying fire (Psalm 102:3) (6)

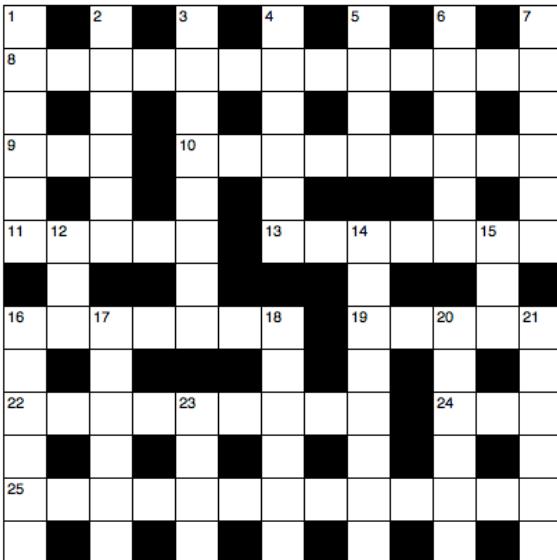
12 'Send me, therefore, a man... experienced in the — of engraving, to work in Judah and Jerusalem' (2 Chronicles 2:7) (3)

14 Second city of Cyprus (8)

15 United Nations Association (1,1,1)

16 One of the women who first heard that Jesus had risen from the dead (Mark 16:1) (6)

Crossword



ANSWERS AT FOOT OF PAGE

17 Braved (anag.) (6)

18 — of Evangelism, outreach initiative in the 1990s (6)

20 'Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes and — in their own sight' (Isaiah 5:21) (6)

21 'Neither — nor depth... will be able to separate us from the love of God' (Romans 8:39) (6)

23 What Jesus shed in 5 Down (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 |
| | Seekers | ditto | ditto | Barry |
| | Crèche | ditto | ditto | Elaine Stevens / Louise |
| | Fairtrade | Main Hall | 12 noon – 12.30 p.m. | Fiona Leishman/Leslie |
| | Badminton | | | Baird |
| | 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 |
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| 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. | 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 | | | |
| Wednesday | Wednesday Welcome | Mid Hall | 7.45 p.m. – 10.00 pm. | Moira MacNeill |
| | Wednesday Worship | Session | 10.00a.m. – 11.20am. | Mary Stirling |
| | Over 50's Badminton | House | 11.30 a.m. – 12 noon | Rev Mark Johnstone |
| | Brownies | Main Hall | 1.30 p.m. – 3.30 p.m. | Ann Allan |
| | Rainbows | ditto | 6.30 p.m. – 7.45 p.m. | ??? |
| | Guides | ditto | 6.30 p.m. – 7.30 p.m. | Agnes Marran |
| | Vestry Hour | Vestry | 7.45 p.m. – 9.30 p.m. | Lucy McCallum |
| | Running/Walking | | | Rev Mark Johnstone |
| | Group | Hall Vestibule | 7.00 p.m. | <i>Telephone Church Office</i> Bob Brown/Sheena Nicol |
| Thursday | Flower Circle (alternate weeks) | Mid Hall | 7.30 p.m. – 9.00 p.m. | Elizabeth Walker |
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| 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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