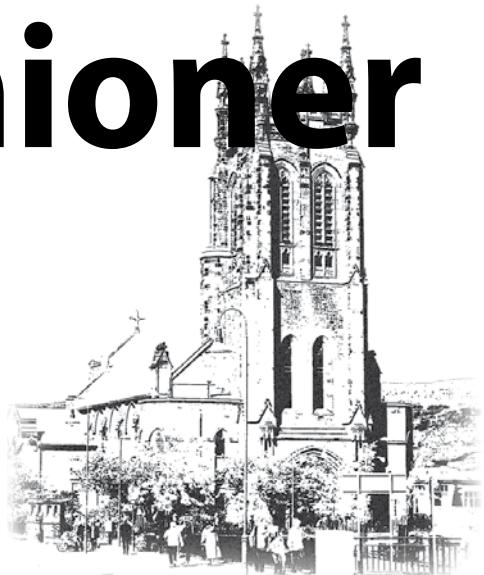


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Pastoral Letter

March 2013

Dear Friends,

If you are a driver, I wonder if you have ever made a mistake. If you are not a driver I'm sure, with the help of your imagination, you can imagine making a mistake while behind the wheel. I am not referring to 'an 'illegal act'. I'm thinking of the simple things you can do in error; you reverse without checking all is clear, you open your door and bump the car next to you, you park in such a way it is difficult for the home owner to get out of their drive-way, you cut in front of someone misjudging the speed and causing someone else to break too quickly.

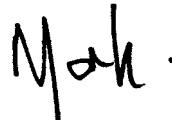
'Confession is good for the soul'. (Rom 10:9) This speaks of the liberation from past mistakes that can come when we admit them and seek forgiveness for them. One problem with admitting our mistake is what

the hearer will do with our confession. If their reaction is to simply acknowledge the error and move on we have maybe all learned something. If they take a superior position, suggesting they have never done such a thing we can be made to feel small. When we make a confession we look for a little grace in the one we confess to. If this is true of the simple 'mistakes' that harm no one, how much more is it true with things that do matter. Who have we hurt, wounded, injured or diminished by our action. What confession do we need to make?

We may also want to consider how we react when confessed to. Can we find the grace to hear the other and move on?

Maya Angelou, the American poet said, "We cannot change the past, but we can change our attitude toward it. Uproot guilt and plant forgiveness. Tear out arrogance and seed humility. Exchange love for hate – thereby making the present comfortable and the future promising"

Kindest regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark'.

Situations Vacant . . .

We are looking to appoint a Minute Secretary who could take the Session minute. The meetings take place on the second Wednesday in September, November, January, March, May and June.

No previous experience is required.

Anyone who may be interested in the post should contact the Church office by 'phone 0141 775 1166 or by e-mail office.stmarys@btconnect.com

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.'

January	29	Andrew Goodwin, Loch Road, Kirkintilloch
February	01	John Craig, 135 Hillhead Road, Kirkintilloch
	02	Janet Mackie, 12 Hayston Court, Kirkintilloch
	04	Elizabeth Lapping, 18 Laughlin Place, Kirkintilloch
	14	Iain and Christine Smith, 147 Ellisland Drive, Kirkintilloch
	19	Mrs Agnes Crombie, 43 Haystack Place, Lenzie
	21	Mrs Elizabeth Connacher, 1 Mauchline Avenue, Kirkintilloch

Special Anniversaries –

Golden Wedding

Robert and Catherine McAllister, 79 Loch Road are celebrated 50 years of marriage on 02 March. The congregation of St Mary's send congratulations and best wishes.

The Bells of St Mary's

March	10	Dorothy Stewart
	17	James Paterson and Janet Millin
	24	Mary Stirling and Jen Biggans
	31	Paul and Charlotte Malcolm
April	07	Andrew and Fraser Leishman



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Church Flowers

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

March	10	Mrs A. Scott, Mrs A. Beveridge, Mrs M. MacNeill
	17	Mrs M. Burns, Mrs K. Pollock, Mrs D. McMillan
	24	Mrs M. Montgomery, Mr D. Houston, Mrs E Gillespie
	31	Mrs J. Whyte, Rev. F. Haughton, Mrs P. Sinclair
April	07	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	10/17	Mrs C. Devine, Mrs S. Nicol
	24/31	Mrs M. Hardie, P. L. & C. Malcolm
April	07/14	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 Mrs D Philip, Mr Mrs C Cruickshanks, Mrs I. Mitchell, Mrs M. MacRae, Mr W. Honeker, Mr Mrs S. McMillan, Mrs K. Pollock, Mrs I. Vernett, Mr Mrs R. Neil, Mr Mrs W. Rodger, Mrs E. Gillespie, Mrs M. Strang, Mrs N. Dickson, Mr B. Middleton, Mr Mrs G. Tinning.

CHURCH ROOF

A number of members have indicated that they wish to make donations towards the cost of replacing the church roof after the article in last month's Parishioner. Many of the congregation cannot text and have requested an alternative method of payment. I have therefore prepared the following tear-off sheet in this month's Parishioner which can be completed and placed in an envelope, together with the contribution, whether it be by cheque or cash. All contributions will be gratefully received no matter how small or large.

Copies of the tear-off section will continue to be included in the Parishioner in the months to come, or will be available in the vestibule from March 2013 onwards.

Thank you again for your interest and for donations received to date. A number of other suggestions have been received for Fund Raising Activities and if you have any more please contact any of the Elders or leave a note in the Finance Convenors Pigeon Hole in the Hall.

Hugh Biggans, Finance Convenor

DONATION TO CHURCH ROOF FUND

I/We wish to donate the sum of £..... to the Special Projects Fund in respect of the New Roof for the Church.

Can Gift Aid be reclaimed on this donation Yes/No (delete as appropriate)

If yes, please supply name and address of donor. Please confirm that you have already completed a Gift Aid Declaration for St. Mary's. If not please contact Hugh Biggans or John Thomson to obtain this form.

Cheques should be made payable to St Mary's Parish Church Special Projects A/c

Name: _____

Address: _____

BRITISH SUMMER TIME

***British Summer Time begins at 1.00am on Easter Sunday 31 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 Guild

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

March	08	Robert Hamilton – Slides selection
	15	Gordon Fraser
	22	Toggery – Fashion Show
	29	A.G.M. – Pollok House – Robert Marshall

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 31 March.

VISITORS ARE WELCOME

St Mary's is a sit anywhere Church and visitors are always welcome. If you feel there should be more to life than retail therapy and Friday night clubbing, try coming along to the 11 o'clock service on Sunday morning. You may hear something to change how you value your life and your relationships with those around you. You don't have to join up to join in.

The Church office is located on the right as you enter the Church Halls. The secretary, Mrs Lynn Hay, is available in the office Monday to Friday 9.15 a.m. – 12.15 p.m. and may be the first point of contact for general enquiries. Lynn will be able to refer you to the person best suited to respond. Church office telephone and fax 0141 775 1166 or e-mail: office.stmarys@btconnect.com

Eco Matters! - It does you know

Having been awarded our first ECO plaque & certificate, we now have to consolidate and improve. But how? If you come to Church by car, could you offer a friend or neighbour a lift? They would be most grateful AND you would be helping to lower our communal "carbon footprint". Better still - in the good weather, try a leisurely walk, with that friend. Think of the benefits to you both. It is fairly easy to switch off that light; or drop a degree in the central heating; or close over that draughty door. Every little helps and there are also financial savings. Remember - the cost of gas & electricity are set to increase as the stocks decrease.

Go on give it a try. Not just for Lent but throughout the year ahead.

Your ECO Committee



Dates for your Diary . . .



Tombola Flowers Baking Tea Coffee Tombola Flowers
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FRIENDS OF SAINT MARY'S £1.50 COFFEE MORNING £1.50

Saturday 9th March

10 a.m. to 12 a.m.

All proceeds towards the repair of the roof

Tombola Flowers Baking Tea Coffee Tombola Flowers Baking Tea
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The Finance and Social committees who are organising the coffee morning would be grateful for any contributions towards the tombola, baking for baking stall or to accompany the coffee and tea.

Any donations for the tombola can be handed in on any Sunday and placed in the box provided in the vestibule.

Donations of baking can be handed in nearer the date, but please complete the sheet in the vestibule indicating what you are able to contribute.

Any further information can be obtained from Hugh Biggans or Mary Stirling.

Come for a chat and a good cup of tea or coffee as well as looking for a Mother's Day gift and help repair our leaking roof at the same time.

An all age Service will take place at St David's Memorial Park Church on Sunday 10 March at 6.30 p.m. Our American visitors will lead the service with music and prayers. There will be an opportunity after the service to meet the students. All are welcome.

Farewell Ceilidh

Tickets price £2 each will be on sale after the service on Sunday 10 March for our Ceilidh. An evening of music and dancing to celebrate their time with us over the past week and generally an excuse for a party! We will have 8 students from Georgia, USA, joining us that week so this will be our final event before they fly home on Saturday. It is our joint event with St David's and will take place at our own Main Hall on 15th March.



LISTENERS CIRCLE

The next meeting will be on Friday 15 March. The choice of music this month is that of Jim Walker. Everyone is welcome at 2.00 p.m. in the Session House.

The Guild

is having a Fashion Show by 'Toggery' on Friday 22nd March. Tickets for this are priced £4.00 and can be had from Moira MacNeill or Jean Maclean. This will be held in the large hall and tea/coffee will be served. Please give your support to the ladies of The Guild as they do a lot of unseen hard work for various projects within the Church of Scotland.



92nd Annual Concert of Kirkintilloch Male Voice Choir

is to be held in the Church on Saturday 23rd March at 7.30pm. Tickets are priced at £7 and can be purchased from any KMVC choir member, Sally, Gordon McLellan or David Burns or by phoning 0141 7752437.

Scottish Bible Society is holding a Coffee Morning on 6 April from 10.00am – 12 noon in the Baptist Church. Baking would be most appreciated and can be handed in on the morning. Hopefully other stalls, including books, children's clothes and cards. Tickets will be on sale across in the hall vestibule the previous Sunday, i.e. 31 March.



Advance Notice of a Fiddlers Rally

to be held on Wednesday 10 April. Tickets for this will be on sale each Sunday after the morning service from 10 March. These are priced £5.00 per head and include a light supper.

St Mary's Junior Badminton - Club Championship 2013

Our junior club championship was held in St Mary's main hall on Saturday 2nd February 2013. Forty juniors entered our four singles events which started at 11:00 a.m. and finished at 8:30 p.m. At the end of an exciting day's badminton the club champions and runners up for season 2012-13 are as follows:-

Ladies U13 Champion Beth Seggie, runner up Mairi Paterson

Ladies U18 Champion Sara Shu, runner up Haihui Yan

Gents U13 Champion Scott Curran, runner up Iain McKenzie

Gents U18 Champion Scott Millin, runner up Peter Burns

The club championship was well supported by our junior players this season with most of the membership turning out to play. The largest event was the Gents U13 Championship which had fifteen players. The Gents U18 Championship had thirteen players and both of the ladies championships had eight players. These numbers are a little down on previous years, but this comes from a club membership of approximately 45 where in previous years the membership itself has been over fifty. The parental support this year was particularly good and all the sessions were well supported. The raffle took a record amount so many thanks to all concerned.

Sara Shu and Scott Curran retained their titles from last year and both continue to be extremely strong players in their age group. Sara beat Haihui Yan in two very close games and put her name on the U18 trophy for the second time. Scott Curran was also a repeat winner when he won a good contest against Iain McKenzie

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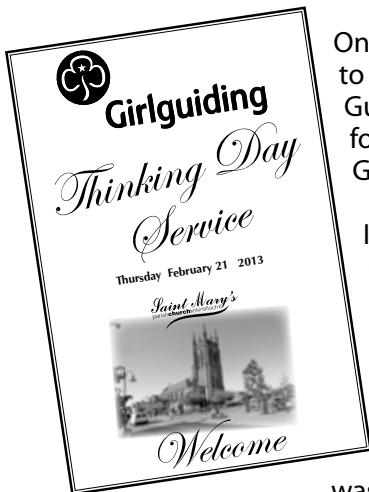
to retain the U13 Gents title. Beth Seggie won the Ladies U13 championship by beating Mairi Paterson in the final. Beth was the dominant player throughout the tournament and won a good final. Scott Millin won the Gents U18 title by winning a very close contest against Peter Burns. Scott also had the pleasure of playing the U13 champion Scott Curran in an earlier round and won a very close contest 21-18. They all played very well and I'd like to congratulate them on their success.

Those of you who have played sport will know that a good competition needs a good entry and it would be difficult to stage a competition without the support of the other players. I'm pleased to say that most of the membership entered the event and all the games were played in fine spirit. At times there were tears, often red faces and many shouts of frustration as the games unfolded. I like to see them play with such spirit. I've always enjoyed competitive badminton and I'm pleased it means something to them even when things "don't quite go right". Our winners were modest and our losers were gracious while at the same time the competition was serious. It was very good sport and they should all be proud of their efforts and conduct.

Our championship has become a big event in our year and this is the ninth time we've held it in its current form. I always have great help from Nancy Burns and Elizabeth Barrie who work at the event all day. From the senior club, Ruth did the posters and tuck shop, Jennifer, Nicola, Lynsay, Jason, Craig, Scott, Chris, Renz and Sandy umpired over eighty games of badminton and Andy sold more raffle tickets than anyone has ever done before. Great job folks and thanks for all your time and effort.

A badminton competition needs a venue and St Mary's hall is one of the best. Many thanks for allowing us to use your hall on a Saturday and for your support throughout the season.

Trevor Patterson



On Thursday evening our church resounded to the sound of voices – Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Rangers, Trefoil and Leaders, all there for their Thinking Day Service to remember Guiding.

It was a very happy evening with the theme of 'Peace' being well thought out and delivered by our own minister, Rev Mark Johnstone.

The service was action packed with singing, prayer, bible story involvement and even signing during one of the songs, which was appropriate, as the offering was going to the work of Deaf Blind Scotland.

To hear around 300 voices all committing to their Promise was most encouraging in this modern society and will hopefully be a reminder that Friendship, Service and Thinking of others is still very much part of all our lives.

How Monsoon and Christian Aid are helping revive Afghanistan's silk industry

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What has been called "an exciting new partnership," between the high street retailer Monsoon and the development agency Christian Aid, aims to help revive the 2000-year-old tradition of silk production in Afghanistan. The two year project aims to lift 1,500 women and their families out of extreme poverty, and potentially develop an international market access for silk producers in the country.

It's all down to the silkworms living in Herat, in western Afghanistan, which lies on the old Silk Road trade route. Herat has mulberry trees on which the silkworms feed. The project will provide the women with silkworms, and training to cultivate the silk cocoons. Some of them will receive looms and further training to produce silk goods, such as scarves and handkerchiefs, so that they can sell their goods in the local market. Women have historically been the backbone of the garment and textile industries in Afghanistan and this project is focused on helping widows and women-headed households by enabling them to earn their own money.

The following Book Reviews is a completely new feature for 'The Parishioner'. Please send your comments to the Editor via the normal channels.

EASTER 2013

24 Palm Sunday: Jesus at the gates of Jerusalem

Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday, when the Church remembers how

Jesus arrived at the gates of Jerusalem just a few days before the Passover was due to be held. He was the Messiah come to his own people in their capital city, and yet he came in humility, riding on a young donkey, not in triumph, riding on a war-horse.

As Jesus entered the city, the crowds gave him a rapturous welcome, throwing palm fronds into his path. They knew his reputation as a healer, and welcomed him. But sadly the welcome was short-lived and shallow, for Jerusalem would soon reject her Messiah, and put him to death. On this day churches worldwide will distribute little crosses made from palm fronds in memory of Jesus' arrival in Jerusalem.

31 EASTER – the most joyful day of the year

Easter is the most joyful day of the year for Christians. Christ has died for our sins. We are forgiven. Christ has risen! We are redeemed! We can look forward to an eternity in his joy! Hallelujah!

The Good News of Jesus Christ is a message is so simple that you can explain it to someone in a few minutes. It is so profound that for the rest of their lives they will be still be 'growing' in their Christian walk with God.

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The Easter Angels

By Bob Hartman and Tim Jonke, Lion Children, £4.99

First published in Bob Hartman's imaginative collection of tales about angels, this is a compelling retelling of a familiar Bible story from a new perspective. The moving and thought-provoking story shows the significance of the events of the first Easter, and ends on a note of joy. Written by a professional storyteller, this will be enjoyed by readers and listeners of all ages. The depth and richness of Tim Jonke's evocative illustrations make this book a visual delight.

David Livingstone - The Unexplored Story

By Stephen Tomkins, Lion Hudson 9.99

David Livingstone has gone down in history as a fearless explorer and missionary, hacking his way through the forests of Africa to bring light to the people – and also to free them from slavery. But who was he, and what was he actually like? “He was an extraordinary character” according to biographer Stephen Tomkins “spectacularly bad at personal relationships, at least with white people, possessed of infinite self-belief, courage, and restlessness. He was an almost total failure as a missionary, and so became an explorer and campaigner against the slave trade, hoping to save African lives and souls that way instead. He helped, however unwittingly, to set the tone and the extent of British involvement in Africa. He was a flawed but indomitable idealist.” Fascinating new evidence about Livingstone’s life and his struggles have come to light in the letters and journals he left behind, now accessible to us for the first time through spectral imaging. These form a significant addition to the source material for this excellent biography, which provides an honest and balanced account of the real man behind the Victorian icon.

TREASURER'S REPORT

January Offering

DATE	FREEWILL OFFERING	GIFT AID	OPEN PLATE	STANDING ORDERS
06.01.13	482.90	395.30	145.98	
13.01.13	464.85	374.00	75.00	
20.01.13	464.41	388.00	93.36	
27.01.13	388.22	420.00	42.50	
Standing orders				3450.00
TOTAL	1800.38	1577.30	356.84	3450.00
Total for the Month		7184.52		

RECEIPTS AND DONATIONS

Anonymous	52.00	
Over 50's Badminton Club	24.00	
Parishioner	10.00	
Mr Main donation for Parishioner	10.00	
Hall let Yoga	50.00	
William (friend of the late Mrs Martha Fraser)	40.00	
Social Committee to Friends of St Marys	500.00	(following quiz night for boiler funds)
Donations to Friends of St Marys	395.00	(Weddings)
St Marys Running Club for Friends of St Marys	500.00	
Anonymous to Friends of St Marys	150.00	
Over 50's Badminton Club	48.00	
Life & Work	78.38	
Life & Work	20.00	

On why rural church-goers like to freeze in church

The Rectory
St. James the Least

My dear Nephew Darren

Those parishioners of yours who won millions on the Lottery and moved into this parish have created quite a stir. It was perhaps a little unwise of them to tell everyone the reason why they had become so wealthy. While most of our parishioners also do the Lottery, few would ever admit it in public. (Since your friends arrived, the entire PCC is buying ever more lottery tickets, but from the shop in the NEXT village, to try and keep it secret.)

However, your family still have much to learn about our country ways. Buying the old Dower House was impressive; and spending a small fortune re-stocking the gardens was certainly commendable. But someone should have told them about cattle grids. It must have been quite a shock for them to wake up one morning and find the thirty sheep from the neighbouring field had wandered in for breakfast.

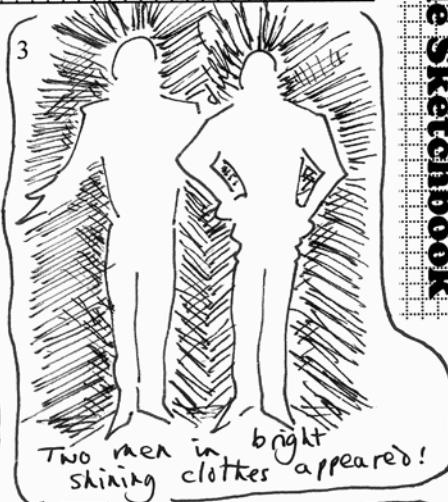
Their brand new purple Ferrari has certainly brightened up the country lanes around here. The noise it makes as it roars up behind you quite quickens the pulse. Mrs Beamish had been suffering with low blood pressure for months; she says she is quite cured now. The Colonel, who is all for the community supporting the church, then asked if the new-comers would drive the bishop around on the day he came to do his tour of the parish. The Colonel thought that an open-topped purple Ferrari would make a great bishop-mobile; and the new-comers were so kind to agree. What a shame that they decided to accomplish the several miles of parish lanes in record time: the bishop barely even saw the several farmers that they nearly ran down. His new nickname in this parish is: The Purple Peril.

The new-comers have installed security lighting, which is understandable. But now I wonder how much sleep they are getting, as the rabbits, foxes, and badgers who live in their grounds keep it flood-lit for much of the night. Meanwhile, the Colonel is grumbling about the effect of light pollution on his young pheasants in the woods nearby.

But these little inconveniences apart, I am sure they will soon feel at home. I feel confident that by the third generation, they will be properly settled in.

Your loving uncle, Eustace

He is not here!



It was amazing. Some women came to the tomb where Jesus was buried.

They wanted to anoint his dead body with spices. But the stone blocking the entrance was rolled away and there was no body. Suddenly two men in bright shining clothes appeared and told them: "His is not here, he has been raised!"



They rushed back to tell the disciples and most of them said:

"Rubbish!" But Peter ran to the tomb, found the empty grave-clothes and was amazed.

How about YOU. What do YOU think?!

Read more in Luke 24:1-12





Mouse Makes

JESUS IS ALIVE!

 Early on Sunday morning, as the new day was dawning. Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went out to visit the tomb. Suddenly there was a great earthquake! For an angel of the Lord came down from heaven, rolled aside the stone, and sat on it....

"Don't be afraid" he said. "I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He isn't here! He is risen from the dead, just as he said would happen. Come, see where his body was lying. And now, go quickly and tell the disciples that he has risen from the dead."

See: Matthew 28 1-8

To make the Easter card:

Glue this page onto thin card then colour in. Carefully cut around the thick black line then zig-zag fold along the dotted lines.



HAPPY
EASTER



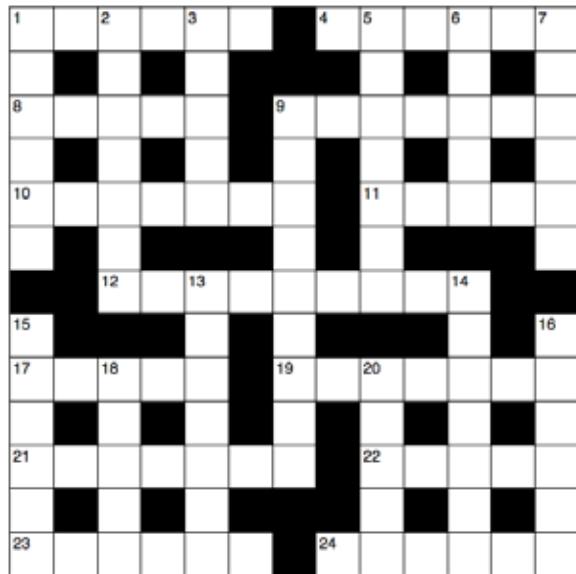
Across

- 1 Arouse (Song of Songs 2:7) (6)
- 4 Extinguish (Isaiah 1:31) (6)
- 8 "They — — , you will say, "but I'm not hurt!" (Proverbs 23:35) (3,2)
- 9 Unhappiness (Nehemiah 2:2) (7)
- 10 Jewish (7)
- 11 Dirge (anag.) (5)
- 12 'A truthful witness gives honest — , but a false witness tells lies' (Proverbs 12:17) (9)
- 17 Paul quoted from the second one in his address in the synagogue at Pisidian Antioch (Acts 13:33) (5)
- 19 'Do not use your freedom to — the sinful nature' (Galatians 5:13) (7)
- 21 'As you can see, he has done nothing to — death' (Luke 23:15) (7)
- 22 Name applied by Isaiah to Jerusalem (Isaiah 29:1) (5)
- 23 'All the people — — one man, saying, "None of us will go home" (Judges 20:8) (4,2)
- 24 Lazarus, who was carried by angels to Abraham's side when he died, was one (Luke 16:20) (6)

Down

- 1 Appalled (Job 26:11) (6)
- 2 'In an — to escape from the ship, the sailors let the lifeboat down into the sea' (Acts 27:30) (7)
- 3 Expel (Acts 18:16) (5)
- 5 'But I have a baptism to — , and

Crossword



ANSWERS AT FOOT OF PAGE

how distressed I am until it is completed!' (Luke 12:50) (7)

- 6 'Of the increase of his government and peace there will be — — ' (Isaiah 9:7) (2,3)
- 7 Hurry (Psalm 119:60) (6)
- 9 'For I desire mercy, not — , and acknowledgement of God rather than burnt offerings' (Hosea 6:6) (9)
- 13 One of its towns was Sychar, where Jesus met a woman at Jacob's well (John 4:5) (7)
- 14 Shouting (Acts 7:57) (7)
- 15 Arachnid (Isaiah 59:5) (6)
- 16 One of Paul's first converts in Philippi was Lydia, a — in purple cloth (Acts 16:14) (6)
- 18 Donkeys (5)
- 20 Raked (anag.) (5)

ACROSS: 1, Awaken. 4, Quench. 8, Hit me. 9, Sadness. 10, Semitic. 11, Ridge. 12, Testimony. 17, Psalm. 19, Indulge. 21, Deserve. 22, Ariel. 23, Rose as. 24, Beggar.
 DOWN: 1, Aghast. 2, Attempt. 3, Eject. 5, Undergo. 6, No end. 7, Hasten. 9, Sacrifice. 13, Samaria. 14, Yelling. 15, Spider. 16, Dealer. 18, Asses. 20, Drake.



THE STAND IN

It's not me; I didn't do it. Is it always *someone else* when the teacher asks 'who made this mess', or Mum says 'who broke this'? And if we hadn't done it, would we offer to clean up the mess or pay for what is broken out of our pocket money? Even though it wasn't our fault and we hadn't done anything wrong?

The answer is probably 'no'. Why should we? It wasn't our fault! It wouldn't be fair! But then things often aren't fair. It wasn't fair that the crowds in Jerusalem that first Easter shouted 'release Barabbas', a convicted criminal. They could have shouted 'release Jesus' – Jesus hadn't done anything wrong after all.

Jesus told us 'No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends' (St John's Gospel, chapter 15, verse 13). Jesus gave up his life for us. And others have followed his pattern, like Maximilian Kolbe, a Catholic priest in a German concentration camp took the place of another prisoner and was killed instead of him.

WHO? ME?

The answers to this Bible quiz are all words that begin with the letters **M E** ... answers at the bottom of the page

1. Was with Daniel in the lions' den? (Daniel, 3)
2. Is another name for Malta where St Paul was shipwrecked? (Acts, 28)
3. Who did Jesus call blessed, and said they would inherit the earth? (Matthew, 5)
4. Proverbs 17 says that a merry or cheerful heart is like what?
5. What were James and John doing when they first met Jesus? (Mark, 1)
6. Jesus compared the Kingdom of Heaven to yeast mixed with what? (Luke, 13)
7. King Saul's eldest daughter's name (I Samuel, 14)



When did medicine first appear in the Bible?

When God gave Moses the tablets.



1. Meshach 2. Melita 3. the meek
4. good medicine 5. mending their nets
6. three measures of flour 7. Merab





Mothering Sunday is on 10 March.

Nowadays both Mother Church and Mothers seem to be included in the celebrations of the day, so a few quotes relating to both...

Honour your father and mother: that your days may be long upon the land which the Lord your God gives to you. - Exodus 20:12

Love is blind. Your mother started loving you before she ever saw your face.

The moment a child is born, the mother is also born. She never existed before. The woman existed but the mother, never. The mother is absolutely new.

Prayer for families on Mothering Sunday

Father,

You are love. If we had to draw you, we might draw one big heart overflowing with love in every direction. And Lord, as your much-loved children we want to reflect your characteristics. Thank you for those who do. Thank you especially at this time for mothers – and others who love and teach how to love. Thank you for the special relationships of love you make possible within families. And when those relationships go wrong, help us to reach out with a forgiveness that comes from knowing we are forgiven; with a love that comes from knowing we are loved. And how much you do love us! So much that you gave us Jesus, Your only Son, so that by trusting in him, we could be in a right relationship with you. What a parent! What a family we belong to! Thank you.

In Jesus name,
Amen.

Daily prayer

Lord, keep your arm around my shoulder and your hand over my mouth.

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	ditto
	Crèche	ditto	ditto	ditto
	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. – 10.30 p.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
	Prayer Time	Small Hall	2.15 p.m. – 2.45 p.m.	Rev Katy Owen
	Shipmates	Main Hall	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
	Men's Club	Main Hall	7.30 p.m. – 10.00 p.m.	Archie Smith
Tuesday	Running/Walking Group	Hall Vestibule	7.00 p.m.	Bob Brown/Jean Ralph
	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. – 10.30 p.m.	Susan Wilson
Wednesday	Country Dancing	Mid Hall	7.45 p.m. – 10.00 p.m.	Moira MacNeill
	Wednesday Welcome	Session House	10.00 a.m. – 11.20 a.m.	Mary Stirling
	Wednesday Worship	Church	11.30 a.m. – 12 noon	Rev Mark Johnstone
	Over 50s Badminton	Main Hall	1.30 p.m. – 3.30 p.m.	
	Brownies	ditto	6.30 p.m. – 7.45 p.m.	Elizabeth Cousin
	Rainbows	ditto	6.30 p.m. – 7.30 p.m.	Agnes Marran
	Vestry Hour	Vestry	7.00 p.m. – 8.00 p.m.	Rev Mark Johnstone
Thursday	Running/Walking Group	Hall Vestibule	7.00 p.m.	<i>Telephone Church Office</i> Bob Brown/Jean Ralph
	Flower Circle (alternate weeks)	Mid Hall	7.30 p.m. – 9.00 p.m.	Elizabeth Walker
	Choir	Session House	7.45 p.m. – 9.00 p.m.	David Burns
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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