

The Parishioner

November 2017



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Pastoral Letter

Dear Friends,

***'Be imitators of me, just as I
also am of Christ.'***

1 Corinthians 11:1

Over the past few days many people have taken part in Halloween parties and get togethers. Folks have dressed up as many things. From Dinosaurs to a princess in a Walt Disney movie. People have sought out appropriate disguises and surprised their

host with a costume. On Saturday night I attended a '70's' Night Disco. Two of our friends dressed in spectacular costumes, with blond wigs, moustache and psychedelic

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suits; they stole the show. Well done to all who made the effort. Halloween has often sat uncomfortably with the Christian Church. There has often been a concern of exposing young people to things that are considerably more important than the 'Trick-or-Treating'. However, anyone who wants to take a more careful look at the tradition may find themselves surprised at Halloween falling on the Christian anniversary of 'Hallowe'en' or what is also known as 'All Saints Eve'. Within the Christian tradition 'All Saints day' is the 1st of November and its eve is Halloween. Some would say that tradition of dressing up came from a Celtic festival 2000 years ago.

On All Saints day we remember the Saints. Within our own tradition Saints are not only those who have been

Canonised. Sainthood is afforded to all who have lived the faithful life and died in Christ. Therefore on All Saints day we can remember all whom we have known to be faithful Christian folk. This remembrance is not just a flight of fancy and an indulgence. It is an opportunity to see the good life some people have led and allow their example to shape our life. Who would you remember if called upon to name a Saint from your life?

If Halloween is about putting on a costume and All Saints day is about remembering the faithful, perhaps we can bring them together and try to live our life in such a way as to imitate those who would inspire us.

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.'

Harry Andrew Dunn, son of Lorna and Andrew

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'.

October 31 Agnes McElhaney, 20 Meiklehill Avenue, Kirkintilloch

Change of Address

Mrs Jessie McLachlan, formerly Gallowhill Road, is now resident in Abbeyfield House, Garngaber Avenue, Lenzie.

Young Church Annual Christmas Craft Fair . . .

Young Church annual Christmas Craft Fair is on Saturday 11th November from 12 noon – 4.00 p.m. They are also looking for helpers for the Tearoom – please contact Elizabeth Cousin 775 1102. For any other information please contact Elaine Stevens, 07889 582859 or email: stallinthehall@live.co.uk

This year again the profit will be going to the Church Roof Fund so your help would be greatly appreciated.



Church Flowers

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

November	05	Mrs M. Lawson, Mrs I Hay, Mrs D. Stewart, Mrs E. Walker, Mrs A. MacPhee, Mrs M. Girault
	12	Mrs J. McCann, The Fisher Family, Mrs I. Shanks, Miss E Cousin, Mrs M Maule
	19	Mr I. Young, Mr Mrs J. Mc Isaac, Mrs R. Smith, Mrs I. McCrae
	26	Mrs R. Garrity, Mrs J Reid
December	03	Mrs S. Gow, Mr Mrs G Day

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

November	12	Mrs M. McMurrough
	19	Mrs B. Mc Millan
	26	Mrs J Kempself
December	03	Mrs E Malcolm

Listeners Circle



The next meeting of the Listeners Circle will be on Friday 17 November at 2pm in the Session House. Everyone is welcome to come along and listen to the programme of music which has been compiled this month by Edith Dewar.

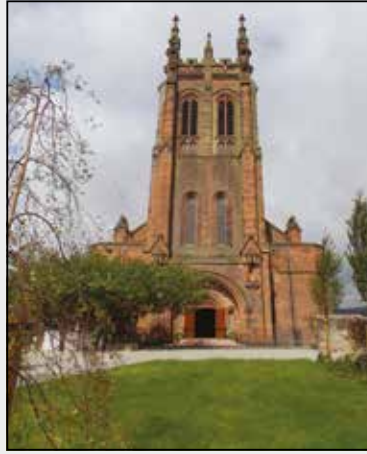
Thank You

Thank you
acknowledgements have
been received from the
following people who
received Chancel
Flowers during the month
of October.

Mr Mrs W. Roger, Mrs
J. Jennings, Mr Mrs M.
Young, Mrs M. Darroch,
Mrs J. Ferguson, Mrs S.
Smith, Mrs J. Cardwell,
Mrs J. Smith, Mrs A.
Pearson, Mrs S Burns, Mr A
MacNeill, Mr A McNeil,
Mr A. Henderson, Mr
Mrs J. Lamb, Mrs C. Kerr,
Mr Mrs S. Walker, Mrs
J. Montgomery, Mr G.
McLellan, Mrs M. Bett,
Mrs P. Colvan, Mrs S.
Robertson. Mrs M. Wilson,
Mrs M. Henderson,
Mr R. Neill, Mrs L. Harris,
Mrs A. McPhee, Mrs R.
McMillan, Mr R. Campbell,
Mrs M. Beattie, Mr Mrs I.

Wishart, Mrs R. Stevenson,
Mr K Darroch, Mrs B
Campbell, Mrs J Clarke.
I wish to thank all who
have given so generously
towards the Chancel
flowers in the month of
October and to all who give
up their time to arrange the
flowers and deliver them; all
of which could not bring
so many blessings to all
who receive them.
I would be delighted to hear
from any member of our
congregation who would
like to join our willing
band of helpers to deliver
our Church flowers. It
entails two Sundays twice
a year on our rota system.
Please, if you are able to
help, give me a call 776-
4974.

Janice Reid



The Bells of St Mary's

November/December 2017

November	05	Dorothy Stewart and Cara Bevens
	12	Mary Stirling and Jen Biggans
	19	Paul Malcolm and Cerys McCormack
	26	Linda Brown and Olivia Fotheringham
December	03	Lisa and Daniel Malloy-Gibson

The Guild



The Guild meets every second Friday evenings in the Mid Hall at 7.30 p.m. and the programme for November / December is as under. All are welcome, including gentlemen, to come along and enjoy the fellowship and listen to a varied selection of topics.

Nov	10	Musical Evening with John Campbell
	24	Care for the Family (Project)
Dec	01	Tales of Central Hotel – Jill Scott and Bill Hicks
	15	Christmas Dinner

The Flower Circle

The Flower Circle Coffee Morning is on Saturday 02 December from 10.00 – 12 noon. Home baking, tombola and there will be flowers for sale. Tickets can be had from any member of the Flower Circle.

Christmas Cards

The Church will once again be collecting Christmas cards for delivery in Lenzie, Kirkintilloch, Auchinloch and Waterside. Collecting dates are Sundays 03 and 10 December and the price remains the same at 20p per card. Again, new helpers are required, so if you would like to assist, either by sorting or delivering, please contact Ruth on 775 2159 by 26 November.

Please remember to include a house number when addressing the envelopes, thus making it less difficult for those delivering and to avoid cards having to be posted.

Come and Join the Celebration It's Going to be a very Special Day

The outside of the Church is back to looking as it should, 'Unashamedly Majestic' The scaffolding is down and the car park is about to be reclaimed for the use of us all instead of cherry pickers. This phase of the church renovations has been completed and we have done as much as we can to the roof to ensure it is wind and water tight for the winter (and a good few winters to come!)

Sunday 3rd December is the day we dedicate our newly repaired roof and following the service we will celebrate with a special lunch which will be supplied by Table13 and this is the menu for the day.

Starter

Cream of vegetable Soup served with freshly baked crusty bread

Main Course

Slow Braised Rump of Scotch Beef with a creamy pepper sauce

OR

Roast Breast of Chicken with Mushroom and White wine sauce

Both served with potatoes and vegetables
(If you require a vegetarian meal please let us know when you buy your ticket)

Tea or coffee with a little something which is both naughty and nice

Tickets for this event will go on sale in the hall after the services from Sunday 12th November until Sunday 26th November. The cost will be £2 to reserve your place and a donation on the day. Any profit will go towards the improvements to the inside of the church.

Gift Service



This year our Gift Service will take place on Sunday 10 December. You will be offered the choice of donating your gift to various organisations:

Money trees will also be available should you choose to make a monetary donation. These will be for the nominated charities for 2017/18.

Labels and envelopes will be available to pick up on Sunday 26 November.

Gifts should be returned

UNWRAPPED in a recyclable bag with the label clearly visible to aid with the sorting and distribution of your gift.

Your generosity is very much appreciated by all the organisations - especially at this time of year and in these difficult economic times - as they work to ensure your gift makes a difference to someone over the Festive period and beyond.

Thank you for your support.

The Parishioner

Copy for the December/January Parishioner 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 26 November.**

If any of the organisations have significant dates coming up in early February please take the opportunity to include them in this edition.

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 Thursday 8.00 a.m. – 1.00 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

Church Office Hours

Please note the Church Office hours are now: Monday – Thursday, 8.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.

Remembrance



In the month, when we think about those who have given their lives in war, the two minutes silence is a familiar act of remembrance. We can use the silence to reflect on those who have suffered in war or on what it means to work for a peaceful world. Or

do we end up thinking about lunch or panic that we haven't switched our phone off?

Victor Frankl, a victim of Auschwitz, suggested that the most intolerable of all human conditions is not imprisonment or hunger, but lack of meaning. The two minutes silence enables us to connect with Jesus' message, which offers true meaning to our lives and world. He spoke of giving ourselves in love for each other and the world, 'Love your enemies and pray for those that persecute you' (Matthew 5:44). He also demonstrated such love in sacrificing His own life, 'Greater love has no-one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends' (John 15:13). In observing the silence, let's use it to reflect on this sacrificial love, as we remember all those who have experienced pain and conflict.

Of course, we should be serious about silence and stillness in the whole of our lives, not just for two minutes at an act of Remembrance. Jesus made a habit of withdrawing to experience silence. 'The seeking out of solitary places was a regular practice for Jesus. So it should be for us.'

Treasurer's Report

SEPTEMBER OFFERING

DATE	FREEWILL OFFERING	GIFT AID	OPEN PLATE	STANDING ORDERS
03.09.17	339.50	553.50	76.00	
10.09.17	348.00	485.50	115.75	
17.09.17	399.00	483.50	216.86	
24.09.17	342.10	661.50	234.61	
Standing orders				3358.00
TOTAL	1428.60	2184.00	643.22	3358.00
Total for the Month		7613.82		

RECEIPTS AND DONATIONS Received During September
with thanks and gratitude for your consideration of our Church

St Mary's Country Dance Class to Special Projects Fund	350.00
Donation to Parishioner	10.00
Kirkintilloch Division Guides	30.00
Donation to Roof Fund	10.00
Kirkintilloch Horticultural Society	558.00

The Burning Question of Today!

(and a possible answer)

We can forget about Brexit, the National Debt, or even who will be the next manager of the Scotland football team; nothing is as important as 'The Lists'. We all know what is uppermost in all minds at this time of year. On which of Santa's lists are our names to be found, on the naughty list or on the nice list.

Now whilst we all know St. Mary's people will be on the nice list, they may still feel the need to give Santa a helping hand this Christmas and we have the answer. The group who have been responsible for creating the storyboards for the Church and are now discussing the best way to open the building in accordance with the requirements of the Heritage Lottery Fund are looking into the sale of St Mary's merchandise to our visitors. We hope to have some samples available for you to see at the celebration lunch and some to purchase before Christmas. So you could ask Santa to bring some of them if you wish and should you know anyone who is not on the nice list, but has had a bad year and been a little naughty, you could cheer them up by buying them something from St Mary's yourself. All profits made from the sale of this merchandise will go towards the continued maintenance of St. Mary's.

A Moosie's Prayer

A pair wee Kirk moose ae
forelorn
It's furry coat fair sairly worn
Sank doon upn its boney knees
An' prayed for just a wee bit
cheese.

The tears ran doon its wee thin
cheeks
But nane could hear the saddest
squeaks
That drifted on the cold nicht air
Till whiles it couldnae pray nae
mair.

Syne daylight cam, the Kirk bells
rang
the doors swung open wi' a bang
Communion day had come on by
Wi' wine an plates o' breid piled
high.

The wee moose lay as still as
daith
An' watched it a' wi bated breat
Then thought "if I keep awfu
quate"
A bit nicht just fa' aff a plate.

An' so it gazed as roon they went
Then, just as thoug 'twas Heaven
sent
Whit landed richt upon its heid
But twa sma' lumps o'
communion breid.

The Staff o' life lay on the flair
Then, bounteous answer tae his
prayer
Jist as he thocht "It looks fell
dry"
A body couped some wine
forbye.

Wee moosie stoated up the aisle
Wearing sic a boozy smile
The folk stoped singing' fair
aghaist
Tae see a drunken moose walk
past.

The organist fell aff his chair
The menister could only stair
Tae see this sinfu' drunken
moose
Cavortin in his Holy Hoose.

At last it staggered up the nave
Then turned and gied a happy
wave
"I ken noo whan its time tae pray
I'll dae it on Communion Day."

J. McArthur

The Rectory . . .

St James the Least

My dear Nephew Darren

No, I do not think it would be a good idea for us to correspond by your wretched 'e-mail' in future – as I am sure you know I do not possess an email apparatus. At St. James the Least, we may well be poised to make

the great leap forward into the next century, but when we do so, we shall leap forward into the nineteenth; it will be enough for future generations to give consideration to progression towards the twentieth. Beyond that does not bear speculation.

Pen and ink has been the medium of choice for generations of clergy, as they should be for you too. St. Paul, may I remind you, did not send a WhatsApp to the Corinthians - and was even proud to mention that part of his letter was written by his own hand. And while I am on the subject, it would greatly please me if you stopped using ball-point pens; they may be suitable for tradesmen, but not for a Clerk in Holy Orders. Do get yourself a good fountain pen and some permanent blue-black ink. Beware of parishioners who write to you in green ink; it is a sure sign they are unbalanced.

Modern technology may well have a place in the commercial world,

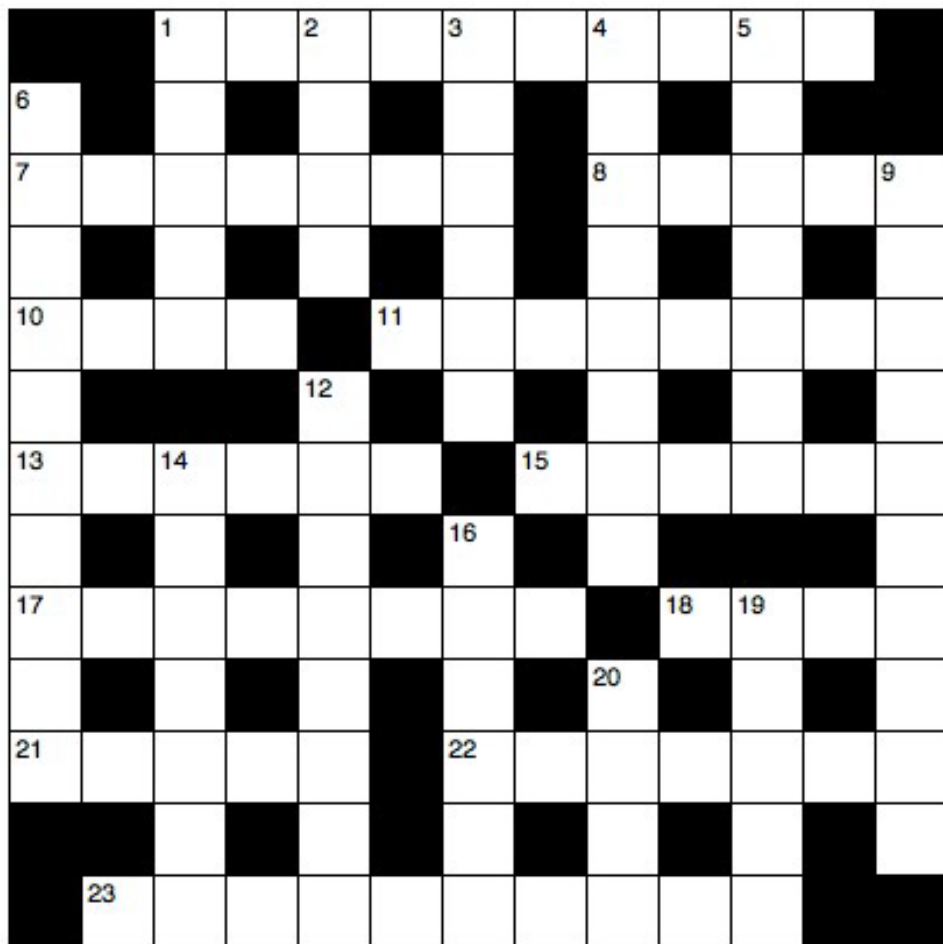
but it should not impinge on the life of

the Church. Your photocopied monthly magazine admittedly looks rather grand, but it needs a smudged, cyclostyled edition to re-assure readers that this is a truly Anglican production. The sight of Miss Pemberton thumping out those stencils on her grandfather's typewriter, which he used during the Crimean campaign, running off the copies and emerging hours later liberally covered in black ink gives a re-assuring sense of continuity with the past. Seeing her days later at church, still stained with printers' ink, makes those parishioners who don't know the real reason, speculate on whether she is moonlighting as a chimney sweep.

When Jesus taught His disciples, did He have to wait until they could record Him on their Smartphones? When He told them where they were to go, did they get out their electronic diaries to see if they had a 'window' that day? Or google 'maps' to make sure He knew the quickest way there? When St. Paul wanted to check on the well-being of the Thessalonians, did he think of texting them? I rest my case.

Your loving uncle, Eustace

Crossword



Across

- 1 He was replaced as king of Judah by his uncle Mattaniah (2 Kings 24:17) (10)
- 7 'Let us fix our eyes on Jesus... who for the joy set before him — the cross'

(Hebrews 12:2) (7)

- 8 Relieved (5)
- 10 Impetuous (Acts 19:36) (4)
- 11 Surprised and alarmed (Luke 24:37) (8)
- 13 'It is — for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for the rich to enter

Continued overleaf

- the kingdom of God' (Mark 10:25) (6)
- 15 Directions for the conduct of a church service (6)
- 17 One of the acts of the sinful nature (Galatians 5:19) (8)
- 18 and 20 Down 'She began to wet his — with her tears. Then she wiped them with her — ' (Luke 7:38) (4,4)
- 21 'We will all be changed, in a flash, in the twinkling of an — , — the last trumpet' (1 Corinthians 15:51–52) (3,2)
- 22 'But he replied, "Lord, I am — — go with you to prison and to death"' (Luke 22:33) (5,2)
- 23 Third person of the Trinity (2 Corinthians 13:14) (4,6)

Down

- 1 He betrayed Jesus (Matthew 27:3) (5)
- 2 Paul's assurance to the Philippian jailer: 'Don't — yourself! We are all here!' (Acts 16:28) (4)
- 3 'Fear God and keep his commandments, for this — the whole — of man' (Ecclesiastes 12:13) (2,4)
- 4 The sort of giver God loves (2 Corinthians 9:7) (8)

- 5 Sun rail (anag.) (7)
- 6 Naboth, the ill-fated vineyard owner, was one (1 Kings 21:1) (10)
- 9 Paul said of young widows, 'When their sensual desires overcome their — to Christ, they want to marry' (1 Timothy 5:11) (10)
- 12 This was how Joseph of Arimathea practised his discipleship 'because he feared the Jews' (John 19:38) (8)
- 14 Mop ruse (anag.) (7)
- 16 Foment (Philippians 1:17) (4,2)
- 19 Where Joseph and Mary escaped to with the baby Jesus (Matthew 2:14) (5)
- 20 See 18 Across



ST MARY'S PARISH CHURCH ORGANISATIONS

Contact list 2017.18	Organisation	Location	Time	Contact
Sunday	Sunday Worship	Church	11am	Rev Mark Johnstone
	Young Church	Church Halls	11am	Elaine Stevens
	Fairtrade Stall	Main Hall	12 noon	Leslie Baird/Fiona Leishman
	Badminton - Senior	Main Hall	7.30-10pm	Liz Barrie
Monday	Nursery	Church Halls	8.30-11.45am	Joanne MacDonald
	Ladies Bowling	Main Hall	1.30-3.30pm	Cathie Devine
	BB Shipmates	Main Hall	6-7pm	TBC
	Running/Walking Club	Session House	7pm	Bob Brown
Tuesday	Nursery	Church Halls	8.30-11.45am	Joanne MacDonald
	Ladies Badminton	Main Hall	1.30-3.30pm	Doreen More
	Badminton - Senior	Main Hall	8-10.30pm	Liz Barrie
	Prayer Time	Meeting Place	7-7.30pm	Rev Katy Owen
	Country Dancing	Mid Hall	7.45-10pm	Moira MacNeill
Wednesday	Nursery	Church Halls	8.30-11.45am	Joanne MacDonald
	Wednesday Welcome	Session House	10-11.20am	Mary Stirling
	Wednesday Service	Church	11.30-12noon	Rev Mark Johnstone
	Over 50's Badminton	Main Hall	1.30-3.30pm	Anne Allan
	Rainbows	Mid Hall	6.30-7.30pm	Janet Millin
	Brownies	Main Hall	6.30-7.45pm	Alisha McGowan
	Vestry	Church Vestry	7-9pm	Church Office
	Running/Walking Club	Session House	7pm	Bob Brown
	Guides	Main Hall	7.30-9.30pm	Cara Daniels
	Trefoil Guild (monthly)	Mid Hall	7.45-10pm	Edith Dunn
Thursday	Nursery	Church Halls	8.30-11.45am	Joanne MacDonald
	Flower Circle (Alternate Weeks)	Mid Hall	7.30-9pm	Elizabeth Walker
Friday	Nursery	Church Halls	8.30-11.45am	Joanne MacDonald
	Listener's Circle (Monthly)	Session House (church)	2-4pm	Edith Dunn
	Guild (Alternate Weeks)	Mid Hall	7.30-9pm	Moira MacNeill

For further information on any of the above –

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