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THE GOD  
OF ALL HOPE  
FILL YOU WITH ALL  
JOY AND PEACE AS YOU  
TRUST HIM. ROMANS 15:13

# The Parishioner

February 2019





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# Pastoral Letter

Dear Friends,

As you receive this magazine a time of waiting will have passed. We recently celebrated advent. In the Christian year advent is recognised as a time of waiting. We wait for the birth of the Christ child and we celebrate the child's arrival on Christmas. Other branches of the Christian Church celebrate the birth of the Christ child also. Not everyone celebrates Christmas on the 25th of December. For some it is January. The emphasis is on the fact the waiting has ended and the desired for outcome has arrived.

In this article I know we have moved on from Christmas and waiting for Jesus. I have been waiting to preach as Sole Nominee for another congregation. The Church has an interesting system when appointing a new Minister. It finds its origins in abuses of power that were resisted by regular members of the church.

Historically the appointment of a new Minister lay in the hands of male land owners. However, this system was open to abuse and some landowners

*'Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own'*

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impose a Minister who was not approved by the people of the congregation and parish. The landowner in partnership with the Presbytery over-ruled local congregations.

Resisting this imposition of Ministers resulted in a great disruption in the Church of Scotland. The year was 1843 and the schism, or division, within the established Church of Scotland resulted in 450 ministers breaking away from the Church. This was really an issue of the relationship the Church should have with the state. The Church and politics.

Ministers who left the Church gave up their congregation, their home and their means of providing for their family. They left on a point of principle. Thomas Chalmers was the Minister who led the disruption. He was professor of theology and was called 'Scotland's greatest nineteenth-century churchman'.

By 1929 the Church would reunite and the Church of Scotland as we know it today was born. A congregation's freedom to choose their own Minister was established. It would initially be male heads of households who could elect the Minister. In time women would have the opportunity to vote too.

This is why I must preach on the 3rd of February 2019 as Sole Nominee of the other congregation. The congregation are given the opportunity to choose their own Minister. If, when I preach on the

3rd of February, the congregation vote, by a majority, to have me as Minister, the Presbytery must then sustain that election. It is the congregation who choose. The congregation then have the opportunity to sign a Call sheet which expresses their wish to have a certain person as their new Minister.

You can see how this is a waiting time. I have been invited to be Sole Nominee. I must now wait and see if I am elected. If I then become Minister elect.

Waiting can be difficult. How do you continue to live in the moment?

Take Jesus words from Matthews Gospel. Chapter 6:25, *'Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own'*

As I write I must wait. I will strive to wait without worrying.

I am not sure what others are facing. Perhaps together we can keep worry in perspective, Isaiah 41:10, says, *'... do not fear, for I am with you, do not be afraid, for I am your God; I will strengthen you. I will help you, I will uphold you with my victorious right hand....'*

Kindest regards

*Mak.*



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# Sharing the good news!!!

As I wrestled with the invitation from Glasgow Cathedral, St Mary's has been significant in my deliberations. At this time when we stand on the threshold of change, we must continue to share the good news of St Mary's and our contribution to the life of all those we come into contact with in the Church.

**In the coming weeks I will host some Session House meetings. You are invited!** At these meetings I will look at our Local Church Review: who are we, what are we doing and what do we plan to do in the future?

**Stewardship:** how do we use the resources available to us, from our premises, our people and our pennies. How do we share what we have with the wider church through our contribution to the Ministry and Mission fund? How do we reach out to the wider community? We must also consider how we move forward with a vacancy for a minister. How will we prepare to welcome a new ministry and what would we expect from a new minister? During our Session House meetings we will consider these three areas as we go forward seeking always to Share the Good News!

**The meetings are planned for:**

**Sunday 10th February 12.30pm in the Session House**

**Wednesday 13th February 11am in the Session House as part of the Wednesday Welcome**

**Wednesday 13th February 7pm in the Session House**

**I hope as many of you will attend as possible — make it a date!**

# Parish Register

## Funerals

*Jesus said 'I am the resurrection and the life ...'*

*'Blessed are they that mourn for they shall be comforted'*

*Jesus said 'The souls of the righteous are in the hands of God'.*

December	03	Mr Duncan Houston, Bon Accord, Loch Road, Kirkintilloch
	04	Mr Jack Bett, 1 Garfield Place, Stepps
	07	Baby Ellie Lucy MacLean, 6 Thistle Street, Kirkintilloch
	10	Mr George Maxwell Glass, Lillyburn Care Home, Milton-of-Campsie
	11	Mr Harold Cant, Campsie View Care Home, Kirkintilloch
	13	Mrs Josephine Gilgallon, Gadloch Avenue, Lenzie
	14	Mrs Margaret Flanagan, 77 Kelvinvale, Kirkintilloch
	19	Mr Stanley Montford, John Street, Kirkintilloch
	24	Jessie Graham McQuillan, Campsie View Care Home, Kirkintilloch
January 2019	03	Mr John Carmichael, 22 Poplar Drive, Lenzie
	04	Mr Daniel Sproull, 22 Glazert Meadow, Lennoxtown
	09	Mrs Marion (May) Waters, 1 Burnbrae Road, Waterside, Kirkintilloch
	10	Mr John Hay, 52 Parkview Avenue, Kirkintilloch
	15	Mrs Margo Walls, Morven Way, Kirkintilloch
	17	Mrs Margaret Wilson, 36 Southbank Drive, Kirkintilloch
	18	Mrs Penelope (Penny) Sinclair, 34 Southbank Drive, Kirkintilloch
	25	Mr John (Jack) Wilson, Union Street, Kirkintilloch

## Change of Address

Mrs Jessie Smith formerly 78 Waterside Road Kirkintilloch, now residing in Craig-en-Goyne Care Home, Tak-ma-Doon Road, Kilsyth.

Mrs Margaret Strang, formerly Townhead, now residing at 36 Alloway Court, Kirkintilloch.



# The Bells of St Mary's

## February / March 2019

February	10	Fiona and Mhairi Green and Olivia Fotheringham
	17	Mary Stirling and Lesley Bevens
	24	Lisa and Daniel Malloy-Gibson
March	03	Dorothy Stewart and Cara Bevens
	10	Paul Malcolm and Lesley Bevens



## Church Flowers

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

February	10	Mrs R Dewar, Mrs L Wilson
	17	Mrs J. Reid, Mrs E Goodwin
	24	Mrs J. Brown Mrs M MacNeill
March	03	Mrs M. Hardie , Mrs J Reid

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

February	03/10	Mrs J. McCann, Mrs A Pearson
	17/24	Mrs D More, Mrs I Kennedy
March	03/10	Miss E. Cousin, Mr G Burns

The following acknowledgments have been received for flowers and pot plants over the months of December and January.

Mrs N Fleming, Mrs S Burns, G Burns, Mrs J Campbell, Mrs J McKean, Mrs J Clarke, Mrs I. Hay, Mrs A. Rodger, Mrs N. Middleton, Mrs A. Marran, Mrs M. Taylor, Mrs B. Campbell, Mrs V. Lindsay, Mrs B. McMillan, Mrs J. Finney, Miss M. Douglas, Mrs E. Gillespie, G. & M. Day, Miss M. Henderson, Mrs I. McKinnon, Mrs C. Clingan, Mrs J. Ferguson, Mrs M. Beattie, Mrs M. Bett, J. & S. Nicol, Mrs M. McLachlan, R. & C. Smart, A. & E. Henderson, Mrs M. Smith, E. & M. Roberts, Mrs M. Henderson, Mrs P. Moffat, Dr J. Redpath, Mrs L. Harris, Miss J. Campbell, R. & E. Dewar, R. & N. Cowan, B. & J. Hutchison, J. & G. Galt, J. & A. McIsaac, Mrs A. Scott, Mrs M. McCaffer, A. & M. Stirling, K. & M. Darroch, D. McFarlane, W. & L. Baird, G. & S. McLellan, B. & S. Robertson, S. Ashmall, Mrs C. Devine, Mrs H. Farmer, Mrs B. Wallace, Mr & Mrs J. Whyte, Mrs V. Lindsay, R. & J. Lang, Mrs M. Stewart, J. & A. Pearson, Mrs L. Neil, Mrs J. Jennings, Mrs B. Little, Mrs M. Girault, Mrs M. Devine, Mrs J. Stirling, Mrs J. Meggat, M. & I. Smith, Mrs L. Bevens, C. & R McLachlan, Mrs B. MacArthur, Miss D. Brown, B. McKenzie, Mrs J. Morrison, Mrs S Gow, Mrs S. Robertson, Mrs E. Letham, Mrs M. Strang, Mrs Heather Ferrie, Mrs Evelyn Eddy on behalf of her Mum Mrs Jessie Smith.

Over the year, our congregation has been extremely generous towards the Chancel flowers and Pot Plants. I thank you on behalf of our members, young and old, who have needed the thoughts and prayers of St. Mary's. I would also like to thank the willing band of helpers who deliver the flowers each week. Without the donations and the deliverers, we would not be able to send out so many beautiful flowers during the year. They have been much appreciated by all. I would like to especially thank Mrs F. Leishman, Mrs. E Walker, Mrs R. Poynton, Mrs B. McEwen and Mrs I Sinclair, who have given of their time and talent arranging the flowers that beautify our Sanctuary.

I am always looking for more helpers to go on our rota for delivering the Chancel flowers; at present it would be twice a year that you would be asked. Please contact Janice Reid 776 4974 if that is something you are interested in doing for your Church.

Janice Reid

## Thank You

Mary, Sheena and their families would like to thank the congregation of St Mary's for cards, flowers, love and support shown to them following Jack's death. They were overwhelmed by the attendance at the service and grateful to Mark for his very fitting and beautiful service.



# Communion

The Rev Mark Johnstone and Kirk Session invite you to celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion on the morning of Sunday 3rd March. We will use non-alcoholic wine, prepared bread and individual glasses.

This is a celebration of the Lord's Supper and is open to all who wish to respond to Christ's invitation.

*Do this in memory of me ..... Luke 22 : 19*

If any Elder or Congregational Helper will not be available for duty for Communion, please contact Garry Burns or Sally McLellan. Thank you.

## Dates for your diary . . .



### Listeners Circle

The next meeting will be on Friday 15th February at 2 o'clock. This month we have something different and special.

David Burns the church organist has generously offered to perform a program of organ music for us in the church.

If you have only heard the organ accompanying hymns in church services, this is your chance to hear a much wider range of music that the instrument can play. We will hear Moira Lawson's programme at a later meeting. As we will be in the church rather than the Session House, you may want to put on an extra jumper and perhaps bring a cushion to sit on. As always, all are welcome to come along to enjoy this special performance with a cup of tea and a chat in the interval. This is an invitation to anyone who would like to spend a couple of hours listening to organ music.

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## Friday Fellowship

Friday Fellowship meets every second Friday evening in the Mid Hall at 7.30p.m. and the programme for February into March is as under:

February	08	Leanne Garven – I Sew 2
	22	Bob Bain – Theatres & Artists of Yesterday
March	08	KMVC – Sally McLellan : All our Yesterdays
	22	Beetle Drive & Quiz

The meeting on 08 March may well be of interest to those (ladies and gentlemen) who have followed the choir down through the years and you will all be made very welcome.

## Annual Christian Aid Fair

The annual Christian Aid Fair takes place on Saturday 2nd March from 10.00 am – 1.00 pm in our own Church Hall. Books, baking, groceries, attic finds, crafts, toys and paper items. St Mary's will once again have the paper stall and any donations, e.g. napkins, colouring-in books, stationery etc. will be gratefully received. The usual stalls will include books, baking, groceries, attic finds, crafts and toys. Donations for these stalls will also be gratefully received. Tickets priced £2.00 can be had from Paul Malcolm. Anyone willing to help should also contact Paul. Please come along and support the work of Christian Aid.

## Open Doors

We will begin this year's Open Doors on Wednesday 6th March. The sheet for volunteers to sign for the day is available in the vestibule before every service. All visitors are very welcome, so feel free to drop in and join us for a cup of tea or coffee if you are passing.

## Pancake Sunday 2019

The annual Pancake Lunch will take place on Sunday 10th March after the morning service. There will be both sweet and savoury pancakes and fillings available. Tickets will go on sale on Sunday 17th February and will cost £1 plus a donation on the day.

## Church Halls

As we are trying to economise with the Fuel, would organisations please advise David Tinto if any meetings scheduled are not going to take place so that the heating can be adjusted accordingly.

## Organisations Accounts / Auditors

Will treasurers of all organisations please ensure that a copy of their annual audited accounts is passed to the Treasurer or Finance Convenor no later than 31st March, 2019. These accounts will be made up to their year-end falling into the year to 31 December 2018. Those organisations whose accounts are included in The Church Accounts should work to a deadline of 15 March 2019.

The members of the Finance Committee who have volunteered to act as auditors for the church organisations are Jim More, John Pears, Gordon Sinclair, Lewis Wilson and Hugh Biggans.

## Christmas Card Delivery

This year the money raised was £900.00. Thank you to everyone who helped either by sorting or delivering the cards.

Ruth Poynton

## The Flower Circle

The Flower Circle held their Annual Coffee Morning on 1st December 2018. They raised the sum of £570.20 and thank everyone who helped make it a good morning.

Ruth Poynton

## Competition – Design a CrossReach Christmas Card for 2019

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Christmas Card Competition 2019 – Now open! Design a CrossReach Christmas card for 2019. The winning design will be printed and sold through the CrossReach Christmas Card & Calendar Collection 2019 catalogue and website. Open to all ages. Competition closes: Monday 1st April 2019.

For full details visit: [bit.ly/CrossReachCCCompt19](http://bit.ly/CrossReachCCCompt19)

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# Situations Vacant

In the coming weeks we will be looking to appoint a new Church Officer at St Mary's. This is expected to be a 10 hour per week post, with the potential for additional hours to provide support for Wedding and Funeral services. The core hours will be associated with the preparation of the Sanctuary for Sunday Worship as well as the required support during the service. The remaining duties and hours are more flexible and open for discussion. To find out more about the role or for an informal chat, please contact

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## Stars and Snowflakes

Thank you to everyone who came to our 'Knit and Crochet' sessions before Christmas. We hope you enjoyed seeing your creations decorating the church! We plan to repeat our Knit and Crochet in early spring when we'll be creating chickens to sell for Easter. Look out for the date!



# Session Report

At the beginning of January, Mark shared the news with us that he has accepted an invitation to preach as sole nominee at Glasgow Cathedral. I know that this has not been an easy decision to make and the past few weeks have been a difficult time for both Mark and Audrey.

Many folks have already conveyed their best wishes to Mark as he prepares to preach at the Cathedral and we keep all of the Johnstone family in our prayers as this service approaches.

At our Session Meeting in January, it was intimated that Margaret feels this is the right time for her to step down from her role as Church Officer. This is a position that Margaret has held for 20 years, working for a period of time with Frank Haughton before Mark joined us in 2001. There have been a lot of changes over that period of time and I know that Margaret's support has been very much appreciated by the many people she comes into contact with in her role as Church Officer.

On behalf of the Kirk Session and the congregation, I would like to express my appreciation to Margaret for her time of faithful service. Along with our thanks, I would offer our very best wishes for the future.

Back in December, at the General Meeting of Presbytery, the Stewardship & Finance Committee submitted their report regarding our shortfall in Ministry & Mission contributions. There was nothing in the report that was not expected and in fact the issues raised have all been identified in the plan we prepared and submitted to Presbytery last summer.

You will read elsewhere in the magazine about our proposed "Session House Meetings". Stewardship has been identified as one of the key themes for discussion at these meetings and addressing our Ministry & Mission shortfall will undoubtedly form part of our planned Stewardship activities. I sincerely hope you will take the opportunity to attend one of the planned meetings. We clearly have a number of challenges and opportunities ahead of us and it is important that we all consider how we can move forward in faith, as a congregation in the very heart of Kirkintilloch.



Kind Regards  
Gordon Morrison, Session Clerk



# Nursery News

Money raised from Nursery Christmas activities totalled £806.50! This money will go towards nursery funds and we will also make a donation to charity.

The children visited Campsie View Care Home to share some Scottish songs and Shake and Wake dance moves with everyone there. To celebrate Burns Day the children enjoyed a Scottish themed Shake 'n' Wake. This term the children will learn about the weather, the environment and our community, they will explore cold colours, learn traditions, songs and nursery rhymes relating to Burns Day and the changing seasons.

The nursery has been in contact with The Scottish Parliament regarding the recycling of our toothbrushes. At present there is nothing in place to recycle the toothbrushes we use in the nursery and we will continue to work hard alongside East Dunbartonshire Council to get something in place as part of our ECO Council Meeting. Watch this space!

We continue to collect and recycle the following items within the nursery: mobile phones, clothing, batteries, stamps and plastic bottle tops. Please help!

Children born between 1st March 2015 and 28th February 2016 must register in January 2019 to qualify for nursery funding for the 2019/20 session. If you know someone in that age bracket then please let their parent know about this so that no one misses out on funding.

Fiona Leishman, Nursery Convenor

## Life and Work

The annual subscription for 'Life and Work' has increased slightly to £30.60 for 12 issues and is now due. Single copies may be purchased for £2.80 each from the rack in the vestibule – while stocks last. The content of this Church of Scotland Magazine is very varied, including a letters page, feature articles by various people, Church news from around the country to name but a few. Why not give it a go – even if it is only one issue – we're sure you will then wish to subscribe.

# Treasurer's Report

## NOVEMBER OFFERING

DATE	FREEWILL OFFERING	GIFT AID	OPEN PLATE	STANDING ORDERS
04.11.18	330.00	508.20	157.60	
11.11.18	370.00	606.70	192.80	
18.11.18	339.45	390.90	117.70	
25.11.18	397.00	469.57	194.00	
Standing orders				3942.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1436.45</b>	<b>1975.37</b>	<b>662.10</b>	<b>3942.00</b>
<b>Total for the Month</b>		<b>8015.92</b>		
<b>DECEMBER OFFERING</b>				
DATE	FREEWILL OFFERING	GIFT AID	OPEN PLATE	STANDING ORDERS
02.12.18	293.00	484.50	105.96	
09.12.18	532.00	716.50	316.70	
16.12.18	271.80	392.00	118.50	
23.12.18	457.10	711.50	345.30	
30.12.18	345.00	612.20	211.50	
Standing orders				3927.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1898.90</b>	<b>2916.70</b>	<b>1097.96</b>	<b>3927.00</b>
<b>Total for the Month</b>		<b>9840.56</b>		

RECEIPTS AND DONATIONS Received During November and December

with thanks and gratitude for your consideration of our Church

Donation to Parishioner	10.00
Donation to Special Projects	
Fund	500.00
Donation to Parishioner	40.00
Donation to Fabric fund	30.00
Donation to General Funds	200.00
Donation to General Funds	160.00
Donation to cover expenditure	500.00

## Never be weary of doing good

You are never tired, O Lord, of doing us good; let us never be weary of doing You service. But as You have pleasure in the well-being of Your servants, let us take pleasure in the service of our Lord, and abound in Your work and in Your love and praise evermore.

## Sin

A young minister, serving his first church, noticed that one of his flock had been absent from services several Sundays in a row, so he decided to see her and ask the reason. The old woman shook her head and looked at him pityingly. "Son," she said, "you can't help me. You are not old enough to have sinned enough to have repented enough to be able to preach about it."

## 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.me@gmail.com](mailto:sandraburns.me@gmail.com) no later than Sunday 24 February.

## 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 Margaretann Dougall, is available in the office Monday to Friday 8.30 a.m. – 12.30 a.m. and may be the first point of contact for general enquiries. Margaretann will be able to refer you to the person best suited to respond. Church office telephone 0141 775 1166 or e-mail: [stmarys@btconnect.com](mailto:stmarys@btconnect.com)

# The Rectory . . .

## *My dear Nephew Darren*

We have just returned from our annual parish three-day silent retreat at St Epiphanius' Priory. We had the usual attendees: those husbands who see it as an opportunity to stop their wives talking, however briefly; those wives who can keep their husbands temporarily from the 19th hole at the golf club; and those who want to see if it might be a suitable home in which to park an inconvenient relative.

It can come as quite a shock for first-timers: the ladies are appalled to discover that there is neither coffee shop nor hairdressers, and the men that there is no bar or billiards table. The resident community certainly frowned on the four men among us who were discovered silently pushing a car down the drive late one evening before starting it at the main gates as they escaped to the nearest pub. Those of us who are older hands know to bring our own supplies – carefully wrapped, so that the clinking of bottles is not too obvious as one ascends the main staircase. The near universal retreat to bedrooms before dinner is less an opportunity for quiet reflection and more one for a restorative sherry.

The more experienced also know that temperatures in the house are

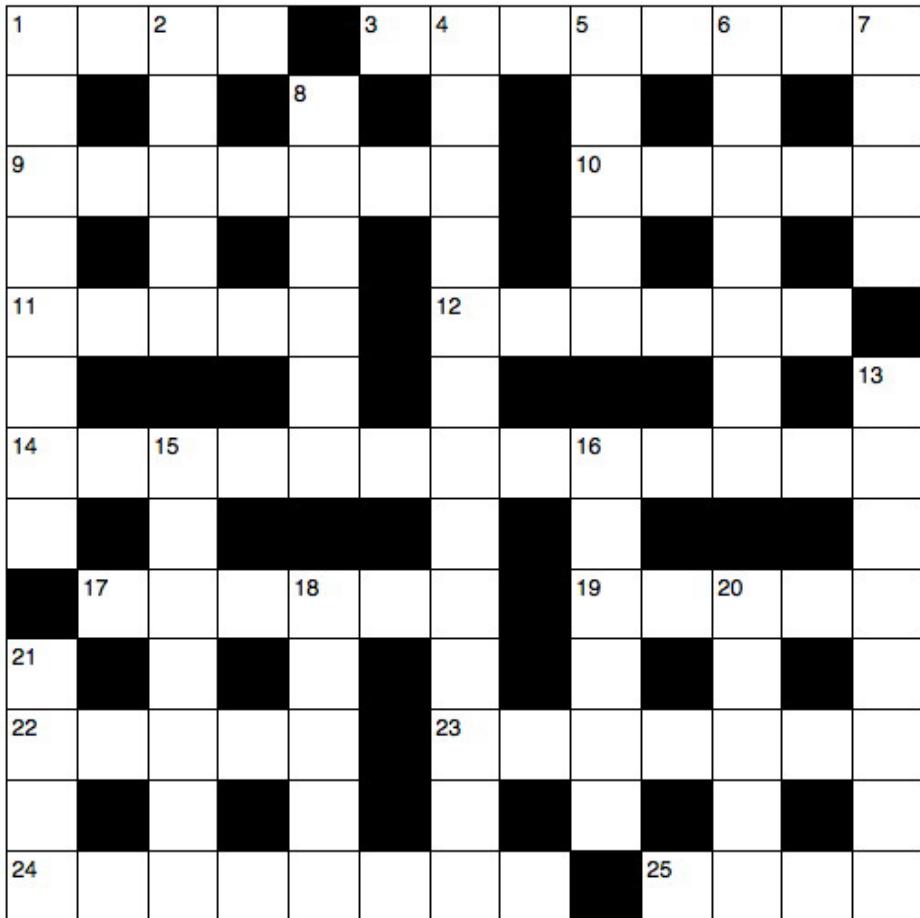
Siberian. All the movement and hand waving during Services is less charismatic enthusiasm and more an attempt to maintain blood flow to the extremities. The series of addresses were given by an aged member of the community. That some of our party fell asleep during the addresses was excusable; that the person giving them also occasionally did so, was not.

During one stroll round the gardens, I noticed clouds of smoke coming from behind the hedges near the chapel. My hope that it was parishioners experimenting with incense to be used in church on our return was soon crushed when I found it was a group of hardened parishioners topping up their nicotine levels. Seeing them nervously huddled in the shrubbery made one think of schools and bike sheds. I now find it difficult not to picture them all in short trousers and wearing caps.

And so we return, knowing that we have done our bit once again for the spiritual vigour of the parish, and also that three days of vegetarian cooking will mean a long queue at the village butchers tomorrow morning.

*Your loving uncle, Eustace*

# Crossword



## Across

- 1 Salary (Isaiah 19:10) (4)
- 3 Question Jesus asked of those healed of leprosy, ‘Were not all ten — ?’ (Luke 17:17) (8)
- 9 Wide, elevated level area of land (Joshua 13:9) (7)
- 10 ‘So you also must be — , because the Son of Man will

come... when you do not expect him’ (Matthew 24:44) (5)

- 11 ‘[He] said to the man, “Stretch out your hand.” He — — , and his hand was completely restored’ (Luke 6:10) (3,2)
- 12 ‘Who has gathered up the

wind in the — of his hand?’  
(Proverbs 30:4) (6)

14 Not born again (13)

17 ‘Again and again he — the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins’ (Hebrews 10:11) (6)

19 Mails (anag.) (5)

22 ‘He — — here; he has risen’ (Matthew 28:6) (2,3)

23 Defeated (Judges 20:43) (7)

24 Soldiers’ quarters (Acts 21:34) (8)

25 ‘Pillars of marble’ were how the Beloved described those of her Lover (Song of Songs 5:15) (4)

## Down

1 Totally destroyed (Genesis 7:23) (5,3)

2 What the Philippian jailer was told to do with his prisoners Paul and Silas (Acts 16:23) (5)

4 Object of ridicule (Job 12:4) (8-5)

5 In most years, the month in which Easter falls (5)

6 For example, Caesarea,

Joppa, Tyre, Sidon (7)

7 ‘[Jesus] was in the desert for forty — , being tempted by Satan’ (Mark 1:13) (4)

8 ‘Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power — to our God’ (Revelation 19:1) (6)

13 Mend dots (anag.) (8)

15 Purifier (Malachi 3:3) (7)

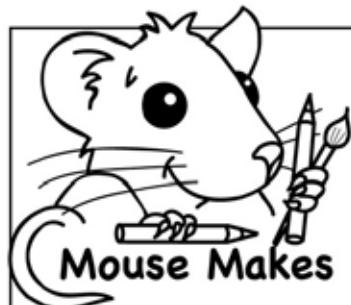
16 Attacked (1 Samuel 27:8) (6)

18 The good Samaritan to the innkeeper: ‘When I return, I will reimburse you for any — expense you may have’ (Luke 10:35) (5)

20 How Matthew described the crowds who followed Jesus (Matthew 4:25) (5)

21 For example, one of 25 Across (Judges 19:29) (4)





## WHAT IS LOVE?

Cross out every other letter to find the Bible verse, then look it up.

OHNKEWJLOSHCNP  
CGHUADPBTFEKRA  
FJOMUORD  
VWEURDSKEV  
TOEGNP

## God's love is...

Change each letter to the letter before it in the alphabet.

"Hpe mpwfe uif xpsme tp nvdi  
uibu if hbwf ijt pomz tpo tp  
uibu fwfszposf xip cfmjfwft  
jo ijn nbz opu ejf cvu  
ibwf fufsobm mjgf."  
Kplo 3:16



## How does God show he loves us?

Look at this in a mirror!

God shrowed His love for us  
by sending His only Son into  
the world, so that we  
might receive it  
through Him  
Eph 2:4-5

## HOW LONG IS GOD'S LOVE?

Cross out all the **xxx** to find out!

xxGxixvxexxtxhxaxnxkxsxxtxoxxxhx  
exxLxoxrxdx,xfxoxrxxHxexxixxsxg  
xoxxxodx,xxHxixsxssxtxeaxxdx  
fxaxsxtxxlxoxxvxeexxxnxdu  
rxxexsxfxoxrxxexvxxexr.  
xpxsxxlxmxx  
1x3x6:1

"The steadfast love of  
the Lord never ceases"  
Lamentations 3:22



# Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in  
Joshua chapter 6 verses 1-27

Joshua led the Israelites across the  
river Jordan. They camped near the  
town of Jericho and prepared to fight.

The people in Jericho  
locked the town gates.



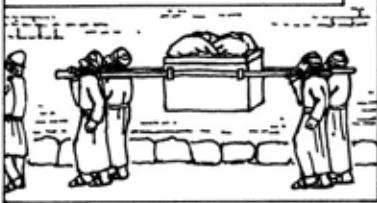
They thought they were safe.



God told Joshua  
what to do.



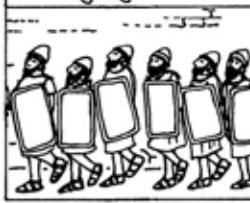
On the first day, the priests  
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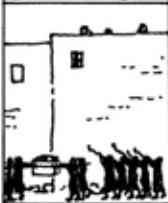
they blew trumpets,  
and walked round  
Jericho once.



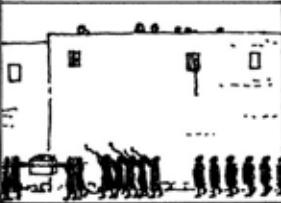
The army followed  
not saying a word.



They did this  
for 6 days.

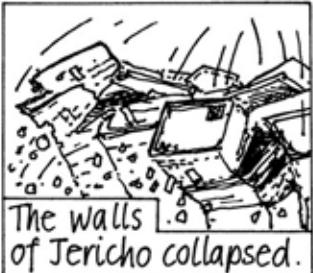


On the 7th day they  
walked round 7 times.



The army gave a victory shout!

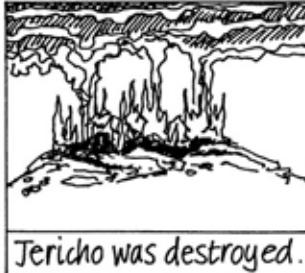
The walls  
of Jericho collapsed.



The army rushed into  
the town and  
captured it.



Jericho was destroyed.



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locked	gates	safe
walls	victory	God
captured	Jericho	priests
destroyed	collapsed	trumpets
Jordan	camped	shout
army	Israelites	town
fight	chest	walked
once	Joshua	rushed

# 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	Elaine Connor
	Ladies Bowling	Main Hall	1.30-3.30pm	Cathie Devine
	Shipmates	Main Hall	6-7pm	Nichola Colquhoun
	Running/Walking Club	Session House	7pm	Bob Brown
Tuesday	Nursery	Church Halls	8.30-11.45am	Elaine Connor
	Ladies Badminton	Main Hall	1.30-3.30pm	Anne Selbie
	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	Elaine Connor
	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	Cara Daniels
	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	Elaine Connor
	Flower Circle (Alternate Weeks)	Mid Hall	7.30-9pm	Elizabeth Walker
Friday	Nursery	Church Halls	8.30-11.45am	Elaine Connor
	Listener's Circle (Monthly)	Session House (church)	2-4pm	Edith Dunn
	Friday Fellowship (Alternate Weeks)	Mid Hall	7.30-9pm	Moira MacNeill

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