



The Parishioner

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Pastoral Letter

Dear Friends,

I write this parish letter travelling with Audrey on the train from Rome to Pisa. I recently celebrated a significant birthday and a visit to Italy was an anticipated holiday, a gift in some sense from all the family.

During our stay in Rome we visited the usual attractions; however this time while in the city we took a food tour. This involved visits to a fruit market, pizza parlour, chocolate shop, coffee shop, bakery and a general kitchen.

What a lovely trip with a local guide. The guide was

'... Jesus called us to welcome the stranger and love each other ...'

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a helpful person to point, indicate and stimulate interest during the tour. It is a challenge for the guide when Rome, and Italy at large, is facing political unrest. Our guide did well.

If you were challenged to take a visitor on a tour of Kirkintilloch where would you take them? The canal, the marina, shared space, the crossing transport over the canal? Would you bring a visitor to the church?

If you had to tell them a story about Kirkintilloch, how far would that story be shaped by the story of Christianity locally. I am aware you could tell of various buildings. You could talk about the Auld Kirk, St Mary's and the many other church buildings. However, how has the activities of

those who follow Jesus shaped the town of Kirkintilloch? How has Jesus called us to take care of the hungry, the thirsty? How has Jesus called us to welcome the stranger and love each other shaped our town?

In Rome you find a city shaped by Christian architecture. What I really want to know is how shaped by Christian teaching are the people of Rome?

As I take the flight home in four days time I will take time to think about how Jesus has shaped my home town.

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.'

- May 06 **Ellie Jane Irving & Georgia Elizabeth Irving**,
twin daughters of Gareth and Sarah
Zachary Robert James Wilson,
son of David and Heather
23 **Robert Hoey**, 19 Alloway Quadrant, Kirkintilloch

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'.

- May 15 Eleanor Thomson, 95 Kirksyde Avenue, Kirkintilloch
June 01 Nesta Anderson, 29 Kelvin Vale, Kirkintilloch

Golden Weddings

William and Grace McCall celebrated 50 years of marriage on 01 June.

Euan and Catherine Kerr celebrate 50 years of marriage on 15 June.

Diamond Weddings

Robert and Cathie Smart celebrate 60 years of marriage on 28 June.

Congratulations and best wishes are sent to all of them from their church family at St Mary's.



Church Flowers

We wish to thank the following members who will donate the flowers for the chancel of our Church during June, July and

August.

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| June | 10 | Miss M Weir, Mr Mrs E. Kerr, Mr Mrs D Burns, Mrs M Taylor |
| | 17 | Mrs R McMillan, Mrs M Stirling |
| | 24 | Mrs M Gaston, Miss K Gaston |
| July | 01 | Mrs E Gillespie, Mrs E McNamee |
| | 08 | Mrs A Brownlie, Mrs F Leishman |
| | 15 | Mrs M McLachlan, Mrs E Cowie, Mrs M Glennie |
| | 22 | Mr Mrs I Chesney, Miss A Tassie, Mrs E Dunn |
| | 29 | Mrs D McMillan, Mrs M Girault |
| August | 05 | Mr Mrs J Marran, Mrs N Fleming, Nancy and Anita, Mrs R Fitzpatrick |
| | 12 | Mr S Ashmall, Mrs J Stirling, Mrs J Reid |
| | 19 | Mrs R Bennie, Mrs C Whitehead |
| | 26 | Mrs M Wilson, Mrs V Hogg, Mrs J Clarke |
| September | 02 | Mrs B Little, Mrs R Stevenson, Miss E Cousin, Mrs M Clarkson (Communion) |

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

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| June | 10 / 17 | Mrs M Malcolm, Mrs J Kempsell |
| | 24 / 01 | Mrs C Devine, Mrs S Nicol |
| July | 08 / 15 | Mrs M Hardie, P. L. & C. Malcolm |
| | 22 / 29 | Mrs M Gaston, Mrs J Reid |
| August | 06 / 12 | Mrs B Walker, Ms L Dunn |
| | 19 / 26 | Mrs J McCann, Mrs A Pearson |
| September | 02 / 09 | Mrs D More, Mrs I Kennedy |

Letters of acknowledgement have been received from the following who received Chancel Flowers during the last month.

Mrs M. Stirling, (Farm) Mr I. Chesney, Mrs M. Anderson, Mrs K. Pollock, Mr Mrs G, McDonagh, Mr J. Pearson, Mr Mrs D. Tennant, Mrs B. McArthur, Mrs C. Devine, Mrs B. Wallace, Mrs J. Finney, Mrs H. Cruickshanks, Mrs M. Taylor, Mrs J. Hutchison, Mrs J. Whyte, A. & E. McNamee, Mrs S. Nicol, Mrs M. Smith, Mrs H. Farmer, Mrs S. Roberts, B. & M. McNiff, Mrs R. Bennie, Miss E. Cousin, Mrs L. Harris, Mr Mrs S. Walker and family, Mr J. Barrie, Mrs J. McLachlan.

I wish to thank the ladies and gentlemen who have donated to the chancel flowers during the month of May and to those who have given of their time to deliver them. Our team of ladies who give of their time to arrange the wonderful display we enjoy each week, a very BIG thank you. The recipients of the Church flowers are so uplifted by the thoughts of St Mary's.

Janice Reid

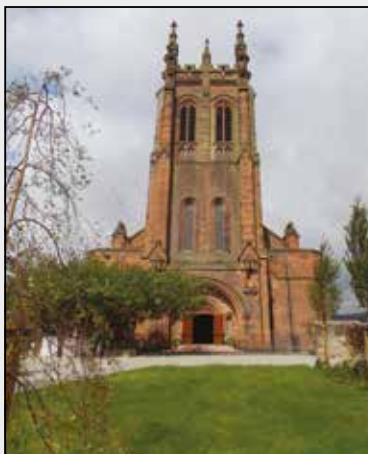
The family of the late Janice Smith thank Rev Mark Johnstone and all their friends at St Mary's for cards, flowers and messages of sympathy. Your support has been a great comfort to us at this difficult time.



Communion – An Early Invitation

We will celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion on the morning of Sunday 2nd September. 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



The Bells of St Mary's Summer 2018

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| June | 10 | Mary Stirling and Jen Biggans |
| | 17 | Paul Malcolm and Cerys McCormack |
| | 24 | Linda Brown and Olivia Fotheringham |
| July | 01 | Lisa and Daniel Malloy-Gibson |
| | 08 | Mary Stirling and Lesley Bevens |
| | 15 | Dorothy Stewart and Cara Bevens |
| | 22 | Mary Stirling and Jen Biggans |
| | 29 | Paul Malcolm and Cerys McCormack |
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Nursery Admin Assistant

A vacancy has arisen for a Nursery Administration Assistant from September 2018. This is a 20 hour per week post worked over five days. If this post is of interest to you (or someone you know!) please contact either Gordon Morrison or Fiona Leishman for further information.

Christian Aid Week 2018

This year people from St Mary's collected £810.50 in the **House to House collection**. Sincere thanks to everyone who collected, donated and helped out in whatever way.

The **Soup Lunch** held on 20 May raised £759.13. Sincere thanks are due to those involved in organising and helping out and everyone who went to the lunch. Once again there were many people who could not attend but made donations.

Every year millions of pounds are raised during Christian Aid Week. The House to House collection is the biggest act of Christian witness in Britain and Ireland.

- Christian Aid currently works in 37 countries, with 475 local partner organisations in Africa, Asia and the Middle East, Latin America and the Caribbean. Last year every £1 donated was spent as follows: 45p on long term development, 31p on emergencies and disasters, 10p on campaigning, advocacy and education, 14p on fundraising. For every £1 Spent on fund raising another £7 is raised for Christian Aid's work.

Background Workers



The repair work on the exterior of the church was well publicised and visual so everyone knew it was happening. But who is aware of the essential routine maintenance that goes on around the church and halls. For example, replacing light bulbs, repairing faulty toilets, internal and external paintwork and minor electrical repairs and also keeping the grounds clean and tidy.

Currently the Ladies Room is undergoing a makeover by members of the Fabric Committee and others and during the summer work will be done around the halls. Examples of this work are putty around the windows, painting fascias, repainting car park lines, repairing gutter leaks, cleaning heating system etc., etc. The list goes on and is all down to a small group of willing volunteers who give their time and talents to save the church employing contractors. Only a few hours a week and it is amazing what can be achieved. Jobs can be arranged to suit volunteers, be it morning, afternoon or evening. **If you would like to help please contact David Tinto, Fabric Convener, either at church or 07510 307733.**

Praise Gathering 2018

Praise Gathering 2018 in Perth Concert Hall on Saturday 16 June and in Glasgow Royal Concert Hall on Sunday 24 June. Tickets are now on sale from the respective Box Offices - Perth: 01738 621031, www.horsecross.co.uk and Glasgow: 0131 353 8000, www.glasgowconcerthalls.com

Session Report



At our Session Meeting in May it was intimated that Lynn Hay has decided to step down from her role as Church Secretary. This is a position that Lynn has held for 15 years and her main responsibility has been providing administrative support to our Nursery. Lynn has been an integral part of the nursery team for all of this time, as well as serving as the main point of contact for the Church through the Church Office.

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

You will probably see a “Situations Vacant” elsewhere in the magazine, as we seek to recruit to this position. It is hoped that over the summer months we will be successful in this process, with a view to a transition at the start of the new session. If this is a role that you think you may be interested in, or you know of someone who might be interested, please don't hesitate to contact either myself or Fiona Leishman for more information.

Our next Session Meeting is on Wednesday 13th June. I mentioned in last month's magazine that this is an open meeting and members of the congregation and all of our organisations are encouraged to attend. Our guest speaker on the evening is Bill Gray from Glasgow Presbytery, who will be talking to us about various aspects of World Mission. We will also include the Annual Stated Meeting in our evening, where the summary of our accounts to December 2017 will be presented.

The meeting will take place in the Church Halls at 7.30pm and I hope you are able to take the time to join us.

Kind Regards

Gordon Morrison, Session Clerk

Do You Know A Teddy Who's Brave Enough?

This year St Mary's is taking a full part in the Canal Festival and we are giving the opportunity for brave teddies to be parachuted from half way up the tower during the afternoon of Sunday 26th August.



All teddies who take part will receive a certificate to confirm their bravery. If your teddy is not fit enough for parachuting we will have some brave teddies here who are just waiting to be adopted and be allowed to parachute off the tower before being taken home by their new guardian.

If you do not have your own teddy please encourage the teddies who live with your grandchildren or great grandchildren to come along and have a go.

You have two months to train up your Teddy and more information will be available nearer the time.

St Boisil of Melrose - patron saint for ordinands?

Have you ever noticed how life-enhancing good ministers are? St. Boisil (d.c.661) should be their patron saint. He did nothing spectacular, but he did everything that mattered. Boisil was a monk who became abbot of Melrose, in the Irish monastic tradition. Boisil knew about God – he had spent years in study, and this earned him respect. Boisil walked with God – his transparent holiness made people love and trust him. Boisil could hear God speak – he was so open to God's Spirit that he was even given the gift of prophecy, which is God speaking through one person into specific situations in other people's lives.

Knowledge of God, obedience to God, and a prophetic gift from God. It is faithful Christians such as Boisil who have kept the Church going over the centuries. Sadly, in 661 Boisil caught the plague. He spent his last hours on earth reading St John's gospel with Cuthbert, another Celtic monk, who also caught the plague. Boisil prophesied that Cuthbert would live, but that he would die.

But this did not trouble him: Boisil knew in whom he believed, and was looking forward to finally seeing his beloved Master, face to face.

The 'Other' Mary

A new film about her has stimulated fresh interest in one of the most elusive characters in the New Testament story, Mary Magdalene. I saw the film recently and personally found it disappointing. How do you make a rather boring film about such a fascinating person? Was she, as widely believed, a prostitute converted by Jesus? Probably not. Did she wash the feet of Jesus and dry them with her hair? Again, probably not. Was she the sister of Lazarus, whom Jesus raised from the dead (as the film assumes)? Again, not proven. But amidst all the assumptions we actually know a lot about her, clearly recorded in the Gospels. On her saint's day (July 23rd) this year) it would be best to concentrate on them, rather than guesswork.

She is mentioned by name 14 times in the New Testament - more often than almost all the other disciples. Jesus 'delivered' her from seven demons (in first century terms, an awful mental or moral condition), and she then led a group of women disciples who travelled with Jesus and supported Him out of their own resources (Luke 8:1-3). Most significantly of all, the unanimous testimony of the Gospels is that Mary was with the mother of Jesus at the cross, helped with His burial, and was the first human being to see and speak with the risen Christ (John 20:11-18). At the command of Jesus, she went and told the apostles, but they wouldn't believe her, because she was a woman. How times change! As He was dying, Jesus made provision for His mother's future care. As soon as He was raised from death, He provided the 'other' Mary in His life with the assurance of His risen humanity - and made her the 'apostle to the apostles'.

The Publications Committee

The Publications Committee wishes everyone a good summer, with plenty of sunshine. Thank you to all who have contributed over the past few months and we hope to 'see' more of you in September.

The Parishioner

As there is no Parishioner during the months of July and August, copy for the September issue 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 19 August.**

N.B. As usual this is one week early so that organisations can have their new session starting dates inserted.

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

The Parishioner Online

Missed or lost your copy of the Parishioner ... why not go to www.stmaryskirkintilloch.org.uk and see this month's copy.

Stephen McKean, Webmaster, has built up previous issues online so you can look back on past copies. Also if you wish any news or information to be put on the website over the summer months please e-mail webmaster@stmaryskirkintilloch.org.uk and we will put these on the News page of the website.

Prayer to our unchanging Father God

Gracious Father,

You created us. You know us through and through and still you love us. Because of Jesus' death and resurrection, you accept us and call us your children when we put our trust in Him. In this world of change and uncertainty you are our still point. You know our names, you provide for us and have good plans for us. We are completely safe and secure in you. How wonderful that is! Thank you loving Father.

In Jesus name, Amen.

The Church Florists

They have done splendidly!
Through many hours
No moistened eye did see
So many flowers!
The rainbow's range of hues -
The yellows, reds, and blues
They are, with love and care all used
By skillful florists!

Treasurer's Report

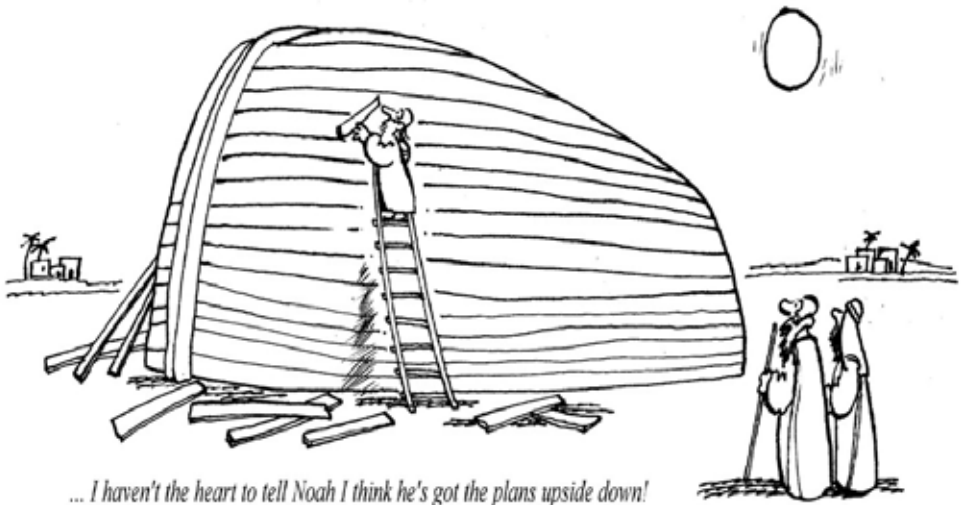
APRIL OFFERING

| DATE | FREEWILL OFFERING | GIFT AID | OPEN PLATE | STANDING ORDERS |
|----------------------------|----------------------|----------------|---------------|--------------------|
| 01.04.18 | 295.50 | 789.60 | 248.72 | |
| 08.04.18 | 293.00 | 263.00 | 66.00 | |
| 15.04.18 | 526.00 | 598.50 | 154.05 | |
| 22.04.18 | 172.00 | 535.00 | 90.50 | |
| 29.04.18 | 551.00 | 580.00 | 203.54 | |
| Standing orders | | | | 4176.00 |
| TOTAL | 1837.50 | 2766.10 | 762.81 | 4176.00 |
| Total for the Month | | 9542.41 | | |

RECEIPTS AND DONATIONS Received
during April

with thanks and gratitude for your consideration of our Church

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| Donations to Parishioner and Life & Work | 30.00 |
| St Marys Guild Donation to Special Projects Fund | 400.00 |
| Donation to Fabric Fund | 20.00 |
| Donation to Special Projects Fund | 100.00 |
| Donation from Tuesday Ladies Badminton Club to Special Projects Fund | 400.00 |



Who Picked My Tea?

In the UK we love our tea. Every day we drink 165 million cups, yet few of us know about the people behind it.

Many of the most popular British blends include tea from Assam in India, famous for its high quality and distinctive taste.

But sadly, the people who pick it are paid poverty wages. They live in appalling conditions, are afraid to speak up and have no way out.

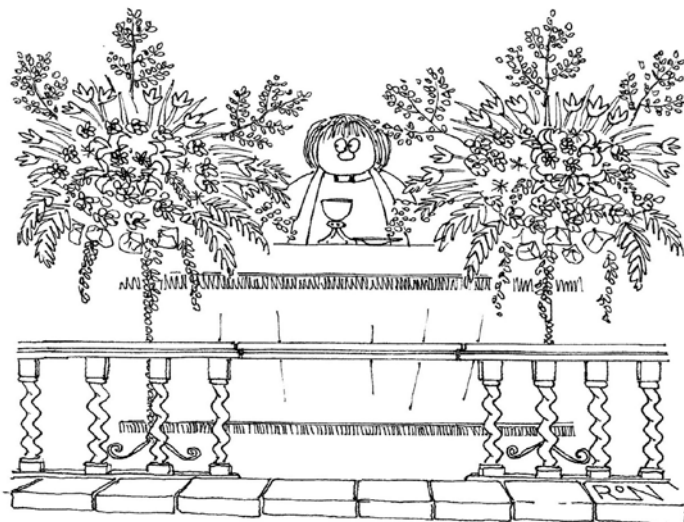
But we can do something about this.

The biggest British tea brands – PG Tips, Twinings, Typhoo, Yorkshire Tea and Tetley– all buy tea from Assam. They are well aware of the situation of the workers, but they aren't doing enough to challenge it.

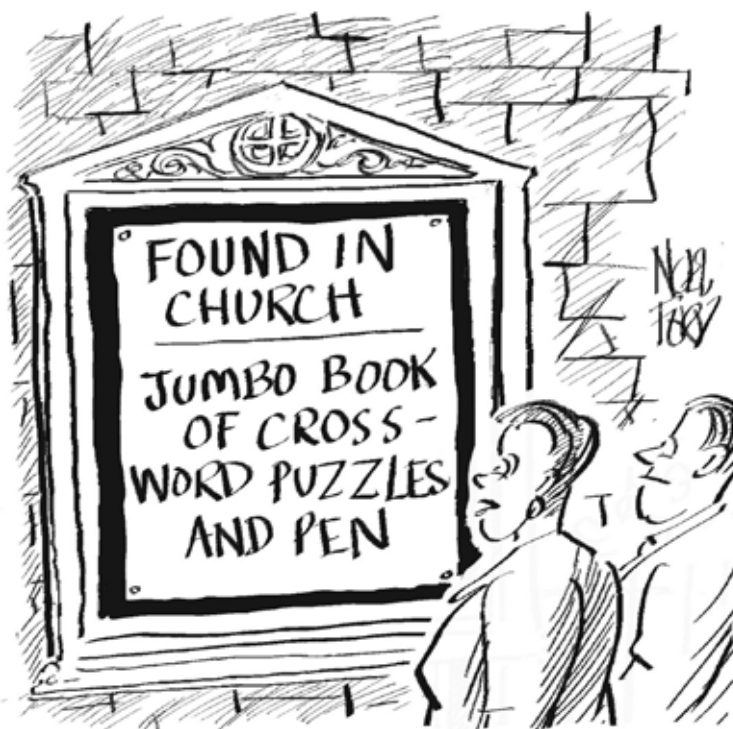
Now it's time for change. An important first thing they can do is to tell us which estates they buy their tea from. Transparency like this would allow consumers – and more importantly people in Assam – to hold companies to account. The more of us who speak up, the more the brands will listen. So please ask the big tea brands: Who picked my tea?

Thanks

Fairtrade Group



The flower ladies pulled out all the stops



"It'll be interesting to see if anyone has the nerve to claim them."

The Widow's little coins



JESUS OFTEN TOLD STORIES WITH HIDDEN MEANINGS



ONCE JESUS WAS WATCHING PEOPLE BRINGING GIFTS TO THE TEMPLE

HE SAW THE RICH PEOPLE BRINGING THEIR MONEY



THEY MADE A BIG FUSS

THE PROUD PEOPLE WANTED EVERYONE TO SEE HOW RICH THEY WERE.



THEY MADE SURE EVERYONE COULD SEE THEM PUTTING THEIR MONEY IN THE BOX



BUT THEN JESUS WATCHED A POOR WIDOW CREEP UP TO THE TEMPLE...

...AND DONATE TWO SMALL COPPER COINS.



"THE WIDOW HAS GIVEN THE GREATEST GIFT", EXPLAINED JESUS. "IT IS WORTH SO MUCH MORE THAN ALL THE RICH PEOPLE'S GIFTS!" see Luke 21.1-4

Meryl Streep Tom Hanks

The Post



MOVIE MOMENTS

Nick and Carol Pollard from EthosMedia.org share thought-provoking reflections on the latest films.

The Right Risk?

Is a risk-taker a hero or a fool? For many, it simply depends upon whether the risk paid-off. Steven Spielberg's film *The Post* could perhaps cause us to reconsider that assumption.

Set in the time of Richard Nixon's presidency of the USA, the story begins with the military analyst, Daniel Ellsberg, so disgusted by the government's deception about the under-resourcing of soldiers in the Vietnam war that he copies top-secret documents - the Pentagon Papers. Eventually these pass to the editor of the Washington Post, Ben Bradlee (Tom Hanks), who asks the paper's owner, Kay Graham (Meryl Streep), to approve their publication, despite a restraining order that could get her indicted for contempt of court. In nail-biting scenes, as the print room waits, she must decide whether to take the risk of fighting for freedom of the press.

Kay has much to lose; not only for herself but also for all women, because many doubt a woman can run a newspaper. If she takes the risk and it pays off she could be a hero, but if it doesn't then she would be the fool who damaged the advancement of women in the workplace. The fundamental question is whether a decision to take a risk should be calculated on the odds of success, or on a point of principle.

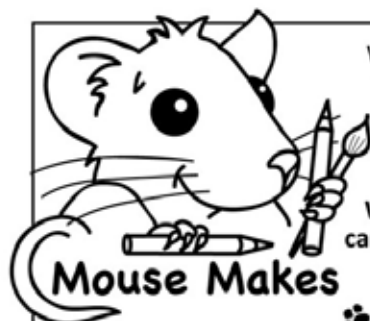


Spielberg builds the tension brilliantly. And with a device reminiscent of the red-coated girl in his award-winning *Schindler's List*, this film has its own little girl, Bradlee's daughter, starting her life as an entrepreneur. Perhaps, the value of risk-taking should not be assessed by looking back at consequences, but by looking forward into the type of world we can build together if we remain true to our strongly held beliefs.

**ETHOS
MEDIA**.org

EthosMedia.org provides free resources to help people explore spiritual, moral, social and cultural issues through the latest feature films.





Which animal did Noah
let out of the ark first?

Genesis 8:7

What plague of animals
came out of the River Nile?

Exodus 8:6

What insects did John
eat in the wilderness?

Matthew 3:4

Which animal can
we learn from ?

Proverbs 6:6

Which bird did the
Holy Spirit appear as?

Luke 3:22

Which animal did
Jesus ride on?

Matthew 21:7

DID YOU KNOW?



Four of the miracles
Jesus performed
were to do with fish.

1. Feeding of the 5000
Matthew 14:15-21
2. The coin in the
fish's mouth
Matthew 17:24-27
3. When Jesus called
His first disciples
Luke 5:4-11
4. At the Sea of Galilee
after Jesus'
resurrection
John 21:4-11



Which
animal
goes with
which bible character?



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|----------|-------------|
| LAMB | HOLY SPIRIT |
| LIONS | BALAAM |
| LOCUSTS | JESUS |
| DOVE | JONAH |
| RAVENS | PAUL |
| BIG FISH | SOLOMON |
| DONKEY | DANIEL |
| BEES | ELIJAH |
| SNAKE | JOHN |
| PEACOCK | SAMSON |

DID YOU KNOW?

There are
four animals that are
small but the Bible says
are extremely wise...
the ANT, the HYRAX,
the LOCUST and
the LIZARD.

Look up
Proverbs 30:24-28
to find out why.



DOG CAME LAMB G A
P L I Z A R D O V E Q N N
F Q P E A C O C K G O A T
I U R A V E N U S X D T F
S A B U L L K S H E E P R
H I S N A K E T E O E I O
L I O N H Y R A X R G G

Find the animals
in the word search

SHEEP • GOAT • LION • LAMB
DONKEY • RAVEN
SNAKE • DOVE
LOCUST • QUAIL • HYRAX
CAMEL • DEER • FISH • FROG
GNAT • PEACOCK
ANT • OX • LIZARD
DOG • PIG • BULL



Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
Ex.19:3-9,20:1-21,24:7,12-18,32:1-25,34:1-9

God rescued the Hebrew people from Egypt and led them to Sinai mountain. There He offered them a contract....

Keep My rules, and you will be My people and I will be your God and protect you.



We promise to do what You tell us and worship only You.

Moses climbed the mountain. God gave him two stone slabs with the contract on them.



Then God and Moses talked ... for 40 days and nights

Meanwhile...



Aaron, that Moses isn't coming back. We can't worship something we can't see.



Make us something we can worship

So Aaron made a gold bull and the people went wild.



God told Moses...

Your people are already worshipping a statue.



Moses was so angry he smashed the contract slabs



It's not my fault, they made me do it.

God, please, please forgive Your people.



So God forgave His people and gave Moses two more contract slabs.



The Rectory . . .

St James the Least – On the perils of ladies cleaning the church My dear Nephew Darren

And so once again we start the annual round of parish treats. While the bell-ringers prefer public houses, and the choirboys want fast food outlets, the Ladies' Guild are centred on lavatories. The itinerary is unchangeable: Coach drive to coffee stop and lavatory. Coach drive to luncheon stop and lavatory. Coach drive to some arbitrary attraction – provided it has a tea shop and lavatory. Coach trip home with a lavatory (stop en route).

A sub-committee will have been hard at work for the previous six months deciding where to visit. The most disastrous course of action is to present the group with a choice; if two options are provided, they will attract almost equal numbers in favour, thus ensuring that half of the group will rejoice in saying throughout the day that the other option would have been preferable. When it comes to decision-making, Stalin had a lot going for him.

My predecessor in this parish left me a terrible legacy; he always accompanied the Guild on their day out, thus obliging me to do the same. I do, however, travel equipped with armaments. "The Times" crossword rules out any possibility of conversation for at least the first two hours. Three years ago, Mrs Phillips had the audacity to look over my shoulder and give me 12 across; she will not make that mistake again. A brief nap after these intellectual exertions, assuring those around me that I am meditating

on the theme for next Sunday's sermon, ensures a morning almost free from having to comment on the weather, other members of the party, or why I so rarely drop in on the Pram Service.

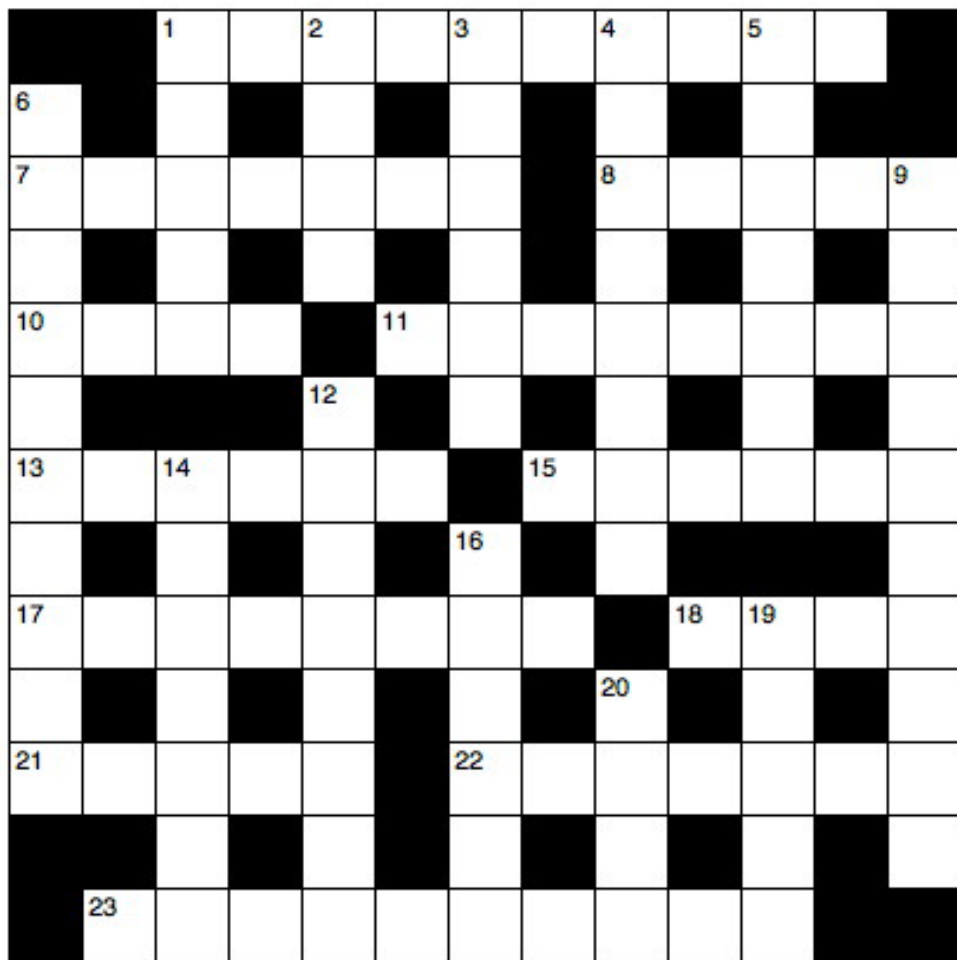
The ideal destination is one where I have a clerical colleague, so while the ladies wander about, shop and analyse why I still wear the same suit I arrived in 30 years ago, we have an agreeable afternoon assassinating the characters of bishops and archdeacons and bemoaning the standards of a new generation of curates. After our different therapies, we all re-assemble at the coach for the return journey.

Naturally, there is the traditional wait for those who have forgotten where the coach park is. As far as I am concerned, a deficit of less than 10% should be entirely acceptable. I can think of several husbands who may be rather thankful that their wives may not be back as soon as they had feared.

Our ladies return, invigorated with the thought of all the bits of information about other members in the party that can be discreetly shared over the telephone, while I am exhausted from 12 hours of attempting to be polite. Meanwhile the sub-committee gets a date in the diary for planning next year's lavatorial sequence.

Your loving uncle, Eustace

Crossword



Across

- 1 Proverbs describes her as being 'of noble character' (Proverbs 31:10) (4)
- 3 'Shall we go up again — — against the Benjamites, our brothers?' (Judges 20:23) (2,6)
- 8 A descendant of Shem (Genesis 10:28) (4)
- 9 'Anyone who does not carry his cross and follow me cannot be my — ' (Luke 14:27) (8)
- 11 Resentment(Ephesians 4:31)(10)
- 14 In Cain(anag.)(6)
- 15 'Such knowledge is too

Continued overleaf

- wonderful for me, too
lofty for me to—' (Psalm
139:6) (6)
- 17 Intense (1 Thessalonians
4:5)(10)
- 20 Third Order of the
Roman Catholic
Church(8)
- 21 'At midnight the cry
rang out, "Here's the
bridegroom! Come out to
— him"' (Matthew 25:6)
(4)
- 22 'My grace is sufficient
for you, for my power is
made perfect in — ' (2
Corinthians 12:9) (8)
- 23 'As the — pants for
streams of water, so my
soul pants for you, O
God' (Psalm 42:1) (4)

- 6 Kind (1 Chronicles 12:33)
(4)
- 7 'Open your — and look at
the fields!' (John 4:35)
(4)
- 10 Also known as the Feast
of Lights (John10:22)(10)
- 12 Area that saw the
healing of two demon
- possessed men and a
herd of pigs stampeding
to their deaths (Matthew
8:28) (8)
- 13 Forebear(James2:21)(8)
- 16 Name given to the
first two books of the
Apocrypha(6)
- 18 Esau sold his birthright
for this (Genesis25:34)(4)
- 19 Rear(anag.)(4)

Down

- 1 Nickname of popular First
World War chaplain,
the Revd G.A. Studdert
Kennedy, — Willie (8)
- 2 Occasion of religious joy
(Lamentations 2:22) (5,3)
- 4 'We three kings of — are'
(6)
- 5 Allegation or charge (Jude
9) (10)



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 |
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| 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 |
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| 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 | Moir MacNeill |
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| 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 | Haylea O'Brien |
| | 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 |
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| Thursday | Nursery | Church Halls | 8.30-11.45am | Joanne MacDonald |
| | Flower Circle (Alternate Weeks) | Mid Hall | 7.30-9pm | Elizabeth Walker |
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| 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 | Moir MacNeill |

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