

The Parishioner

November 2018

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Pastoral Letter

Dear Friends,

As the evenings grow in length, the clock falls back and the winter snaps into action we hear the Chancellor of the Exchequer issue his Autumn Budget.

Were you a winner or a loser?

Do you agree with the additional money to schools? Do you agree with the additional money to repair 'pot-holes' in the roads?

There are probably as many opinions on the budget as there are people affected by it.

Money, the use of money and the longing after money are often addressed in the Bible.

Consider the Old Testament book of Proverbs. Chapter twenty-two verse seven says **'The rich**

'whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully'

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rule over the poor, and the borrower is the slave to the lender! Look at Proverbs. At

chapter fifteen verse twenty-two you can read **'Without council plans fail, but with many advisors they succeed'**.

In the New Testament you can read in Timothy chapter six verse ten, **'The love of money is the root of all kinds of evil'**.

Please note, it is the love of money, not money itself that is the root of all kinds of evil.

I believe this is important. The Bible recognises the importance of money. It recognises how it can be used for good or ill. The Bible sees that money can be a blessing and a curse.

It is desperate when we see people who truly do not have enough to make ends meet.

With Christmas approaching some families will worry about how they may manage to prepare a meal, purchase gifts and have a simple but 'good' Christmas. For some folks living on their own there will be anxiety as the nights get longer and the temperature drops and the need for additional heating

or lighting begins to escalate their living cost.

The Christian is called to be wise in the use of their money. There is a call to careful living but there is also a call to generosity. In second Corinthians chapter nine you can read at verse six these words. **'The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully'**

Looking at the rich list. Warren Buffet the American business man is worth 81.5 American Dollars. He said, "If you are in the luckiest 1% of humanity, you owe it to the rest of humanity to think about the other 99%."

We are unlikely to be in the top 1%, but even if we have more than we need can we be generous. If we do not have enough can we be gracious to receive?

Kindest regards

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Parish Register

Baptisms

'Jesus said 'Let the children come to me, for as such is the Kingdom of heaven' . . . he placed his hand upon them and blessed them.'

- Oct. 07 **Oscar Jamie Lamb**, son of Duncan and Sheryl
28 **Willow Knight**, daughter of Nicola and William

Apologies to Karen and David McCallum for the wrong spelling of Ruairidh's name in October Parishioner.

The Lord bless you, and keep you: the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you: the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.

Weddings

'God is love and those who dwell in love dwell in God and God in them'

We celebrated the marriage of:

- Oct. 06 Gillian Irwin and Jack Pollock
13 Katie Malcolm and Stewart Bell

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'

- Oct. 04 Dr Norman Grant Fraser, Campsie View Care Home,
Kirkintilloch
24 James Lamb, 9 Park Crescent, Bishopbriggs
29 James Lynch, 4 Salford Place, Kirkintilloch

Golden Wedding

James and Lesley Hood celebrated 50 years of marriage on 16 October

Diamond Wedding

Kenneth and Mamie Darroch celebrated 60 years of marriage on 31 October.

Congratulations and very best wishes are sent to both couples from the congregation of St Mary's.

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 25 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 Margaretann Dougall, is available in the office Monday to Friday 8.30am – 12.30pm 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: office.stmarys@btconnect.com



Church Flowers

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

November 11	Mrs J. McCann, The Fisher Family, Mrs I. Shanks, Miss E Cousin, Mrs M Maule
18	Mr I. Young, Mr Mrs J. McIsaac, Mrs R. Smith, Mrs I. McCrae
December 02	Mrs S. Gow, Mr Mrs G Day

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

November 11/18	Mrs V Carmichael, Mrs M Stirling
25	Mrs R. Garrity, Mrs J Reid
25)	Mrs J Kempself, Mr M Malcolm
December 02)	

Thank you acknowledgements have been received from the following people who received Chancel

Flowers during the month of October.

Mr Mrs J. McIsaac, Mrs M. Cope, Mrs B. Pate, Mr Mrs J. Dickson, Mr A. Henderson, Mrs R. Garrity, Mrs M. Young, Mrs M. Wilson, Mrs J. Ferguson, Mrs E. Eddy on behalf of her Mum Mrs Jessie Smith, Mrs M. Fyfe, Miss A. Tassie, Mrs A. Pearson, Mrs K. Storey, Miss M. Weir, Mrs I. Hay, Mrs N. McMillan, Mrs M. Stewart, Mrs J. Goskirk, Mr Mrs G. Morrison, Mrs J. Morrison, Mrs A. Frame, Mr Mrs D. McCallum, Mrs V. Hogg, Mrs M. Darroch, Mrs S. Robertson, Mrs B. Wallace, Miss J. Sutherland, Mrs M. Stewart, Mrs N. Houston, Mrs C. Hickey, Mrs E. Donnelly, Mrs J. Paterson, J & L Hood, Mrs M Lang, Mrs M Beattie, Mr Mrs R Dewar, Mrs S Wilson, Mr Mrs M Roberts, Mr Mrs L Wilson, Mrs D More, Mr Mrs K Lamb, Mrs M Hardie.

I wish to thank all who have given so generously towards the Chancel flowers in the month of October. To all who give of their time to arrange the flowers and deliver them, without which we could not bring so many blessings to all who receive them.

Janice Reid

Remembering the end of World War One

This year Remembrance Sunday (11th November) marks the centenary of the end of World War One. Of the 65 million men who were mobilized, 8.5 million were killed and a further 21 million wounded. Wilfred Owen wrote of those 'who die as cattle.'



How should we celebrate this anniversary? In remembering the Armistice, our response should be to desire Micah's vision of universal peace in our world: 'They will beat their swords into ploughshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore.' (Micah 4:3).

However, why keep asking God for peace, when we continue to see such violence and unrest in our world? The Bible makes it clear that peace is not just the absence of war or being untroubled. It means being in a right relationship with God through Jesus Christ, with other people and with wider society. Of course, Micah's words are looking to end of time when God will make all things new in His universal kingdom. However, these promises also can speak to us now. The ministry of Jesus demonstrated the kingdom or reign of God breaking into the everyday, as He healed the sick and brought reconciliation and hope. When we pray for peace, we're rejecting the 'old order of things', of violence and war and asking God to make His kingdom real today. We're citizens of the new kingdom, reshaping the old. The end of the centenary of World War 1 is a time to consider peace. Although the war did not bring a lasting peace to the world, for the Christian there's a deeper lesson: peace begins with the healing of hearts, the restoring of relationships and with a deep, costly commitment to justice.



The Bells of St Mary's October / November 2018

November	04	Paul Malcolm and Lesley Bevens
	11	Mary Stirling and Jen Biggans
	18	Fiona and Mhairi Green and Olivia Fotheringham
	25	Mary Stirling and Lesley Bevens
December	02	Lisa and Daniel Malloy-Gibson

Friday Fellowship

Friday Fellowship meets every second Friday evening 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	09	Margaret Wheldon – Harmony Group
	23	Christmas is Coming (Social Committee)
Dec	07	Bob Tomlinson – When Santa Comes to Call – CHAS
	14	Christmas Dinner



Listeners Circle

The next meeting of the Listeners Circle will be on Friday 16 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 Friday Fellowship Ladies.

The Flower Circle

The Flower Circle Coffee Morning is on Saturday 01 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 25 November and 02 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 25 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.**



Open Doors for Christmas

The final Open Doors of the year will take place on Wednesday 5th December. This will be a special opening, with the Church being decorated and live Christmas Organ Music played over lunch time. Tea and coffee provided as usual, but for this opening soup and sandwiches will also be available. The music and food will be available from 12.15pm.



Advent Lunch



On Sunday 9th December there will be a lunch after the service. The lunch, provided by Table13, will comprise two courses, followed by 'something nice'. Tickets will be on sale from Sunday 18th November. £1 to reserve your place and a donation on the day.

Open Doors 2019

Thanks to all those who have made the Church openings since May so successful. We have had visitors each time we have opened and the comments received about the Church being very complimentary. The Church will not open in January and February, but will return with the daffodils in the spring ready for another successful year. The sheet for volunteers to sign will be available on Sunday 6th January 2019.



Gift Service



This year our Gift Service will take place on Sunday 09 December. You will be offered the choice of donating your gift to various organisations:



Labels and envelopes(money tree) will be available to pick up on Sunday 25 November should you choose to make a monetary donation. These will be for the nominated charities for 2018/19.

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.

Session Report



You will remember in last month's Parishioner I reported that we had been cited to attend the General Meeting of Glasgow Presbytery on the 9th of October. I wanted to take this time to provide a brief update on proceedings since that date.

I attended the Presbytery meeting, along with our Presbytery Elder, Garry Burns. We had expected the Stewardship & Finance Committee to present a full report with regard to our current financial shortfall, but instead they simply reported that they wished to discuss matters further with our Kirk Session. So, although we were cited to attend Presbytery, there were no substantive discussions with regard to St Mary's. Instead, Presbytery agreed that the meeting with our Kirk Session should take place and the Stewardship & Finance Committee were instructed to bring their full report to Presbytery in December. The meeting with our Kirk Session has been arranged for Wednesday 7th November and it is anticipated that the Presbytery Clerk will be in attendance, along with representatives of the Stewardship & Finance Committee. This is an additional meeting of the Kirk Session, which will be constituted for this one item of business. Our regular Session Meeting for November will take place the following week, on the 14th, as previously planned.

I would hope to be in a position to provide a further update on progress in December, but in the meantime if you would like any additional information, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

With thanks and kind regards,

Gordon Morrison, Session Clerk

Treasurer's Report

SEPTEMBER OFFERING

DATE	FREEWILL OFFERING	GIFT AID	OPEN PLATE	STANDING ORDERS
02.09.18	515.50	539.00	254.05	
09.09.18	218.50	462.50	280.50	
16.09.18	505.20	495.50	324.21	
23.09.18	336.00	656.50	138.00	
30.09.18	486.00	508.50	208.92	
Standing orders				3595.00
TOTAL	2061.20	2662.00	1205.68	3595.00
Total for the Month		9523.88		

RECEIPTS AND DONATIONS Received During September

with thanks and gratitude for your consideration of our Church

Donation for Church Funds	160.00
Alzheimer Scotland for Hall Let	261.00
Donation from St Mary's Country Dance Class	360.00
Fabric Fund Donation	10.00
Donation to Parishioner	10.00
Harvest Thanksgiving Monetary Donations	245.00
Donation from The Decker Family following the recent wedding	500.00
Anonymous Donation to Church Funds	100.00
Donation to Special Projects Fund	500.00

Editor: This is the month we remember soldiers and war. So here is a prayer written by an anonymous Confederate soldier in the American Civil War. What he says applies to all of us fighting our own private battles in life.

The Soldier's Prayer

I asked God for strength, that I might achieve,
I was made weak, that I might learn humbly to obey.
I asked for health, that I might do greater things,
I was given infirmity, that I might do better things.
I asked for riches, that I might be happy,
I was given poverty, that I might be wise.
I asked for power, that I might have the praise of men,
I was given weakness, that I might feel the need of God.
I asked for all things, that I might enjoy life,
I was given life, that I might enjoy all things.
I got nothing that I asked for –
But everything that I had hoped for,
Almost despite myself, my unspoken prayers were answered.
I am among all men most richly blessed.



With the advent of Winter, the vicar's thoughts turned to the urgent study of arcane and esoteric texts



The new ringers were Plain Bob, Unsightly Eric, Downright Ugly George, and Janet

Colouring In . . .



New Ways of being Church Your Are Invited . . .

Some Questions we may ask as we think about our faith
and the life of the Church in Kirkintilloch.

What is our vision? Where are we going?

How can we make a difference?

**How can we touch the lives of people in the
community?**

How do we get folk over the threshold of the church?

How can we deepen our faith?

How can we get to know one another better ?

How or why do we pray?

**How do we respond to the Big Issues
in our lives and the life of the world?**

Perhaps we could make a start by coming together as a
group to explore and discuss some of these questions
using the theme

***New ways of being Church; Church with an Open Door,
Open Heart and Open Mind.
Let us explore the issues together.***

Time and place to be arranged

Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
Mt 9:9-13, Mk 2:13-15, Lk 5:27-32

The Roman invaders had given the job of collecting their taxes to local Jews who also overcharged, so they were doubly hated.



Matthew had his tax office by Lake Galilee.

Jesus walked past, and said



Follow me

Matthew left everything and went with Jesus.



Matthew held a big feast and invited his friends so they could meet Jesus.



They were other tax collectors and bad people

The Pharisees saw Jesus eating with them.



They grumbled to Jesus' disciples.



Why is your teacher eating with all those bad people?

Jesus heard them and said



Who needs a doctor, healthy people or the sick?

Try reading 'keeping rules doesn't make up for not having kindness.' *



*Hosea 6:6

Hosea was talking about people who looked like they were following God's rules but were bad inside.



I have come for the people who need my help.

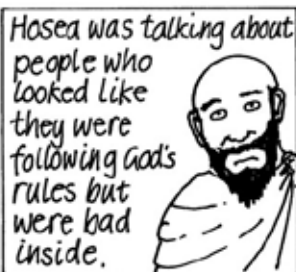
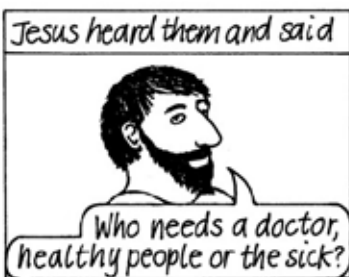
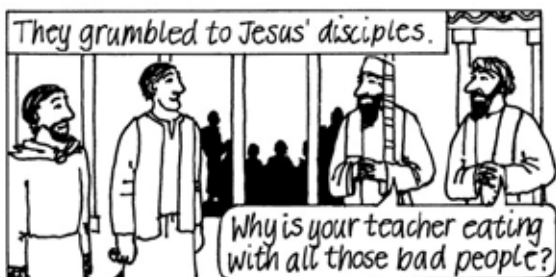
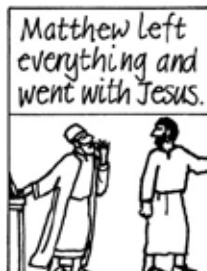


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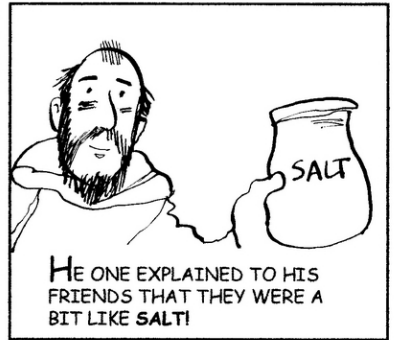
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The tale of the Salt and Light

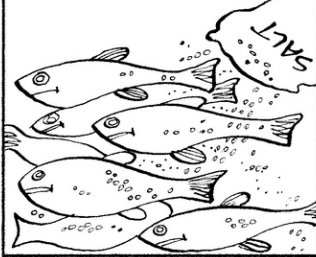


JESUS OFTEN TOLD
STORIES WITH
HIDDEN MEANINGS

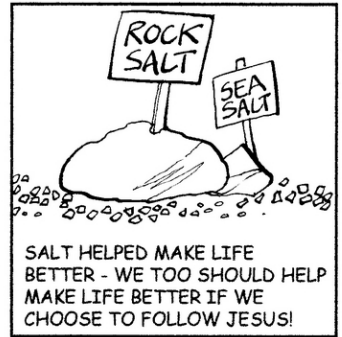


HE ONE EXPLAINED TO HIS
FRIENDS THAT THEY WERE A
BIT LIKE SALT!

IN JESUS' DAY, SALT WAS
VERY PRECIOUS. IT HELPED
PRESERVE FOOD....

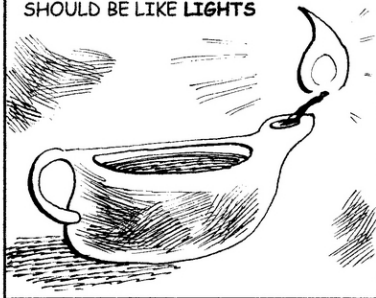


....AND SALT GAVE FLAVOUR.
IT WAS VERY USEFUL INDEED



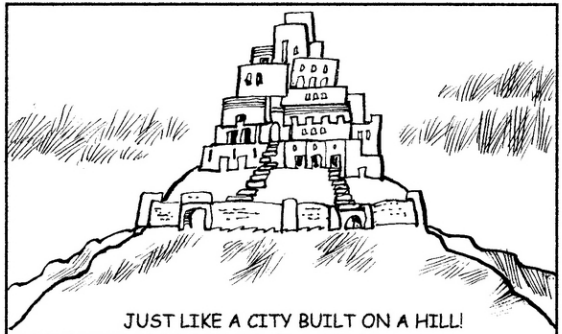
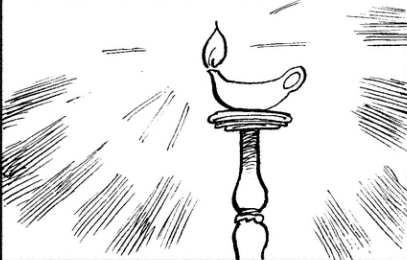
SALT HELPED MAKE LIFE
BETTER - WE TOO SHOULD HELP
MAKE LIFE BETTER IF WE
CHOOSE TO FOLLOW JESUS!

JESUS ALSO SAID HIS FOLLOWERS
SHOULD BE LIKE LIGHTS



'NOBODY LIGHTS A LAMP - THEN PUTS
IT UNDER A BOWL', SAID JESUS

THE WAY WE LIVE OUR LIVES AS
CHRISTIANS SHOULD BE AN EXAMPLE
TO THE REST OF THE WORLD.



JUST LIKE A CITY BUILT ON A HILL!

The Rectory . . .

My dear Nephew Darren

I am truly furious. I know that God has given clergy church councils, so they can have a better understanding of hell, but last night's meeting really was too much. The traps are always sprung under "any other business". Several hundred thousand pounds can be committed to repairing the tower without the slightest murmur, but if someone should suggest mending the tea urn under AOB, the meeting will close with blood on the carpets.

So it was yesterday evening. We had negotiated the tricky subject of not mentioning the verger when it was recorded that the cupboard containing the Communion wine will be kept locked in future. We had ever-so-gently sat on Mr Onions when he questioned whether it was biblical to hold raffles at our social evenings. We even smiled with equanimity when Lady Faversham grumbled about the damp Communion wafers.

But when our treasurer, after a long preamble about soaring house prices in the village, suggested that the 12 bedroomed Queen Anne Rectory be sold and housed in one of the "more convenient" potting sheds being built on the green, I did not expect near universal agreement from council members.

That the new Rectory would have all the aesthetic charm of a suburban bus shelter seemed to be irrelevant; that I would have to learn to have all my meals in one dining room, rather than rotate round the present three seemed to be of no concern; that my

dog would lose his own private suite passed them by entirely. This may be a case for calling in the Canine Protection Society.

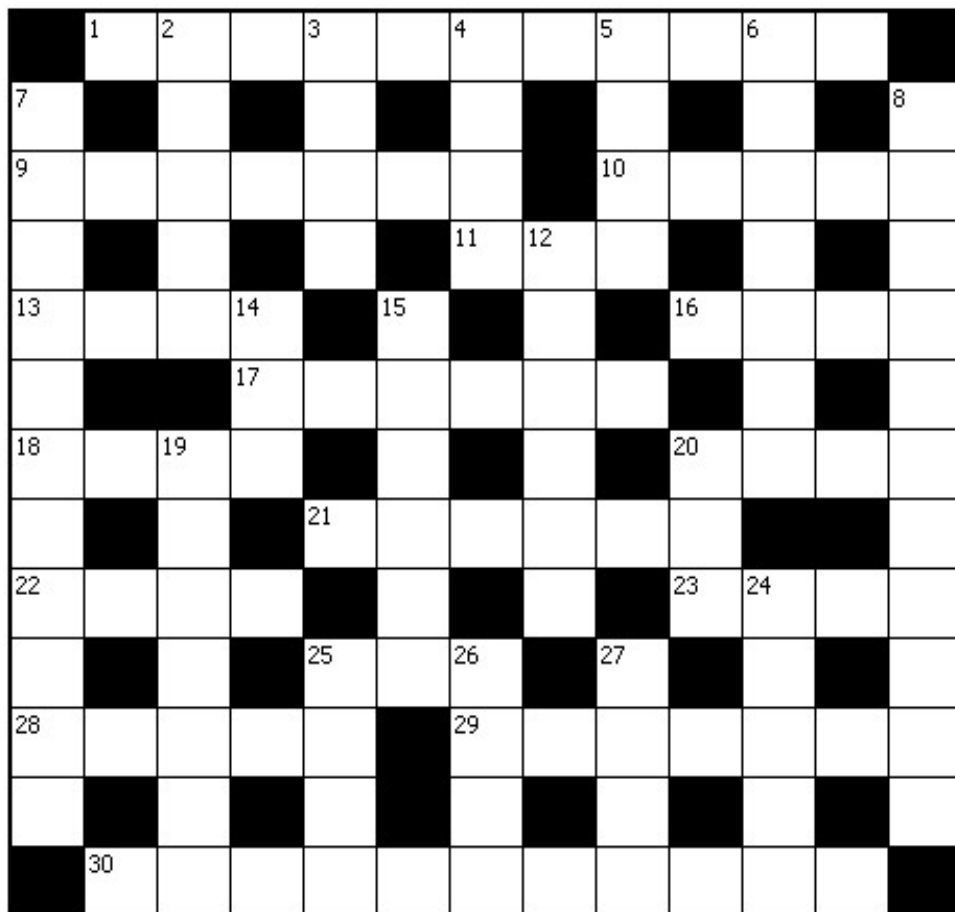
The thought that I would have to get used to a warm, dry house with 21st century plumbing does not bear contemplation. It is only the cold, damp accommodation with Victorian water closets that keeps parishioners and visiting clergy at bay.

It was a close struggle; here was an opportunity for council members to settle a few old scores. You could sense the gleam in Colonel Mitchell's eyes as he recalled losing the hiding place for his whisky when we removed his box pew 30 years ago; he has been obliged to listen to the sermon ever since. And as for Miss Throckmore, who was allocated to decorate the porch rather than the great east window for last year's Harvest, she leapt at the opportunity of condemning me to life in a cardboard box. You could also sense a certain satisfaction when parishioners realised they would then be able to keep an eye on my movements, since there would no longer be several acres of ground and privet hedges to maintain my privacy.

Fortunately, I negotiated some time when I mentioned that possible legal obstacles must be cleared first. In the meantime, I shall be writing to apply for grants to build a substantial moat round my present Rectory – provided it has a working drawbridge.

Your loving uncle, Eustace

Crossword



Across

- 1 and 20 Down Lord of all ...,
Lord of all..., whose trust, ever
child-like, no cares could
destroy (11,3)
- 9 Moses' question to a fighting
Hebrew labourer: Why are
you ... your fellow Hebrew?
(Exodus 2:13) (7)

- 10 Acclaimed cellist who
contracted multiple sclerosis
at the height of her fame,
Jacqueline ... (2,3)
- 11 At even ... the sun was set, the
sick, O Lord, around thee lay
(3)
- 13 A descendant of Gad
(Numbers 26:16) (4)

Continued overleaf

- 16 Do not leave Jerusalem, but
... for the gift my Father
promised
(Acts 1:4) (4)
- 17 Clambers (Jeremiah 48:44) (6)
- 18 Peter's response to
questioning by the Sanhedrin:
We must ...God rather than
men! (Acts 5:29) (4)
- 20 Christian paraplegic author,
artist and campaigner, ...
Eareckson Tada (4)
- 21 Bird partial to the nests of
other birds (6)
- 22 Such large crowds gathered
round him that he got into
a boat and sat ... (Matthew
13:2) (2,2)
- 23 Infectious tropical disease (4)
- 25 Tree (3)
- 28 No fear of me should ... you,
nor should my hand be heavy
upon you(Job 33:7) (5)
- 29 For example, to Titus, Timothy
or Philemon (7)
- 30 Week beginning with
Pentecost Sunday, according
to the Church's calendar (11)

Down

- 2 O Jerusalem, how ... I have
longed to gather your
children together (Matthew
23:37) (5)
- 3 Way out (4)

- 4 Exhort (Romans 12:1) (4)
- 5 Done (anag.) (4)
- 6 Highest of the four voice-parts
in a choir (7)
- 7 Concerning the study of God
(11)
- 8 Uniquely, it has Abbey,
Cathedral and Chapel (11)
- 12 Admonish (Matthew 16:22) (6)
- 14 Frozen (3)
- 15 Established form of religious
ceremony (6)
- 19 Inscription often found on
gravestones (7)
- 20 See 1 Across
- 24 Behaved (Joshua 7:1) (5)
- 25 Time (anag.) (4)
- 26 Lists choice of meals (4)
- 27 For the wages of sin is death,
but the ... of God is eternal life
in Christ Jesus (Romans 6:23)
(4)



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
	BB 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	Moir 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	Moir MacNeill

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