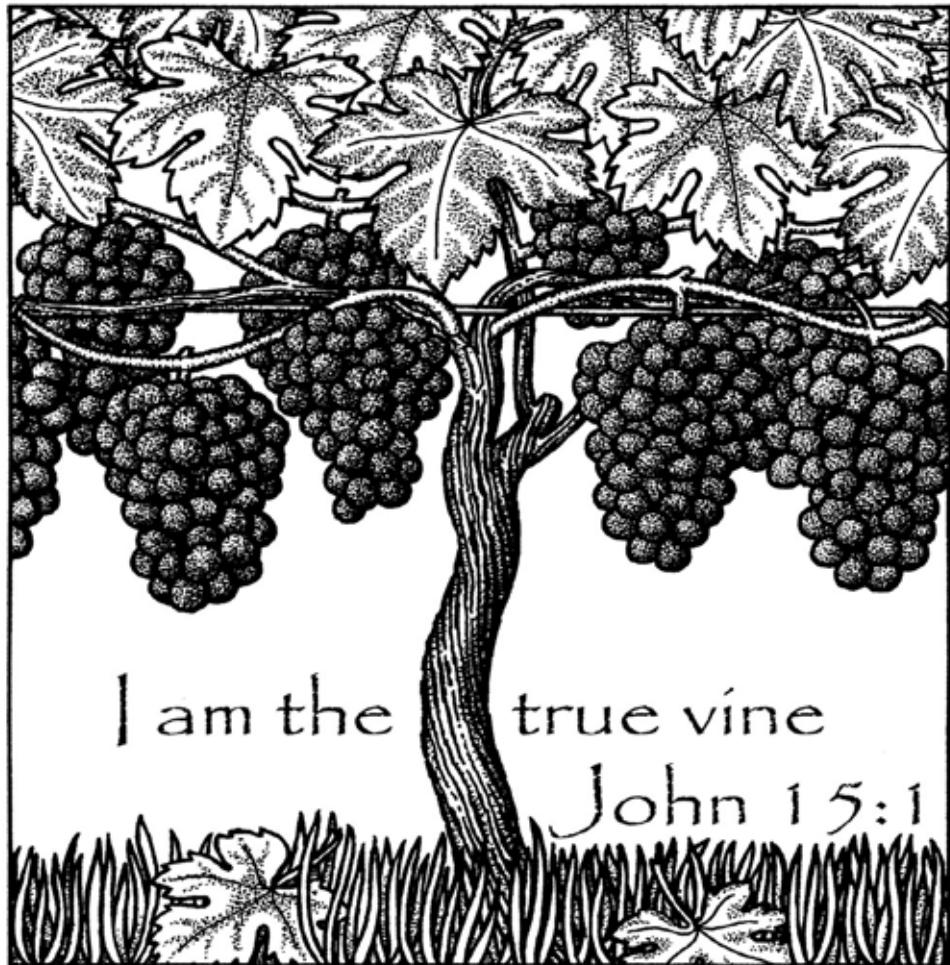


# The Parishioner

September 2018





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# Pastoral Letter

Dear Friends,

The summer has been a busy time. For some the opportunity to get away and relax may have resulted in an increased work load upon their return.

The Church does not stop in the summer. I am forever grateful to the folks who take time in the summer to tidy up, clean, repair and prepare the Church for the new session ahead.

One concern for the office bearers at St Mary's is the ongoing need to meet the financial requirements expected of us by the Church of Scotland centrally. We seek to increase income and reduce expenditure. We are aware any shortfall locally has an impact on the

**'Do not  
worry about  
tomorrow, for  
tomorrow will  
worry about  
itself.'**

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Church centrally.

Thank you for your on-going support. However, I am aware we would not be where we are had it not been for the legacy we inherit. The legacy we inherit is not only physical and financial it is importantly spiritual.

Looking at our legacy, I am reminded by a recent radio broadcast of the International Garden Festival that took place in Glasgow in 1988. I can remember taking part and leading a service in the Church and bringing people from all over to this significant event.

This year the Festival will be in France. I am not sure I knew of many other locations beyond Glasgow.

A significant part of this event was the legacy the festival would leave for the city. Beyond the Garden Festival, Glasgow has

hosted many significant events. Only last month the European Championships were hosted in Glasgow. Some folks involved in the commonwealth games were involved again.

Legacy is important. One contemporary writer said,

***'The legacy you leave behind is the life you lead today.'***

Legacy may encourage us to look forward, but we must act appropriately today. Act well today and you create a fitting inheritance for tomorrow.

Jesus said in Matthew chapter 6:34. ***'Do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.'***

Kindest regards

Mark J

*Mark.*



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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.'*

June	24	<b>Zach Robert Hoey</b> , son of Nicola and Robert
July	08	<b>Olivia Elizabeth Baikie</b> , daughter of Jennifer and Alan
	29	<b>Robbie Reid</b> , son of Louise and Robert
August	12	<b>Georgia Emma Kay Findlay &amp; Martin Russell John Findlay</b> , daughter and son of Martin and Samantha
	12	<b>Sofia Julia Guzman Laird &amp; Alejandra Mary Guzman Laird</b> , daughters of David and Adriana

*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:

June	09	Kim McDonald and Fraser Malcolm
August	04	Stephanie Letham and Chima Okoro

## 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'.

June	15	Janelle Cuthbert, Clachan of Campsie Care Home, Lennoxtown
	21	Kenneth Whitson
July	03	Grace Forrest, Bankview Care Home, Banknock
	14	Jane Edith Egan, 89 Kingsway, Kirkintilloch
	19	Lorna Learmouth, Hogganfield Care Home, Glasgow
	21	Sandra McFarlane, 61 Monkland Avenue, Kirkintilloch
	31	Thomas Irvine, 33 Clarinda Court, Kirkintilloch
August	01	Isabel Anderson, 1 Friarscroft, Kirkintilloch
	09	William (Bill) Niven, 46 St Columba Drive, Kirkintilloch
	17	Elizabeth (Betty) Burns, 1 Blackthorn Avenue, Lenzie



# Church Flowers

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

## **Communion**

September	02	Mrs B. Little, Mrs R. Stevenson, Miss E Cousin, Mrs M Clarkson
	09	Mrs M. Glennie, Mrs D. McMillan, Mrs J Stewart, Fisher Family
	16	Mrs C. Devine, Mr M Miller, Mrs B Cowie, J & A Marran
	23	Mr H. Biggans Mrs J. McKean, Mrs M Girault, Mrs A Differ, Mrs J Bett
	30	Mrs M. Malcolm, Mrs S Nicol, Mrs J Smith, Mrs M Wilson
October	07	Mrs A Pearson, Mrs E Cowie, Mrs N Bain, Mrs M Devine, Mrs E Henderson

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

September	02/09	Mrs D More, Mrs I Kennedy
	16/23	Mr G Burns, Miss E Cousin
	30 )	Mrs S Burns
October	07 )	Mrs B McEwen

Thank you letters are acknowledged from the following who received chancel flowers during the summer months.

Mrs A. Scott, Mrs A. Marran, Miss K. Owen, Mrs J. Stirling, Mr Mrs J. Nicol, Mrs N Fleming, Mr Mrs C. Cruickshanks, Mr Mrs E. Kerr, W. & G. McCall, Mrs M. Maule, Mrs E. Gillespie, Mrs E Cowie, Mr Mrs R. Smart, Mrs J. Jennings, Dr J. Redpath, Mrs I. Vernett, Miss J. Campbell, Mr Mrs W. Rodger, Mrs M. Devine, Mrs M. Wilson, Mrs M. Fyfe, Mrs J. Sinclair, Mrs M. Smith, Mr D. McFarlane, Miss D. Brown, Mr M. Miller, Mrs J. Corr, Mr Mrs B. Poynton, Mrs S. Gow, Mrs F. Leishman, Mr J. Lamb, Mrs M. Primrose, Mrs D. More, Mrs S. Robertson, Mrs J. Biggans, Mr Mrs B. Hannah, Mrs A. Frame, Mrs Joan Morrison, J & E Morrow.

I wish to thank our members who so generously gave towards the Chancel flowers over the summer, also those who took the time to deliver the beautiful arrangements.

Ishbel and family thank the Rev Mark Johnstone and their friends in St Mary's for cards, flowers and sympathy following the death of Isabel. Their kindness was of great comfort at a sad time.

Thank you to my friends in St Mary's for the lovely cards and gifts received on the occasion of my 90th birthday. Donations to Cancer Research all very much appreciated.

**Margaret Wilson**

## *The Parishioner*

Copy for the October magazine 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 30 September.**

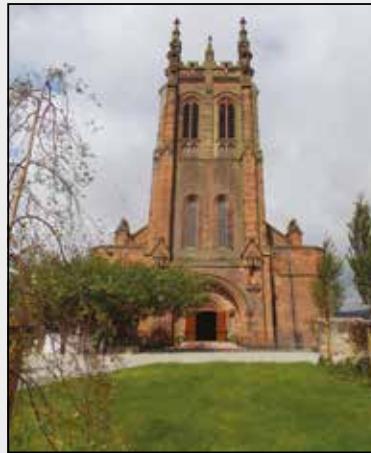
The Publications Committee are always interested in the activities of all our Organisations, especially the young people of Church, so if you wish your voice to be heard, or have something you would like published in *The Parishioner*, please let the Editor know.

## *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.

## *Church Office hours*

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



# *The Bells of St Mary's*

## *September / October 2018*

September	02	Mary Stirling and Jen Biggans
	09	Paul Malcolm and Cerys McCormack
	16	Linda Brown and Olivia Fotheringham
	23	Lisa and Daniel Malloy-Gibson
	30	Mary Stirling and Lesley Bevens
October	07	Dorothy Stewart and Cara Bevens



# Thank You

Thank you to the willing band of volunteers who gave of their time to clean in and around the church and halls. Many hands do make light work and is much appreciated by those of us charged with keeping the aforementioned in good order. Without your help we would not get through the list of work that can't be done during the winter season.

**David Tinto, Dorothy Stewart**



## Communion

***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*

## September Prayer

Dear Father,

September again! How quickly the months roll by. How quickly our lives move forward. Help us this September to welcome the new starts in our every-day lives - the new school year, the new clubs and activities for all ages that start up again this month. There are so many opportunities, so much to keep us busy. Help us Lord, this September to commit each new day and each new activity to you, aware that every day is a gift from you. Help us to choose wisely how we spend the time you give us and to reflect your love and generosity and kindness to those we meet each day.

In Jesus name, Amen.

# Organisation Starting Dates

## Young Church

starts back on Sunday 02 September. Open to all young people from ages 0 – 16 years. Come along and join us whenever you can. We do not expect young people to come every week as we realise there are other activities also on a Sunday.

## Ladies Bowling Club

Where are you on a Monday afternoon between 1.30 – 3.30 p.m.??

Why not come along to St Mary's Church Hall on Monday 03 September for a game of carpet bowls dominoes, cards, tea / coffee and a "wee goodie". You will be made most welcome.

## SOS SOB (Save our Brownies)

We have a wonderful Brownie Pack but we really need more adult help. The unit has struggled for the last year with helpers and we are concerned it will face closure if this does not happen.

If you would like to assist, please contact Cara Daniels – 07970 530703 – Thank you

## 2nd Kirkintilloch Brownies

The starting dates for Rainbows, Brownies and Guides is Wednesday 05 September.

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## **Flower Circle**

St Mary's Flower Circle resumes on Thursday 13 September at 7.30 p.m. They look forward to another session when they will learn more. Please bring some greenery with you on this date.

## **Country Dance Class**

resumes on Tuesday 18 September at 7.45 p.m. in the Lesser Hall, when 'old' dancing feet and hopefully new ones, (ladies and gents), will be made most welcome for an enjoyable evening.

## **Listeners Circle**

The first meeting of the new session will be on Friday 21 September at 2pm in the Session House. Everyone is cordially invited to come along to hear ninety minutes of a wide range of music selected by Edith Dunn, with a break in the middle for tea and conversation.

## *Dates for Your Diary*

### **Harvest Festival this year will be celebrated on Sunday 30 September.**

Donations will be gratefully received and should be brought to Church on the Sunday morning. Donations can either be produce or, if you prefer, a monetary donation. Suggestions for produce are: cereals, tinned soup / meat / fish / vegetables / tinned fruit. Also acceptable are tea, coffee, sugar, rice, pulses, red / brown sauce and vinegar. **No fresh products please.**

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## Kirkintilloch Horticultural Society

annual show is in St Mary's Church Halls on Saturday 01 September, 1.30 – 3.30pm. Anyone can enter an

exhibit in the show. The Hall will be open on Friday evening 31 August and 7.00 – 9.00 a.m. on the Saturday morning for people to bring their exhibits. Schedules can be obtained from Paul Malcolm. Everyone welcome.

## Social Committee

Another session is about to begin, and we have a number of events for you to look forward to.

Sunday 30 September	Harvest Lunch following the Harvest Festival Service
Friday 26 October	*Something Different* - Handbag party 7.30pm
Friday 23 November	Christmas is coming!
Sunday 09 December	Advent Lunch
Friday 01 February 2019	Film with fish and chip night
Sunday 10 March 2019	Pancake lunch after church service
Friday 19 April 2019	Fashion Show
Sunday 09 June 2019	Strawberry Lunch

**Tickets for the first of these events, the Harvest Lunch, will be on sale from Sunday 02 September in the halls after the Service. £1 to reserve your place and a donation on the day.**

## Session Report

Welcome back to the start of our new session – I hope you have had an enjoyable time over the summer months. The summer break has been a particularly busy period this year, with two key activities taking up a considerable amount of time and effort.

The first of these activities is in regard to recruitment and you will see details of



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two new appointments contained within the nursery report, elsewhere in this edition of the magazine. I would like to add my welcome to Elaine and Margaretann as they prepare to take up their new roles in September.

As well as providing administrative support to the nursery, Margaretann also fills the role of Church Secretary, so she will be your first point of contact if you call in to the Church Office.

Lynn finishes her time with us as Church Secretary and Nursery Administrator in just a few weeks from now (after more than 15 years in the role). I would once again like to record my thanks to Lynn and pass on our very best wishes for the future.

The second activity that has been keeping the office bearers very busy over the past couple of months is in regard to our finances. You will be aware that for 6 years now, we have not been in a position to meet our full allocation to the Ministry & Mission fund. It was recognised that, in order to prevent our reserves from being depleted, it was necessary to withhold the element of the Presbytery dues associated with the support of other congregations. This situation has continued on an annual basis, but throughout this time we have met our contribution to local ministry in full, as well as our contribution to the wider work of the Church.

It is worth noting that had we not taken this step our reserves would have been completely depleted and at December 2017 we would have been "overdrawn" by a figure in excess of £27,000. In 2013, recognising the seriousness of this situation, we wrote to both Glasgow Presbytery and the General Trustees, to express our concern that we found ourselves in a situation that was clearly unsustainable. This correspondence has continued every year since and we have managed to meet with representatives of Glasgow Presbytery on a couple of occasions, but with very little progress in terms of identifying a way forward.

We have now been asked by Presbytery to draw up a Plan that sets out how we propose to address our ongoing shortfall.

If you were at the Annual Stated Meeting and open Session Meeting in June, you will be aware that the Stewardship & Finance Committee proposed submitting a report to Presbytery regarding our accumulated shortfall. This didn't happen as

planned in June, but this report may now be submitted to the September meeting of Presbytery.

So the last few weeks have been a very busy time for a number of folks, as we drafted our Plan for submission to Presbytery. This plan, which is nearing completion of the first draft, recognises the stewardship that the congregation has been engaged in throughout this time, as well as outlining our proposals for ongoing stewardship.

It is hoped that Glasgow Presbytery will work with us in support of the development and implementation of our plan. I also expect to be in a position to share this plan with you in the near future.

Kind Regards

**Gordon Morrison, Session Clerk**



## Open Doors – An Update

We have held four open doors days so far and they have all been successful and worth doing. We have received visitors on all occasions, mostly non-church members, but also lots of our own people dropped in to see us. All are made welcome and offered tea / coffee and a biscuit. Some like to be guided round the church having a few things pointed out to them (to do everything is a little overwhelming) and many say they will come back to do more. Others like to wander on their own with our information sheet and some just like to sit and chat.

So far, we have managed to have enough volunteers for all our openings and they have all found the experience pleasant as well as worthwhile. Often visitors arrive with their own stories about St Mary's from when they were children, or their parents

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or grandparents attended the church. Sales of souvenirs have been slow but steady and we have almost covered our costs. We would still like to have some more volunteers and the signing on sheet is in vestibule each Sunday. We will be open the first Wednesday in every month and we hope to make some of these Wednesdays 'special'

We look forward to seeing many of you either as volunteers or visitors over the next few months. You will always be made welcome and there is tea / coffee and a biscuit for everyone.



## Nursery News

Our pre-school children returned to nursery on 15th August and we welcomed our new starts during week beginning 20th. I'm sure they will all have a fun filled year with lots to learn and explore!

We welcomed back our Head of Centre, Joanne MacDonald, who has returned from maternity leave. As Joanne is expecting her second baby, she will start maternity leave again on 20th September. We wish her well as she becomes a mum again! This session the H of C will have three management days and two days working directly with children. Mrs Tracey Jackson has agreed to work with Joanne's group for three days each week.

We held interviews over the summer and I'm delighted to let you know that Elaine Connor has been appointed acting Head of Centre for the duration of Joanne's maternity leave. Elaine will take up her post on 10th September in order to ensure a smooth handover.

We have also recruited a new clerical officer, Mrs Margaretann Dougall who will replace Mrs Hay when she leaves on 20th September. Margaretann will also take up her post on 10th September.

We welcome Elaine and Margaretann to the nursery and wish them well in their new posts.

On behalf of the nursery I would like to record our thanks to Lynn Hay for her hard work and dedication to the nursery over many years. We send her good wishes for the future.

**Fiona Leishman**

# *The Parishioner Online*

Missed or lost your copy of the Parishioner ... why not go to [www.stmaryskirkintilloch.org.uk](http://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@stmarykirkintilloch.org.uk](mailto:webmaster@stmarykirkintilloch.org.uk) and we will put these on the News page of the website.

## *Life and Work*

**Life and Work** is the magazine of the Church of Scotland. In a history spanning over 130 years, it has established itself as the pre-eminent voice of the Church of Scotland.

Though firmly rooted in the affairs of the Kirk, it also aims to cover a broad range of subjects of interest to church-goers across the spectrum from international affairs and British political and social issues to science, ethics and the arts. Each monthly issue includes a forum for views on current social and moral issues, a monthly meditation and regular articles on the spiritual side of life, reviews of the latest books, videos and Christian resources, and regular features on the Church worldwide.

# Annual Accounts Information

At the open Session Meeting in June I presented the analysis listed below to provide a true picture of the General Fund performance for the year to 31 December, 2017. The analysis is based on us meeting all of our Ministries and Mission Allocation as required by the Church of Scotland and does not take into account any of the organisations or our Special Projects Fund.

2017 Accounts weekly analysis:

	General Fund only average weekly Income	Average weekly expenditure	% of Income
Offering	2172.65		
Endowment Income	29.40	Offering envelopes	12.33 0.5
Organisations	23.08	Ministry and Mission	1384.63 58.64
Other	28.94	Presbytery dues	72.25 3.05
Weddings, Funerals	8.65	Ministers Expenses	47.52 1.14
Hall Lets	85.65	Pulpit Supply	3.17 0.13
Investment Income	12.13	Salaries	325.02 13.77
Total	2360.50	Repairs	243.63 10.34
		Council Tax – Manse	48.19 2.03
		Heat Light, Insurance Water	610.02 25.85
		Church Office (Tel, Stat)	78.44 3.31
		Organ	1.13 0.01
		Depreciation	64.63 2.75
		Other Expenses	66.19 2.80
		Total	2957.17 124.30
		Shortfall	596.67
		Say	600.00

Therefore to enable Ministries and Mission to be paid in full for the year we need to increase income by 25.42% or make substantial savings in expenditure.

Our accounts now show that our General Fund is in deficit and this matter requires to be rectified very soon, otherwise we may run into difficulties with OSCR (Office of Scottish Charities Regulator).

We are currently planning a stewardship campaign and considering other avenues to raise funds as there appears to be little scope to reduce costs. Watch this space for updates.

**Hugh Biggans, Finance Convenor**

## *Treasurer's Report*

### MAY OFFERING

DATE	FREEWILL OFFERING	GIFT AID	OPEN PLATE
06.05.18	374.00	250.30	395.73
13.05.18	662.40	659.50	269.90
20.05.18	398.00	430.20	123.00
27.05.18	340.00	432.50	124.50
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1774.40</b>	<b>1772.50</b>	<b>913.13</b>
<b>Standing orders</b>			
<b>Total for the Month</b>			<b>8292.03</b>

## JUNE OFFERING

DATE	FREEWILL OFFERING	GIFT OFFERING	OPEN PLATE	STANDING ORDERS	TOTAL	TOTAL FOR THE MONTH
03.06.18	197.50	312.00	233.02			
10.06.18	637.50	723.50	182.50			
17.06.18	380.90	517.00	225.00			
24.06.18	448.00	551.60	320.63			
				1663.90	2104.10	8209.15
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# JULY OFFERING

DATE	FREEWILL OFFERING	GIFT AD
01.07.18	196.00	351.00
08.07.18	377.50	468.00
15.07.18	302.00	264.00
22.07.18	373.75	416.10
29.07.18	249.90	403.50
<b>Standing orders</b>	<b>1499.15</b>	<b>1902.60</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>886.60</b>
		<b>8507.35</b>

Total for the Month

## RECEIPTS AND DONATIONS Received During May, June and July

with thanks and gratitude for your consideration of our Church

Parishioner Donations	50.00
St Marys Flower Circle Donation	500.00
Donation following a Baptism	100.00
Donation following a Baptism	100.00
Donation from 1st Kirkintilloch Rainbows	50.00
Kirky Mile Crunchers Donation to Special Projects Fund	500.00
Kirkintilloch Trefoil Guild Donation to Special Projects Fund	150.00

Can I encourage you to study, understand and give thought and due consideration to the article prepared by our Finance Convenor in this month's magazine. It clearly shows that our income falls far short of covering our everyday operating costs of being Church.

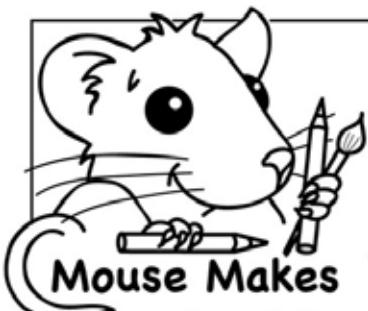
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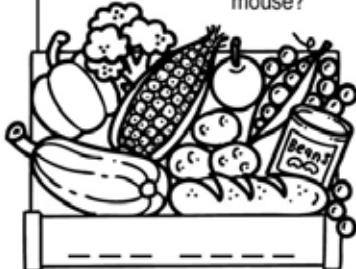
Biblically, stewardship is about faithfully protecting and preserving what is most important, about growing and developing the potential of everything and everyone under one's care. It is about faithfully discharging the duties and carrying out the responsibilities that we have been authorised to do. It is the first and most basic act of being human, the first charge given in the garden to "cultivate and keep" (Genesis 2:15).

Jesus used the metaphor of the steward (manager) to describe the basic faithfulness of the disciple (Luke 16:1-15). To be sure, stewardship is not just maintenance; it is also about growth, protection and taking care of all God has delegated to us (Matthew 25:14-30), so that God will be revealed in the world. Stewardship is a response to God's "manifold grace" and is expressed in serving "one another with whatever gift" we have received and with the "strength that God supplies" (1 Peter 4:10-11).

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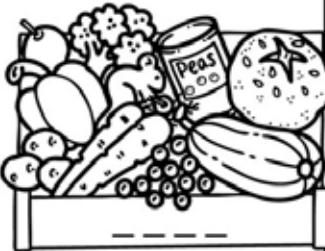
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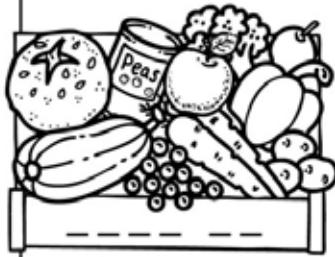
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## A HARVEST PUZZLE

Change each letter to the letter **before** it in the alphabet to see how QSPWFSC 3:9 says we can give thanks to God.



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# The Tale of the **TWO BUILDERS**



JESUS OFTEN TOLD  
STORIES WITH  
HIDDEN MEANINGS



ONE WAS ABOUT TWO MEN WHO  
BUILT THEIR OWN HOUSES

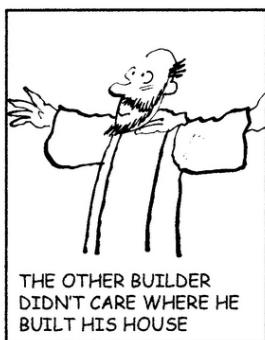


THE FIRST BUILDER SEARCHED HIGH  
AND LOW FOR A GOOD SOLID ROCK ON  
WHICH TO BUILD HIS HIS HOME.

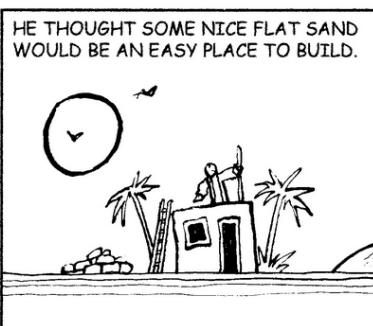
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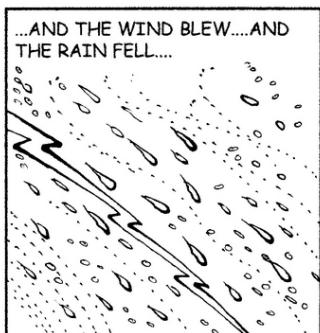
SO HE BEGAN TO BUILD.



THE OTHER BUILDER  
DIDN'T CARE WHERE HE  
BUILT HIS HOUSE



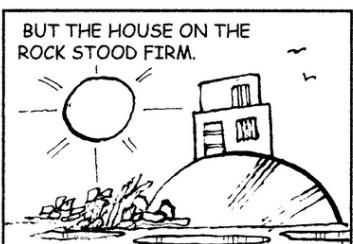
HE THOUGHT SOME NICE FLAT SAND  
WOULD BE AN EASY PLACE TO BUILD.



...AND THE WIND BLEW....AND  
THE RAIN FELL....



...AND THE HOUSE ON  
THE SAND COLLAPSED!



BUT THE HOUSE ON THE  
ROCK STOOD FIRM.

JESUS EXPLAINED -  
IT'S IMPORTANT OUR LIVES HAVE  
A FIRM FOUNDATION.

# *The Rectory . . .*

## *My dear Nephew Darren*

Your enthusiasm for attending training courses has, until now, baffled me. Why should you want to become a better preacher, when congregations only use the sermon for catching up on lost sleep? What more do you need to learn about time management than being able to recognise those fixed points of 12.30pm for the pre-luncheon sherry and 6pm for a stiff gin? And what is the point of learning about how to lead Bible study groups when all you will end up discussing is who failed to provide flowers for the altar last Sunday?

But after this last week, dear boy, I take it all back. The bishop sent me on a week's pre-retirement course. Of course, he was dropping hints, but until I reach my century, I have little intention of relinquishing a vocation to annoying parishioners and frustrating the plans of bishops. What else, after all, is parish ministry about?

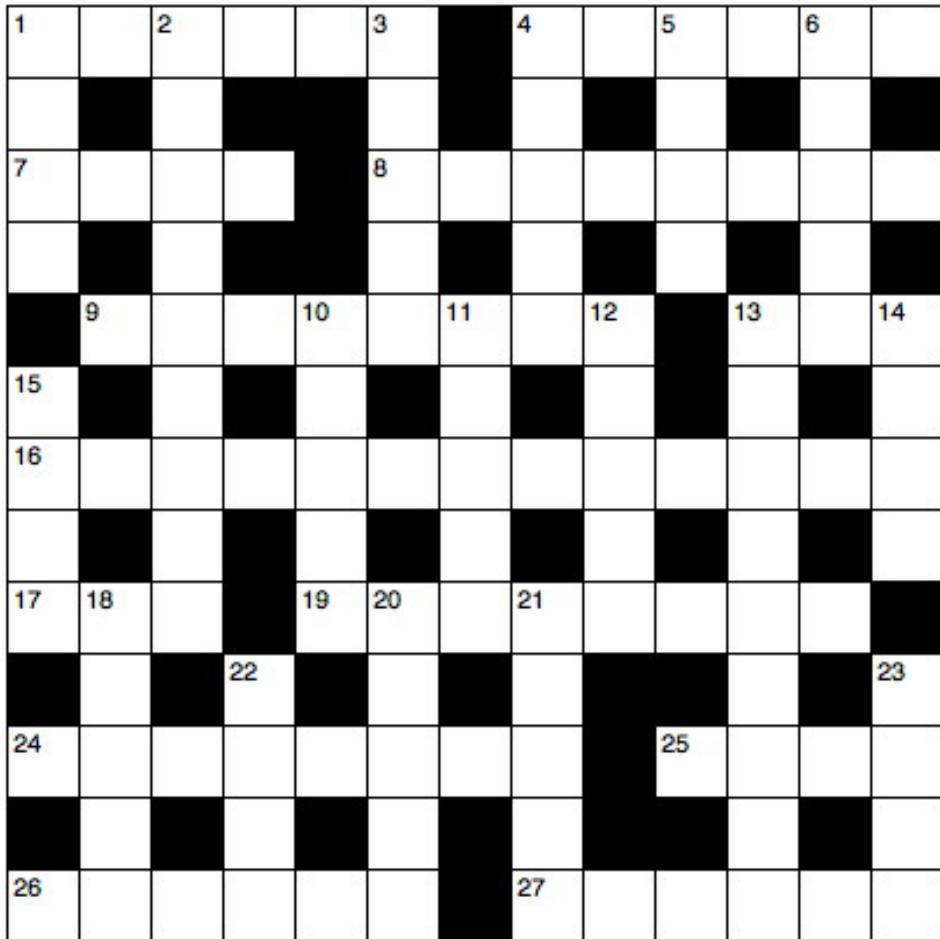
The first move is to arrive early, receive your room allocation and then discard it. Tour the whole establishment, find the best room and then unpack and make sure your dog is nicely settled in the centre of the bed, just in time for the arrival of the intended occupant. I naturally apologise effusively for my innocent mistake, begin to remove possessions and dog while hoping that he will excuse all the hairs on his bed. This ensures that he magnanimously

offers to take your original room. At the first session, you need to establish the ground rules – and with a course leader, who in my opinion, should still have been wearing short trousers, it was all too easy. You make it clear that you are extremely deaf and so all the lectures will, sadly, be wasted on you. You also add that you will need some time alone to prepare for a surfeit of funerals which inexplicably all came in the day before you left and that you also will need time out to exercise your dog.

By the end of that first session, you will have accounted for your absence for the rest of the week. In my case, it passed delightfully with gentle strolls in the grounds, visits to the local second-hand bookshops and much silent meditation in one's room. I attended the final session in order to congratulate the leader for his magnificent course, was effusive in my comments on those wretched evaluation forms and on my return wrote a letter of thanks to the bishop for having thought I was worthy of receiving pre-retirement training – while also noting that I was sure it would be of use when I begin to make plans for that happy event in a few decades time.

*Your loving uncle, Eustace*

# Crossword



## Across

1 'Unless the Lord builds the house, its builders – in vain'  
(Psalm 127:1) (6)

4 Season of the year (Psalm 84:6) (6)

7 'My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death.  
– here and keep watch with me' (Matthew 26:38) (4)

8 It came over the whole land from the sixth to the ninth hour on the first Good Friday (Luke 23:44) (8)

9 Paul invariably did this in the synagogues he visited on his missionary journeys (Acts 17:2) (8)

13 'It is God who works in you to will and to – according to his

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good purpose' (Philippians 2:13) (3)

16 Members of the Church of Scotland (13)

17 'Now when he saw the crowds, he went up on a mountain side and – down' (Matthew 5:1) (3)

19 Mock(Luke14:29)(8)

24 Disgrace(Psalm44:13)(8)

25 First month of the Hebrew calendar (Exodus13:4)(4)

26 Christianity of the Britons before Augustine arrived from Rome(6)

27 Mean (Numbers 35:23)(6)

### Down

1 'Whoever finds his life will – it' (Matthew 10:39) (4)

2 'My lord the king, let the – – on me and on my father's family, and let the king and his throne be without guilt' (2 Samuel 14:9) (5,4)

3 O raid (anag.) (5)

4 'If two of you on earth – about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven' (Matthew 18:19) (5)

5 Take care of (1 Samuel 17:15) (4)

6 What the older son heard as he came near the house the day his prodigal brother came home (Luke 15:25) (5)

10 'Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with – judgment' (Romans 12:3) (5)

11 Do ten(anag.)(5)

12 Architectural style first used in Greek temples in the sixth century BC (5)

13 Capable of being used(1Kings7:36)(9)

14 'Each one should – his own actions'(Galatians6:4)(4)

15 Among the items imported by Solomon's fleet of trading ships (1 Kings 10:22) (4)

18 'But I am afraid that just — was deceived by the serpent's cunning, your minds may somehow be led astray' (2 Corinthians 11:3) (2,3)

20 Outstanding 18th-century hymn writer, – Watts(5)

21 One of the four sons of Asher(Genesis46:17)(5)

22 Be distressed(Proverbs24:19) (4)

23 He was the father of Gaal, who threatened rebellion against Abimelech (Judges 9:28) (4)



# ST MARY'S PARISH CHURCH *Organisations*

DAY	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	Lesley Baird/Fiona Leishman
	Senior Badminton	Main Hall	7.30-10pm	Liz Barrie
Monday	Nursery	Church Halls	8.30-11.45am	Elaine Connor
	Ladies Bowling	Main Hall	1.30-3.30 pm	Cathie Devine
	Shipmates	Main Hall	6.00-7.00pm	Nicola Colquhoun
	Running/Walking Club	Session House	7.00 pm	Bob Brown
Tuesday	Nursery	Church Halls	8.30-11.45am	Elaine Connor
	Ladies Badminton	Main Hall	1.30-3.30 pm	Anne Selby
	Senior Badminton	Main Hall	8.00-10.30pm	Liz Barrie
	Prayer Time	Meeting Place	7.00-7.30 pm	Rev Katy Owen
	Country Dancing	Mid Hall	7.45-10.00 pm	Moira MacNeill
Wednesday	Nursery	Church Halls	8.30-11.45am	Elaine Connor
	Wednesday Welcome	Session	10.00a.m. – 11.20am.	Mary Stirling
	Wednesday Service	House	11.30 a.m. – 12 noon	Rev Mark Johnstone
	Over 50's Badminton	Main Hall	1.30 p.m. – 3.30 p.m.	Ann Allan
	Rainbows	Mid Hall	6.30 p.m. – 7.30 p.m.	Janet Millin
	Brownies	Main Hall	6.30 p.m. – 7.45 p.m.	Cara Daniels
	Guides	Main Hall	7.30 p.m. – 9.30 p.m.	Cara Daniels
	Vestry Hour	Vestry	7.00 p.m. – 9.00 p.m.	Rev Mark Johnstone <i>Telephone Church Office</i>
	Running/Walking Club	Session House	7.00 p.m.	Bob Brown
	Trefoil Guild (monthly)	Mid Hall	7.45-10.00pm	
Thursday	Nursery	Church Halls	8.30-11.45am	Elaine Connor
	Flower Circle (Alternate Weeks)	Mid Hall	7.30 p.m. – 9.00 p.m.	Elizabeth Walker
Friday	Nursery	Church Halls	8.30-11.45am	Elaine Connor
	Listeners' Circle (monthly)	Session House	2.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m.	Edith Dunn
	Friday Fellowship (alternate weeks)	Mid Hall	7.30 p.m. – 9.00 p.m.	Moira MacNeill

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