



# The Parishioner

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# Interim Moderator

Dear friends,

I would firstly like to say a very big thank you to Gordon Morrison and to many of you for your very warm welcome to myself and also to my wife Maggie, since we have recently joined again the St Mary's church family.



I look back 19 years with fond memories to 2000-1 when I served as your Locum Minister for 7 months, following the retirement of the Rev. Frank Haughton and prior to the arrival of Rev. Mark Johnstone, your most recent Minister. Where does the time go? It is so true to say that 'God works in a mysterious way'. When I said goodbye to you all as I moved to Barrhead South and Levern Parish Church to begin full time Parish Ministry, I never thought for a minute that I would ever enjoy being back at St. Mary's so many years later, especially being retired and again as your Locum Minister. It is a joy and privilege to again serve you as you enter this interim time before you call your next Minister. My previous and final Charge (following Barrhead South and Levern) was on the Costa del Sol in Spain. We lived and ministered in a city called Fuengirola that was about thirty minutes drive south from Malaga airport. Due to an unexpected family illness, discovered on a visit back to Glasgow, meant that I couldn't return to Spain to continue my job as Minister. Returning to Scotland was quite a big shock, transition of culture and climate for us. It was made much easier, however, as we were able to

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move back to our own home in the west end of Glasgow that also was a 10 minute walk from the Beatson Cancer Hospital. With the intrusion of illness into our lives and the subsequent life changes it brought, left us asking many questions. It was in these moments when we did not know WHY that encouraged us to step our journey of faith up a gear and increase our trust in God our Heavenly Father, resting on the truth, that HE KNEW WHY! As our Great Shepherd, we took much comfort and strength from the knowledge that our LORD was with us, always guiding and leading us for our blessing in His perfect way. During this time, Maggie and I learned some big lessons of faith primarily that our job, in the midst of uncertainty, was to trust Him, seek His face and be comforted by the knowledge that 'in ALL things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose' (Romans 8:28) and also that 'NOTHING can separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus' (Romans 8:39). Something about ourselves! I was born and brought up in Paisley. I confess to being a Buddy and a St. Mirren supporter! Aye ok!!!! Maggie hails from Buckie in Banffshire. A Buckie 'QUINE'!!!! We have one son, a daughter and three grandchildren. David is a teacher, and with his wife Carol and family, lives and works in Riyadh in Saudi Arabia. Our daughter Anna now lives in Aberdeen and works as an assistant Golf Professional. Prior to returning to Scotland early last year she worked for

many years in Telluride, Colorado USA as a snowboard and ski instructor during the winter and at the local golf club during the summer. Her claim to fame is that she had the job of teaching Tom Cruise's family to ski last winter. Tom wasn't able to join them due to filming, but he showed his appreciation to Anna by sending her a big cake as a Christmas present. How good is that? WOW!!!! Sadly, we don't get to see our family that often, but when we do it is always a great joy for us. On the subject of Church, we are members of Sandyford Henderson Memorial Parish Church in Glasgow.

Maggie joins me in expressing our delight in being able to serve you during this time of Minister vacancy. We pray for a speedy new Minister appointment for you!

Over the next few months, as we journey together in faith and fellowship, I do pray that we together may share in the blessings of what God has in store for this interim phase of our faith journey together. I pray that for as long as I will be your Locum Minister, we may enjoy and experience a blessed time as we fellowship together and receive the richness of God's grace and favour.

Wishing you all much blessing.....

*Morris*

Rev. Morris M. Dutch



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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.'*

May 19 Willow Alison Campbell, daughter of Lisa and David  
26 Millar Linda Stoops, daughter of Mhairi and Marcus

*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 16 William Tinning, 14 Kintessack Place, Bishopbriggs  
31 Mrs Jean Robertson, Craig en Goyne Care Home, Kilsyth  
June 04 Mrs Margaret Townsend, Kelvin Court, Kirkintilloch

## Golden Wedding

Stuart and Betty McMillan celebrated 50 years of marriage on 07 June.

## Diamond Wedding

James and Alice Pearson celebrate 60 years of marriage on 18 June.  
James and Doreen More celebrate 60 years of marriage on 11 July.

*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.

June	09	Miss M Weir, Mr Mrs E. Kerr, Mr Mrs D Burns, Mrs M Taylor
	16	Mrs R McMillan, Mrs M Stirling
	23	Mrs M Gaston, Miss K Gaston
	30	Mrs E Gillespie, Mrs E McNamee
July	07	Mrs A Brownlie, Mrs F Leishman
	14	Mrs M McLachlan, Mrs E Cowie, Mrs M Glennie
	21	Mr Mrs I Chesney, Mrs E Dunn
	28	Mrs N McMillan, Mrs M Girault
August	04	Mr Mrs J Marran, Mrs N Fleming, Nancy and Anita, Mrs R Fitzpatrick
	11	Mr S Ashmall, Mrs J Reid
	18	Mrs R Bennie, Mrs C Whitehead
	25	Mrs J Reid, Mrs V Hogg, Mrs J Clarke
September	01	Mrs B Little, Mrs R Stevenson, Miss E Cousin, (Communion) Mrs M Clarkson

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

June	09 / 16	Mr M Malcolm, Mrs J Kempsell
	23 / 30	P L & C Malcolm, Mrs C Kerr
July	07 / 14	Mrs C Devine, Mrs S Nicol
	21 / 28	Mrs B Walker, Ms L Dunn
August	04 / 11	Mrs J McCann, Mrs A Pearson
	18 / 25	Mrs D More, Mrs I Kennedy
September	01 / 08	Miss E Cousin, Mr G Burns

**Letters of acknowledgement** have been received from the following who received Chancel Flowers during the last month – Mrs H Farmer, Mrs L Black, J. & S. Nicol, Mr J. Pearson, Mr J. Gault, Mrs J. Jennings, Mrs C. Devine, Mrs M. Wilson, Mrs E. Dunn, Miss D. Brown, Mrs M. Anderson, Mrs S. Robertson, Mrs A. Marran, Mrs Y. Hendry, Mrs M. Smith, Mrs S. Robertson, Mrs S. Nicol, E. & A. McNamee, Mrs I Hay.

**Thank you** – Sheila Robertson thanks all her friends in St Mary's for their good wishes, cards and visits during her recent stay in hospital.



# The Bells of St Mary's

## June / July / August / Sept. 2019

June            09 Mary Stirling and Jen Biggans  
                  16 Fiona and Mhairi Green and  
                  Olivia Fotheringham  
                  23 Mary Stirling and Lesley Bevens  
                  30 Lisa and Daniel Malloy-Gibson

July            07 Dorothy Stewart and Cara Bevens  
                  14 Lesley Bevens  
                  21 Mary Stirling and Jen Biggans  
                  28 Fiona and Mhairi Green and  
                  Olivia Fotheringham

Augus           04 Mary Stirling and Lesley Bevens  
                  11 Lisa and Daniel Malloy-Gibson  
                  18 Dorothy Stewart and Cara Bevens  
                  25 Lesley Bevens

September    01 Mary Stirling and Jen Biggans

# Thank You...

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 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

Thank you – Thank you to everyone who has helped me settle into my new role as Church Officer. In particular, thanks are due to Margaret Morrison, Gordon Morrison, David Tinto, Garry Burns and Euan Kerr for their help and support over the last couple of months.

Paul Malcolm



## Nursery News

This is an extremely busy month in nursery as the staff and children make preparations for their Concert and Graduation. Our last day of the session approaches! Our thanks to members of the congregation who have supported the nursery in any way over the last session. It

is much appreciated.

Our 'OOR Wullie' has been uplifted and will be displayed in the Mitchell Library from 17th June. If you are at the Mitchell Library please look out for him. Don't forget to take a photo!

The nursery currently has a vacancy for a Catering Assistant from 8.30–11.30am each morning. The post holder should hold an Elementary Food Hygiene Certificate.

Any note of interest should be made to Mrs Dougall at the office or on 0141 775 1166 by 24th June.

We are currently undertaking a clear out of nursery cupboards. We have a surplus metal cupboard we would like to get rid of. If you would like it, please arrange to uplift and leave a small donation.

Fiona Leishman, Nursery Convenor

# Christian Aid Week 2019

This year 5 people from St Mary's collected £668.06. This figure includes several donations.

**The Soup Lunch** raised £597.60. Sincere thanks to everyone who helped in whatever way and who donated to raise the above funds.

By giving to Christian Aid you are standing together to fight for dignity, equality and justice. For more than 60 years Christian Aid Week has mobilised thousands of churches and individuals in Britain and Ireland every May. Thank you for making a difference.

Paul Malcolm

## 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](mailto:sandraburns.me@gmail.com) no later than Sunday 25 August.

## 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 Margaretanne Dougall, is available in the office Monday to Thursday 8.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m. and may be the first point of contact for general enquiries. Margaretanne 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](mailto:office.stmarys@btconnect.com)

*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 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@stmaryskirkintilloch.org.uk](mailto:webmaster@stmaryskirkintilloch.org.uk) and we will put these on the News page of the website.

## Open Door Wednesdays . . .

The Church will continue to be opened for visitors on the first Wednesday of each month until Christmas. As well as new visitors to the Church we are always encouraged when members of the congregation 'drop in' to see us. There will always be a welcome as well as a cup of tea or coffee and biscuits and during our church opening in December, we will be serving a lunch of soup and sandwiches.

The dates are:

- ◆ Wednesday 3rd July
- ◆ Wednesday 7th August
- ◆ Wednesday 4th September
- ◆ Wednesday 2nd October
- ◆ Wednesday 6th November
- ◆ Wednesday 4th December

# Stewardship . . .

As you may have noted from previous articles in The Parishioner, I have been asked to develop a Stewardship programme at St Mary's.

Whilst we have not actively engaged in a stewardship programme since our Future Focus project back in 2011, since that date we have had our year of Centenary celebrations in 2013–2014 and more recently the major fabric project involving the re-roofing of the Church and stonework repairs. In themselves, stewardship programmes of a sort. However, now we need to look at developing a programme that will, in the short term, assist in addressing the Ministries and Mission shortfall and, in the longer term, ensure St Mary's remains a sustainable worshipping and vibrant congregation for the years to come.

As we often say Stewardship is not about solely raising money. If you remember the Giving for Living campaign of 2006 – 2007, there were 4 elements to work on and raising money was only one of those. Stewardship is about marshalling the resources inherent in the St Mary's congregation for the benefit of St Mary's whether that be money, time or talents.

I will, over the next couple of months, be developing some stewardship ideas that I look forward to sharing with everyone. To deliver these plans will require help and if you are someone who would like to be involved please let me know by dropping me an email at my address below or giving me a call.

Thank you

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## *An early invitation . . .*



## The Sacrament of Holy Communion

We will celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion on the morning of Sunday 1st 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

# Session Report

Just a very short report from me this month.

The Kirk Session met on the 8th May and the meeting was chaired by our Interim Moderator, Rev Ian Taylor. Many folks would have met Ian when he led our Sunday worship at the end of April, but the Session Meeting was another opportunity to get to know him and let Ian see the business that the Session is currently engaged with.

As well as the regular business items, our accounts to December 2018 were also presented to Session. The accounts were approved by Session and they have now also been inspected and approved by the external Examiner.

I am not going to say any more in regard to the accounts, as they will now be presented at our Annual Stated Meeting on Wednesday 12th June. This is part of our open Session Meeting, where members of the congregation and all our organisations are encouraged to attend. We meet in the Church Hall, commencing at 7.30pm and as always, tea and coffee will be available at the end of the meeting. Please take this opportunity to come along and be involved in the discussions relating to our finances and hear first-hand about our activities in regard to the vacancy and our proposed Stewardship Programme. This is both an exciting and a challenging time in the life of St Mary's and we welcome the input and engagement of the whole congregation as we move forward.

Finally, I would like to express a warm welcome to our Locum Minister, Rev Morris Dutch, who has been leading our worship since the beginning of May. I think it is fair to say he joined us at a very busy time, with the celebration of Holy Communion early in the month, followed by baptisms on the two subsequent Sundays! However, Morris has settled in very well and I appreciate all the support that he is able to bring in his role as Locum Minister. Thank you.

Kind regards,

Gordon Morrison, Session Clerk

# Fabric Committee

Once again there will be a clear out during the summer break. Please identify or put away items you wish to save, especially in the basement, as this area again appears to be a dumping ground for unused “stuff”  
Thank you for your co-operation.

## Parachute Sunday

The Kirkintilloch Canal Festival Weekend will take place at the end of August this year. We will be holding our Teddy Bear Parachuting from the Tower Event on Sunday 1st September beginning at 2pm. The same as last year, those taking part can either bring their own teddy (or other soft toy) or they can adopt one of ours.

We will also be running a café in the church halls selling tea and coffee as well as home baking.

## Calling all those

(plus anyone who likes to chat, drink tea or coffee and eat some home baking)  
Craft afternoons are being planned for the Autumn. They will be held in the Session House beginning at 2pm on the third Monday of each month starting in September. Last year we held a few very successful afternoons making stars and snowflakes, which have been carefully stored and we have enough for this year's Church Christmas decorations. Now following on from the success of our Easter Chicks and baskets we would like to make some different Christmas Decorations to sell beside our Church souvenirs in the run up to the festive season.

The dates of these meetings are:

- ♦ Monday 16th September
- ♦ Monday 21st October
- ♦ Monday 18th November

Patterns and materials will be provided if you do not have your own. So come along and enjoy an afternoon of fellowship and creativity.

# After Church Lunches

There are four lunches planned for next session. They will all take place after the service and tickets will cost £1 plus a donation on the day.

- ♦ Harvest Lunch – Sunday 6th October
- ♦ Advent Lunch – Sunday 8th December
- ♦ Pancake Lunch – Sunday 8th March 2020
- ♦ Strawberry Lunch – Sunday 14th June 2020

At present we have no plans for any evening events during the new session.

## Peace to the End

The peace of God to dwell with you,  
The peace of Christ to dwell with you,  
The peace of Spirit dwell with you,  
And peace dwell with your children too,  
From the day we have here to-day  
To the last day of your life's way,  
Till come the day that ends your way.

*From Poems of the Western Highlanders*

## Glasgow Doors Open Days Festival

16 – 22 September 2019

Glasgow Doors Open Days Festival is an annual event celebrating the city's architecture, culture and heritage through a free programme of open buildings and events taking place over one week in September. Explore some of the city's iconic historic buildings and architectural gems and get behind the scenes at theatres, working factories, distilleries and more! Discover your inner urban explorer on our guided walks, get hands on with workshops and delve into the history and future of the city with our programme of talks!  
[www.glasgowdoorsopendays.org.uk](http://www.glasgowdoorsopendays.org.uk)

# 9th June – Columba of Iona, Missionary to the UK

2015 marked the 1450th anniversary of the arrival of Christianity in the UK. It was brought by St Columba from Ireland to Iona – a tiny island off Mull, in the Western Highlands.

Columba (c. 521–97) was born in Donegal of the royal Ui Neill clan, and trained as a monk. He founded the monasteries of Derry (546), Durrow (c.556) and probably Kells. But in 565 Columba left Ireland with twelve companions for Iona, an island off southwest Scotland. Iona had been given to him for a monastery by the ruler of the Irish Dalriada.

Why would a monk in his mid-40s go into such voluntary exile? Various explanations include: voluntary exile for Christ, an attempt to help overseas compatriots in their struggle for survival, or even as some sort of punishment for his part in a row over a psalter in Ireland. Whatever the reason, Columba went to Iona and spent the rest of his life in Scotland, returning to Ireland only for occasional visits.

Columba's biographer, Adomnan, portrays him as a tall, striking figure of powerful build and impressive presence, who combined the skills of scholar, poet and ruler with a fearless commitment to God's cause. Able, ardent, and sometimes harsh, Columba seems to have mellowed with age.

As well as building his monastery on Iona, Columba also converted Brude, king of the Picts. Columba had great skill as a scribe, and an example of this can be seen in the *Cathach of Columba*, a late 6th century psalter in the Irish Academy, which is the oldest surviving example of Irish majuscule writing. In his later years Columba spent much time transcribing books.

Columba's death was apparently foreseen by his community, and even, it seems, sensed by his favourite horse. He died in the church just before Matins, and it is a tribute to this man that his traditions were upheld by his followers for about a century, not least in the Synod of Whitby and in Irish monasteries on the continent of Europe.

**Here is a prayer of St Columba:**

Christ With Us

My dearest Lord,

Be Thou a bright flame before me,

Be Thou a guiding star above me,

Be Thou a smooth path beneath me,

Be Thou a kindly shepherd behind me,

Today and evermore.

# Take your grandparents on holiday!

British families should do what families in southern Europe do – take the extended family on holiday, especially the grandparents, and include them more into their daily lives. So urges Mims Davies, the Minister for Sport. She says that when visiting some of Europe's beaches, "you will find this huge, wonderful plethora of people on the beach and you will think 'doesn't that look fun?' I think that when we are a little more bold about how we do things, we find so much more joy in it. I was there for the latter parts of my parents' lives – I will never regret that. You won't get that time again."

## Looking back on D-Day 1944

D-Day took place 75 years ago, on 6th June 1944, when over 150,000 Allied troops landed on the beaches of Normandy, France. The Battle of Normandy ended on 25th August with victory for the Allies.

It began the liberation of France – and eventually Europe – from Nazi control and laid the foundations of victory on the Western Front.

Planning for the operation involved a great deal of deception as to timing and the precise location of the landings.

The weather on D-Day was not ideal, and the operation had to be delayed 24 hours. None of the immediate goals were achieved, but a foothold was gained which the Allies expanded over the coming months. The Germans had been misled by inaccurate storm forecasts and were unprepared – with many leaders, including General Rommel, not in position.

King George VI had earlier rallied England to prayer, and on the eve of battle crowded services were held on landing craft, ships and airfields, with chaplains urging troops to put their trust in God. In America, as news of the invasion was broadcast, stores closed and prayer meetings were organised all over the country.

Museums, memorials, and war cemeteries in Normandy still welcome many visitors each year.

# Treasurer's Report

## APRIL OFFERING

DATE	FREEWILL OFFERING	GIFT AID	OPEN PLATE	STANDING ORDERS
07.04.19	191.50	548.00	95.00	
14.04.19	473.00	494.00	125.00	
21.04.19	412.50	689.53	125.00	
28.04.19	526.31	344.00	53.80	
<b>Standing orders</b>				<b>4273.00</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1603.31</b>	<b>2075.53</b>	<b>398.80</b>	<b>4273.00</b>
	<b>Total for the Month</b>		<b>8350.64</b>	
				<b>4273.00</b>

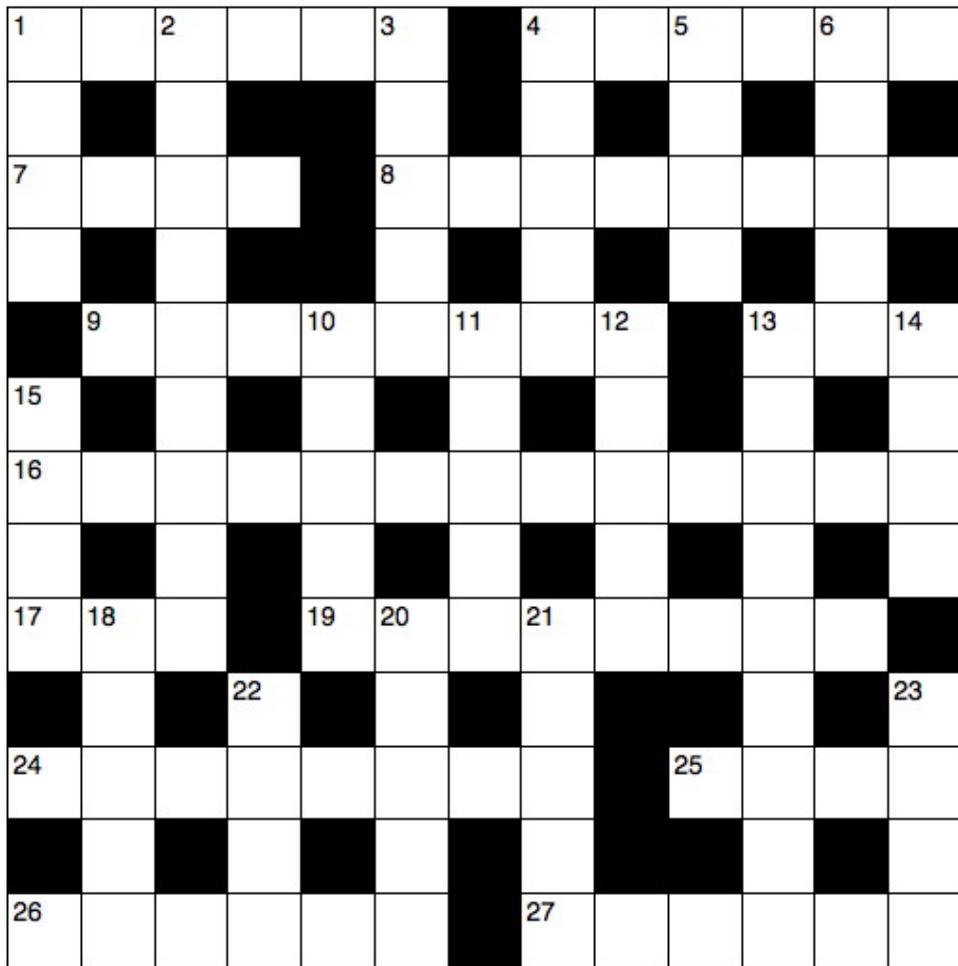
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With thanks and gratitude for your consideration of our church

Contributions to Parishioner  
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Contribution to Special Projects Fund  
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Contribution from Over 50's Badminton Club  
Contribution from the Inverloch Male Voice Choir

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# Crossword



## ACROSS

1 'I pray that out of his glorious — he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being' (Ephesians 3:16) (6)

4 'Saul's father Kish and — father Ner were sons of Abiel' (1 Samuel 14:51) (6)

7 'Praise the Lord, O my — ' (Psalm

103:1) (4)

8 See 5 Down

9 Laws (1 Kings 11:33) (8)

13 'Who of you by worrying can — a single hour to his life?' (Luke 12:25) (3)

16 Artistry (Exodus 31:5) (13)

17 'Your young men will see visions, your — men will dream dreams'

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(Acts 2:17) (3)

19 How David described his Lord (Psalm 19:14) (8)

24 'If this city is built and its — — restored, you will be left with nothing in Trans-Euphrates' (Ezra 4:16) (5,3)

25 'The holy Scriptures, which are able to make you — for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus' (2 Timothy 3:15) (4)

26 Intended destination of arrows (Lamentations 3:12) (6)

27 Eve hit (anag.) (6)

Down

1 'For I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find — for your souls' (Matthew 11:29) (4)

2 Where Peter was when he denied Christ three times (Luke 22:55) (9)

3 Remarkable early 20th-century Indian evangelist, a convert from Hinduism, — Sundar Singh (5)

4 'Now the king had put the officer on whose — — leaned in charge of the gate' (2 Kings 7:17) (3,2)

5 and 8 Across The Lover describes this facial feature of the Beloved thus: 'Your — is like the tower of Lebanon looking towards — ' (Song of Songs 7:4) (4,8)

6 'Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled — your waist' (Ephesians 6:14) (5)

10 Trout (anag.) (5)

11 Easily frightened (1 Thessalonians 5:14) (5)

12 The ability to perceive (Ecclesiastes 10:3) (5)

13 One of the clans descended from Benjamin (Numbers 26:38) (9)

14 "It is one of the Twelve," he replied, "one who — bread into the bowl with me" (Mark 14:20) (4)

15 Resound (Zephaniah 2:14) (4)

18 Traditional seat of the Dalai Lama (5)

20 Precise (John 4:53) (5)

21 Build (Ezekiel 4:2) (5)

22 Beat harshly (Acts 22:25) (4)

23 Darius, who succeeded Belshazzar as king of the Babylonians, was one (Daniel 5:31) (4)



# The Rectory . . .

## *My dear Nephew Darren*

The estimate for re-hanging the bells in our church tower came as a great shock. The church council discussed fund-raising at length. Someone suggested selling part of the Rectory garden for building, another for getting 200 parishioners to loan £1,000 each, interest-free. Then Mrs French suggested holding a jumble sale. The jumble sale won – mainly because it was achievable without a great fight, and also gave everyone an opportunity to see what their neighbours think of as junk.

Expensive articles were brought with an ostentatious show of modesty when everyone was sorting donations. Genuine jumble, such as odd plates, old blankets and mysterious kitchen gadgets, were left at the church door in the dead of night.

On the day of the jumble sale, our helpers were ready behind wobbly tables stacked high with stuff. Had the tables collapsed, half the congregation would have been smothered. Little Miss Faversham was having a wonderful time flitting from table to table like a woolly bumble bee, kitting herself out for another year.

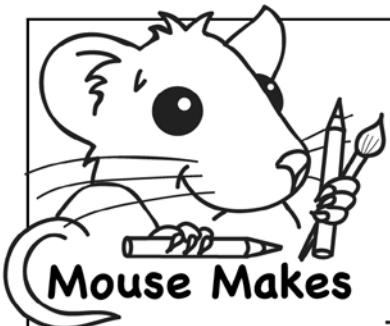
When the doors opened and the customers poured in, I realised how the Italians must have felt when they saw Hannibal with his elephants pouring

down the sides of the Alps. That is when the mettle of our ladies really showed. They were tremendous – haggling at great length over whether something worth £10 should go for 10p or 11p. I noticed that those who are used to riding with hounds seem best able to control the crowds – even if they occasionally tended to regard the customers as the fox.

As it happened, the youth club were going pot-holing that day, so most of the teenagers bought complete sets of clothing for 10p which could then be discarded afterwards. But I wondered what their caving instructor would think of teenagers arriving dressed in dinner jackets and tweed skirts.

Two days of preparation yielded a battle that was over in less than an hour. We emerged bloodied but unbowed, with only scraps of jumble left. Then it was home for a bath and a strong restorative, in the knowledge that the first step to saving the bells has been taken. Only another 2,500 jumble sales and we shall have reached our target. Indeed, the only jarring note of the day was to discover someone with a peculiar sense of humour had put a note on my car: “Sold – to be collected later”.

Your loving uncle,  
Eustace



In the time of the disciples it was usual for men to have two names. Which second name belongs to which Apostle?

JUDE	BOANERGES
MATTHEW	SIMON
JOHN	DIDYMUS
PETER	THADDEUS
THOMAS	SAUL
PAUL	NATHANIEL
BARTHOLOMEW	LEVI



Who did Jesus choose as His first disciples?  
— — — — — and  
— — — — — Matthew 4:18

Which disciple was a tax collector?  
— — — — — Matthew 10:3



Who was John's brother?  
— — — — — Matthew 4:21

Which disciple betrayed Jesus?  
— — — — — Mark 3:19



Which Apostle wrote Revelation?  
— — — — — Revelation 1:1

Who became the Apostle to the Gentiles?  
— — — — — Acts 13:9  
— — — — — Acts 9:1-18



**DID YOU KNOW?**  
Some of the Apostles recorded the stories of Jesus and wrote about what it means to be a Christian.

**Matthew and John**  
wrote gospels.

Paul wrote many letters to the new Christian churches.  
(Look at the New Testament to see how many he wrote.)

**James, Peter, John and Jude** all wrote letters.

**John** wrote the book of Revelation.

**DID YOU KNOW?**

Four of the disciples were fishermen: Andrew, Peter, James and John. They would have used two different nets to fish: a circular one in shallow water and a large dragnet in deep water.

A J O J E S J U D P A U L J  
T M J U D M A T T H E W A E  
J A O D J A M E S I M O N S  
A T H A D D E U S L E H D U  
M T N S M A T T H I A S R S  
E N O T H O M A S P E T E R  
S A B A R T H O L O M E W S

Can you find **JESUS** and all the Apostles in the word search?

PETER • JAMES • JOHN  
ANDREW • PHILIP  
BARTHOLOMEW  
MATTHEW • THOMAS  
THADDEUS • SIMON  
JAMES • JUDAS  
MATTHIAS • PAUL



# Bible Bite

It can be read in the Bible in Ruth chapters 1 and 2

## A short story from the Bible

When famine came to Bethlehem, Elimelech took his family to the nearby country of Moab. The two sons married local girls.

But Elimelech and his sons died, leaving Naomi, Orpah and Ruth as widows.



Naomi told her daughters-in-law she was returning to Bethlehem.



The girls cried, and Orpah left, but Ruth stayed.



I will stay with you. Your people and your God will be mine.



So Naomi and Ruth went back to Bethlehem.

Call me 'Mara' not 'Naomi'\* because God has made my life bitter.



\*Naomi means 'Pleasant' Mara' means 'Bitter'

It was the start of the barley harvest. Poor people were allowed to glean - to pick up the ears of grain that had been dropped. Ruth went out to glean.



She picked a field, asked if she could glean, then worked hard



The field's owner, Boaz, arrived.



He told her to join his workers at lunch-time, and made sure she had more than enough to eat.



Ruth worked hard and took home a huge bag of grain.



Ruth worked all through the barley and wheat harvests in Boaz's fields.



# ST MARY'S PARISH CHURCH *Organisations*

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

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