

The Parishioner



The Kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed - it is the smallest of seeds, but when it grows, it is big enough for the wild birds to come and build nests in its branches.

Matthew 13:31-32



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Interim Moderator

Dear friends,

Since I last wrote for the Parishioner, Rev. Morris Dutch has settled into his role as your Locum, and Rev. Adam Dillon of St. David's Memorial Park has been very supportive in providing additional pastoral support. Morris will be taking some well deserved holidays in August and October/November, and the Pulpit will be filled and pastoral cover will provided in Morris' absence by Dr. Sonia Blakesley (a Probationer at Springfield Cambridge) or by myself.

The Kirk Session has agreed that the Manse in Union Street should be sold as upgrading costs and running costs are excessive, and it is hoped that this will allow us to purchase a more suitable Manse for the future with lower maintenance and running costs. Any surplus resulting from the sale/purchase of the Manse it is proposed may be applied to reduce our current Ministries & Mission (M & M) deficit, subject to the approval of Presbytery, the General Trustees and the Stewardship & Finance Department. To that end, Presbytery

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and the General Trustees have already granted us permission to sell the Union Street Manse and steps are in hand to try and have this marketed for sale at the earliest opportunity.

Inevitably, in the Kirk, all these things take time and I am aware that for many, the pace of progress seems incredibly slow, compared to the process of selling your own home, or a commercial business conducting its affairs. However, I would want to state that in my experience, the progress we have made has been as quick as I have known!

Regarding the M & M deficit, a group of the Kirk Session which was set up some time ago, continues to meet and will bring proposals to the September Kirk Session meeting of an approach which will cover a number of strands to try and address this in a coherent fashion. We will then share this information with the congregation to keep you up to date with any plans or proposals. During the summer I was on holiday with my family in Comrie (as recently featured in an episode of Countryfile) which is a frequent haunt for us. Most mornings I was out early in the

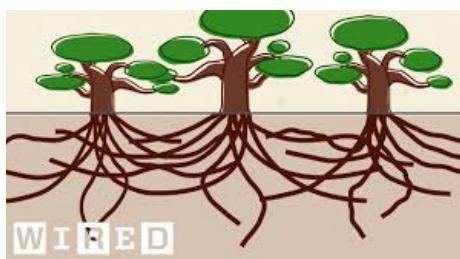
woods near our holiday cottage walking my 3 year old golden retriever, Mack, who loves his holiday exploits chasing deer. The woods and her trees are well known to me and I love to observe the changing nature of my surroundings in the quiet early morning stillness with only birdsong for company and background noise.

"Trees have long been trying to reach us," says Richard Powers in his stunning novel *The Overstory*, winner of this year's Pulitzer Prize for Fiction. The lives of his characters are intersected by trees, which come to them in dreams. Trees reach out to us in multiple ways – inviting us as humans to tune into their stillness, to listen more carefully. Science suggests that trees are intrinsically social beings. Books like Peter Wohlleben's *The Hidden Life of Trees*, suggest that trees have their very own 'wood-wide-web'. Stumbling over what he thinks is a stone in a wood; Peter describes how he discovers it is not a mossy stone at all, but a stump of an old tree that is still being supported from underground by the surrounding trees. What looked to be dead is still alive. What seemed like an

obstacle could be seen instead as a stepping stone into the future.

For me, metaphors like that of trees remind me of the interconnectedness of the people of God. We are all called into relationship to work together, to the glory of God.

As a congregation, we have many challenges ahead of us, but the power of God behind us, I believe is greater than those stumbling blocks we stub our toes on from time to time. Perhaps we need to re-imagine those stumbling blocks instead as stepping stones.



A modern hymn has these words, in the opening and final verses:

- 1 Unsure, when what was bright turns dark

and life, it seems, has lost its way,
we question what we once believed
and fear that doubt has come to stay.
We sense the worm that gnaws within
has withered willpower,
weakened bones,
and wonder whether all that's left
is stumbling blocks or stepping stones.

- 5 Ah, God, you, with the Maker's eye,
can tell if all that's feared is real,
and see if life is more than what
we suffer, dread, despise and feel.
If some by faith no longer stand,
nor hear the truth your voice intones,
stretch out your hand to help your folk
from stumbling block to stepping stones.

**Rev Ian Taylor
Interim Moderator**



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Parish Register

Marriages

July 27 Ruth Patterson and Graeme Hart

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	10	Mrs I Vernett, Ashgill Care Home, Glasgow (formerly Alloway Drive)
	14	Mrs M Fisher, Whitefield Lodge Care Home (formerly Laburnum Grove)
	19	Mrs J Sinclair, 12 Duntiblae Road, Kirkintilloch
	21	Mr C Cruickshanks, 59 Bathlin Crescent, Moodiesburn
July	03	Mr H Lynch, 154 Monkland Avenue, Kirkintilloch
	05	Mrs E Wallace, 24 Adamslie Drive, Kirkintilloch
August	02	Mr K Bamford, 12 Scotsblair Avenue, Kirkintilloch
	16	Mr L McPhail, 16 Oxgang Place, Kirkintilloch
	16	E McDonald, Westerton Care Home, Bearsden

Change of Address

Lorna and Colin Burns, formerly 21 Doon Road, now resident at 2 Peter D Stirling Road, Kirkintilloch

Mrs Margaret Henderson, formerly 33 Campsie View, now resident at 34 Kelvin Court, Kirkintilloch

Diamond Wedding

Mr Mrs A Trotter, 35 Oak Drive, Lenzie celebrated 60 years of marriage on 20 June.

Golden Wedding

Mr Mrs R Tinning, 38 Buchanan Drive, Lenzie, celebrated 50 years of marriage on 18 July.

Congratulations and best wishes are sent to both couples from the congregation 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 September.

Communion

September 01 Mrs B. Little, Mrs R. Stevenson, Miss E Cousin,
Mrs M Clarkson
08 Mrs M. Glennie, Mrs D. McMillan, Mrs J Stewart,
Fisher Family
15 Mrs C. Devine, Mr M Miller, Mrs B Cowie,
J & A Marran
22 Mr H. Biggans Mrs J. McKean, Mrs M Girault,
Mrs A Differ, Mrs J Bett
29 Mr M. Malcolm, Mrs S Nicol, Mrs J Smith,
Mrs M Wilson

October 06 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 01/08 Mrs D More, Mrs I Kennedy
15/22 Mr G Burns, Miss E Cousin
29) Mrs S Burns

October 06) Mrs B McEwen

Many thanks to all who so generously gave towards the Chancel flowers over the summer, also those who took the time to deliver the beautiful arrangements.



Janice Reid

Some of you will know, many of you will not. Janice Reid has retired from organizing and arranging everything relating to Church Flowers after many, many years. We thank her very much for all her hard work over the years and wish her well for the future.

Sandra Burns is co-ordinating this meantime.



The Bells of St Mary's

September / October 2019

September	01	Mary Stirling and Jen Biggans
	08	Paul Malcolm and Lesley Bevens
	15	Linda Brown and Olivia Fotheringham
	22	Lisa and Daniel Malloy-Gibson
	29	Mary Stirling and Lesley Bevens
October	06	Dorothy Stewart and Cara Bevens

Sacrament of Holy Communion

We will celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion on the morning of Sunday 1st September. This is a celebration of the Lord's Supper and is open to all who wish to respond to Christ's invitation.

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 **no later than Sunday 22 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.

Dates for your Diary . . .

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 2.p.m. 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 home baking.

Flower Circle

St Mary's Flower Circle resumes on Thursday 12 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 17 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.

If you knit, crochet, sew or just enjoy tea, cake and a chat . . .

come along and help make Christmas decorations for the church. All materials and patterns will be supplied. We will be meeting in the Session House at 2pm on Monday 16th September, Monday 21st October and Monday 18th November. Other dates might be added if there is a demand for them. Any other skills which can help make decorations for Christmas will also be very welcome. Attendance at all the afternoons is not necessary; just come when you can and enjoy a time with likeminded friends.

Harvest Festival this year will be celebrated on Sunday 06 October.

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.**

Over the years we have supplied many good causes with our contributions to the harvest festival. Again, the needs have changed but are just as great. As well as the organisations we have assisted in the past, we have now accepted a responsibility helping supply the food bank. In addition, our awareness of the problems around has led to our growing use of FairTrade goods where possible.

Following the church service there will be a Harvest Lunch. This will take the form of Baked Potatoes with a choice of fillings – Butter, cheese, coleslaw, Tuna, Coronation Chicken or any combination of them. There will also be hot apple pie for 'pudding' plus of course tea and coffee. Tickets costing £1 will be available from Sunday 15th September.



Kirkintilloch Horticultural Society annual show

is in St Mary's Church Halls on Saturday 07 September. Doors open at 1.30 p.m. If you'd like to exhibit you can get a show schedule from Paul Malcolm. Tea and home baking available. All welcome.

Open Doors

The church will continue to be open on the first Wednesday in every month for the rest of this year and then again from March 2020. Opening times are 10am until 3pm. **The dates are 4th September, 2nd October, 6th November, 4th December. No opening in January or February, then 4th March, 1st April, 6th May, 3rd June.**

Tea, coffee and biscuits available and at the December opening there will be soup and sandwich lunch. We are always looking for more people to volunteer to come and help us show people round our beautiful building and we always welcome visitors from our own congregation.

Lunches

The Social Committee have planned four lunches 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**
- **Strawberry Lunch - Sunday 14th June**

At present the only evening event planned is the Burns Supper on Saturday 18th January.

Friday Fellowship

meets every second Friday evening in the Mid Hall at 7.30 p.m. and the first meeting of the session is on Friday 04 October. Look out for details of October meetings in next month's Parishioner.

Hall and Church Lets and Events Calendar

Now that the Hall and Church Lets and Events Calendar is in its final format, it seems incumbent on me to ensure that all of you, as members of our congregation, should be able to access it. This will enable anyone who wants to check what is on during a particular day or a particular evening to be able to do so. You will find the Calendar on St Mary's Church Website under the heading of 'RESOURCES' and then go to "CHURCH DIARY". Each monthly section can be opened separately for ease of access. You will NOT, however, be able to change anything; therefore should you wish to make or change a booking, please contact either the church office on 0141 775 1166, or John Pears on 07803014657. For anyone who does not have access to a computer, you can obtain a printed copy of the appropriate monthly calendar either from the church office or from John.

Many thanks for all of your help and support in the creation of our Hall and Church Lets and Events Diary.

John Pears



The vicar was already regretting ordering the new stained-glass window from IKEA



The Churchyard working party was never seen again

Manse Update

Following our Kirk Session meeting in June, I reported that we were seeking permission for our Manse in Union Street to be sold.

I can advise that permission to sell has now been granted, by both Glasgow Presbytery and the Church of Scotland General Trustees. We are now working with the General Trustees in order to place the Manse on the market as soon as possible. It is anticipated that the sale of the Manse will allow us to purchase a more suitable property in the future – a property which is more energy efficient, with reduced maintenance costs for both the building and the garden.

An added benefit of this approach is that it will remove the need to maintain the Manse in Union Street during our period of vacancy.

I will provide further updates in due course, as we make progress in this matter.

**Kind regards,
Gordon Morrison, Session Clerk**

St Mary's Parish Church, Kirkintilloch Ministries & Mission Shortfall – August 2019 Update

I wanted to take this opportunity to provide an update in terms of our current financial position and the plans and actions that are in place to address our current situation.

You will be aware from previous communications that for over 6 years, we have not been able to meet our full allocation to the Ministries & Mission fund. This deficit has accumulated on an annual basis since 2013.

Some key facts and figures:

- At December 2018, our accumulated shortfall amounted to approximately £137,000.
- During 2019, after finalising our accounts for 2018, we

have been in a position to make an additional payment (in excess of £20,000) towards our deficit. This means that our current debt is £116,500.

- Going forward, our expenditure continues to exceed our income, which means our deficit will start to grow again, unless we take steps to increase our income.
- In terms of our vacancy, the deficit needs to be addressed before we will be given permission to call a new Minister. This means that, at the very least, we will be required to have made a significant contribution towards the shortfall and have a credible plan in place that allows us to clear the debt.

Next Steps and Actions: Stewardship

Stewardship is clearly going to be a key aspect of our approach to our current situation. Indeed, Stewardship was one of the three priorities we identified and discussed at the series of Session House meetings earlier in the year.

Our Associate Session Clerk, Charles Hay, has been researching our approach to Stewardship and investigating new resources that are available to us through the Church of Scotland.

Charles intends to bring some proposals to the Kirk Session in September, after which, we will share these ideas and proposals with you.

The story we believe determines the direction of the journey we take.

A few points of note in the mean time:

- We recognise that there will be two discreet elements in our approach to Stewardship:

- 1) The wider context of Biblical stewardship - to nurture, take care of and steward all that we have been given; and

2) The more immediate focus on financial stewardship.

- It is through our approach to Biblical stewardship that we will shape and secure our future. It will help us to determine our vision and recognise our place and purpose as a worshipping congregation in the heart of our community.
- Addressing the immediate issue of our financial deficit is equally important. In fact, it is the critical factor in allowing us to move forward in our period of vacancy, to secure the necessary permission to call a new Minister, and start our journey into this new and exciting chapter in the life of St Mary's.
- What is clear is that Stewardship is not something that will be done for us.

It will involve each and every one of us playing our part.

- **It will be the time, talent and money that we each contribute that will enable us to address our current situation and move forward in faith.**

The Presbytery of Glasgow

As well as developing our coherent plan for addressing our Ministries & Mission deficit, arrangements are being made to enable us to share our proposals with the Presbytery of Glasgow and other interested parties within the Church of Scotland.

Our Interim Moderator, Ian Taylor, has already approached the Presbytery Clerk – it is hoped that a meeting can be arranged with the appropriate participants in late September / early October.

It is essential that we have the support of the wider Church in our efforts to address our current situation. This meeting will also serve to give us a clearer understanding of the steps we will need to take in order to secure permission to call.

I will, of course, provide further updates as we make progress

and have more detailed proposals to share. In the meantime, as always, please don't hesitate to get in touch if there is anything you would like to discuss.

Gordon Morrison, Session Clerk

Kirkintilloch, St Mary's

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***So do we believe a negative story and become paralysed.
Or do we believe a positive story and become empowered.***

Session Report

Welcome back to the start of our new session – I hope you have had an enjoyable time over the summer months. This is just a short note from me this month, because I have another couple of updates elsewhere in the magazine – one in regard to the proposed sale of the Manse in Union Street and the second in regard to our Ministries & Mission shortfall.

Our last Session Meeting was back in June – this was our "Open" Session Meeting, which also incorporated the Annual Stated Meeting.

I have to say that I was greatly encouraged to see so many folks from the congregation in attendance. With over 30 members of the congregation and our organisations, members of Session were certainly outnumbered. It was great to see so many folks there and I hope you found it worthwhile.

This is undoubtedly going to be another busy year ahead, as we move forward in our period of vacancy - I look forward to working with you all.

Please feel free to get in touch at any time if there is anything you would like to discuss or if you would like any additional information.

Kind regards, Gordon Morrison, Session Clerk

Nursery News

We finished last session with our Graduation Concert and trip. The concert was a huge success raising £593 which was donated to The Glasgow Children's Hospital Charity. Our nursery trip was to the Mitchell Library where we found "OOR BRAVEHEART WULLIE". It was lovely to see him on the public art trail – we hope some of you were able to find him too! We also visited Glasgow Cathedral and had a tour of the cathedral led by Rev. Mark Johnstone!

The summer holidays are now over and the nursery children and staff have returned with enthusiasm ready for another year of learning! We have five new starts joining us this week which takes our numbers to over 40 already!

We are delighted to welcome Ashleigh Paterson as Catering Assistant and trust she will enjoy her time with us. Mrs Dougall has a new post in a Glasgow nursery and left us on 16th August. We are sorry to see her go but thank her for her hard work and wish her well in her new post. We interviewed for a new clerical assistant over the summer and I'm pleased to let you know that Mrs Denise Jaap was our successful candidate. Denise will start with us on 9th September. Denise is your first point of contact for church matters so I'm sure many of you will get to know her in the coming months. We also wish her well as she joins our team.

Fiona Leishman, Nursery Convenor

Fabric

Once again we have had a busy summer carrying out essential repairs in Church and Halls. Thanks to a generous donation from the Social Committee we were able to replace all the Fluorescent tubes with LED equivalents. This should show a big reduction in our electricity consumption. We also had a big clear out in the Halls which has freed up much needed space for Organisations. Thanks to my usual small band of helpers and a special thanks to the cleaning team who gave up their time so willingly to ensure the Halls were nice and clean for the organisations returning in August and September.

David Tinto

Harvest Field

All around, confusion,
All around, helplessness,
People lost in the bad news of every day.
Longing for purpose,
Searching for security and significance
Here in the white field of our generation.

The harvest is still great,
The workers are still few,
But the Lord of the harvest
Is the same
Yesterday, today and forever,
And this is his field.
He planted, he will give growth
If we will be his workforce
And go out into the field - where he already is -
To gather the harvest
Of his kingdom compassion.

Lord of the harvest,
In your grace, we pray,
Send us.

An Analysis of our Offerings

Once again we have carried out a review of the freewill offerings made by the congregation in the year to 31 March 2019. As can be seen from the table below, over fifty per cent of our members appear to be giving nothing or less than 50p per week as in the previous year. The total giving has increased by £6700 for which we must thank those who have given more. The figures do not take into account the Gift Aid Recovery on a substantial number of the offerings.

Weekly Amount	Number	Numerical Percentage	Total Amount	Monetary Percentage
No envelopes	258	44.33	0	0
Nil	28	4.81	0	0
Nil-50p	20	3.44	206.00	0.21
50p-£1	11	1.89	417.70	0.42
£1-£1.50	8	1.37	502.30	0.51
£1.50-£2	6	1.03	549.20	0.55
£2-£3	23	3.95	2925.50	2.95
£3-£4	30	5.16	5400.05	5.45
£4-£5	56	9.62	13192.52	13.32
£5-£7.50	62	10.65	20236.60	20.43
£7.50-£10	25	4.30	11673.45	11.79
£10-£15	36	6.19	22468.70	22.69
£15-£20	9	1.55	8267.00	8.35
£20-£30	8	1.37	9830.00	9.92
>£30	2	.34	3380.00	3.41
Total	582	100.00	99049.02	100.00

The figures are slightly distorted as some members no longer take envelopes and simply put cash in the plate, which is beneficial to us now as we can claim Gift Aid on it under the Small Gifts Scheme. This does not account for the vast majority

however. The numbers above are also affected by joint giving as only one member is recorded in these cases. In 2018 our running costs amounted to just over £147,000 (excluding the Special Project) and Gift Aid received on our freewill offerings amounted to £19,604. Taking these figures into account, our deficit could reach in excess of £29,000 which continues to give us concern and must be addressed sooner rather than later, especially as we need to attract a new minister, permission for which will not be given until we have a plan agreed with Glasgow Presbytery to clear our shortfall for Ministries and Mission and have a Manse which is fit for purpose.

We are conscious that many of you have contributed handsomely to our Roof Fund and have heeded the article we produced last year, but we do however need to generate sufficient income to pay our bills and to meet our obligations to the Church of Scotland in full together with the arrears we have built up. We would respectfully request all members to review their level of giving and if possible increase it. Every little counts and we would also commend to those members who have not yet joined the Standing Order Scheme to do so as this does help our cashflow during the year. We also would ask any taxpayers who have not joined the Gift Aid Scheme to obtain a Declaration form from either of the contributors in order that we can reclaim tax equivalent to 25% of your offering.

We must prove to Presbytery that we are a sustainable congregation which will be able to meet its liabilities as they fall due and give support to a new minister whenever we are in a position to make a Call.

Hugh Biggans, Finance Convenor
John Thomson, Treasurer

Annual Accounts Information

Once again I am pleased to present an analysis of our Annual Accounts for the year to 31 December, 2018. The analysis is based on the General Fund only and does not take into account any

of the organisations or our Special Projects Fund. Comparative figures are shown for 2017.

2018 Accounts weekly analysis

General Fund only average weekly Income

	2017	2018
Offering including Gift Aid	2172.65	2312.31
Endowment Income	29.40	29.25
Organisations	23.08	0.00
Other	28.94	35.83
Weddings, Funerals	8.65	11.54
Hall Lets	85.65	91.67
Investment Income	12.13	5.83
Total	2360.50	2486.43

Average weekly expenditure

Offering envelopes	12.33	12.44
Ministry and Mission	1384.63	1298.38
Presbytery dues	72.25	69.42
Ministers Expenses	47.52	48.40
Pulpit Supply	3.17	8.17
Salaries	325.02	278.25
Repairs	243.63	148.56
Council Tax – Manse	48.19	49.87
Heat Light, Insurance Water	610.02	655.46
Church Office (Tel, Stat)	78.44	74.31
Organ	1.13	70.73
Depreciation	64.63	64.63
Other Expenses	66.19	58.85
Total	2957.17	2837.47

Shortfall	596.67	351.04
Say	600.00	350.00

The figures show a reduction in the annual deficit resulting from increased giving and savings made in expenses. Unfortunately, there is still a considerable deficit on a weekly basis and we will have to dig deeper into our pockets to resolve this situation and also to at least substantially reduce the deficit on Ministries and Mission before we will be given permission to Call a new minister.

Our accounts 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. Plans are also in place to sell our old manse and replace it with a newer one which will be more efficient and less costly to run. This is a one-off possibility to reduce our deficit on Ministries and Mission providing we can obtain more for our old manse than the cost of the new one and the General Trustees grant us permission to use the excess for this purpose. It does not however solve the ongoing annual deficit which can only be corrected with the support of the whole congregation.

Hugh Biggans, Finance Convenor



Treasurer's Report

MAY OFFERING

DATE	FREEWILL OFFERING	GIFT AID	OPEN PLATE	STANDING ORDERS
05.05.19	376.00	287.00	92.80	
12.05.19	463.10	510.00	195.00	
19.05.19	311.00	799.00	248.54	
26.05.19	225.00	436.80	159.30	
Standing orders				4001.00
TOTAL	1375.10	2032.80	695.64	4001.00
Total for the Month		8104.54		

JUNE OFFERING

DATE	FREEWILL OFFERING	GIFT AID	OPEN PLATE	STANDING ORDERS
02.06.19	281.50	386.00	90.50	
09.06.19	256.00	506.00	101.10	
16.06.19	263.00	475.50	120.80	
23.06.19	261.20	270.00	61.00	
30.06.19	179.00	442.00	97.00	
Standing orders				3608.00
TOTAL	1240.70	2079.50	470.40	3608.00
Total for the Month		7398.60		

JULY OFFERING

DATE	FREEWILL OFFERING	GIFT AID	OPEN PLATE	STANDING ORDERS
07.07.19	374.00	482.20	190.10	
14.07.19	301.00	322.00	42.00	
21.07.19	392.00	504.00	76.50	
28.07.19	174.00	378.50	47.05	
Standing orders				4219.00
TOTAL	1241.00	1686.70	355.65	4219.00
Total for the Month		7502.35		

RECEIPTS AND DONATIONS Received During May, June and July

with thanks and gratitude for your consideration of our Church	
Parishioner Donations	70.00
Legacy from The Estate of Mrs Penelope Sinclair to Fabric Fund	1000.00
Donation from 1st Kirkintilloch Rainbows	50.00
Donation from Trefoil Guild	150.00
Donation from St Mary's Ladies Badminton Club	330.00
Donations from The Grand Lodge of Dunbartonshire	260.00
Donation from St Mary's Flower Circle	500.00
Donation following the baptism on 26.05.19	50.00
Donation to Special Projects Fund	40.00
Donation to Special Projects Fund from Friday Fellowship	250.00
Donations to Fabric Fund	35.00
Christian Aid Soup Lunch 19.05.19	547.50
Just Text Giving to Special Projects Fund	10.00
Donation following the Wedding on 27.07.19	300.00
Running and Walking Group donation to Special Projects Fund	500.00
Donation from St Mary's Country Dance Class	350.00
St Mary's Nursery	5000.00

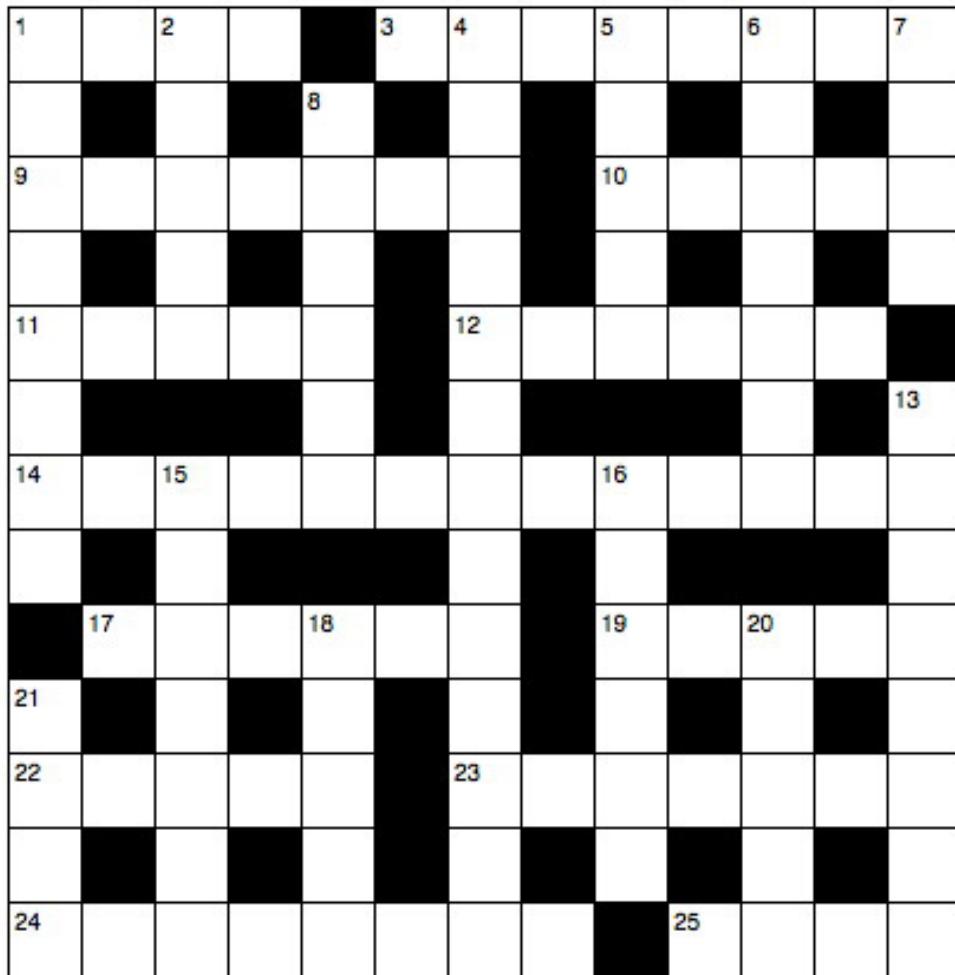
Life and Work

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David Tinto

Crossword



ACROSS

- 1 'A little later someone else saw Peter and said, "You — are one of them" (Luke 22:58) (4)
- 3 Giving (1 Peter 2:5) (8)
- 9 They came to Jerusalem seeking an infant king

- 10 'An athlete... does not receive the victor's crown unless he competes according to the — ' (2 Timothy 2:5) (5)
- 11 Pacifist, temperance advocate, open-air

(Matthew 2:7) (3,4)

preacher, leading 20th-century Methodist, Donald — (5)

12 'Come quickly to — — , O Lord my Saviour' (Psalm 38:22) (4,2)

14 'The God of Abraham, — — , the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus' (Acts 3:13) (5,3,5)

17 Sear by intense heat (Revelation 16:8) (6)

19 'It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust — — ' (Psalm 118:8) (2,3)

22 Goods (Nehemiah 13:15) (5)

23 i.e. train (anag.) (7)

24 Surrounding area (Luke 24:50) (8)

25 'Righteousness will be his — and faithfulness the sash round his waist' (Isaiah 11:5) (4)

how firm your — — — is' (Colossians 2:5) (5,2,6)

5 Enlist (2 Samuel 24:2) (5)

6 Of the Muslim faith (7)

7 Sharp intake of breath (Job 11:20) (4)

8 Woven cloth (Ezekiel 16:13) (6)

13 Plentiful (Romans 5:17) (8)

15 CIA char (anag.) (7)

16 Paul and Silas stopped him committing suicide after an earthquake in Philippi (Acts 16:27–28) (6)

18 One of the ingredients in the making of incense for the Lord (Exodus 30:34) (5)

20 Episcopal headwear (5)

21 Inhabitant of, say, Russia, Ukraine, Poland, Slovakia or Bulgaria (4)

DOWN

1 Elegant and creative (Exodus 31:4) (8)

2 'Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all — , but we will all be changed' (1 Corinthians 15:51) (5)

4 'I... delight to see how orderly you are and



The Rectory . . .

St James the Least

Your withering comments, saying that our choir robes, were 'surplice' to requirements did not go down well at last week's practice. I will concede that Mr Baddeley's robes smell somewhat kippered and are laced with burns - but you can expect little less from 40 years of enjoying a final cigarette behind a gravestone before the start of Matins.

Certainly, Mr Timmin's surplice has a strange series of red and blue polka dots, but that is only because he uses his time in the choir stalls, when not singing, to catch up on marking his pupils' essays. The red gash on Miss Thripp's surplice may look as if the choirmaster has just stabbed her, but it was only a jam doughnut she ate, just before that wedding five years ago.

Our robes are steeped in history - they have seen their way through the death of Queen Victoria, the relief of Mafeking, and two World Wars.

When one morning Admiral Flagg developed an ostentatious cough, I gave him a cough sweet from the pocket of my own cassock. He later commented that it had a strange taste. Not surprising - it had been in the pocket when I was

given the cassock 50 years ago from Canon Ball's widow after he died.

In an attempt to improve the look of the surplices, Mrs Wigg offered to starch them all. Unfortunately, her enthusiasm is only surpassed by her ineptitude. She worked on the principle that if one packet of starch was good, ten would be better. When the choir arrived the following Sunday, they found twenty surplices standing round the vestry floor looking like a circle of tents at Scout camp.

Once the choir had struggled into them, they had to process up the aisle in single file, as they were all about 6 feet wide. The choir stood rigidly throughout the Service, knowing that any rapid movement risked severing a major artery.

But our style of choir dress has one advantage which yours can never equal. Within our choristers' voluminous robes, there is ample space for peppermints, packs of cards, the Sunday newspapers and balls of wool and knitting needles. Your music group in their jeans and tee-shirts must feel utterly bereft during the sermon.

**Your loving uncle,
Eustace**



Read
the
story
in
Mark
1:1-20

Once there was a man who went out to sow corn. As he scattered the seed in the field some of it fell along the **path** where it was stepped on and **eaten** by the birds. Some of it fell on **rocky ground**, when the plants sprouted they **dried** up because the soil was dry. Some of the seed fell among **thorns** which grew up with the plants and **chocked** them, and some seed fell in the **good** soil; the plants grew and produced corn - a hundred grains each!



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WITHERED • THORNS • CHOKED • GRAIN • GOOD • SPROUT • GROW
THIRTY • SIXTY • HUNDRED • HEAR • EARS

DAY	ORGANISATION	LOCATION	TIME	CONTACT
Sunday	Sunday Worship	Church	11am	Elaine Stevens Lesley Baird/Fiona Leishman Liz Barrie
	Young Church	Church Halls	11am	
	Fairtrade Stall	Main Hall	12 noon	
	Senior Badminton	Main Hall	7.30-10pm	
Monday	Nursery	Church Halls	8.30-11.45am	Elaine Connor Cathie Devine Bob Brown
	Ladies Bowling	Main Hall	1.30-3.30 pm	
	Running Walking Club	Session House	7.00 pm	
Tuesday	Nursery	Church Halls	8.30-11.45am	Elaine Connor Anne Selby Liz Barrie Rev Katy Owen Moira MacNeill
	Ladies Badminton	Main Hall	1.30-3.30 pm	
	Senior Badminton	Main Hall	8.00-10.30pm	
	Prayer Time	Meeting Place	7.00-7.30 pm	
	Country Dancing	Mid Hall	7.45-10.00 pm	
Wednesday	Nursery	Church Halls	8.30-11.45am	Elaine Connor Mary Stirling Rev Morris Dutch Ann Allan Cara Daniels Agnes Marran Cara Daniels <i>Telephone Church Office</i> Bob Brown
	Wednesday Welcome	Session	10.00a.m. – 11.20am.	
	Wednesday Service	House	11.30 a.m. – 12 noon	
	Over 50's Badminton	Main Hall	1.30 p.m. – 3.30 p.m.	
	Rainbows	Mid Hall	6.30 p.m. – 7.30 p.m.	
	Brownies	Main Hall	6.30 p.m. – 7.45 p.m.	
	Guides	Main Hall	7.30 p.m. – 9.30 p.m.	
	Vestry Hour	Vestry	7.00 p.m. – 9.00 p.m.	
	Running/Walking Club	Session House	7.00 p.m.	
	Trefoil Guild (monthly)	Mid Hall	7.45-10.00pm	
Thursday	Nursery	Church Halls	8.30-11.45am	Elaine Connor Elizabeth Walker
	Flower Circle (Alternate Weeks)	Mid Hall	7.30 p.m. – 9.00 p.m.	
Friday	Nursery	Church Halls	8.30-11.45am	Elaine Connor Edith Dunn
	Listeners' Circle (monthly)	Session House	2.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m.	
	Friday Fellowship (alternate weeks)	Mid Hall	7.30 p.m. – 9.00 p.m.	Moira MacNeill

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