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THE PARISHIONER



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My Dear Friends . . .

I would like to begin by wishing you all a very Happy Easter.

For many of you who are elderly, housebound and to others who were unable to personally attend the Easter Day family service in church on Sunday 4 April, or view it on-line, the music played and directed by David on the piano/organ led us in our worship with the Easter songs we all know and love. The children of our Young Church again contributed a marvellous presentation of the Easter Story narrated by their leaders and illustrated with their coloured-in pictures. The opening prayer and Lord's Prayer was given by Lauren Hopkins and Gordon Morrison later read the Bible story to us from John 20:1-18. All the folks who attended enjoyed the service immensely. It is very important that as you read this letter you feel a very much valued and loved member of the St Mary's Church family. On your behalf I would like to say a very big thank you to everyone who contributed to the Easter Day church service and also to David

Tinto and production team who made it possible to view on-line. We wish also to acknowledge our gratitude to Sandra Burns and her team who work diligently behind the scenes to produce and deliver this Parishioner for you to read and enjoy. Friends, that's church! We all play our part whether noticed or not, we do it from a heart of love and service to our Lord. Please forgive me if I have missed anyone out in my words of thanks and appreciation! Your turn will come!!!! Watch this space!!!!

St Mary's is a wonderful church and fellowship with a great future ahead to look forward to and work for!

For quite a long time I struggled to understand why we call Good Friday, "GOOD" and say to each other, "HAPPY" Easter! Why GOOD? Why HAPPY? Surely it couldn't have been a good day when Jesus was tried, beaten and crucified. Equally, how can we be happy because Jesus suffered excruciating pain that goes beyond any rational level of our understanding. Jesus was

killed and placed in a tomb! Yet, reflecting on what later happened early on Easter Sunday, God raised Jesus from the dead, never to die again and to open the way of eternal life for everyone who believes in His name. Yes, happiness is available to us all because of the bodily resurrection of our Lord. We can have JOY in knowing that Jesus conquered sin and death and now gives us the GIFT of eternal life. The mystery of God's love for you and me is unfathomable! We cannot buy or earn eternal life! It is free!!! It is offered to everyone who asks

God's forgiveness for their sins and trusts in Jesus as their Lord and Saviour. Hope and the assurance of life everlasting is God's gift to all who will receive it.

Friends that is why we say HAPPY EASTER! The Lord is risen! Hallelujah!

Wishing you all every blessing...

***Your Minister
and friend...***

Morris

From the Interim Moderator . . .

PERPETUAL CHANGE is here to stay!

The date was 23rd March 2021, one year since we first went into 'lockdown,' and what a year of change it has been. Yet amid all the change, the love of God has been constant. On that date this year some of us may have marked a minute's silence at 12 noon, gathered at "Light for Lives" at 7pm, or paused in the middle of a Kirk Session meeting at 8pm to keep a vigil to remember loved ones. In times of change, I often fall back upon Hebrews 13:8 which remind us that "***Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.***"

From that I draw comfort and strength to carry on. As me move through Lent into Holy Week and approach Jerusalem, we are reminded

that beyond the darkness of the Easter tomb there is the light of the resurrection. So we do not lose heart, or faith. We live with the change and the reality that whilst things may be different this Easter the promise of God to be with us remains our sure and steadfast hope.



Rev Iain Taylor

I am conscious that our last Parishioner was an exclusive 'online' version and therefore some of you may have not had access to it. In light of that I have reproduced some information concerning our Vacancy for those who may not have read it first time around.

Vacancy Business

I am pleased to advise that a Nominating Committee has now been formed. Thank you to the 222 members and adherents who returned their ballot forms, and to our Session Clerk, Gordon Morrison for his assistance to me with this process. Thank you to all those members and adherents who offered themselves for consideration to serve on the Committee.

The Nominating Committee is composed of the following representatives for St. Mary's:

Lesley Bevens

I'm happily married to John and have 2 lovely girls called Cara and Beth. St Mary's Parish Church has always been part of my life from a wee girl attending with my family, going on Sunday school trips, attending Brownies & Girl Guides and then 20 years ago, being married by the Rev Mark Johnstone. St Mary's has been an integral part of my life and always will be and it would be a privilege to be able to serve on our Nominating Committee.

Hugh Biggans

I am a member of the Kirk Session at St Mary's and for the past 15 years, I have served in the capacity of Finance Convener. I also part of the group leading our recent roof restoration project. More recently, I have been participating in our monthly Doors Open Day initiative. I lead a "Sunday morning" duty group and also attend our Wednesday Welcome service.

Garry Burns

I am a member of our Kirk Session, where I serve as Youth Convener, as well as St Mary's Presbytery Elder. I am a regular member of the Church Choir and also take a lead role in the organisation of our Communion celebrations. Since the start of lockdown restrictions last year, I have been helping with the recording of our Sunday Services (including the intimations, when required!).

Ken Craig

I have been a member of our Kirk Session for approximately 20 years and during that time I have served as Associate Session Clerk. I have worked closely with the youth in our Church, including establishing our Youth Fellowship group. I recognise the importance of identifying the right person to take St Mary's forward and I would value this opportunity to be part of our Nominating Committee.

Louise Dunn

I've been linked to St Mary's all my life - Sunday school, brownies and guides. I attend worship every Sunday with my Mum. I have been a leader with Young Church since 1994 and I am an active participant in the weekly prayer group. I would welcome this opportunity to serve on our Nominating Committee.

Ruth Hart

Hi, my name is Ruth Hart (some of you will know me better by my maiden name, Ruth Patterson). I was christened by Frank Haughton in 1991 and I'm the 4th generation of my family to have attended St Mary's. I've come through the Sunday School as a child and I have been a Sunday School teacher for the past 10 years. Some of you will recognise me from playing the piano and oboe in church. I divide my time between St Mary's and Hillhead where I play the organ on a part time basis.

Fiona Leishman

I am an active member involved in many aspects of church life including being convenor of our nursery. As I was part of the last vacancy committee I can bring that experience to enable us to select the right candidate to allow the church to move forward.

Matt Lynch

I have been a very regular worshiper at St Mary's for the last 8 years. You may know me to see, or perhaps you will have stopped for a chat while I have been tending to the Church garden. I recognise the importance of finding the right person to take St Mary's forward and I would welcome the opportunity to help influence this decision.

Graham McKenzie

I have been a member of St Mary's for more than 10 years, having moved to Scotland in 2008. My family and I have been welcomed into the congregation and have been involved in many of the church's activities, including my daughter having been in the young church. I hope to use my understanding of what is important to the congregation to help select a minister who will take us on the next stage of our spiritual journey.

Sally McLellan

I have been a member of the Kirk Session for over twenty years with responsibility for, amongst other things, organising the arrangements for our communion Services. I am a member of the church choir and also the Musical Director of Kirkintilloch Male Voice Choir. I would welcome the opportunity to help find the next minister for St. Mary's - taking us forward in the 21st century.

John Pears

I am a member of St Mary's Kirk Session, serving as vice convener of the Finance Committee. I am involved in the arrangements for our monthly "Doors Open" days and now take a lead role in organising our safety procedures when we are able to open the sanctuary during the Covid-19 restrictions. I also have responsibility for all our Church and Hall lets for both internal and external organisatons.

Margaret Pears

Involved in St Mary's all my life, chaired two student minister support groups, currently St Mary's Safeguarding Co-ordinator and member of the Flower Circle, I would welcome the opportunity to help move St. Mary's forward.

Gillian Thomson

I am a recently retired clerical assistant, married to John and mum to two daughters and a grandmother. As a family we came to St Mary's in 1994, the girls attended Sunday school and I helped in Sunday school for a number of years. I am a regular worshipper in the sanctuary and would be privileged to serve on the nominating committee.

In further Vacancy News I can also confirm that the Kirk Session has finalised our Parish Profile and this is now on our website and referenced on the main website of the Church of Scotland CURRENT VACANCIES section.

At the first meeting of the Nominating Committee on 28/02/21, Fiona Leishman was

appointed as Convener and Louise Dunn as Clerk. The Committee have been busy preparing selection criteria, interview questions and handling expressions of interest from possible candidates.

Please support them prayerfully. Prayer is essential and the Committee will seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit in all its endeavours. All meetings of the Committee are opened and closed in prayer, as well as whenever key or contentious decisions are approached.

It should be fully understood from the very beginning that the work of the Committee ***is confidential at all times***. It cannot be discussed with other members of the congregation or with others outside the congregation, including family members. Once we have a nominee, and he or she has accepted, careful discussion needs to take place between the Nominating Committee, the nominee and the Interim Moderator to ensure that the name doesn't leak out before his or her existing congregation is properly informed.

The work to complete our new Manse continues, but there has been a further slight delay to

the **completion date now of 29/04/21**. After that we will make the necessary alterations with the garage conversion into an additional room and some other minor internal works (i.e. alarm installation).

In another edition of the Parishioner I will outline some of the procedures of how the Committee will go about meeting, interviewing, hearing, and presenting a prospective candidate for voting to the congregation in the midst of a pandemic.

As you will appreciate with the easing of some 'lockdown' restrictions, this is an ever-changing situation to navigate.

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Parish Register

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'.*

*Our thoughts and prayers are with Matt and Paul Malcolm and their families as they mourn the death of a beloved mother, Rosa.
The funeral was taken by the Rev Morris Dutch.*



Church Flowers

We wish to thank everyone who has continued to donate to the flower fund at this time. We still cannot deliver church flowers to anyone at present, but please be reassured that your donations will be put to good use once all restrictions are lifted. In the meantime, please know that we continue to think about and pray for all those who would benefit from church flowers at this time.

Fiona Leishman, Sandra Burns, Ruth Poynton, Elizabeth Walker
The Flower Committee

Church Re-opening . . .

At our Kirk Session meeting on Tuesday 23rd March, the Interim Moderator and Session members, having carefully considered ScotGov and Church of Scotland Guidelines, decided that we should re-open for public worship on **Sunday 4th April 2021 at 11am** and each Sunday thereafter. Services will last approximately 40 minutes and ScotGov guidelines remind us that numbers are limited to **50 people in total**.

To avoid the disappointment of anyone arriving at church to find that our quota of 50 people has been met, we will adopt the same booking system as previously, whereby anyone wishing to attend church on any given Sunday should contact the church office (**Tel: 0141 775 1166 before 13.00 on the Thursday of that week** giving their name, the number of people attending with them (partners or household groups only please) plus their contact details. Should the church quota be full for that week, your name, etc will be entered onto the list for the next consecutive Sunday. Should you not wish to attend on that Sunday, we would be most grateful if you could again contact the church office to let us know.

As the church office will not be manned due to Easter holidays, bookings for weeks commencing 5th and 12th April may be made by phoning John Pears on 0141 762 1205.

When you arrive at church please remember at all times:

- To “socially distance” at a distance of 2 metres at all times.
- To use Sanitising Hand gel as you enter and exit the sanctuary (this will be provided for you).
- To use your mask in the sanctuary (unless a medical condition prevents this).
- To give your name and contact details to the duty elder to enter on the attendance register.
- To place any offerings that you might want to make in the plate at the entrance door.

- To sit only in designated “locations” which are designed to accommodate, individuals, couples or family groups and to which you will be guided as you enter.
- To remain seated as there will be NO Congregational singing, although you may bring your own bibles for your own use only.
- To indicate to a duty elder should you require to use the toilet or if you are feeling unwell.
- Ensure that where children and young people are part of our worshipping community, they should sit in their family groups when in the sanctuary.
- To enter, exit and disperse as quickly and safely as possible using the signed one-way system as requested.

Should you feel unsure, based on your own feelings and circumstances, of coming together with others for worship in person, you can still access our service as it can be viewed on YouTube as previously.

We are pleased to be re-opening our church and look forward to welcoming you all back and, although the layout of our sanctuary and the way that we worship will be different from before and perhaps not necessarily the way we would want it, for all of our sakes and so that we can move forward, **we must abide by the rules and guidelines.**

John C. Pears
Pp St Mary's Session



Copy for the **May** magazine should be e-mailed to sandraburns.me@gmail.com no later than **Sunday 25 April 2021**. If there are any changes to our current situation prior to this date, further information will be issued accordingly.

A Message from the Treasurer

Thank you to everyone who continues to support our Church by sending offerings.

Thank you also to those folks who have recently made donations whether it is towards general expenditure, for The Parishioner, or specifically to cover items of vacancy expenditure. I have also received a donation from Cynthia and David Keellings. My sincere gratitude goes to everyone. Although Church is due to re-open in a reduced capacity, I am aware that, for the moment, not everyone will be able to come back. So just to re-iterate that for the moment I will continue to receive offering contributions to my home address if this is still appropriate for you. My address can be found within this Parishioner. Remember cheques should be made payable to St Mary's Parish Church Kirkintilloch. For those who use Freewill Offering Envelopes, your new envelopes to be used from first Sunday in April should have arrived with this Parishioner. If you require envelopes, want to find out more about standing order, or gift aid, please get in touch with myself or Hugh Biggans. At last Kirk Session meeting, 23rd March, Hugh and I presented the Church Accounts for the year ending 31st December 2020. These were approved on the night by Kirk Session, as was the budget for 2021. This was a good set of accounts and given the challenges of the past year a very encouraging result. There will be a redacted

set of accounts posted on our website as soon as possible for your attention and information and will be presented at the Stated Annual Meeting.

What a year that has been, from the challenges to the achievements!

- To have been able to clear the Ministries and Mission deficit, which, in turn transposed our vacancy and permission to call, from a restricted status to an Unrestricted Call.
- To have sold our Manse and identified and reserved a new Manse.
- To have dealt with and survived long periods of closure and all that the Global Pandemic has impacted on St Mary's and our community.
- To be progressing the vacancy even during these challenging and restricted times.
- To be able to produce a healthy set of end of year accounts as I have mentioned above.

We have achieved a lot! This has only been possible with your support. You have continued to support during closure, you have supported towards these achievements and where we are now, and to the progression we are making.

THANK YOU and WELL DONE.

John
John M Thomson, Treasurer

Nursery Report

Our children continue to enjoy being at nursery and are flourishing despite the ongoing restrictions.



Children continue to arrive at staggered times and each group has its own entrance. In this way we are reducing the number of parents/carers arriving at any one time. Children continue to be welcomed at the gate by a member of staff.

As a congregation we have our role to play too and I respectfully remind everyone that the church carpark remains closed and that members should not try to gain access during nursery sessions as this compromises the safety of our children.

The recent spring weather has allowed the children to spend most of the day outdoors. They have started planting out their new planters and we look forward to seeing the results of their efforts. A new corner shed has been purchased which allows shelter for some children when it does rain!

The nursery will close for the Easter break on Thursday 1st and open again on Monday 19th April.

Please pray that the children will have a fun time with their families and that the staff will find rest and renewal before the final term begins.

Fiona Leishman, Nursery Convener

Happy Easter from Young Church

Post-Easter. What happened

Jesus died and rose again...but He did not go straight up to Heaven afterwards. He was on earth for forty days prior to His ascension, and during that time He appeared in various ways to people. It seems that He may have had different features at this state.

The disciples did not always recognize Him immediately, and Christ seems to quickly appear and disappear.

There are at least eleven instances listed in the Bible depicting how He came to His followers...some significant ones include:

- Appearance to Mary Magdalene, the "other Mary," and Peter on the day of resurrection (John 20:11-18; Luke 24:1-11 and 34)
- Appearance to the disciples on the road to Emmaus on the evening of resurrection (Luke 24:13-35). Note that here Jesus was not immediately recognized.
- Appearance to the disciples at Jerusalem, and again when Thomas was present with them

(John 20:19-24; Mark 16:14-18). The significant elements here involve how Jesus proved who He was. He ate with them, showed His wounds, and allowed them to touch Him as living evidence.

- Visit to the fishing disciples at the heavenly fish fry (John 21:1-23).
- Farewell to the disciples prior to ascension (Acts 1:4-10). Here Jesus promises to send the Holy Spirit to comfort and guide them and instructs them to go into all the world spreading the good news of who He is. This command is for us, too, as is the promise of the Holy Spirit's blessing and guidance. This appears in Luke 24: He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms."

The life, death, and resurrection of Christ is the culmination and importance of the whole Bible. It demonstrates fulfilment of God's great plan and proves He keeps His

promises. We know the Gospels to be true and with these witnesses to resurrection we know HE is true. What more can we do than follow the instructions of Jesus and bear witness?

Our job is to recognize the significance of what Christ did, and to share that with one another. We are to rejoice in His resurrection and to worship and praise God. We can be eager to continue His work on earth as we love and serve His people.

April Challenge

Share the love...We do not need to necessarily be risking our lives in foreign countries to spread the good news of Christ. Try to show kindness and love, whether through a smile, saying hello, or just being present. Listen to people and make eye contact. Even though we need to wear face masks when around other people, we can use our eyes to show kindness and

love.

How will you carry on God's love this week?

Remember, it is still the Easter season until Pentecost! We observed lent for 40 days - **we may as well celebrate for all 50 days of the Easter season as well!**

Many people tend to celebrate Easter during Lent up until Easter Sunday, and then pack up all the bunnies the next day. However, we know that the day after Easter is Easter Monday, and only the second day in a 50-day season.

All the Easter crafts, snacks, games, books, etc. could not possibly all happen on actual Easter Sunday- it is too much! But that is ok because the season of Easter lasts for 50 days, all the way through Pentecost!

Devine Intervention?

A little boy was playing outside with his mother's broom in the garden. That night his mother realised her broom was still missing and asked her son to go out and bring it in.

When the little boy confessed he was afraid of the dark, his mother tried to comfort him: 'The Lord is out there too, don't be afraid.' Hesitantly, the little boy opened the back door and peered out. He called softly: 'Lord, please will you pass me the broom?'

Fun Quiz

1. True or false: Easter has a fixed date?
2. What type of bun is traditionally eaten on Good Friday?
3. When do Christians celebrate the resurrection of Jesus?
4. Can you unscramble the name of a famous Easter character: RESTEA NYNUB?
5. Which of the following cakes is traditionally eaten at Easter time: a) Battenberg, b) Panettone, c) Simnel Cake?
6. True or false: The Thursday before Easter is known by Christians as Maundy Thursday?
7. Which plant is a symbol of the resurrection of Jesus: a) Rose, b) Lily, c) Tulip?
8. What type of fancy hat begins with the letter B and is worn at Easter?
9. Who shared the final meal, known as the Last Supper, with Jesus?
10. What type of newly hatched bird is a symbol of Easter?

11. The period of Lent reflects the 40 days that Jesus spent in the: a) Garden of Gethsemane, b) Town of Bethlehem, c) Desert?
12. Which famous Easter song includes the lyrics, 'One a penny two a penny'?
13. True or false: Easter occurs on the Sunday before Good Friday?
14. Good Friday honours the day that Jesus was: a) Crucified, b) Baptized, c) Resurrected?
15. Can you unscramble the following word to reveal the name of a gift that we share at Easter time: TSAERE GSEG?

FIONA GREEN

Easter is the most joyful day of the year for Christians. Christ has died for our sins. We are forgiven. Christ has risen! We are redeemed! We can look forward to an eternity in His joy! Hallelujah!

The Good News of Jesus Christ is a message so simple that you can explain it to someone in a few minutes. It is so profound that for the rest of their lives they will still be 'growing' in their Christian walk with God.

Why does the date move around so much? Because the date of Passover moves around, and according to the biblical account, Easter is tied to the Passover. Passover celebrates the Israelites' exodus from Egypt, and it lasts for seven days, from the middle of the Hebrew month of Nisan, which equates to late March or early April. Sir Isaac Newton was one of the first to use the Hebrew lunar calendar to come up with firm dates for the first Good Friday: Friday 7th April 30 AD or Friday 3rd April, 33 AD with Easter Day falling two days later. Modern scholars continue to think these two Fridays to be the most likely.

Most people will tell you that Easter falls on the first Sunday after the first full moon after the Spring Equinox, which is broadly true. But the precise calculations are complicated and involve something called an 'ecclesiastical full moon', which is not the same as the moon in the sky. The earliest possible date for Easter in the West is 22nd March, which last fell in 1818. The latest is 25th April, which last happened in 1943. Why the name, 'Easter'? In almost every European language, the festival's name comes from 'Pesach', the Hebrew word for Passover. The Germanic word 'Easter', however, seems to come from Eostre, a Saxon fertility goddess mentioned by the Venerable Bede. He thought that the Saxons worshipped her in 'Eostur month,' but may have confused her with the classical dawn goddesses like Eos and Aurora, whose names mean 'shining in the east'. So, Easter might have meant simply 'beginning month' – a good time for starting up again after a long winter.

Finally, why Easter eggs? On one hand, they are an ancient symbol of birth in most European cultures. On the other hand, hens start laying

regularly again each Spring. Since eggs were forbidden during Lent, it's easy to see how decorating and eating them became a practical way to celebrate Easter.

The following list of witnesses may help you put all those references in order....

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| Mary Magdalene | Mark 16:9-11; John 20:10-18 |
| Other women at the tomb | Matthew 28:8-10 |
| Peter in Jerusalem | Luke 24:34; 1 Corinthians 15:5 |
| The two travellers on the road | Mark 16:12,13 |
| 10 disciples behind closed doors | Mark 16:14; Luke 24:36-43; John 20:19-25 |
| 11 disciples WITH Thomas | John 20:26-31; 1 Corinthians 15:5 |
| 7 disciples while fishing | John 21:1-14 |
| 11 disciples on the mountain | Matthew 28:16-20 |
| A crowd of 500 | 1 Corinthians 15:6 |
| Jesus' brother – James | 1 Corinthians 15:7 |
| Those who saw the Ascension | Luke 24:44-49; Acts 1:3-8 |

Dear generous, loving Father,

How can we thank you for the precious gift of your Son Jesus, for His life of obedience and servanthood, for His choosing to die that agonising death on a cruel cross, so that we can be forgiven, and most of all for His death-defeating resurrection on the first Easter morning and the gift of His Spirit to those who put their trust in Him?

We can't possibly thank you adequately Lord, but we want to try! Thank you, thank you Father, that Jesus, our Servant-King is alive, Lord of heaven and earth – and yet still serving us, so that we too can live and serve.

Help us to be your Easter people and live lives of faithful witness to the living Lord, empowered by your Holy Spirit, building in all that we think, say or do for your kingdom to come. Hallelujah! Amen.

By Daphne Kitching

The Rectory

St James the Least

My dear Nephew Darren

Thank you for inviting me to speak at your church council yesterday. I began to suspect that my theme of why Eusebius's dislike of Sabellianism led to his condemnation at the Council of Antioch in 324 was a little misjudged, when the only question I was asked after my lecture was if Eusebius was on Facebook.

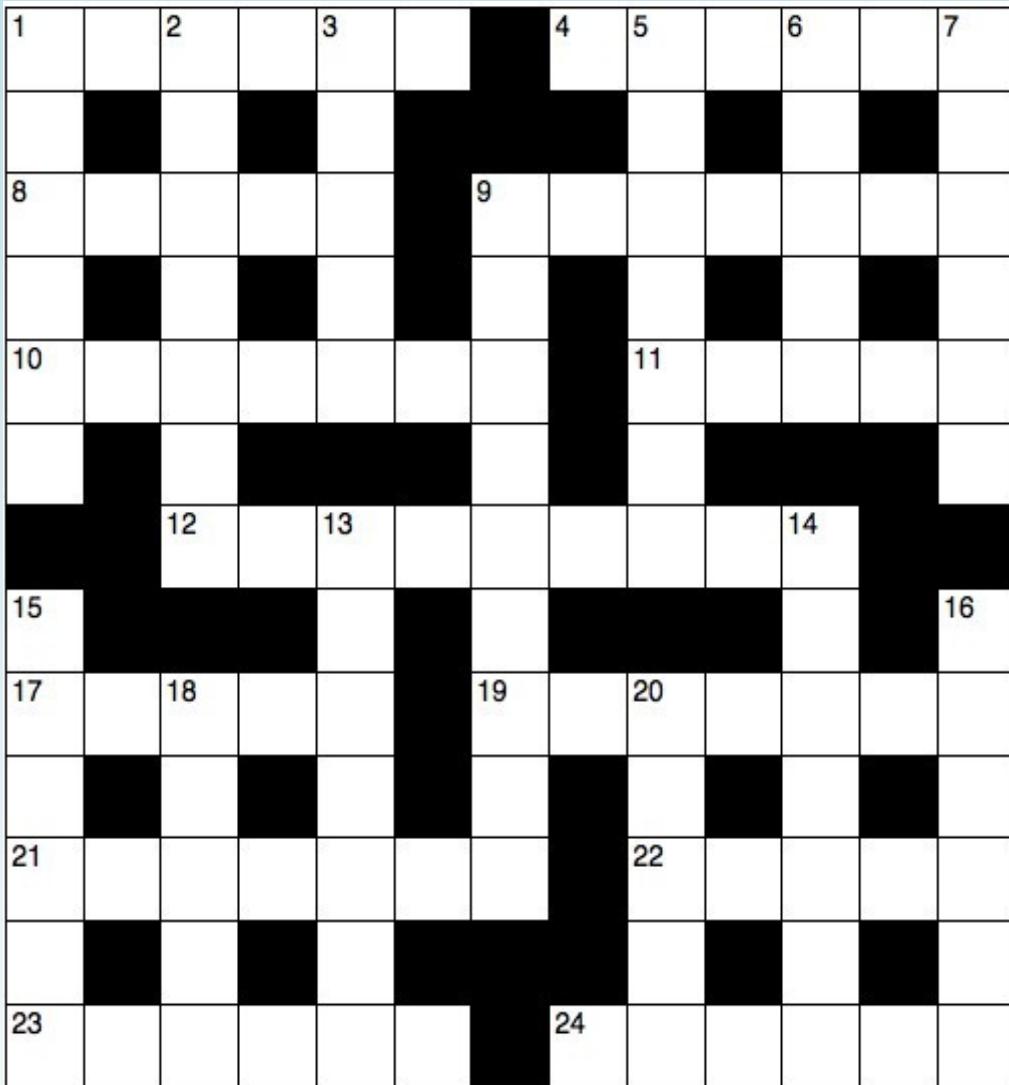
I never realised how much technology is needed these days just to discuss church matters. It seemed that everyone had brought their laptop, so they could refer to all the diocesan briefing documents and reports that you mentioned. I've been in the diocese 40 years and have never heard of most of those papers. But then I find it too easy to delete the diocesan mailings, unread, with a click of my mouse. Our church meetings are far more traditional. Since the church floor seems to have been carved out of permafrost, our meetings circulate round members' houses. This introduces a nice element of competition, as each host tries to outdo the previous one in the baking of cakes. Meetings at Colonel Drinkwater's – a more inappropriate name one cannot imagine – are the shortest, since

we are always promised wine once the meeting is over. It is remarkable how unanimity is achieved on every subject within minutes, and nothing appears under "any other business". Mrs Eddington never troubles us with minutes, largely because she can rarely read the notes she takes. She just shares with us whatever she can decipher at our next meeting. Last month, she accidentally brought her shopping list instead, and so read that out. There followed a lively discussion on whether carrots from our local shop were better than those at the supermarket. When it was found out she intended to use them in a venison casserole, endless recipes were keenly debated.

We always leave our church meetings well fed, up to date with village gossip, and totally untroubled by any church council business. And the lack of any minutes ensures that I can then make all the decisions myself, between meetings. I think you will find our system has much to be commended.

**Your loving uncle,
Eustace**

Crossword



Across

8 'He poured out his life unto death, and was numbered with the —' (Isaiah 53:12) (13)
9 'When they had sung a hymn, they went — to the Mount of

Olives (Matthew 26:30) (3)
10 Comes between Galatians and Philippians (9)
11 'Your heart will — and swell with joy' (Isaiah 60:5) (5)
13 Muslim holy month (7)

- 16 Ten ears (anag.) (7)
- 19 Under (poetic abbrev.) (5)
- 22 How Abram described himself to God when he complained that his inheritance would pass to a servant (Genesis 15:2) (9)
- 24 'Go to the — , you sluggard' (Proverbs 6:6) (3)
- 25 Debar from receiving Communion (13)

Down

- 14 Order to which monks and nuns devote themselves (8)
- 15 Appropriate (Proverbs 15:23) (3)
- 16 I, uncle (anag.) (6)
- 17 'They gave him — — of broiled fish' (Luke 24:42) (1,5)
- 18 'Weren't there three men that we — — and threw into the fire?' (Daniel 3:24) (4,2)
- 20 Mountain where Noah's ark came to rest (Genesis 8:4) (6)
- 21 'Don't you know that friendship with the world is — towards God?' (James 4:4) (6)
- 23 Prominent architectural feature of large cathedrals such as St Paul's (4)



| Contact list 2019.20 | Organisation | Location | Time | Contact |
|-------------------------|--|---------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------------|
| Sunday | Sunday Worship | Church | 11am | Rev Morris Dutch |
| | Young Church | Church Halls | 11am | Elaine Stevens |
| | Fairtrade Stall | Main Hall | 12 noon | Leslie Baird/Fiona Leishman |
| | Badminton - Senior | Main Hall | 7.30-10pm | Liz Barrie |
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| Monday | Nursery | Church Halls | 8.30-11.45am | Joanne McDonald |
| | Ladies Bowling | Main Hall | 1.30-3.30pm | Cathie Devine |
| | Running/Walking Club | Session House | 7pm | Bob Brown |
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| Tuesday | Nursery | Church Halls | 8.30-11.45am | Joanne McDonald |
| | Ladies Badminton | Main Hall | 1.15-3.15pm | Ann 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 |
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| Wednesday | Nursery | Church Halls | 8.30-11.45am | Joanne McDonald |
| | Wednesday Welcome | Session House | 10-11.20am | Mary Stirling |
| | Wednesday Service | Church | 11.30-12noon | Rev Morris Dutch |
| | 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 |
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| Thursday | Nursery | Church Halls | 8.30-11.45am | Joanne McDonald |
| | Flower Circle (Alternate Weeks) | Mid Hall | 7.30-9pm | Elizabeth Walker |
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| Friday | Nursery | Church Halls | 8.30-11.45am | Joanne McDonald |
| | 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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