

St. Mary's *News*

Our Mission Statement:

Saint Mary's is a Christ-centred family, caring, sharing and working together, seeking to change through growth.

December 2012 – January 2013

I am sure we are all busy in our own way getting ready for Christmas. Lest we get caught up in all the present shopping and preparations, we mustn't forget it is one of the highlights in the church calendar too for one special reason made clear in this poem by Rowan Williams.

Advent Calendar

He will come like last fall's leaf fall.

One night when the November wind
has flayed the trees to the bone,
and earth
wakes choking on the mould,
the soft shroud's folding.

He will come like frost.
One morning when the shrinking earth
opens on mist, to find itself
arrested in the net
of alien, sword-set beauty.

He will come like dark.
One evening when the bursting red
December sun draws up the sheet
and penny-masks its eye to yield
the star-snowed fields of sky.

He will come, will come,
will come like crying in the
night,
like blood, like breaking,
as the earth writhes to toss him
free.

He will come like child.

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I hope you can join in our services throughout Advent and Christmas. They are a special time of preparation and celebration for a Christ who lives in us and through us in a very needy and broken world. Wherever you are for Christmas, may it be a happy and blessed one for you and for those you love.

God bless,

Jason. '

Christmas Services at St. Mary's

13th. December
7p.m. Carol Singing

16th. December
4p.m. Christingle

23rd. December
10.15p.m. Lessons and Carols

Christmas Eve
11pm Carols
11.30pm Eucharist

Christmas Day
9.30am. Eucharist

Normal weekly services:

Sunday: Holy Eucharist at 8a.m.
and 10.15a.m.

Tuesday:
Eucharist at 7.00p.m.

Wednesday:
Holy Eucharist at 10a.m.

Morning Prayer

Morning Prayer will continue to be celebrated on Tuesdays and Thursdays at St. Mary's at 7.45a.m. All are welcome.

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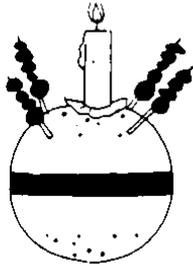
Open 4 Prayer

Our lunchtime services continue to take place, normally on the last Tuesday of the month, aimed at attracting the office workers around us in the West End. Please support them and make our new worshippers welcome!

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The next Prayers of Healing services will be held on Sunday, 2nd. December, at 6p.m., and thereafter on each first Sunday of the month. In addition, there are short prayers for healing after each Sunday 10.15 service in the War Memorial Chapel.

The next Healing Eucharist will be held on 2nd. December at 6p.m.



Wednesday Lunches

Celebrate Advent with a Wednesday lunch! The next is on 5th. December.

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Vestry Report

The Vestry has not met since the last newsletter.

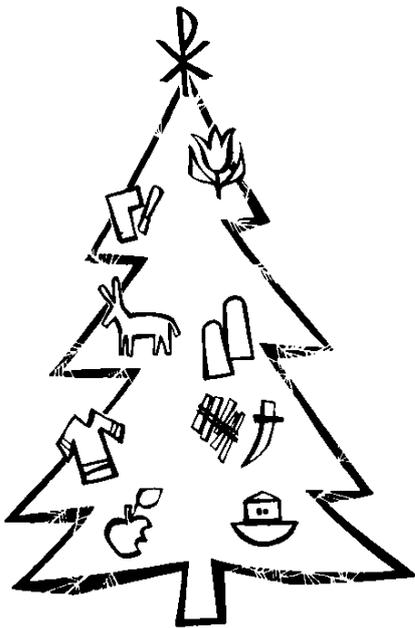
Mary Allardyce
Vestry Secretary

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Sunday School

The usual select group at this time of year: Alex Christides will be seventeen on 12th. December, and Hannah McPetrie makes her last appearance in this slot by reaching the grand age of eighteen on 10th January. Happy Birthday!

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St. Mary's Christmas Raffle

The Raffle Draw will be held on 5th. December at the Wednesday Lunch.

Cheese, Wine and Silent Auction

The Cheese, Wine and Silent Auction that took place on Friday 9th November was a roaring success with a grand total of £891 made on the night. Thanks to all who contributed food and wine and auction lots, and who came along and made their bids!

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Friday Openings

More volunteers are always needed to keep the church open to the public on Friday lunchtimes. This is invaluable for people in need of a church open for them to stop, think and pray, as well as those just curious about what the inside of the Tartan Kirkie looks like. If anyone can give up a little time, between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m., for this valuable service, please contact the Rector.

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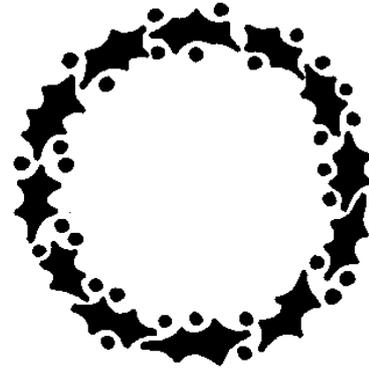
Used Postage Stamps

An important message before those Christmas cards come flooding in!

The Edinburgh Medical Missionary Society has asked me to pass on its grateful thanks for the large quantity of stamps I recently delivered to head office in Edinburgh. I look forward to having another large sack to deliver after Christmas. Please keep them coming but remember to cut stamps off envelopes with a good (preferably at least 1cm)

margin. Damaged stamps have to be discarded. Please help maximise this small but important source of income for the society.

Elizabeth Smyth



Events at Holburn West Church

Holburn West's Guild has invited members of St. Mary's to join them for meetings on Wednesdays at 7.30p.m. The upcoming events are:

10th. December Guild Christmas Party, 12 for 12.30p.m., Elizabeth Meiklejohn to entertain.

9th. January: 'The Holburn Westies', entertainment with Scottish dancing. Led by Irene Shand.

23rd. January: Burns Evening.

Tartan Kirkie Shorts

We are delighted to tell you all that Henry James Burrows arrived at 12:15 am on Monday 15th October. He was a little early and weighed 6lb 1oz. Mother and baby are doing well and James is proving a dab hand at nappy changing.

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Saints' Days in December:

- 1st. Charles de Foucauld
- 2nd. Nicholas Ferrar
- 3rd. St. Francis Xavier
- 4th. St. Clement of Alexandria
- 6th. St. Nicholas
- 7th. St. Ambrose
- 8th. Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- St. John of the Cross
- 24th. Christmas Eve
- 25th. Christmas Day
- 26th. St. Stephen
- 27th. St. John the Apostle
- 28th. Holy Innocents

- 29th. St. Thomas of Canterbury
- 30th. Josephine Butler

Saints' Days in January:

- 1st. The Naming of Jesus
- 2nd. St. Seraphim of Sarov
- 6th. Epiphany
- 10th. Bishop William Laud
- 11th. St. David of Scotland
- 13th. St. Kentigern
- 14th. St. Hilary of Poitiers
- 17th. St. Anthony of Egypt
- 18th. The Confession of St. Peter
- 21st. St. Agnes
- 24th. St. Francis de Sales
- 25th. Conversion of St. Paul
- 26th. Ss. Timothy and Titus
- 27th. St. John Chrysostom
- 28th. St. Thomas Aquinas
- 30th. King Charles Stuart
- 31st. Bishop Charles Mackenzie

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