

# 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.*

## May 2013

Dear Friends,

What a wonderful Holy Week and Easter Celebration we experienced here in our Church Community again this year. The commitment and dedication of so many of you in this place was, as ever, heart warming and encouraging. Once again we must give the glory to God.

For my post-Easter break this year many of you will know I had a week in Chester, a wonderful, old, walled city that cries out with years of history and life. If only the stones could talk! Equally, you will have seen in the local paper last week the photograph of St Mary's, to mark the seventieth anniversary of the bombing of our beautiful Church building.

Next year we celebrate a hundred and fifty years of worship in this place. I was reminded on both my visit to Chester and reflecting on our hundred and fifty to come, on the words "walls made of living stones". How can we ever encapsulate the whole ethos of worship in this place throughout the years? We must begin plans soon to celebrate this special time in a real and meaningful manner, mindful of what has been entrusted to us as we mix past and present while looking towards the future. We have been given much and we have it now in our hands to reflect on our own gifts and what we can pass onwards to future generations who will come to worship in this place.

Remember the beautiful words of the hymn written by Bernadette Farrell:

*Longing for shelter, many are homeless.  
Longing for warmth, many are cold.  
Make us your building, sheltering others,  
walls made of living stone.*

*Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.  
Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light!  
Shine in your church gathered today.*

*Many the gifts, many the people,  
many the hearts that yearn to belong.  
Let us be servants to one another,  
making your kingdom come.*

We can do no more than praise God for all the blessings he showers upon us.

As we move on in the life of St Mary's I am very pleased to announce the appointment of Mrs Avril Scott as the Rector's Secretary/Church Administrator. We are fortunate to have someone of Avril's calibre joining the team. I am very grateful to the Bishop, Vestry Committee and to those involved in the interview process.

This appointment will enable significant progress within the life of this Congregation. You will see further on in this magazine Avril's hours at the office, together with the new Church phone number. Please do not hesitate to get in touch with her should the need arise.

All of the above reflects a progress and moving on together, as we are called and tasked to do.

Blessings to you and yours.

Graham



## Normal weekly services:

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

Tuesday:  
Morning Prayer at 7.45a.m.  
Eucharist at 7.00p.m.

Wednesday:  
Holy Eucharist at 10a.m.

Thursday:  
Morning Prayer at 7.45a.m.

## 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! The next service is on 28<sup>th</sup>. May at 12.30p.m.

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## Prayers for Healing

The next Prayers of Healing services will be held on Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup>. May, 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.

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## Vestry Report

The Vestry has not met since the last magazine.

Mary Allardyce  
Vestry Secretary

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## New Administrator

The new Rector's PA/Administrator is Avril Scott and can be reached at the church office: 01224 561383, on Tuesdays 8-11a.m. or Fridays 1.30 - 4.30p.m.

## Easter at St. Mary's

Once again a big thank you to the Rector, Jason and Bill for all the lovely Easter services.

It was a wonderful journey through Holy Week and we appreciate the time and effort they put in to making it all so special.





## Sunday School

Birthday greetings this month to Rebecca Burney, who will be sixteen on the 16<sup>th</sup>., and has May all to herself!

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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 11a.m. and 2 p.m., for this valuable service, please contact the Rector.



## **CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 2013**

### **Bite back at hunger this Christian Aid Week 12-18 May 2013**

Today 870 million people are in desperate need of food. This is a scandal.

Together, this **Christian Aid Week**, we can help some of the world's poorest families get enough to eat. For good.

## Video Sermon for Pentecost

The new Diocesan website features a number of video sermons during the year, and it might interest the congregation at St. Mary's to know that the sermon for Pentecost, 19<sup>th</sup>. May, is to be given by the Rector. It should appear early that morning but will be available for some time online.

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## Cheese and Wine

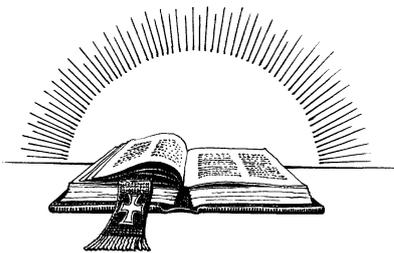
A Cheese and Wine event will be held in St. Mary's on 17<sup>th</sup>. May. Tickets £12, available from Rachael Cormack from this Sunday.

## Dates for your Diary

June	14 <sup>th</sup> or 21 <sup>st</sup> . Quiz Night at the Ashvale
	30 <sup>th</sup> . Bring and Buy
August	3 <sup>rd</sup> . Gallowgate Fair
	18 <sup>th</sup> . or 25 <sup>th</sup> . St. Mary's Gift Day
	25 <sup>th</sup> . Bring and Buy
September	1 <sup>st</sup> . Barbecue
	29 <sup>th</sup> . Bring and Buy
October	27 <sup>th</sup> . Bring and Buy
November	1 <sup>st</sup> . Silent Auction and Cheese/Nibbles
	24 <sup>th</sup> . Bring and Buy
December	Carol-singing (tbc)

## Saints' Days in May:

- 1<sup>st</sup>. Ss. Philip & James  
8<sup>th</sup>. Dame Julian  
12<sup>th</sup>. Thomas Rattray  
14<sup>th</sup>. St. Matthias  
21<sup>st</sup>. St. Helena  
23<sup>rd</sup>. St. William of Perth  
25<sup>th</sup>. Venerable Bede  
26<sup>th</sup>. St. Augustine of Canterbury  
31<sup>st</sup>. The Visitation of Mary to Elizabeth



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## CHURCH DIRECTORY

Rector: Rev. Canon Graham Taylor, 28, Stanley Street (584123)

Curate: Rev. Jason Hobbs

Rector's Warden: David Rose

People's Warden: Rachael Cormack (209380)

Vestry Secretary: Mary Allardyce (704743)

Vestry Treasurer: Lydia Ross (864072)

Lay Representative: Nicola Mills

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Sunday School: Gillian Rose

Protection of Vulnerable Groups Co-ordinator:  
Elizabeth Smyth

Flower Convener: Josie Duncan (645309)

Church Administrator: Avril  
Scott (561383)

Tuesdays 8-11a.m.,  
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