

# 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.*

## July - August 2013

Dear Friends,

*Summer has come in,  
Loudly sing, Cuckoo!  
The seed grows and the meadow  
blooms  
And the wood springs anew,  
Sing, Cuckoo!*

So goes the 13th century English song. After what seems like the longest Winter ever, we are all ready for some sun and warmth. The words of this song remind us that nature has its own way of welcoming in the season too: birdsong, gardens and the countryside in this special corner of Scotland are all part of God's creation and we should be rightly thankful for it. By taking time out of our busy lives to go for a walk, tend the garden or simply sit in the sun with a glass of something refreshing, we are not only communing with nature but communing with a God who is unchangeable and yet manages to refresh and surprise us. In my own garden, I have been confounded by a rose bush that has refused to produce a single flower for the last three years. I have fed it, pruned it and even talked to it and yet it has refused to give up a single bloom. Imagine my surprise when I looked out of my window today to see a small pink rose growing from it. It is the first of many buds developing over the whole bush. Wonders of nature such as this remind us that the creative power of God is greater than all of us. No matter how much we try to convince ourselves we are in charge, God is always there creating and caring for his world as

he always has. The biblical story of creation tells how God has made us as part of his creation and has given us special responsibility to care for it as we live alongside the millions of other species he has created. Along with that special responsibility comes not only the power to care but the power to destroy and harm.

As we are once again given the privilege of sharing in God's creation during this holiday season, I hope we can also take time to share in the privilege of caring for it, respecting it and renew our love for a God of creation who loves his world and everything he has created in it.

Enjoy the Summer and God Bless,

Jason.

*Thanks to Jason for his contribution in the Rector's absence – and we're delighted to announce that Jason will be staying on at St. Mary's for the foreseeable future!*



## 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 services are on 30<sup>th</sup>. July and 27<sup>th</sup>. August, both at 12.30p.m.

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## Prayers for Healing

The next Prayers of Healing services will be held on Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup>. July, and Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup>. August, both 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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## Guest Preacher

The Rev. Marion Chatterley, Diocesan Director of Ordinands for the Diocese of Edinburgh, will be preaching in St. Mary's on 28<sup>th</sup>. July. She is spiritual and pastoral care co-ordinator at Waverley Care, which offers pastoral and spiritual support to people living with HIV or Hepatitis C, their loved ones and carers.

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## Vestry Report

The Vestry Report from 16<sup>th</sup>. June will be included in the next magazine.

Mary Allardyce  
Vestry Secretary

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## Sea Sunday

Sea Sunday will be marked this year on 14<sup>th</sup>. July, and there will be a retiring collection for the Mission to Seafarers.

‘Piracy, shipwreck, abandonment and separation from loved ones are just a few of the problems merchant seafarers face.

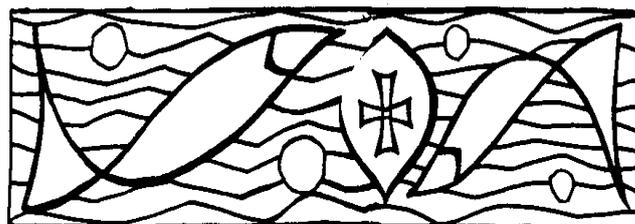
Around the world, The Mission to Seafarers provides help and support to the 1.3 million men and women who face danger every day to keep our global economy afloat. We work in 250 ports caring for seafarers of all ranks, nationalities and beliefs. Through our global network of chaplains, staff and volunteers we offer practical, emotional and spiritual support to seafarers through ship visits, drop-in centres and a range of welfare and emergency support services.’

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## Christian Aid Week

The total raised by St. Mary's for Christian Aid this year was £225. Thanks to all who helped or contributed.

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## Sunday School

Happy Birthday to Natasha Steward who will be fifteen on the 9<sup>th</sup>. July and Hugo Stephens who will be eleven on the 30<sup>th</sup>. Bailey Cormack has August to herself and will be ten on the 20<sup>th</sup>!

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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.

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## Gallowgate Fair

The Gallowgate Fair will be held on 3<sup>rd</sup>. August at St. Margaret's. This is a good fund-raiser for St. Mary's as we take a popular cake stall for the day, and even have regular customers who return year after year! All contributions of home baking or help on the day welcome: please contact Mary Allardyce.

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## Music Café at St. Mary's

The Music Café continues to go from strength to strength. At the end of May we had Laura Cheyne playing, accompanied by Harry Williamson. Laura is completing her final year of a music degree at Aberdeen before joining the army!



The Music Café continues on the last Saturday of the month at 5p.m., with tea and cakes. Anyone wishing to contribute a performance (musical or even poetical) should talk to Jason or the Rector.

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## St. Mary's 150<sup>th</sup>. Anniversary

Next year St. Mary's, Carden Place, will be 150 years old! Happily, the anniversary of the church opening its doors for worship falls on Mothering Sunday, so we will have a double celebration. More details to follow!



## Dates for your Diary

The Quiz Night which was scheduled for June was cancelled for now.

August	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)

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## A Message from the Diocesan IT Officer

Firstly, may I draw your attention to the Bishop's summer message that is now available on the website at <http://aberdeen.anglican.org/resources/video/bishops-2013-summer-message/>.

Secondly, we have launched a new section on the website, called "Faith and Life" It's a section on subjects such as baptisms, confirmation, weddings and the like, a basic introduction to these life events. You can see it online at <http://aberdeen.anglican.org/about/faith-and-life/>.

Thirdly, over the summer months, I am hoping to populate the website with more images - the grey boxes in the menus can be made into images, and also suitable images for some of the other pages. Please do let me know if you have any suggestions of images it would be good to use.

As always, please let me have any thoughts or feedback about how we can improve our website, or of anything you would like to see. I can't

promise everything, but all ideas are welcome  
nonetheless.

Mary McKinnell  
Diocesan IT Officer

## Saints' Days in July:

1 <sup>st</sup>	St. Serf
3 <sup>rd</sup>	St. Thomas
6 <sup>th</sup>	St. Palladius
11 <sup>th</sup>	St. Benedict of Nursia
12 <sup>th</sup>	St. Drostan of Deer
21 <sup>st</sup>	William Wilberforce
22 <sup>nd</sup>	St. Mary Magdalene
25 <sup>th</sup>	St. James the Apostle
26 <sup>th</sup>	Ss. Anne and Joachim
27 <sup>th</sup>	John Comper
29 <sup>th</sup>	Ss. Mary and Martha of Bethany
30 <sup>th</sup>	St. Silas
31 <sup>st</sup>	St. Ignatius of Loyola

## Saints' Days in August:

5 <sup>th</sup>	St. Oswald of Northumbria
6 <sup>th</sup>	The Transfiguration of the Lord
7 <sup>th</sup>	St. Boisil
8 <sup>th</sup>	St. Dominic
9 <sup>th</sup>	John Mason Neale
10 <sup>th</sup>	St. Lawrence
11 <sup>th</sup>	St. Clare of Assisi
12 <sup>th</sup>	St. Blane
13 <sup>th</sup>	Jeremy Taylor, Bishop
14 <sup>th</sup>	St. Maximilien Kolbe
15 <sup>th</sup>	<b>St. Mary the Virgin</b>
20 <sup>th</sup>	St. Bernard of Clairvaux
24 <sup>th</sup>	St. Bartholomew
25 <sup>th</sup>	St. Ebba of Coldingham
27 <sup>th</sup>	St. Monnica
28 <sup>th</sup>	St. Augustine of Hippo
29 <sup>th</sup>	The Beheading of John the Baptist
31 <sup>st</sup>	St. Aidan of Lindisfarne

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