

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.

September 2013

Dear Friends,

I hope you have been able to enjoy some relaxation over the summer months and have enjoyed the sunshine. What a lovely summer it has been!

As autumn fast approaches, we give thanks to God again for the seasons and for all His goodness and love shown to us. (Yes, I'm beginning to think of Harvest time yet again!). How creative our God is, giving us everything to enjoy in time and in season.

As you read this article, I'll be off myself for a few days on pilgrimage to Walsingham and to the Holy Shrine there. I have mixed feelings as I have never been there before, but going on what I hear, it will be a time of rest, reflection and enjoyment. I'll tell you more on my return. Watch this space!!!

Thinking about this, it reminds me of how important it is for us as Christians to make the space and time for God. Yes, it's lovely to go away on a nice holiday, to enjoy the sun, and share good food and drink as we meet up with friends and family. Yet how important it is also to lay aside some space and time to commune with God, to stop and

take stock of all that is going on in our daily lives.

Christ commanded his disciples to come away with him for a while, to take time out to rest, relax and re-energise themselves. If this was one of the teachings of our Lord, then we surely must have the will to obey. To come away from time to time and specifically be with Christ, to have him as our main focus, to make time for our Lord in our busy lives.

Retreats are for all, not just for those who are ordained or in religious orders. For it is in the silence and stillness that we meet the living God.

May the summer have refreshed you as we serve our Lord once again together here at St Mary's.



Let me share a lovely poem I found which says everything about coming away and being with God.

A PLACE ALONE

*A place alone—
Where no other voice or footstep
May follow me—
Where doors and walls
Protect me from the noisy halls
Of vanity*

*Where may I find
This place to fill such simple need
As quietness—
A room serene
Where all that may be seen
Is Jesus' loveliness?*

*I search in vain
While ringing bells and mortal voice
Call after me.
Then, near despair
From looking everywhere,
I find the place alone, inside of me.*

Rachel S. Kilada

Love and Prayers always,

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.



From the Registers

Baptisms:

Isabelle Rose Sykes-Wardrop, 2nd. June, 2013
Jack James Muir, 7th July, 2013
Tobyn Charles Phillips Kennedy, 11th August
2013

Marriages:

Mark James Smith to Natalie Eddie, 22nd June,
2013
Colin Clive Hay Noble to Janice Harper McPetrie,
7th July, 2013
Darron Alexander Lornie to Angela Bain, 3rd
August, 2013

Deaths:

Josephine (Josie) Collins Duncan, 12th July, 2013
Gerald Kilvington Townshend and Gillian (Gill)
Mitchell Townshend, 27th July, 2013
William Black Hay Gregg, 12th August, 2013
Elizabeth Jean Rhind, 20th August, 2013

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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! The next service is on 24th. September, at 12.30p.m.

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Prayers for Healing

The next Prayers of Healing service will be held on Sunday, 1st. September, 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 met on 12th June when the following items were discussed or agreed.
Dave Dillard has been co-opted as a Vestry member for a period of two years to replace Bryan Duplantis.
It may be necessary to increase Avril's working hours as she is frequently working longer than her contracted time to finish her work. The Rector will discuss with her.
A quote for work in the organ loft and alteration to the step at the organ has been received and will be passed to a member of the congregation who has offered to pay for the work.
More chuckies are to be ordered for the remainder of the grounds of the Church.
Quotes for redecoration of some areas of the Rectory have been received and work will commence soon.

The spotlights in Church have been giving some problems and creating numerous bills. The electrician has advised changing them to LEDs. The Vestry has agreed that these should be changed.

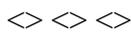
Rotwise and D&D Slating are to undertake work at the east end of the building to replace some rotten beams and repair areas where water is penetrating.

A huge bill for £2,000 has been received for heating for a quarter. It is thought that this might be due to the three oil-filled radiators and a dehumidifier which have been placed in the organ loft.

Christian Aid envelopes distributed in May raised the sum of £225.00.

On March 30th 2014, Saint Mary's will celebrate its 150th anniversary. It is planned to hold an event of some sort with a guest speaker on the day. The Rector will discuss with the Bishop.

Following his review with the Bishop, Rev. Jason is to remain at Saint Mary's when his Curacy ends in September.



The Vestry met again on 21st August when the following items were approved.

It had been thought that Avril's working hours may have to be increased as she regularly works beyond her actual stopping time but the Rector has discussed it with her and she feels that they do not need to be increased at present.

The windows of the organ loft have been secondary glazed with Perspex and the step to the organ has been extended for which a donation to cover the cost had been received. The Vestry wishes to thank the donor for the generous gift to Saint Mary's. It is hoped that we may be able to remove the heaters from the organ loft now as they are very expensive to run and we had received a bill for £2,000 for the last quarter which we clearly cannot afford and which has resulted in an increase to our monthly direct debit for electricity.

A donation was received from a member of the congregation to purchase something for Saint Mary's. New service books have been bought and we look forward to using them soon.

The 150th anniversary of Saint Mary's will take place at the end of March next year when it is planned to hold an event of some sort to mark the occasion. Further details will be notified later. New chuckies have been spread along the north side of the grounds and it is planned that the east

end and the south side will be completed soon. The bark at the east end of the grounds is also to be tidied up.

New spotlights have been fitted in Church but some people feel that the white light which they give is too cold. The electrician has been contacted to see if the bulbs can be changed to ones which give a warmer light.

Work on the roof at the east end of the building is supposedly complete but water is still coming in at the bell rope so the contractors have been asked to return and inspect the area.

The Pastoral Care group are continuing to visit those members of the congregation who are unable to attend regularly. They have organised a Welcome Supper for new members of the congregation which will take place on September 18th.

The Communications and Publicity Group met recently and they reported that the new Web-site is currently being written and will be launched on 8th September. It is planned to distribute leaflets in the vicinity of the Church to advertise the Friday openings especially to office workers who may wish to come in and have a few quiet moments.

The date of the annual Barbeque has been changed again to 29th September. There will be a Silent Auction on 1st November. This is usually a very successful fund-raising event but donations of good quality new items will be required to make it worthwhile.

Rev Jason appealed for more members of the congregation to come along and support his Music Café on the last Saturday of each month.

Musicians playing various instruments have come along each month and it has been very enjoyable but more people attending would be better.

With effect from 1st September, Rev Jason will cease to be the Curate at Saint Mary's and his title will change to Assistant Priest. He will take over responsibility for the Tuesday evening service but as the numbers attending have dropped in recent months, he is appealing for more people to come along then.

The Rector is to become interim Episcopal Chaplain at Aberdeen Royal Infirmary for an initial period 3 hours per week for 3 months. New Pilates classes have been arranged and will take place on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings from 10am – 11am in the first instance with the possibility of extending these if enough people attend.

The photocopier in the office has been giving problems and requires some expensive work to be done to it: however, the company called in to

service it have offered to supply a refurbished machine to us which they will service and repair as necessary as well as supplying the necessary consumables, the only cost to us being a charge per copy. The Vestry has therefore agreed to this. The annual Christmas Raffle will be held again this year and tickets will be available soon. In order to make the draw, there will be a one off soup lunch held on Wednesday 11th December at the usual time of 12.00 noon -1.30pm. Please put the date in your diaries to come along and make it worthwhile.

Concern had been raised that one of the steps leading to Albert Terrace at the east end of the grounds had moved as a result of being pushed by the roots of the large Horse Chestnut tree. It has been inspected by someone from the Council who has advised us that the roots of the tree cannot be cut but his opinion is that it is safe and will not move much more in the next 10 years. He advised us that the affected area of wall could be repointed to strengthen it. Jack Connell is currently repointing the whole of the perimeter wall and so he will do it when he reaches that part.

Mary Allardyce
Vestry Secretary

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Financial Report

April 2013

Income:	5,313
Expenditure:	<u>6,837</u>
Net result for month:	-1,524

May 2013

Income:	6,726
Expenditure:	<u>7,840</u>
Net result for month:	-1,114

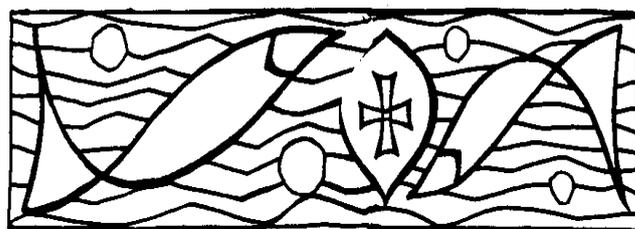
June 2013

Income:	4,182
Expenditure:	<u>7,459</u>
Net result for month:	-2,777

July 2013

Income:	4,254
Expenditure:	<u>8,010</u>
Net result for month:	-3,934

Lydia Ross
Treasurer



Sunday School

Happy Birthday to Elizabeth Mills who will be nine on the 5th.; to Ellie Smith who will be sixteen on the 7th.; and to Sarah Burney, who will be thirteen on the 14th.

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Bible Study

The Bible Study Group will resume for prayer and fellowship on Wednesday 11th September, continuing 'The Beloved Disciple' study of the apostle John. Meetings will be held in Church after morning Service every Wednesday from 11am – 12.30pm followed by a light lunch. (Please bring a packed lunch).

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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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Gallowgate Fair

Many thanks to all who contributed in any way to the Gallowgate Fair this year. The event raised £432, despite rather blowy weather!

Mary Allardyce.

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St. Mary's 150th. 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!

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New Website for St. Mary's

The church's new website is nearly complete, thanks to Mary McKinnell's hard work, and will be launched at the 10.15 service on 8th. September.

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100 Club

100 Club subscriptions are now due for 2013-2014: please see Mary Allardyce if you want to renew your numbers or purchase new ones.

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Mission to Seafarers

The collection for the Mission to Seafarers on Sea Sunday raised £200, which has been passed on to the charity.

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Christmas Raffle

It's very nearly that time of year already! There will be a Christmas Raffle again this year, and tickets will be available from Mary Allardyce. The draw will be made at a special Soup Lunch on 11th. December, 12 noon to 1.30p.m. Good prizes will also be gratefully received!

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Silent Auction

There will be a Silent Auction with wine and nibbles on 1st. November, so keep the date free, and see if you can dig out some high-quality donations for the lots: contact Rachael Cormack or David Rose.

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Help!

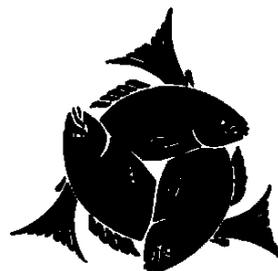
Does anyone know anything about Gunner Dennis McAnulty, Royal Garrison Artillery, on the First World War memorial, or about Leigh Alexander on the Second World War memorial? Neither man appears in the Commonwealth War Graves records. If you can give any information about them, where they served, what their connexion was with the church, I'd be very grateful!

Nicola Mills

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Fundraiser

Spree Books will soon be available at a charge of £23.00. This is a fund-raising effort for the church. Please add your name to the sheet at the back of the church.



Happy News!

Congratulations to Claire and Graham Thomson on the birth of Hamish Alexander Thomson on the 19th. August, weighing 8lb. 3.5 oz. Hamish was welcomed at coffee on Sunday and much admired!

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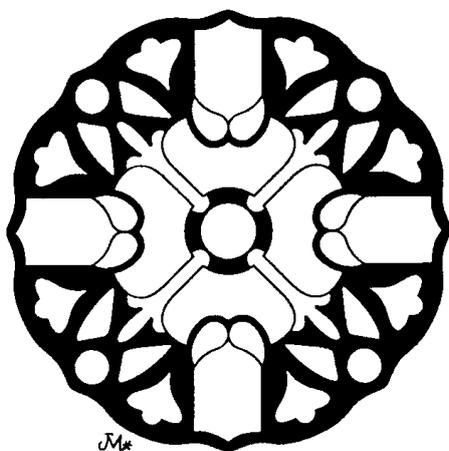
Dates for your Diary

September	29 th . Barbecue and Bring and Buy
October	27 th . Bring and Buy
November	1 st . Silent Auction and Cheese/Nibbles
	24 th . Bring and Buy
December	Carol-singing (tbc)

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Saints' Days in September:

2 nd	The Martyrs of New Guinea
3 rd	St. Gregory the Great
8 th	The Birth of Mary
13 th	St. Cyprian of Carthage
14 th	Holy Cross Day
16 th	St. Ninian of Whithorn
17 th	St. Hildegard of Bingen
20 th	John Coleridge Patteson
21 st	St. Matthew
23 rd	St. Adamnan of Iona
24 th	St. Finnbar of Caithness
27 th	St. Vincent de Paul
29 th	St. Michael and All Angels
30 th	St. Jerome



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