

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.

October 2013

Dear Friends,

Last Sunday, I was at our two services in the morning and in the evening I was invited to preach at the service in Holburn West Church. It was a really good experience being amongst friends in both places.

Afterwards, as I drove my parents home to Buckie, we came across farmers still out in their fields gathering all the crops in. It's a time when they need to gather all the grain in before the weather changes. I was reminded very much of the order of the seasons, and more importantly the seasons of life and the fragility of it all ...

Before I came to St Mary's, most of you will know I was priest of St Peter's, Peterhead. During the beginning of my time there I was fortunate to meet a lovely couple who became good friends of mine. Sadly, Rob suffered a massive stroke whilst I was there and I was able to support Heather and the family a little during the tough times.

Last Saturday I was invited back to Peterhead to conduct Rob's funeral service after his many years of being cared for in a nursing

home. His quality of life had sadly diminished over the years.

Now, I really don't mean to dwell on the sad times of life: however, I hope, along with me, it gives you a reason to be thankful to almighty God for the gift of life and to acknowledge what a precious gift it is. Every day we must give thanks for the goodness of God and thank him for these precious times.

This brings me back to the theme of Harvest; I have been reading a book recommended to me recently called 'All in the end is Harvest'. It's a book that takes us through different prayers for different situations we face in our lives.

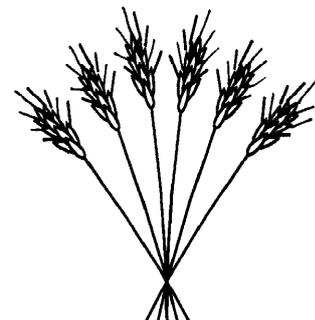
This reminds us that at the very end of the day all of our lives have to be spent for the Harvest of God. Whatever comes our way, we can face it together with God on our side and with God's family around us, we can make it.

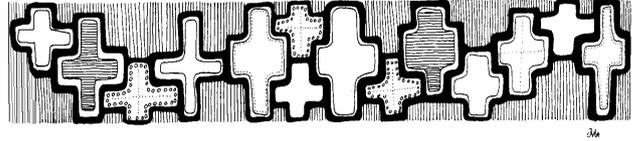
As the seasons of our life change, so do we. As we go through the different stages of our life, we should give thanks to God for the beauty of his creation and be thankful for all that we have.

Perhaps this is just a reminder to all of us to give thanks each day for all the blessings that God has given us and especially the gift of life and of each other.

God's blessing to you all,

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 29th. October, at 12.30p.m.

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Harvest and Kilombero Rice

Harvest Festival will be on 6th. October this year and once again we shall be selling Kilombero Rice from Malawi. Sales of this rice help farmers in Malawi to educate their children. A kilo costs £2.99: if you don't eat rice yourself, maybe you could donate a bag to Barnardo's and support two charities at once!

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Prayers for Healing

The next Prayers of Healing service will be held on Sunday, 6th. October, 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.

Sunday School

Happy Birthday to James Coutts who will be twelve on 30th., and has the month to himself!

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Bible Study

The Bible Study Group has resumed for prayer and fellowship, 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).

LEGO Group
(Learning and Experiencing God with Others)

A group for young adults mixing fellowship, bible study, prayer and more

First Meeting: Thursday 3rd October at 7.30pm

Contact Mary mjmckinnell@gmail.com or Aaron aaron.mccarthy.6989@gmail.com for details

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.

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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Quiz Night

When? Saturday 12 October 2013 @ 7 pm

Where? Crown Terrace Methodist Church

This is a fun event which is in its tenth year. There are prizes for everyone, winners and losers.

It's not a test for intellectuals but it is a good night out where you'll meet like-minded friends old and new. You're guaranteed to end up with a prize because all the prizes are chocolate and must be opened on the night for all to share!

Come along as an individual or as a team. If you come as an individual, we guarantee you'll meet new friends and be welcomed into a team.

Refreshments will be served during the interval. Price is £5 per head. All proceeds go to the Scottish Bible Society.

In order to cater for refreshments, we would be grateful, please, if you could give us a rough idea of how many people would like to join us. Please email Audrey Skinner at: amskinner@talktalk.net

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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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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Blytheswood Shoeboxes

And while we're on the theme of Christmas, the Blytheswood shoeboxes are due by 8th. November, preferably earlier. If you want more details on how to fill a shoebox, please talk to Morag McPetrie.

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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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New History of the Scottish Episcopal Church

A history of the Scottish Episcopal Church has been written by Gerald Stranraer-Mull, Dean Emeritus of Aberdeen and Orkney. It has been printed by the Inverness charity, For The Right Reasons, which helps those who wish to overcome drug or alcohol dependency. The book costs £6.00 including p&p. Please email any orders to fortherightreasons@rocketmail.com

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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



Grosvenor Essay No.9: The Art of Dying Well

The notion of the art of dying (ars moriendi) may sound strange to us, but it has a strong Christian heritage and counterparts in all the world faiths. A fundamental role of religious and philosophical ways of life is to teach people how to die well. For this reason, it is a part of spiritual practice to contemplate our mortality and to loosen our attachments to the world, so that through processes of spiritual or metaphorical deaths we become more and more able to live this life with freedom, and to leave it in peace

This essay, along with others in the series, can be downloaded from the Publications section of the church website, www.scotland.anglican.org. The printed version of this publication can be ordered from the Scottish Episcopal Church General Synod Office. **Please note that orders outwith the UK** must be made through the Cornerstone Bookshop in Edinburgh.

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Dates for your Diary

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

Grandparents and Grandchildren

Grandmother-grandchild relationships are simple. Grandmas are short on criticism and long on love.

Author Unknown

Nobody can do for little children what grandparents do. Grandparents sort of sprinkle stardust over the lives of little children. *Alex Haley*

Haley

Grandmother - a wonderful mother with lots of practice. *Author Unknown*

A grandparent is old on the outside but young on the inside. *Author Unknown*

One of the most powerful handclasps is that of a new grandbaby around the finger of a grandfather.

Joy Hargrove

It's amazing how grandparents seem so young once you become one. *Author Unknown*

If your baby is 'beautiful and perfect, never cries or fusses, sleeps on schedule and burps on demand, an angel all the time,' you're the grandma. *Teresa Bloomingdale*

Grandparents are similar to a piece of string - handy to have around and easily wrapped around the fingers of their grandchildren. *Author Unknown*

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What is it about grandparents that is so lovely? I'd like to say that grandparents are God's gifts to children. And if they can but see, hear and feel what these people have to give, they can mature at a fast rate. *Bill Cosby*

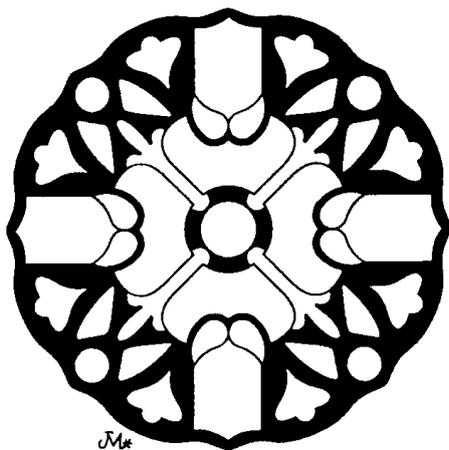
Grandchildren don't make a man feel old; it's the knowledge that he's married to a grandmother. *G Norman Collie*

Norman Collie



Saints' Days in October:

- 1st. St. Gregory the Enlightener
4th. St. Francis of Assisi
8th. Alexander Penrose Forbes, Bishop
11th. St. Kenneth
12th. Elizabeth Fry
15th. St. Teresa of Avila
17th. St. Ignatius of Antioch
18th. St. Luke
19th. Henry Martyn
28th. Ss. Simon and Jude
29th. James Hannington and companions



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