

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.

June 2014

Dear Friends,

Jesus tells His disciples in the Gospel stories to come away with Him for a while and to rest. He takes them on another journey almost, away from the crowds, from all the business that life at that time was throwing their way, to come away with him and to rest for a while.

My heart has been touched a lot lately with thinking about journeys and about coming away to rest for a while in Christ, and how we are all able to achieve that in the business of our lives today.

I had the immense privilege, along with others, of going on a tremendous journey of rest recently when a labyrinth was brought back to St. Mary's once again. Pews were cleared away: space was made in our church for those who wished to come and to experience an amazing journey with God.

During the course of the day we were able and encouraged to reflect and look at what the walk would mean to us. The journey we were invited to take was for me like a

pilgrimage: it was indeed Jesus saying come away and rest for a while with me.

It is so important for us, I feel, in the age and time we live in to connect with our inner souls. I'm not talking here of just a labyrinth day, but finding that spirituality deep within us as the source that connects our hearts to God's heart.

Many people do this in many different ways and forms. It's more than church and worship on a Sunday: it's the connection to the Spirit that gives us life within us to be who God has made us to be.

As I write to you this month, I wonder if I can challenge all who are reading this article to ask yourself the question of what it is that connects you and life to the Spirit of God. What is it that gives you energy to continue your Christian walk and journey with Christ?

My prayer for you is that you find deep within your souls that longing to love and serve Him more and more, as we journey this path together.

Come away and rest awhile and find that deep peace of God within you!

Love and prayers,

Graham.



Ascension Day

The Ascension service this coming Thursday 29th May will take place around 8a.m., after Morning Prayer.

Normal weekly services:

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

Tuesday:
Morning Prayer at 7.45a.m.

Wednesday:
Holy Eucharist at 10a.m.

Thursday:
Morning Prayer at 7.45a.m.

From the Registers

Holy Baptism

27th April 2014: Carol Graham.



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 27th. May and 24th. June, both at 12.30p.m.

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Prayers for Healing

The next Prayers of Healing service, Prayers for Healing and Wholeness, will be held on Sunday, 1st. June, 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 23rd April when the following items were discussed.

The Rector reported that he thought the 150th anniversary celebrations had been very successful. Over 200 people had attended, he had received lots of feedback and it was all positive. The Bishop and the Primus have both written letters of thanks for a wonderful event.

Rails on the steps leading to the Altar have now been fitted and members of the congregation are extremely appreciative. It is good that some people who have been unable to climb the steps can now receive communion at the High Altar. Thanks to Simon Rozario for arranging to have these made and installed.

A sign has been ordered stating that parking within the Church grounds is for private use only and hopefully will be placed near the west door soon.

Jenny Cruickshank is to run a reading workshop following the 10.15am service on 11th May for anyone who might wish to join the reading rota.

The weeds are taking over the grounds of the Church again so the Rector is to contact Pete to ask him to spray weed-killer on them.

Apparently the work done on the roof above the toilets is not satisfactory and water is still penetrating the building. A building surveyor is to be contacted for professional advice.

The paintwork in the Choir Vestry has become quite badly chipped and needs to be repainted. It is hoped that we might manage to do the bottom part

ourselves but the top would need professional input. It may be possible to get a group of people together to help with the painting during July if there are no Pilates classes.

The Rector was in general happy with the attendance during Holy Week and Easter Sunday but some of the services during Holy Week had been very poorly attended.

The Epiphany group are to have a labyrinth in Saint Mary's on Saturday 17th May from 10am – 3.30pm. Members of the congregation are welcome to attend for the whole day if they wish when the suggested cost is £25.00 or free at lunchtime between 1.05pm and 1.35pm.

Mary Allardyce
Vestry Secretary

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Financial Report

March 2014

Income:	7,020
Expenditure:	<u>6,184</u>
Net result for month:	836

Balance at month end: £63,169

Lydia Ross
Treasurer

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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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Sunday School

Happy Birthday to Lewis Smith who will be eleven on the 13th; to Damon Cormack who will be nine on the 19th., and to Andrew Coutts who

will be eighteen on the same day and thus passes out of the Sunday School pages!

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Pentecost Celebration

On Pentecost Sunday at 6pm we will have a united service with Holburn West Church outside St. Mary's. Donations of sandwiches and cakes for the tea afterwards would be most welcome. There is a sign-up sheet for this at the back of the church. Please come along and support this event.

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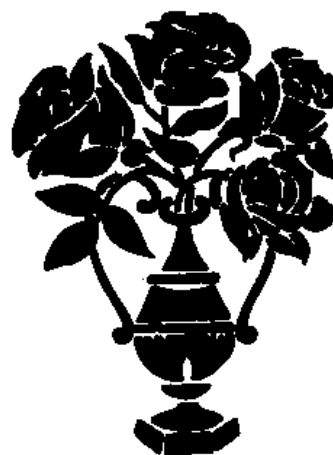
Bring and Share Lunch

After our 10.15am service on 15th June we will have a bring and share lunch. Once again a sign-up sheet for this is at the back of the church.

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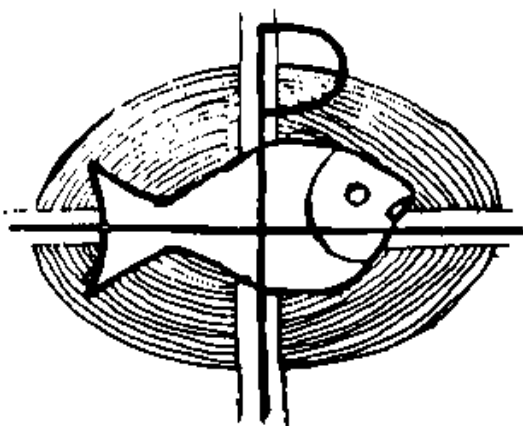
Going to Switzerland?

The church received a ten-Swiss-franc note in the collection last Sunday. Obviously it would be expensive to change this, but if anyone is travelling to Switzerland soon, please talk to Lydia and see if we can come to an arrangement!



Reading Workshop

A new date for Jenny Cruickshank's Reading Workshop will be announced soon. All current and aspiring readers of lessons and other parts of the service are invited to attend to pick up top tips for preparation, projection, and microphone use.



Steven Wright

If you're not familiar with the work of Steven Wright, he's the famous erudite (comic) scientist who once said: "I woke up one morning, and all of my stuff had been stolen and replaced by exact duplicates." His mind sees things differently from the way most of ours do ... Here are some of his gems:

- 1 - I'd kill for a Nobel Peace Prize.
- 2 - Borrow money from pessimists - they don't expect it back.
- 3 - Half the people you know are below average.
- 4 - 99% of lawyers give the rest a bad name.
- 5 - 82.7% of all statistics are made up on the spot.
- 6 - A conscience is what hurts when all your other parts feel so good.
- 7 - A clear conscience is usually the sign of a bad memory.
- 8 - If you want the rainbow, you have to put up with the rain.
- 9 - All those who believe in psycho kinesis, raise

my hand.

- 10 - The early bird may get the worm, but the second mouse gets the cheese.
- 11 - I almost had a psychic girlfriend, but she left me before we met.
- 12 - OK, so what's the speed of dark?
- 13 - How do you tell when you're out of invisible ink?
- 14 - If everything seems to be going well, you have obviously overlooked something.
- 15 - Depression is merely anger without enthusiasm.
- 16 - When everything is coming your way, you're in the wrong lane.
- 17 - Ambition is a poor excuse for not having enough sense to be lazy.
- 18 - Hard work pays off in the future; laziness pays off now.
- 19 - I intend to live forever ... So far, so good.
- 20 - If Barbie is so popular, why do you have to buy her friends?
- 21 - Eagles may soar, but weasels don't get sucked into jet engines.
- 22 - What happens if you get scared half to death twice?
- 23 - My mechanic told me, "I couldn't repair your brakes, so I made your horn louder."
- 24 - Why do psychics have to ask you for your name?
- 25 - If at first you don't succeed, destroy all evidence that you tried.
- 26 - A conclusion is the place where you got tired of thinking.
- 27 - Experience is something you don't get until just after you need it.
- 28 - The hardness of the butter is proportional to

the softness of the bread.

29 - To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism; to steal from many is research.

30 - The problem with the gene pool is that there is no lifeguard.

31 - The sooner you fall behind, the more time you'll have to catch up.

32 - The colder the x-ray table, the more of your body is required to be on it.

33 - Everyone has a photographic memory; some just don't have film.

34 - If at first you don't succeed, skydiving is not for you.

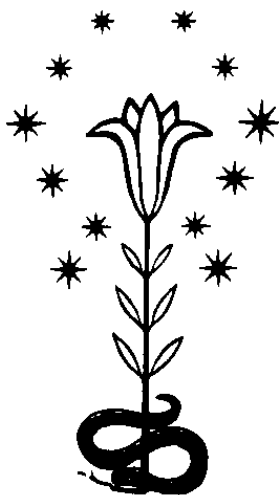
35 - If your car could travel at the speed of light, would your headlights work?

This is a desktop labyrinth – follow it with your finger or a pencil, and let your mind be at peace.



Saints' Days in June:

- 1st. St. Justin
3rd. The Martyrs of Uganda
4th. John XXIII
5th. St. Boniface of Mainz
8th. St. Ephrem the Syrian
9th. St. Columba
11th. St. Barnabas
12th. John Skinner
14th. Ss. Basil of Caesarea, Gregory of Nazianus, & Gregory of Nyssa
18th. Bernard Mizeki
20th. St. Fillan
22nd. St. Alban
24th. The Birth of John the Baptist
25th. St. Moluag of Lismore
26th. Robert Leighton
27th. Alexander Jolly
28th. St. Irenaeus of Lyons
29th. Ss. Peter & Paul



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