

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 2014

Dear Friends,

Who can believe it's summer again? Time to enjoy some nice weather (we hope) and to get into the holiday mood.

A reflection I found says this:

Summer is the stuff of dreams. When adults sit at their desks, and children sit in school, they dream of summer. Summer is the time of infinite fun. The day seems to last forever, and the fun never stops. It is a time of excitement and an enhanced enjoyment of life. Somehow summer never seems to last long enough. It is always over before we get a chance to fully experience its power. This is true of all things wonderful. They always seem too short.

Isn't this the case with many things in life? Time passes very quickly, so we should make the most of every moment we are given and live our lives purposefully and use it for the things God has planned for us.

It's amazing to see and behold the beauty of creation at this time of year. We truly

see what God has given so freely for us to enjoy.

Another quote says:

Throughout the world there are many different gardens that people have designed. In a Japanese garden, every tree is perfectly pruned, without a leaf out of place. Nothing is planted without forethought as to the exact place appropriate to it. There are English gardens that are famous for their roses and perfect lines of shrubbery. The number of garden types are too numerous to mention. One thing is true of all gardens. It is joint creation between God, man's intention to create a space of tranquillity and nature's ability to comply.

Whatever you do over the summer months, have fun and take time to behold the beauty of God's creation.

I hope that, if you attend a church on your travels over the summer months, you will take with you the good wishes of St Mary's.

With much love and prayers,

Graham



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

Burials

Gordon Farquhar, died 22nd. May, funeral 20th.
June, 2014

John Cruickshank, died 10th. June, funeral 19th.
June, 2014

May they rest in peace to rise in glory.



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 29th. July and 26th. August, both at 12.30p.m.

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Prayers for Healing

The next months' Prayers of Healing services, Prayers for Healing and Wholeness, will be held on Sunday, 6th. July and Sunday, 3rd. August, 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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Sea Sunday

Sea Sunday will be marked this year on 13th. July.

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Vestry Report

There has been no vestry meeting since the last magazine.

Mary Allardyce
Vestry Secretary

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Painting the Choir Vestry

If anyone can help with this between 4th. July and 4th. August, please let Mary Allardyce know so we can sort out dates. There are no hall bookings for this period.

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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 Natasha Steward who will be sixteen on the 9th. July; Hugo Stephens who will be twelve on 30th. July; Hamish Thomson, who will have his first birthday on 19th. August, and Bailley Cormack who will be eleven the following day, the 20th. August.

Cascade Conversation – Listening across the Spectrum

The Cascade Conversation – Listening across the Spectrum – took place in Atholl Palace Hotel, Pitlochry on 29-30 April. About 60 people were present in Pitlochry for the two day meeting. The participants met in small facilitated groups. At the conclusion of the meeting, each of groups (there were six groups in total) offered a short statement they would wish to be communicated that would reflect their experience of the Cascade Conversation. These six statements are as follows:

“We value the respectful nature of the conversation we have had and would hope that as the process continues the tone remains as important as the content of the outcome.”

“Open and fruitful conversations across serious differences were held and we hope that these can continue as the church responds to the changing law as regards marriage.”

“The design group has offered us a process of conversation to use in these two days which we fully commend to be used as widely in the Church as possible: for people to come together to speak and listen using appropriate language to grow in understanding. We feel that we came away from the conversation with some fears and negative feelings allayed and with a sense of hopeful optimism for the way in which the Church together can deal with this issue.”

“This group wants to affirm the overwhelming importance of good, open searching conversation and engagement in clarifying the profound differences among us and between us , and yet holding us in communion, holding us in that perfect love which casts out fear. But we are left asking what the institutional manifestation of that looks like, how do we move toward an outcome which we can all recognise and live with and affirm as God’s will for us.”

“We heard people rather than positions. In the future can we stretch the tent to keep all within?”

“Our respectful listening to each other led to the uncomfortable realisation of how difficult and painful our view can be for other people. We hope that the future conversations/events which must now take place will continue in the respect-

filled tone we have found helpful and will lead to outcomes within an agreed timeline.”

Towards the close of the Cascade Conversation, the participants met in diocesan groups to consider how the experience of the meeting in Pitlochry might be cascaded more widely.

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100 Club

Subscriptions for the 100 Club are due by the end of August. Speak to Mary Allardyce to renew or to buy new numbers.

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Gallowgate Fair

The Gallowgate Fair will be held on 2nd. August this year at St. Margaret’s in the Gallowgate. This is a busy fundraiser for us and the stalls we take mostly sell home baking – we even have regular customers! For further information or to offer donations or help on the day, speak to Mary Allardyce.

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Pentecost Celebration

On Pentecost Sunday at 6pm there was a united service with Holburn West Church outside St. Mary’s. The weather was kind, fortunately!





Multiple red, yellow, orange and white balloons represented Pentecostal flames.

The event concluded with tea and sandwiches and good fellowship.

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Caption Competitions



An inhouse event above, and below a joint competition with Holburn West – any suggestions?



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Book Reviews:

The Lion’s World: A Journey into the Heart of Narnia, by Rowan Williams

This book, in a format common enough to clergy, is based on a series of sermons with an eye to the anniversary of Lewis’ birth. If you already love C.S. Lewis’ Narnia books, this is a delight: there is of course considerable depth to the children’s books, but this draws out inner meanings, parallels and images that a child might well miss. He gently refutes Lewis’ modern critics in a style that is deeply scholarly but also eminently readable. It is not a simple read, but it is richly rewarding.

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Quiet Gardens: The Roots of Faith?, by Susan Bowden-Pickstock

The Quiet Garden movement is a interfaith, international idea to provide quiet, beautiful outdoor space for meditation and healing. Here the author interviews several key supporters of the movement, which has links to the gardens at Maggie’s Centres, and visits gardens throughout the British Isles and abroad, showing the variety of styles of garden and of their uses in faith. A beautiful and inspiring summer read.

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The English Plural according to

We'll begin with a box, and the plural is boxes,
But the plural of ox becomes oxen, not oxes;
One fowl is a goose, but two are called geese,
Yet the plural of moose should never be meese;
You may find a lone mouse or a nest full of mice,
Yet the plural of house is houses, not hicc.

If the plural of man is always called men,
Why shouldn't the plural of pan be called pen ?
If I speak of my foot and show you my feet,
And I give you a boot, would a pair be called
beet?

If one is a tooth and a whole set are teeth,
Why shouldn't the plural of booth be called beeth?

Then one may be that, & three would be those,
Yet hat in the plural would never be hose;
And the plural of cat is cats, not cose.
We speak of a brother & also of brethren,
But though we say mother, we never say methren.
Then the masculine pronouns are he, his & him,
But imagine the feminine: she, shis & shim !

Let's face it - English is a crazy language.
There is no egg in eggplant nor ham in
hamburger;
Neither apple nor pine in pineapple.
English muffins weren't invented in England.

We take English for granted,
but if we explore its paradoxes,
We find that quicksand can work slowly,
boxing rings are square;
A guinea pig is neither from Guinea nor is it a pig.
Why is it that writers write, but fingers don't fing,
Grocers don't groce & hammers don't ham ?

Doesn't it seem crazy that ...
you can make amends but not one amend ?
If you have a bunch of odds and ends ...
and get rid of all but one of them,
What do you call it ?

If teachers taught, why didn't preachers praught ?
If a vegetarian eats vegetables,
what does a humanitarian eat ?

Sometimes I think all people who speak English
Should be in an asylum for the verbally insane.
In what other language do people recite at a play,
and play at a recital ?

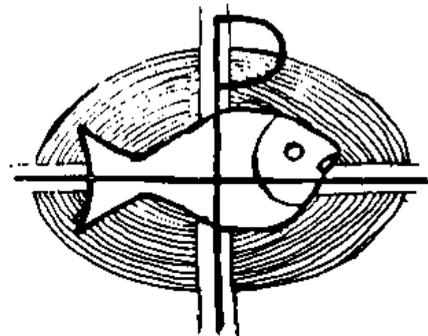
We ship by truck but send cargo by ship ...
We have noses that run & feet that smell;
We park in a driveway & drive in a parkway.
And how can a slim chance & a fat chance be the
same,
while a wise man & a wise guy are opposites ?

You have to marvel at the unique lunacy of a
language
in which your house can burn up as it burns down;
In which you fill in a form by filling it out,
& in which an alarm goes off by going on.

And in closing
If Father is Pop
how come Mother's not Mop ? ? ? ?

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Those of you paying close attention to the Saints' Days for the next two months will notice a couple of changes. St. Boisil (Abbot of Melrose Abbey and tutor of St. Cuthbert, died 664) was moved last year to 7th. July from 7th. August, which is where he should always have been. This left the way clear for the Liturgy Committee this year to ask for John Mason Neale (hymnwriter and the man who inspired Rev. John Comper to found the Convent on the Spital) to be moved to the vacated 7th. August – his real day is 6th. August but that's the Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord, and therefore taken. The Liturgy Committee asked the Faith & Order Board and the Faith & Order Board asked General Synod, and it was approved, and thus John Mason Neale is now celebrated on 7th. August. I am personally assured by the outgoing convenor of the Liturgy Committee that this is not the beginning of a long chain of shuffling of saints' days!



Saints' Days in July:

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

Saints' Days in August:

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



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