

# 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 2014

Dear Friends,

Who can believe it has been almost nine years since my first letter to you as Rector of St Mary's, and here we are as I write my final message.

What a joy it has been to journey with you, my church family and friends, over my time as Priest of this congregation.

I have been privileged to be part of your spiritual walk. It has been a blessing to minister to you in the ups and downs that life brings. This has worked both ways, with me receiving your love and prayers which have sustained me through this period of my life and work.

I will never forget my time at St Mary's and the wonderful friends I have made here. Along with my parents, whom you have embraced within this church, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts. You will always remain part of our lives.

My final Sunday with you at St Mary's will be on 28<sup>th</sup> September 2014 and my institution to St John's, Perth will be on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> October. I hope as many of

you as possible will be able to come and join with me on this occasion. Please remember me in your prayers during this transition period as I will pray for you and for my successor.

I leave you with this lovely blessing;



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.

Wednesday:  
Holy Eucharist at 10a.m.

Thursday:  
Morning Prayer at 7.45a.m.

## **From the Registers**

### *Holy Baptism*

20<sup>th</sup>. July, 2014: Thomas William Reid

### *Burials*

Helen Angus, died 29<sup>th</sup>. July, 2014

James Pratt, died 15<sup>th</sup>. August, 2014

Ralph Richards, died 15<sup>th</sup>. August, 2014

*May they rest in peace to rise in glory.*

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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 30<sup>th</sup>. September, at 12.30p.m.

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## **Prayers for Healing**

The next months' Prayers of Healing services, a Healing Eucharist, will be held on Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup>. 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 has met twice since the last Newsletter was circulated, 16<sup>th</sup> July and 21st August.

The Rector had informed the vestry prior to the meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> July that he had spoken with the Bishop and given him his resignation from his incumbency at Saint Mary's as he had accepted the post of Rector at Saint John's Episcopal

Church in Perth and would be moving there at some point in the Autumn.

Using the money donated by members of the congregation to purchase something in memory of Josie Duncan, three new flower stands have been made and are now in use in church.

The Rector asked the Vestry if he could ask the same contractor to make a new cross for the top of one of the gate-posts at the Carden Place entrance to replace one which is very badly damaged. The Vestry agreed unanimously to this request and it has now been ordered.

To try to dissuade unauthorised parking in the Church grounds, a sign stating that private parking only is allowed has been made but has still to be put in place.

The woodwork in the Choir Vestry has been repainted but the upper wall at the south side of room is quite badly damaged by water and will have to be fixed before the rest of the room can be painted.

The walls in the Sanctuary are becoming quite black probably due to condensation in the area and will need to be repainted. The Vestry will try to get a decorator to do this as scaffolding will be required to undertake the work.

The monthly advertisement in the local paper is to be discontinued as the Vestry feel that it is too expensive given the lack of effect in bringing in new people.

Kelly Dillard has painted a beautiful Icon and gifted it to Saint Mary's to mark the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary. It is currently sited on the votive stand at the back of the Church. Thanks to Kelly for this very generous gift.

Friday lunchtime opening of Saint Mary's was discussed and it was agreed that we should not open during the very cold winter months partly due to the cost of heating the building. Saint Mary's will therefore not be open between the 1<sup>st</sup> November and the 1<sup>st</sup> March.

Nicola Mills is organising 'Doors Open Day' on 13<sup>th</sup> September this year. Volunteers to help on the day are very welcome so if anyone can give a little time then, please speak to Nicola.

The Rector advised the Vestry that during the vacancy, he had asked the following people to take on the following:-

- Margaret McKinnon is to lead Healing prayers on Sunday mornings and on the first Sunday of each month.
- Peggy Connell will organise 'Open for Prayer' on Tuesday lunchtimes of the last Tuesday of the month.
- Mary Allardyce will co-ordinate the Pastoral Care group.
- Nicola Mills and Mary McKinnell will organise publicity and communication.
- David Rose and Rachael Cormack will arrange fund-raising events.

The default position is that the Bishop becomes the Rector of Saint Mary's during the vacancy and will arrange cover for the services on Sunday mornings.

The Rector is arranging cover for the Wednesday morning services.

David Rose and Rachael Cormack as wardens of the Church will share the responsibility of chairing vestry meetings concerned with the day to day business at Saint Mary's but the Bishop will chair and organise all matters relating to the appointments of a new Rector.

The Rector has quite a bit of annual leave due to him before he goes and so his last Sunday at Saint Mary's will be Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September although his institution at Saint John's will not take place until Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> October.

It is hoped to hire a bus to travel to Perth on 30<sup>th</sup> October dependant on how many people would like to travel by this means. There is a list at the back of the Church which all interested can write their names on and we will take it from there.

Finally, there will be a buffet 'Bring and Share' lunch in Church on September 28<sup>th</sup> to give everyone an opportunity to wish the Rector well in his new incumbency and to say our cheerios to him.

Mary Allardyce  
Vestry Secretary

## Financial report

### April 2014

Income:	7,364
Expenditure:	<u>8,495</u>
Net result for month:	-1,131

Balance at month end: £62,038

### May 2014

Income:	6,407
Expenditure:	<u>7,011</u>
Net result for month:	-604

Balance at month end: £65,434

### June 2014

Income:	22,883
Expenditure:	<u>6,028</u>
Net result for month:	16,776

Balance at month end: £82,210

### July 2014

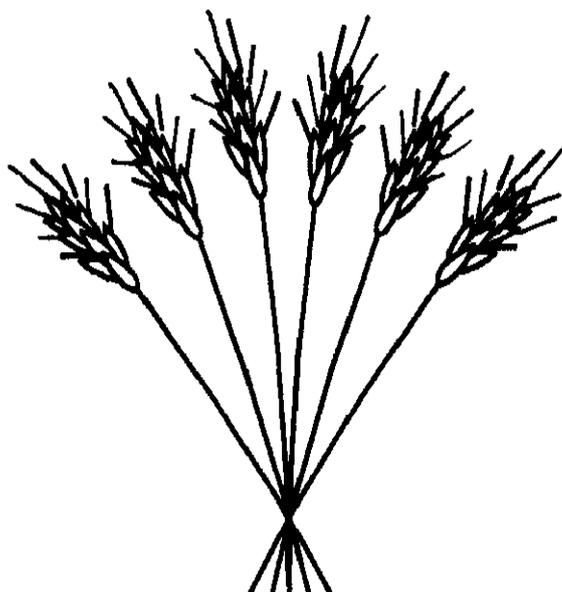
Income:	4,158
Expenditure:	<u>6,506</u>
Net result for month:	-2,553

Balance at month end: £79,657

£104 was collected for the Dean's Walk, and £205 for the Mission to Seafarers.

Lydia Ross  
Treasurer

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## **Rector's Last Sunday**

The Rector's last Sunday with us will be 28<sup>th</sup>. September, and we will have a Bring and Share lunch to mark the occasion and say our farewells. Please sign the list at the back of the church to say if you'll be bringing sweet or savoury food.

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## **Institution in Perth**

It is hoped to organise a bus to take friends to Perth for Graham's institution there on the evening of 30<sup>th</sup>. October. The bus would probably have to leave the church around 5p.m. If anyone is interested in this, please sign the sheet at the back of the church.

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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. (no longer in the winter months), for this valuable service, please contact the Rector.

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## **Sunday School**

Happy Birthday to Elizabeth Mills who will reach double figures on 5<sup>th</sup>. September; Ellie Smith who will be seventeen on the 7<sup>th</sup>. September, and Sarah Burney, who will be fourteen on the 14<sup>th</sup>. September.

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## **Ironwork in the Church**

We're delighted finally to have railings to assist people up and down the chancel steps. The same firm has also made the new flower stands in memory of Josie Duncan which are enhancing the floral displays in church.

## **Doors Open Day**

St. Mary's will be open from 10a.m. to 4p.m. for Doors Open Day on 13<sup>th</sup>. September. If anyone would like to help with manning the church during these hours, or providing buns for an informal offering of tea and coffee to visitors, please contact Nicola Mills.

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## **Gallowgate Fair**

Our stalls at the Gallowgate Fair on 2<sup>nd</sup>. August this year at St. Margaret's in the Gallowgate made £280. Very many thanks to all who donated gifts, baking, and time on the day to sell.

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## **Poverty**

It's quite possible for someone from our country to make their first ever visit to the Third World, on their way perhaps to a beach holiday, and come home severely traumatized. It's one thing to read about world poverty, but it's quite different to see with your own eyes a starving child, or an old man dying by the roadside. The world's population is roughly six billion. Consider these figures:

Half the world – nearly 3 billion people – live on just over one pound a day; 1.3 billion live on less than half that amount.

Half the world's children live in poverty.

790 million people are chronically under-nourished.

20% of the world's population consume 86% of the world's goods; and their average income is 74 times that of the poorest 20%.

One child dies of poverty every two seconds.

1.3 billion people have no access to clean water; 3 billion have no access to sanitation; 2 billion have no electricity.

12% of the world's population uses 85% of its drinking water.

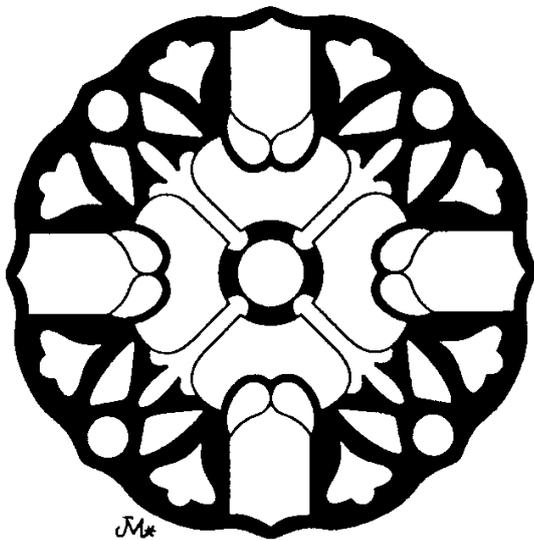
Nearly 1 billion people entered the twenty-first century unable to read a book or sign their names.

Less than 1% of what the world spends on weapons could put every child in the world in school.

When Jesus saw a crowd of five thousand people who had nothing to eat all day, he felt compassion on them, and he took practical action, with the help of others, to feed them. There's always been poverty, and it's been made a little less acute by the work of compassionate Christians, so even though the world's population has mushroomed, there's plenty of food to feed them, but it's not fairly distributed.

Giving to emergency appeals, pressing for increasing aid in food, water and medicines, debt relief and fairer trading practices – we can all play our part. When Jesus saw the multitude were hungry, he had compassion on them. So I appeal to you, for Christ's sake do the same.

(contributed by Bobbie Sutton)



## How to Stay Young

1.. Try everything twice. On one woman's tombstone she said she wanted this epitaph: "Tried everything twice. Loved it both times!"

2. Keep only cheerful friends. The grouches pull you down. (Keep this in mind if you are one of those grouches!)

3. Keep learning: Learn more about the computer,

crafts, gardening, whatever. Never let the brain get idle. 'An idle mind is the devil's workshop.' And the devil's name is Alzheimer's!

4. Enjoy the simple things.

5. Laugh often, long and loud. Laugh until you gasp for breath. And if you have a friend who makes you laugh, spend lots and lots of time with them.

6. The tears happen: Endure, grieve, and move on. The only person who is with us our entire life is ourselves. Live while you are alive.

7. Surround yourself with what you love: whether it's family, pets, keepsakes, music, plants, hobbies, whatever. Your home is your refuge.

8. Cherish your health:  
If it is good, preserve it.  
If it is unstable, improve it.  
If it is beyond what you can improve, get help.

9. Don't take guilt trips. Take a trip to the mall, even to the next county, to a foreign country, but NOT to where the guilt is.

10. Tell the people you love that you love them, at every opportunity.

11. Forgive now those who made you cry. You might not get a second chance..

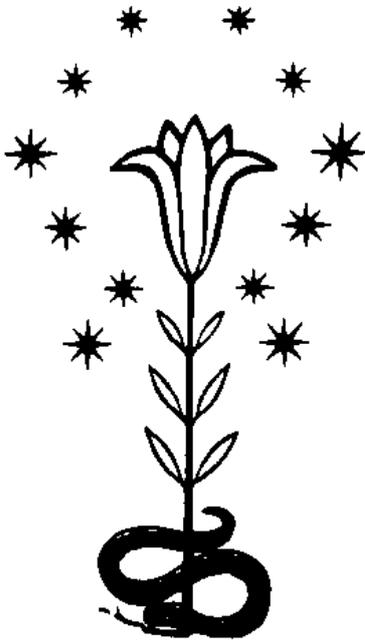
12. Be kinder than necessary, for everyone you meet is fighting some kind of battle.

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Congratulations to Harry and Elaine Golding, who celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary (that's 60 years) in August!

## Saints' Days in September:

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



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