

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.

November 2014

The path I travel, Christ travels.
May the place to which I go
be without regret.
May the Trinity protect me wherever I stay.
In every dealing may shining angels walk with me
and be a clear presence,
and may no one's poison get to me.
May the nine orders of heaven's company
Favour me with their presence.
May I arrive safely at each destination.
May the time spent not be wasted.
May every journey be smooth;
may men, women and children welcome me.
A truly good journey.
How well the good Lord guides us on our course.
(8th or 9th century (paraphrased)).



Interregnum News

Already the process of choosing a new Rector has begun!

The post of Rector has been advertised for two weeks in the *Church Times* and on its website, and the closing date is the 3rd. November.

Interviews are due to take place on the 21st. and 22nd. November, if we have applicants to interview! Please remember that vestry members can't give any information about the candidates from now onwards.

Aberdeen is going to be very short of ordained clergy over the next few months, so we are very lucky to have Jason to look after us for a large part of the interregnum, and the Bishop to see we are not neglected when Jason can't be here.

Please continue to remember St. Mary's in your prayers, and keep supporting each other and the church through the vacancy, particularly Jason, the churchwardens, and Vestry secretary who will act as points of contact between the church and the Diocese throughout.

Nicola Mills, Editor

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.

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 25th November, at 12.30p.m.

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Diocesan Seabury Mass

14th November 2014, 7pm in the Cathedral

At this service, the music for which will be a mass setting especially composed by Paul Mealor, we will be installing Canon Michel Belt from St James Church, New London as our honorary canon from the Diocese of Connecticut.

Everyone is most cordially invited to this event. It will be final event in the Cathedral's 100th anniversary as our Cathedral.

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Prayers for Healing

The next months' Prayers of Healing services, a Healing Eucharist, will be held on Sunday, 2nd November, 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 1st October.

Nicola reported that 'Doors Open Day' on 13th September had been successful with 35 visitors to the church and therefore well worth doing again sometime.

Tickets have been printed for the annual Christmas raffle and will be available soon for members of the congregation to sell.

The bus to Perth for Graham's institution at Saint John's is nearly full and will leave Saint Mary's at 4.30pm prompt. We will be taken to Saint John's

for the service then picked up to be taken to the Royal George Hotel for a reception and then collected from there to come back to Saint Mary's at 10pm.

The grounds of the church are becoming overgrown with weeds again. Pete is no longer looking after them for us so the vestry is looking for someone to replace him. A notice to this effect will be put on the web-site and also in the Newsletter.

A building surveyor has inspected the walls in church and advises that there is no reason why several areas should not be repainted by professionals. Quotes are being sought to repaint the Sanctuary, Sacristy, upper walls of the Choir Vestry and toilets in church.

There is still ingress of water at the south side of the Choir Vestry. The surveyor is to contact D & D Slating to ask them to erect scaffolding to inspect the area.

The vestry has agreed that two, Annette Everard and Ann Leslie, become members of the healing prayers team.

An advertisement has been placed in *The Church Times* for a new Rector. Further information will be available as soon as possible.

Mary Allardyce
Vestry Secretary

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Treasurer's Report

August 2014

Income:	5,240
Expenditure:	<u>6,190</u>
Net result for month:	-666

Balance at month end: £78,992

September 2014

Income:	7,745
Expenditure:	<u>8,140</u>
Net result for month:	-510

Balance at month end: £78,482

Lydia Ross
Treasurer

Institution in Perth

The bus taking us to Perth for Graham's institution there on the evening of 30th. October will leave the church at 4.30p.m. PROMPTLY. We will be taken to Saint John's for the service then picked up to be taken to the Royal George Hotel for a reception and then collected from there to come back to Saint Mary's at 10pm. Payment (£10) must be made in advance to Mary Allardyce.

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Blytheswood Shoeboxes

Labels for the Blytheswood Shoeboxes are still available from Morag McPetrie. If anyone needs an actual box to fill, some are still available at the front of the church!

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Friday Openings

Friday Openings continue through October but *will not run* from November to March (too cold to sit in the church for three hours!).



Sunday School

Happy Birthday to Georgina Stephens, who will be eight on the 19th. November.

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Cathedral Service for Anniversary of Women's Ordination

On December 17th there will be a Eucharist in the Cathedral to commemorate the twentieth anniversary of ordination of women priests in Scotland. It will begin at 6pm. I am delighted to

say that my predecessor, †Bruce, will be preaching.

This occasion will also be the final service for Richard, as our Provost.

Do please encourage as many from your congregation who can come to do so, both to join in the commemoration and also for you to be able to thank Richard personally for his ministry at the Cathedral and to wish him and Kathy well in the future.

Every blessing,

+Bob

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Church Grounds

Does anyone know of a gardener who would be willing to take on some work keeping the grounds in order? Someone prepared to double as a general handyman would be particularly appreciated. Any ideas, please, to a vestry member.



A Little Gentle Christian Humour

The Sunday School teacher was describing how Lot's wife looked back and turned into a pillar of salt, when little Jason interrupted, "My Mummy looked back once while she was driving," he announced triumphantly, "And she turned into a telephone pole!"

A Sunday school teacher was telling her class the story of the Good Samaritan. She asked the class,

"If you saw a person lying on the roadside, all wounded and bleeding, what would you do?"

A thoughtful little girl broke the hushed silence: "I think I'd throw up."

A Sunday school teacher asked, "Johnny, do you think Noah did a lot of fishing when he was on the Ark?"

"No," replied Johnny. "How could he, with just two worms."

A Sunday school teacher said to her children, "We have been learning how powerful kings and queens were in Bible times. But there is a Higher Power. Can anybody tell me what it is?"

One child blurted out, "Aces!"

Nine-year-old Joey was asked by his mother what he had learned in Sunday School.

"Well, Mum, our teacher told us how God sent Moses behind enemy lines on a rescue mission to lead the Israelites out of Egypt. When he got to the Red Sea, he had his army build a pontoon bridge and all the people walked across safely. Then he radioed headquarters for reinforcements. They sent bombers to blow up the bridge and all the Israelites were saved."

"Now, Joey, is that really what your teacher taught you?" his mother asked.

"Well, no, Mum, but, if I told it the way the teacher did, you'd never believe it!"

A Sunday School teacher decided to have her young class memorise one of the most quoted passages in the Bible - Psalm 23. She gave the youngsters a month to learn the chapter.

Little Rick was excited about the task - but he just couldn't remember the Psalm. After much practice, he could barely get past the first line.

On the day that the kids were scheduled to recite Psalm 23 in front of the congregation, Ricky was so nervous. When it was his turn, he stepped up to

the microphone and said proudly, "The Lord is my Shepherd, and that's all I need to know."

The preacher's 5 year-old daughter noticed that her father always paused and bowed his head for a moment before starting his sermon. One day, she asked him why.

"Well, Honey," he began, proud that his daughter was so observant of his messages. "I'm asking the Lord to help me preach a good sermon."

"How come He doesn't answer it?" she asked.



A Rabbi said to a precocious six-year-old boy, "So your mother says your prayers for you each night? That's very commendable. What does she say?"

The little boy replied, "Thank God he's in bed!"

During the minister's prayer one Sunday, there was a loud whistle from one of the back pews. Tommy's mother was horrified. She pinched him into silence and, after church, asked, "Tommy, whatever made you do such a thing?"

Tommy answered soberly, "I asked God to teach me to whistle, and He did!"

A pastor asked a little boy if he said his prayers every night.

"Yes, sir," the boy replied.

"And, do you always say them in the morning,

too?" the pastor asked.

"No sir," the boy replied. "I'm not scared in the daytime."

When my daughter, Kelli, said her bedtime prayers, she would bless every family member, every friend, and every animal (current and past). For several weeks, after we had finished the nightly prayer, Kelli would say, "And all girls."

This soon became part of her nightly routine, to include this closing. My curiosity got the best of me and I asked her, "Kelli, why do you always add the part about all girls?"

Her response: "Because everybody always finishes their prayers by saying 'All Men!'"

Little Johnny and his family were having Sunday dinner at his grandmother's house. Everyone was seated around the table as the food was being served. When Little Johnny received his plate, he started eating right away.

"Johnny! Please wait until we say our prayer," said his mother.

'I don't need to,' the boy replied.

'Of course you do,' his mother insisted. 'We always say a prayer before eating at our house.'

'That's at our house,' Johnny explained. 'But this is Grandma's house and she knows how to cook.'



Places I've been

I have been in many places, but I've never been in Cahoots. Apparently, you can't go alone. You have to be in Cahoots with someone.

I've also never been in Cognito. I hear no one recognizes you there.

I have, however, been in Sane. They don't have an airport; you have to be driven there. I have made several trips there, thanks to my friends, family and work.

I would like to go to Conclusions, but you have to jump, and I'm not too much on physical activity anymore.

I have also been in Doubt. That is a sad place to go, and I try not to visit there too often.

I've been in Flexible, but only when it was very important to stand firm.

Sometimes I'm in Capable, and I go there more often as I'm getting older.

One of my favourite places to be is in Suspense! It really gets the adrenalin flowing and pumps up the old heart! At my age I need all the stimuli I can get!

And sometimes I think I am in Vincible but life shows me I am not.

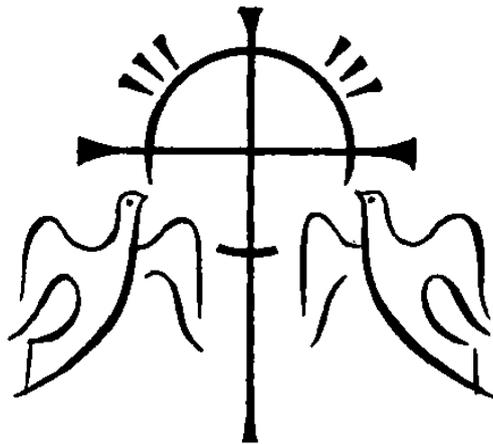
People keep telling me I'm in Denial but I'm positive I've never been there before!

I may have been in Continent, but I don't remember what country I was in. It's an age thing. They tell me it is very wet and damp there.

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Saints' Days in November:

1 st .	All Saints' Day
2 nd .	All Souls' Day
3 rd .	Richard Hooker
7 th .	St. Willibrord
9 th .	George Hay Forbes
10 th .	St. Leo the Great
11 th .	St. Martin of Tours
12 th .	St. Machar
16 th .	St. Margaret of Scotland
17 th .	St. Hilda of Whitby and St. Hugh of Lincoln
18 th .	St. Fergus
21 st .	St. Columban
22 nd .	St. Cecilia
23 rd .	St. Clement of Rome
24 th .	Lucy Menzies
30 th .	St. Andrew of Scotland



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