

# 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.*

## February 2015

Dear Friends,

I would like to Welcome you to this month's edition of St Mary's News and take the opportunity of wishing you all a Happy New Year.

One of the ways that St Mary's offers help and support is through its Healing Ministry. We offer Prayers of Healing immediately following the Sunday morning 10.15 Service each week and a monthly Sunday evening Prayers of Healing and Wholeness Service on the first Sunday of the month at 6pm.

I and the Healing Team extend a warm Welcome to you to attend any of our Healing Ministries. At the monthly evening Service the Welcome we extend to you is an invitation to give yourself time away from daily routines, burdens, thoughts or chores and allow yourself to sit in quiet contemplation or to engage with the various Prayer Stations that are placed within the Church.

To be invited to hear someone's prayer petition is a very privileged Ministry. The prayers can be for the person themselves or their family or friends. We now receive prayer petitions from people via the Church website and these prayers are prayed for during the month, as are prayers written and left at the evening Healing Service.

The members of the Healing Team are: Rev Jason Hobbs, Anna Koruth, Lucy Fleming, Anne Leslie,

Annette Everard and myself – Margaret McKinnon.

I would like to share a brief reflection with you based on Holman Hunt's 'Light of the World' (1851-3) painting, which is inspired by the Words of Revelation 3:20: "Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if any man hear My voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with Me".



I have spoken of the Welcome that the Healing Team extend to you and now I invite you to reflect on the Welcome that you extend to Our Lord as you open the door to Him. Please notice that Our Lord says: "I will come in" – there is no 'maybe' or 'might' about whether He will come in. Our Lord has made a promise that He will never break and that promise we can trust.

This painting has very special memories for me as I received a framed copy of this print in 1962 from St Clements Episcopal Church for 'very good attendance at Sunday School'. It has hung in every home I have lived in. Perhaps this painting has special memories for you?

 Let our Prayers this month be for the Vestry, that they may be attentive in discerning God's pathway for St Mary's.

 We Pray for all who are supporting St Mary's during the Interregnum.

 We Pray for Our Church family and ask for God's blessings on our journey as we support one another through 2015.

May 2015 be filled with light and hope in order that our collective *WELCOME* will be truly heard and felt by whoever God has ordained to be our next Rector at St Mary's. Amen

God Bless  
Margaret McKinnon

## Interregnum News

The Vestry has interviewed a candidate for the post of rector by both SKYPE and by face to face interview and that candidate has also visited the church and seen the rectory. On the basis of this the vestry has presented that candidate to the Bishop with the request that he be offered the post of rector of St Mary's.

This has now been done and we are awaiting the response conscious, as we do so, that the candidate has also received an offer for a position in another church. Should he decline our offer the Bishop will re-advertise the position here immediately.

We will let you know the outcome as soon as we know it.

### 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:

*Deaths:*

Douglas Williamson, 29 December 2014  
Neil Stephens, 17 January 2015

*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 24<sup>th</sup>. February, 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, 1<sup>st</sup>. March 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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### Treasurer's Report

November 2014

Income:	5,794
Expenditure:	<u>3,919</u>
Net result for month:	1,875

Balance at month end: £80,270

Lydia Ross  
Treasurer

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### Vestry Report

The vestry met on 17<sup>th</sup> December when the following was discussed.

Parking within the grounds remains to be a problem. A sign stating that the grounds were for private parking only was ordered several months ago and although it is ready, it has still not been fixed.

The Christmas raffle this year raised approx. £550m clear after expenses were deducted. It is disappointing that the Advent bible study programme was very poorly attended this year. The Church now has a Facebook page up and running thanks to Mary McKinnell and the members of the communications group. D&D Slating has inspected the roof of the Choir Vestry and reported that the leak is probably due to a build-up of sludge so that water cannot drain away and they will undertake the work. The vestry hopes that repainting of the Sanctuary, Sacristy and toilets will start soon but we await

permission from the Diocesan Buildings Committee to enable us to do so.

Mary Allardyce  
Vestry Secretary

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### **World Day of Prayer – Help Needed**

The World Day of Prayer service for City Centre West will take place in St. Mary's on Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30p.m. Mary Allardyce is our representative and will be looking for help with catering on the night as well as baking for the event – please do what you can!

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### **Come and be part of the team!**

Our keen and expert teams providing welcome, counting the money, cleaning the church and making coffee are now recruiting! Here's your opportunity to be part of something exciting. Full training is given and job satisfaction is guaranteed. Contact Mary Allardyce for the specialist cleaning services, and for all other teams contact Rachael Cormack.

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### **Friday Openings**

Please remember that there are no Friday Openings until March (too cold to sit in the church for three hours!).

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### **Christmas Raffle**

The Christmas Raffle made £550 this year – many thanks to all who bought tickets, all who donated prizes, and of course to Mary Allardyce who organised it all again.

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### **Flower Fund**

The Flower Fund is running short: all contributions would be gratefully received. Many

make a donation to mark a special date, while others simply donate to keep the church beautiful. Please support this lovely part of our church life.

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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.

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### **Bishop's Lent Appeal 2015**

This year's Lent Appeal is the same for each of the seven dioceses of our Province. All seven bishops of the Scottish Episcopal Church have agreed to target their Lent Appeal to the Scottish Episcopal Institute.

The Scottish Episcopal Institute (SEI) is the successor to TISEC, our theological training body which oversees and ensures the training of candidates for lay reader ministry and ordained ministry.

For this reason it functions as a central body in the life of our church. It also operates across all the dioceses. Currently there are between 25 and 30 men and women in training for these two ministries, four of them from this diocese.

The training offered is essentially non-residential (unlike the traditional theological colleges of former years) though has six residential weekends and a week long summer school each year.

In this diocese a number of people work with the province to help in the selection and recruitment process, deliver theological modules, organise placements in congregations as well as giving mentoring supervision along the way.

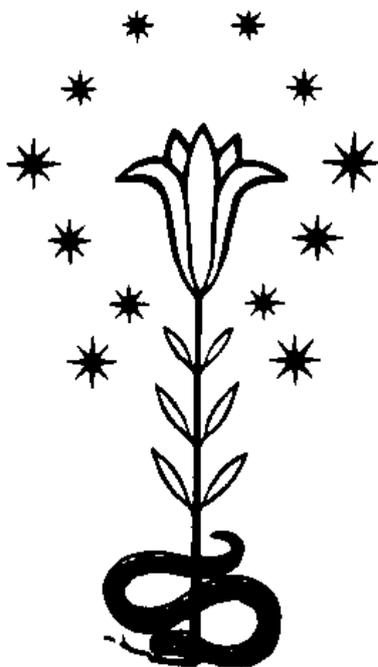
All in all the Scottish Episcopal Institute is a valuable organ within the life of the church and by training future priests and lay readers is serving both the church now and the church of tomorrow.

I urge you to give it your full support.

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## Saints' Days in February:

- 1<sup>st</sup>. St. Bride of Kildare  
2<sup>nd</sup>. The Presentation of Our Lord  
6<sup>th</sup>. The Martyrs of Japan  
10<sup>th</sup>. St. Scholastica  
14<sup>th</sup>. Ss. Cyril and Methodius  
15<sup>th</sup>. Thomas Bray  
17<sup>th</sup>. St. Finan of Lindisfarne  
18<sup>th</sup>. St. Colman of Lindisfarne  
19<sup>th</sup>. Martin Luther  
23<sup>rd</sup>. St. Polycarp of Smyrna



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