



SAINT MARY'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Newsletter

Our Mission Statement:

Saint Mary's is a Christ-centred family, caring, sharing and working together, seeking to change through growth.

July – August 2015

Dear Friends at St Mary's,

We've settled in a bit more since the last newsletter. Allison and I are glad to be back in Aberdeen, even if it is taking some time to warm up to us! As you've noticed, the children struggle to contain their joy.

I continue to be thankful for your generous and patient support. It has been a pleasure to meet many of you and visit with some of you. I look forward to connecting with those whom I haven't yet met. Please feel welcome to introduce or, even, reintroduce yourself to me.

One thing I've learned is that St Mary's is a place of smiles – as people enter the church, during the sharing of the peace, after the service at tea, and as children “participate” in the worship. This is so refreshing.

The church is a serious place, to be sure. It is a place of reflection, of soul-searching, of worship. By training and disposition, I tend toward regarding the holiness of the altar and making the service conducive to silence, concentration, and solemnity.

But a church of Jesus Christ must be a place of joy. Christians are “Easter people” and “Alleluia!” is their song. It is difficult to balance the joy of the gospel and the majesty of God. I'm thankful that

St Mary's is a place of smiles, friendships, and joy as well as of reverence and beauty.

As I plan for the Fall and think of community-building events for this Summer, I would like to get to know you and this wonderful community a bit more. It would help me if you completed the survey included in this newsletter. If you don't feel comfortable using your name, you can complete it anonymously and return it to the office or to one of the Vestry members. I look forward to reading your reflections and hopes.

In gratitude,

James



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. This is a lovely pause for fellowship in the day with shared worship and contemplation, and a light lunch to follow. The next service is on 28th. July, at 12.30p.m.

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Prayers for Healing

The next months' Prayers of Healing and Wholeness services will be held on Sunday, 5th. July and Sunday, 2nd. August, both at 6p.m. Prayers for Healing are usually held 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 not met since the last newsletter.
Mary Allardyce
Vestry Secretary

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Sunday School

Happy Birthday in July to Natasha Steward who will be seventeen on the 9th. and Hugo Stephens who will be thirteen on the 30th. In August, Hamish Thomson will be two on the 19th., while Bailley Cormack will have her twelfth birthday on the 20th.

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Protection of Vulnerable Groups: a date for your diaries.

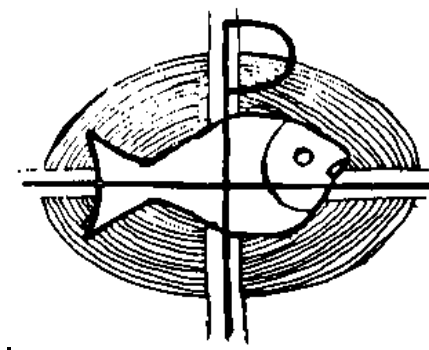
A PVG training day will be held at Westhill Community Church on Saturday 29th August. Places have already been reserved for the rector, the PVG co-ordinator and a nominated member of vestry but the event is open to all who may be interested. Members of pastoral care teams and anyone else who works with children or vulnerable adults are especially encouraged to attend. The event runs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. with lunch provided. To book a place please contact Pat Johnston, Diocesan PVG co-ordinator at pat@13scotstoun.co.uk

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Parking in the Church Grounds

Do you need to park in the Church Grounds? Free permits can be obtained from Mary Allardyce. Please park considerately, and if you can avoid parking during the week it would be very much appreciated.

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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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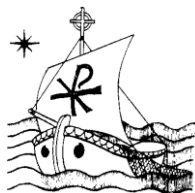
Date Change for Gallowgate Fair

The Gallowgate Fair is usually on the first Saturday in August **but this year it is on the 8th. August at 10a.m.** This is a good fundraiser for the church, and we will need both contributions of baking and help on the day. For any further information or to offer help or buns, talk to Mary Allardyce. Don't book your holiday without checking this date!

Sea Sunday 2015

The theme of this year's Sea Sunday on 12th July is shipwreck, though thankfully emergency response to shipwreck forms only part of the work that the Mission does. The Mission works in over 260 ports in 71 countries, caring for the world's 1.5 million seafarers through our network of chaplains, staff and volunteers. Our centres provide a home away from home where seafarers can relax and use internet and phone facilities to contact their loved ones, while our ship-visitors provide on-board practical and emotional support to crews.

And remember, patterns are available for knitting hats, socks and mitts for seafarers – contact Nicola Mills if you're interested.



Did I read that sign right?

In a London department store: 'Bargain Basement Upstairs'

In an office: 'Would the person who took the step ladder yesterday please bring it back or further steps will be taken.'

In an office: 'After tea break, staff should empty the teapot and stand upside down on the draining board.'

In a Laundromat: 'Automatic Washing Machines: Please remove all your clothes when the light goes out.'

Notice in health food shop window: 'Closed due to illness.'

Spotted in a safari park: 'Elephants, please stay in your car.'

Notice in a farmer's field: 'The farmer allows walkers to cross the field free, but the bull charges.'

Message on a leaflet: 'If you cannot read, this leaflet will tell you how to get lessons.'

On a repair shop door: 'We can repair anything. (Please knock hard on the door – the bell doesn't work).'

Man Kills Self Before Shooting Wife And Daughter

Something Went Wrong in Jet Crash, Expert Says

Police Begin Campaign to Run Down Jaywalkers

Panda Mating Fails; Vet Takes Over

Miners Refuse to Work after Death

Juvenile Court to Try Shooting Defendant

War Dims Hope for Peace

If Strike Isn't Settled Quickly, It May Last Awhile

Cold Wave Linked to Temperatures

Enfield (London) Couple Slain; Police Suspect Homicide

Red Tape Holds Up New Bridges

Man Struck By Lightning: Faces Battery Charge

New Study of Obesity Looks for Larger Test Group

Astronaut Takes Blame for Gas in Spacecraft

Kids Make Nutritious Snacks

Local High School Dropouts Cut in Half

Hospitals are Sued by 7 Foot Doctors

Typhoon Rips Through Cemetery; Hundreds Dead

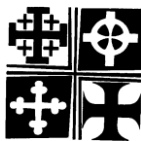


Saints' Days in July:

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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