

WHAT'S ON?

Contact Details: If you haven't completed a contact detail form, please grab one in the porch and fill it out.

Prayers for Healing and Wholeness tonight at 6pm.

Can We Still Believe That? Next Sunday at 9am, we continue discussing the Nicene Creed. Why was the Jewish belief in the goodness of creation so important to early Christianity? How did early Christians read Genesis? What were their attitudes toward science? What does it mean to believe in divine creation today?

Scottish Prayerbook talk by Dr Graham Cooper on Sunday 18 October at 9am.

Storytime Service: another outreach event for kids and families is scheduled for 25th October at 6pm. We are again in need of helpers to leaflet, welcome visitors, mind children and brew hot cocoa.

Bring & Buy after the service on 25th October.

Choral Evensong w/ Deeside Choristers, 6.30pm on 1 November.

Cheese & Wine tasting, 7pm on 13th November. Tickets are £12.50 or £10 without the wine.

Advent Sing-a-Long: Jason will be organising a sing-a-long for advent that will help us prepare for our Carol Singing and Christmas services. Speak with him for more.

Blythwood Shoe Box Appeal: Fill a shoebox with Christmas gifts for a person in need. See Morag McPetrie for more.

Church Calendars: Calendars are available for pickup. Also, if you want one but haven't signed up, please do so; we need to see how many more to order.

WHO'S WHO?

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SAINT MARY'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Harvest Festival, 4th October 2015

WELCOME TO SAINT MARY'S

Relax before God from the busyness of the past week, reconnect with dear friends and be renewed through prayer, adoration and thanksgiving. If you are new, please take a welcome leaflet and fill out a 'Nice to Meet You' card. Let us know how we might help.

Children of all ages are very welcome and all the excitement they bring to our service. This morning they remain in the service for our Harvest Festival.

Communion is open to all who love Jesus Christ. You may drink from the chalice or dip the bread into it. If you prefer not to receive communion, you are welcome to come to the altar for a blessing; indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest.

Coffee, tea and biscuits are enjoyed after the 10.15am service in the choir vestry, through the south door.

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RECTOR'S REFLECTION: THE GOODNESS OF CREATION

Next week, we continue our series on the Nicene Creed at 9am. We'll consider the first article of the Creed, the belief in God the Creator. In modern times, this belief unfortunately has been mistaken for a scientific claim. It's not. Early Christians were not interested in the how of creation so much as the why. In the ancient world, before modern technology and a global economy, most felt the material world was evil. Christians, however, maintained the Jewish belief that the material world was wisely created by a good God and therefore reflected God's goodness and glory. I hope you'll join us as we learn about the tremendous spiritual difference this makes as well as discuss what it might mean to believe in the goodness of creation in an age of medicine and glamour.

HOLY COMMUNION (1970 LITURGY) AT 8 and 10.15AM

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Opening Hymn	101, Come, ye thankful people
Opening Sentences	Orange Booklet p3
Confession & Absolution	Booklet pp3, 5
Invocation of God's Presence and Collect for Purity	Booklet p5
Kyrie eleison	Booklet p5
Gloria in excelsis Deo	Booklet p7

Prayer for the Week: Creator of the fruitful earth, you made us stewards of all things. Give us grateful hearts for all your goodness, and steadfast wills to use your bounty well, that the whole human family, today and in generations to come, may with us give thanks for the riches of your creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Lesson Deuteronomy 26.1-11, OT p167

Psalm 65

THOU, O God, art praised in Sion : **and unto thee shall the vow be performed in Jerusalem.**

Thou that hearest the prayer : **unto thee shall all flesh come.**

My misdeeds prevail against me : **O be thou merciful unto our sins.**

Blessed is the man whom thou choosest, and receivest unto thee : **he shall dwell in thy court, and shall be satisfied with the pleasures of thy house, even of thy holy temple.**

Thou shalt shew us wonderful things in thy righteousness, O God of our salvation : **thou that art the hope of all the ends of the earth, and of them that remain in the broad sea.**

Who in his strength setteth fast the mountains : **and is girded about with power.**

Who stilleth the raging of the sea : **and the noise of his waves, and the madness of the people.**

They also that dwell in the uttermost parts of the earth shall be afraid at thy tokens : **thou that makest the outgoings of the morning and evening to praise thee.**

Thou visitest the earth, and blessest it : **thou makest it very plenteous**

The river of God is full of water : **thou preparest their corn, for so thou providest for the earth.**

Thou waterest her furrows, thou sendest rain into the little valleys thereof : **thou makest it soft with the drops of rain, and blessest the increase of it.**

Thou crownest the year with thy goodness : **thy clouds drop fatness.**

They shall drop upon the dwellings of the wilderness : **and the little hills shall rejoice on every side.**

The folds shall be full of sheep : **the valleys also shall stand so thick with corn, that they shall laugh and sing.**

Second Lesson 2 Corinthians 9.6-15, NT p162

Gradual Hymn 160, Glory, Love, Praise and Honour

The Gospel Luke 17.11-19, NT p68

The Sermon The Curate

The Nicene Creed Booklet p5

Prayers of Intercession A member of the congregation

LITURGY OF THANKSGIVING

Offertory Hymn 423, Praise, O praise our God and King

The Communion Booklet pp15-25

Post Communion Prayer: God of our hope, in this Eucharist we find the source of all your blessings. Nourished in these holy mysteries, may we with our lives give you continual thanks and praise. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing Booklet p27

Concluding Hymn 137, For the beauty of the earth