

WHAT'S ON?

Easter Study: Next session on the 24th of April at 5pm. 'The God Who Speaks Life', led by the Revd Andrew Errington. No preparation necessary. Last weeks' material at back of church.

Paper Aeroplane Competition on the 23rd of April at 2pm. £1 entry for kids and £2 for adults. Fun for all ages.

Open4Prayer is being renamed 'Lunchtime Fellowship'. The format will be similar with a prayer service followed by lunch. Come join us on the 26th of April at 12.30pm!

Sing on Thursdays at 7.30pm. Learn hymns and service music. No experience or musical ability necessary

Beetle Drive on the 7th of May,

Choral Evensong with Queen's Cross on the 15th of May at 6.30pm. Reception to follow.

Silent Auction on the 21st of May

Visit from Bp Sitembele of Mthatha (South Africa) on the 22nd of May. He will preside at the 8am service, discuss over breakfast his ministry at 9am and preside and preach at the 10.15am service. Let's make sure he has a warm welcome.

Con Anima Concert on the 28th of May at 7pm.

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10er Challenge If you can, set aside £10/week for one year, to help with the cost of replacing our failing heating system.

WHO'S WHO?

Rector: The Revd Dr James Merrick
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Curate: The Revd Jason Hobbs

Organist: Mr Christopher Black



SAINT MARY'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Easter 4, 17th April 2016

WELCOME TO SAINT MARY'S

Relax and rest in God from the past week.

Rejoice with friends and family.

Be renewed by shared prayer, adoration and thanksgiving.

Children of all ages are welcome. Our children's programme occurs during the 10.15am service.

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.

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RECTOR'S REFLECTION: The Sheep and the Shepherd

Last Sunday, we read of Peter being thrice asked whether he loved the Lord. And upon replying, 'Yes', Jesus told him to 'feed my sheep.' In this morning's gospel, we read about sheep again. Jesus warns that 'you do not believe because you do not belong to my sheep.' Once again, to be with Jesus is to be *in the church*, to be a sheep in the Good Shepherd's *flock*. So often we confuse Christ's voice with our own. Christ becomes someone who simply intensifies our own longings and preferences. Christ becomes a sympathetic therapist who affirms our grievances or goals. Or, our voice becomes a filter by which we hear Christ's. We want Christ on our terms, when it is convenient, when it is comfortable, when it satisfies us, when it gives us significance. This is why we can't have Christ without the church, for in the church we are commanded to love one another, to share peace, to regard the gifts of other members of the body and to lay down our lives for others.

SUNG EUCHARIST (1982 LITURGY) AT 10.15AM

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Opening Hymn	484, The King of Love My Shepherd Is
The Collect for Purity	Green Booklet p2
Request for Mercy (Kyrie)	Booklet pp2-3
Praise for God's Presence (Gloria)	Booklet pp3-4

Prayer for the Week: O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

First Lesson	Acts 9.36-43, NT p110
Second Lesson	Revelation 7.9-17, NT p223
Gradual Hymn	62, Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine
The Gospel	John 10.22-30, NT p89
The Sermon	The Curate
The Nicene Creed	Booklet pp5-6
Prayers of Intercession	A member of the congregation
Confession and Absolution	Booklet pp6-7
Sharing of the Peace	Booklet p7

LITURGY OF THANKSGIVING

Offertory Hymn	120, Father, Hear the Prayer We Offer
The Great Thanksgiving	Booklet pp7-12

Post Communion Prayer: God of steadfast love, watch over the Church redeemed by the blood of your Son. May we who share in these holy mysteries come safely to your eternal kingdom, where there is one flock and one shepherd. Amen

The Blessing	Booklet p13
Concluding Hymn	21, All Things Bright and Beautiful
The Dismissal	Booklet p13

INTERCESSIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Nippon Sei Ko Kai (The Anglican Communion in Japan) The Most Revd Nathaniel Makoto Uematsu Primate of The Nippon Sei Ko Kai & Bishop of Hokkaido

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St Matthew's and St George's, Old Meldrum and their Priest-in-Charge, the Revd Bob Spencer

St Mary's Cycle of Prayer: St Mary's, Mqanduli, The Ministry Team and Congregation; St Mary's, Diss, The Revd Anthony C. Billett;

St Mary's, Carden Place: the Revd Dr James Merrick and family; the Revd Jason Hobbs; Irene Pratt; Margaret Rayner; Catherine Reid; Tracey Ritchie; David, Gillian, Alistair and Katie Rose; Hamish, Lydia, Emily, Joanna and Laura Ross; Simon Rozario; Olga Sevastyanova; Dorothy Sim; Brian and Sandra Sinclair; and all who are not with us this week.