

## WHAT'S ON?

**Gallowgate Fair:** Well done to all who contributed to our stall at the Gallowgate Fair. We raised £350! There are plenty of left over delights available for purchase in the Choir Vestry.

**Confirmation Course** The course begins next week. The material is available on our YouTube Channel (St Mary's Episcopal Church Aberdeen). If you email the Rector, he will send you an accompanying worksheet that will be the basis for assessment and conversation.

**Bottle in the Box:** there are 3 bottles this time. Pop your £2 in the envelope and write your name next to the bottle you hope to win.

**Spree Books** are available. £20, £5 of which goes to St Mary's. See Mary Allardyce

**Wayfarers Concert,** nine centuries of choral music on 18<sup>th</sup> August at 5pm.

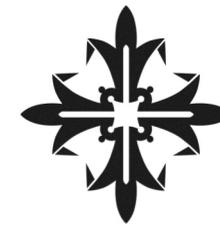
**St Mary's Stamps:** during the Edinburgh Festival there is an exhibition of the work of EMMS International (to whom we send our used stamps) open daily free entry at the Edinburgh Central library George IV Bridge

**10er Challenge** Save £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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**Organist:** Mr Christopher Black



**SAINT MARY'S**  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Pentecost 12, 7<sup>th</sup> August 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: WHAT DO YOU SEE?

It is so very easy to live our lives based on what's right in front of us. It is so very easy to take every issue, task or problem as urgent and important. It is so easy to live on the surface of life, moving from problem to pleasure without really reflecting on the deeper things. The readings this morning speak about faith as seeing the world as God sees it. To have faith in God is to live in the world according to what it is becoming through the work of God rather than according to what the world is now through the work of humanity. Are we able to see the unseen activity of God beyond the immediate concerns of our own daily life? Or are we too distracted by or fixated upon our own agenda? Do we, like Abraham, see that we are part of a much larger story than just our own biography? What do you see when you look out at the world? Look at Jesus Christ! Seek his kingdom. Allow his life, death and resurrection to reveal your true destiny. Live accordingly!

## HOLY COMMUNION (1970 LITURGY) at 8 and 10.15AM

### LITURGY OF THE WORD

Opening Hymn	467, Tell Out My Soul
Opening Sentences	Orange Booklet p3
Confession & Absolution	Booklet pp3, 5
Request for God's Presence, for Purity & for Christ's Mercy	Booklet p5
Gloria in excelsis Deo	Booklet p7

**Prayer for the Week:** Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love, joy and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

First Lesson Genesis 15.1-6

Psalm 33.12-22: *Exultate, justi*

Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord!

**happy the people he has chosen to be his own!**

The Lord looks down from heaven,  
and beholds all the people in the world.

**From where he sits enthroned he turns his gaze  
on all who dwell on the earth.**

He fashions all the hearts of them  
and understands all their works.

**There is no king that can be saved by a mighty army;  
a strong man is not delivered by his great strength.**

The horse is a vain hope for deliverance;  
for all its strength it cannot save.

**Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon those who fear him,  
on those who wait upon his love,**

To pluck their lives from death,  
and to feed them in time of famine.

**Our soul waits for the Lord;  
he is our help and our shield.**

Indeed, our heart rejoices in him,  
for in his holy Name we put our trust.

**Let your loving-kindness, O Lord, be upon us,  
as we have put our trust in you.**

*Gloria Patri*

Second Lesson	Hebrews 11.1-3, 8-16
Gradual Hymn	78, Christ the World's True Light
The Gospel	Luke 12.32-40
The Sermon	The Rector
The Nicene Creed	Booklet p11
Prayers of Intercession	TBA

### LITURGY OF THANKSGIVING

Offertory Hymn	139, For the Healing of the Nations
Preface to Communion	Booklet p15
Sanctus and Benedictus	Booklet p17
The Communions	Booklet pp17-25
<b>Post Communion Prayer:</b> Eternal God, grant to your Church the unity and peace that we have tasted in this Eucharist, the fruit of your life-giving Spirit. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.	
The Blessing and Dismissal	Booklet p27
Concluding Hymn	408, Onward Christian Pilgrims

### INTERCESSIONS FOR THIS WEEK

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Church of South India (United) The Most Revd Dr Govada Dyvasirvadham Moderator of CSI & Bishop of Krishna-Godavari

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** St Ninian's, King Street and the Revd Joan Lyon

**St Mary's Cycle of Prayer:** St Mary's, Mqanduli; 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; John and Margaret Lumsden; Seamus MacInnes; Mary McKinnell; Morag McPetrie; Margaret Miller; and all who are not with us.