



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.

September 2016

Dear Friends,

I thought it might be good to update you on a few things. First, we did another fantastic job on the Gallowgate Fair, raising more money than we did last year, which was a record breaking year. This is so wonderful and I am very grateful for all your hard work and contributions.

Second, the heaters: You may recall that before Easter I issued the so-called 10er Challenge, wherein we were challenged to save £10 per week for a year and donate it for the heating system. Thank you very, very much for your contributions which have got us going.

We have been waiting for the architect to give us advice about which kind of heaters would be effective in our building. Unfortunately, he has been delayed by some health issues. I meet with him on the 29th of August and I hope that we will at least have a sense of the next steps in obtaining a quote. Let's all pray that our heaters will see us through this winter!

The sound system: Queen's Cross generously donated their old sound system which will be a big improvement upon our current system. I have been in touch with a company to install it. However, we were to meet around the time my father passed away. I am working to reschedule a date for them to come in and assess the works needed.

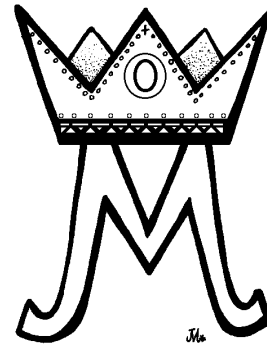
Finally, as I mentioned in one of my reflections in the Pews Papers, the Vestry has been reflecting on the mission of St Mary's. We are hoping to come to a greater appreciation of what it is we are called

to do as the church and what we have to offer our local community. One of the outcomes of these conversations is the recognition that some visitors find it hard to work out quite what to do in our service, given that it is quite complex to someone who hasn't grown up in the church. We decided we should do everything we can to make a visitor understand our service and feel enabled to participate.

This has led to the consideration of new liturgy booklets that are more accessible. The booklet would tell you when to consult the Pews Papers, as well as when to sit, stand and kneel. Some aspects of the service would be explained for those unfamiliar with it. It wouldn't be much of a change from what we have, but I suspect it would put the mind of a visitor more at ease so that they can concentrate on our service, their prayers and the worship of God. It will be good for us to serve them in this way. Please join me in prayer that God would ever make us a community at which people feel at home and welcome.

In Christ's peace,

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.

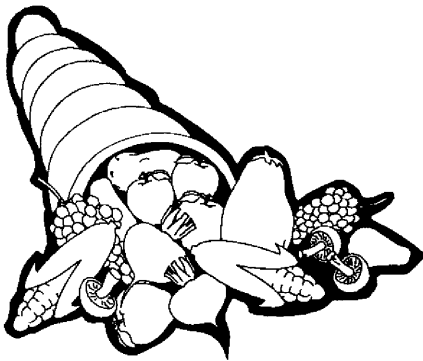
Lunchtime Fellowship

Lunchtime Fellowship continues on the last Tuesday of the month, at 12:30pm in the Choir Vestry.

Do join us if you can for a short time of worship followed by a light lunch and more conversation. Our themes in the next two months are:

August 30th. The Lord's Prayer
September 27th. Harvest

Mary McKinnell



Vestry Report

At the last Vestry meeting, the Vestry discussed their impressions of their visit to Aberdeen Christian Fellowship, and possible ideas to improve mission and worship in the context of St. Mary's.

Dave Dillard
Vestry Secretary

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Treasurer's Report

July 2016

Income:	9,803
Expenditure:	<u>5,018</u>
Net result for month:	4,785
Balance at month end:	£116,847

Lydia Ross
Treasurer

Sunday School

Happy Birthday to Elizabeth Mills, who will be twelve on the 5th. September, and Sarah Burney, who will be sixteen on the 14th.

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Bishop Bob's Retirement



Anyone wishing to make a contribution to St. Mary's gift to Bishop Bob on his retirement please contact Lydia Ross without delay.

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The Servant Queen and the King She Serves



This lovely short book has been produced in honour of the Queen's 90th. Birthday, and is an inspiring account of her reign and her faith. Some copies are still available at the Cathedral for a donation to specific charities: otherwise it can be obtained free of charge from The Bible Society online at

<https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/landing/servantqueen/>

The ISBN is 978-0-9575598-2-0.

Stamps for EMMS International

Thank you to everyone who has saved used stamps for EMMS International which supports healthcare projects in Malawi, India and Nepal. Please keep collecting and place them in the decorated shoe box in the choir vestry.

Elizabeth Smyth


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Health for Today, Hope for Tomorrow

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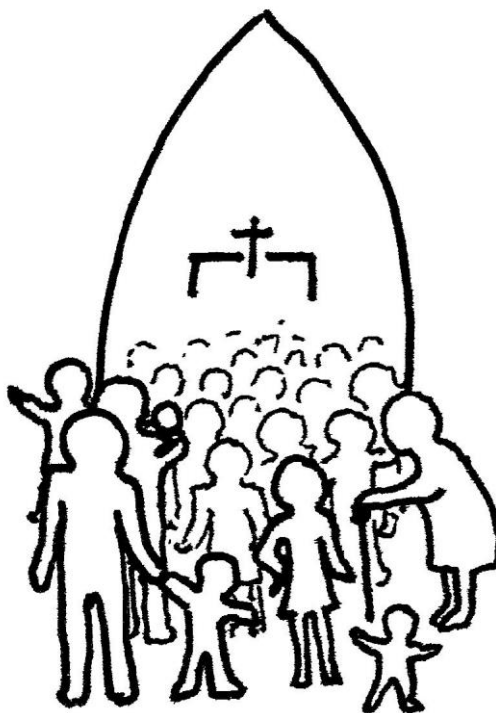
Church Heating – what’s happening?

A number of people have been able and willing to meet the challenge of kick-starting the fund for the church heating, which is wonderful. Obviously some more major fundraising is going to have to happen before a new system can be installed. At present we are waiting for our consultant architect (who has unfortunately been ill) to get back to us with some pertinent advice, and then we have to find out how we can implement that advice in the best way for St. Mary’s. It’s inevitably a long, slow process, though everyone knows it’s growing more urgent!



Gallowgate Fair

Thanks to all who helped in any way with the Gallowgate Fair this year. £529 was raised, including a generous donation – a record-breaking result again!



Dilbert’s Words of Wisdom – use them as needed

I can only please one person per day. Today is not your day. Tomorrow is not looking good either.

I love deadlines. I especially love the swooshing sound they make as they go flying by.

Tell me what you need, and I’ll tell you how to get along without it.

Accept that some days, you’re the pigeon, and some days you’re the statue.

Needing someone is like needing a parachute. If he isn’t there the first time you need him, chances are you won’t need him again.

I don’t have an attitude problem. You have a perception problem.

My reality check bounced.

On the keyboard of life, always keep one finger on the escape key.

I don't suffer from stress – I'm a carrier

You're slower than a herd of turtles stampeding through peanut butter!

Everybody is somebody else's weirdo.

Never argue with an idiot. They drag you down to their level then beat you with experience.

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What is the total?

1. Type of pig
2. Sun, moon and star
3. Singer
4. Unwell sea creature
5. Type of headwear
6. Bicycle
7. Ruler
- 8 ---'s your uncle
- 9 Small horse
- 10 Leather worker

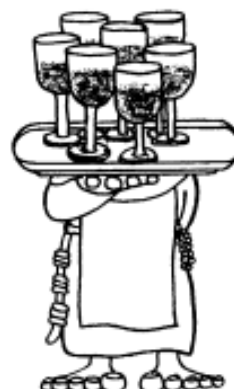
Answers:

1.guinea	1	1	0
2.three farthings (three far things – get it?)			0 ¾
3.tenor	10	0	0
4.Six quid (sick squid?)	6	0	0
5.crown		5	0
6. Penny farthing			1 ¼
7. Sovereign	1	0	0
8. Bob		1	0
9. Pony	25	0	0
10. Tanner			6
	43	7	8

Well done to everyone who worked it out!

Dates for your diary

Wine and cheese coming soon! Watch the pewsheets for further details.



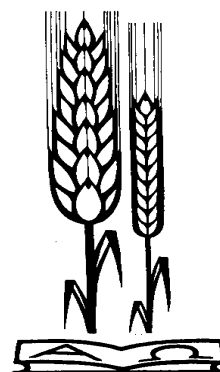
Saturday, 1st. October, 8p.m.

Organ Recital by John Riley of Edinburgh on the organs of St Mary's. Works by Chauvet, Gigout, Linke and Wachs.

John is also a master of improvisation and will play some of his own compositions such as JS Bach in East London, Brahms and a Lady on a Bicycle and Postman Pat's Bad day as well as inviting themes from the audience for further improvisation. Entry by donation to what promises to be a very entertaining evening.

Sunday, 2nd. October, 10.15a.m.

Harvest Festival



Saints' Days in September:

2 nd .	The Martyrs of New Guinea
3 rd .	St. Gregory the Great
8 th .	The Birth of Mary
13 th .	St. Cyprian of Carthage
14 th .	Holy Cross Day
16 th .	St. Ninian of Whithorn
17 th .	St. Hildegard of Bingen
20 th .	John Coleridge Patteson
21 st .	St. Matthew
23 rd .	St. Adamnan of Iona
24 th .	St. Finnbar of Caithness
27 th .	St. Vincent de Paul
29 th .	St. Michael and All Angels
30 th .	St. Jerome



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