

WHAT'S ON?

Bishop's Gift: Bishop Bob is retiring at the end of October.
Flower Rota: the new rota is available in the back to sign up and donate flowers through February 2017

Lunchtime Fellowship: This Tuesday at 12.30pm focus on Lord's Prayer

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.

Organ Recital: 1 October at 8pm by John Riley of Edinburgh: Musical Discoveries and Conjectures. Chauvet; Gigout; Linke; Wachs; J. S. Bach in East London; Brahms and a Lady on a Bicycle; Postman Pat's Bad Day; Improvisations on submitted themes. Free entry, donations welcome.

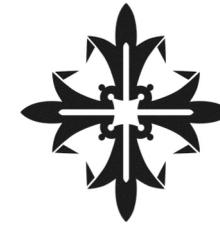
Harvest Sunday: on the 2nd of October, we will celebrate Harvest Sunday. There will be a bring-and-share lunch after service. Please come along!

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

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, 4 September 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: ANTIPHONS

As early as the 4th century, at the start of worship as the clergy and choir entered, a Psalm – known as the introit – was sung responsorially, meaning a response (called an antiphon) was repeated at intervals. This is usually retained in both Sung Matins and Choral Evensong. When Holy Communion was restored in Protestant churches as the main form of Sunday worship, people were often intolerant of the service length. The introit was eventually reduced to the antiphon or dropped. But antiphons are part of Anglican worship. They are present in the most recent Scottish Daily Office. The 1982 Scottish Liturgy indicates what it calls the 'refrain' for every Psalm. But the traditional term is antiphon. It is good to say the antiphon at the start as it orients us to the theme and, at a time when we could be focused on the ministers walking to their places or all the work we did or have to do, it summons our attention to God's work.

HOLY COMMUNION (1970 LITURGY) at 8 and 10.15AM

Antiphon: Lord, you are just, and the judgements you make are right.
Show mercy when you judge me, your servant.

Opening Hymn 422, Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven!

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Prayer for the Week: **Lord our God, in you justice and mercy meet. With unparalleled love you have saved us from death and drawn us into the circle of your life. Open our eyes to the wonders this life sets before us, that we may serve you free from fear and address you as God our Father. Amen.**

First Lesson Deuteronomy 30.15-20

Psalm 112: *Beatus vir qui non abiit*

R = Lord, my delight is in your law.

Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!
Their delight is in the law of the Lord,
and they meditate on his law day and night. **R**

They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither;
everything they do shall prosper.
It is not so with the wicked;
they are like chaff which the wind blows away. **R**

Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment
comes, nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.
For the Lord knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked is doomed. **R**

Second Lesson Philemon 1-21

The Gradual Hymn 384, O Love that Wilt Not Let Me Go

The Gospel Luke 14.25-33

The Sermon The Rector

LITURGY OF THANKSGIVING

Offertory Hymn 372, O Jesus, I Have Promised

Post Communion Prayer: **Father, your word and sacrament give us food and life. May this gift of your Son lead us to share his life for ever. Amen.**

Concluding Hymn 366, O God, Our Help in Ages Past

INTERCESSIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Aberdeen Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer: Rubislaw Parish Church,
and the Revd Robert Smith

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Anglican Church of Tanzania The
Most Revd Jacob Erasto Chimeledya Archbishop of Tanzania &
Bishop of Mpwapwa

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St Kentigern's, Ballater and the Revd
Vittoria Hancock

St Mary's, Carden Place: the Revd Dr James Merrick and family;
the Revd Jason Hobbs; Ann Swallow; Liz Turbill; Pam White; Mable
Wren; Doreen Young; and all who are not with us.