

WHAT'S ON?

Bishop's Gift: Bishop Bob is retiring at the end of October. The Diocese are taking up a collection for a gift. Please consider contributing. Speak with Lydia Ross about arrangements.

Choir Practice resumes on Thursdays at 7.30pm. All are welcome to join, no prior musical experience or training necessary.

Donations to Barnardo's for Harvest: As usual, we will collect donations for Barnardo's food supply. While produce is thoughtful, it is often that they cannot distribute it before it spoils. It might be best to focus on canned goods.

Lunchtime Fellowship: Tuesday, 27th September at 12.30pm focus on Harvest.

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!

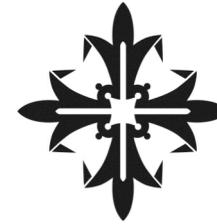
Bottle in the Box: there are 3 bottles this time. Drop your £2 in the envelope and write your name next to the bottle you hope to win.

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

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time, 11 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: LORD, HAVE MERCY!

It's often said that the cry for mercy is a universally human cry. There are times in our personal lives when things become too much, and we need relief. There are eras of history in which the course of life seems to turn against us, and we long for salvation. We join with many others across time and space when we, in our worship, turn heavenward and cry for mercy. But we don't just seek relief. We seek renewal. The mercy of God is active. It is creative. It creates new hearts and renews spirits. It results in a spiritual outlook that is not dominated by the failures of yesterday. It produces a mentality that can see the possibilities for victory over evil in the future. Let us open ourselves to God's mercy.

HOLY COMMUNION at 8 and 10.15AM

ANTIPHON: Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. Have mercy on me according to your loving-kindness.

OPENING HYMN 10 (Black Binder), Like a Mighty River Flowing

LITURGY OF THE WORD

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK: **Almighty God, you call your Church to witness that in Christ we are reconciled to you. Help us proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may turn to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.**

FIRST LESSON Exodus 32.7-14

PSALM 51.1-10: *Miserere mei, Deus*

R = Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you.

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness;
in your great tenderness wipe away my offences.
Wash me through and through from my wickedness
and cleanse me from my sin.
For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me. **R**

Against you only have I sinned
and done what is evil in your sight.
And so you are justified when you pass sentence
and blameless in your judgement.
Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth,
a sinner from my mother's womb. **R**

But you delight in truth in my inward being,
so teach me wisdom secretly.
Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure;
wash me till I am whiter than snow.
Let me hear of joy and gladness,
and the bones you have crushed will dance. **R**

Turn away your face from my sins
and blot out all my iniquities.
Create in me a clean heart, O God,

and renew a right spirit within me. **R**

SECOND LESSON

1 Timothy 1.12-17

THE GRADUAL HYMN

76, Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

THE GOSPEL

Luke 15.1-32

THE SERMON

The Rector

LITURGY OF THANKSGIVING

OFFERTORY HYMN

129, Fill Thou My Life, O Lord My God

POST COMMUNION PRAYER: **God of peace, in this Eucharist we have been reconciled to you and to our neighbours. May we who have been forgiven have the courage and strength to forgive. In the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.**

CONCLUDING HYMN

186, Great Is Thy Faithfulness

INTERCESSIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Aberdeen Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer: Aberdeen Christian Fellowship and the Revd Dr Vijay Pillai

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church of the Province of Uganda The Most Revd Stanley Ntagali Archbishop of Uganda and Bishop of Kampala, Assistant Bishop of Kampala - (Uganda) The Rt Revd Hannington Mutebi

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St Thomas', Aboyne and the Revd Vittoria Hancock

St Mary's, Carden Place: the Revd Dr James Merrick and family; the Revd Jason Hobbs; Mary Allardyce; the Revd Canon Jim Alexander; Rhoda Armstrong; Jimmie and Muriel Bain; the Bretton family; and all who are not with us.