



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.

July - August 2017

Dear Friends,

As the magazine is going to press, James has celebrated his last Sunday with us and he and his family are preparing to depart once again for America. We wish them Godspeed and a happy and successful life in whatever paths they take.

And now we face another interregnum. Though again we are lucky enough to have Jason's help and support, we have to share him with other churches this time as well as with his teaching, and as was reported in the last magazine the diocese is very short of ordained clergy. Bishop Mark and the Dean are working hard to find cover for everyone so that every church in the city and outside is kept strong at this challenging time – in fact, there will be an open meeting at the Salvation Army Citadel at 7.30p.m. on 29th. June on this subject and the ongoing provision of services in Aberdeen. If anyone would like to help in any way at St. Mary's with leading worship or with preaching, please talk to Jason. Similarly, it would be good if, as in the last interregnum, we had some different voices on the front page here – please let me know if you would like to contribute.

The normal convention is that the vestry cannot advertise for a new rector until the old one is installed in his or her new charge, but of course James is not going to a new parish, and we are currently in an episcopal vacancy, so we are waiting for Bishop Mark to give us the go-ahead to advertise. Already the parish profile, the way

Church Picnic Today!

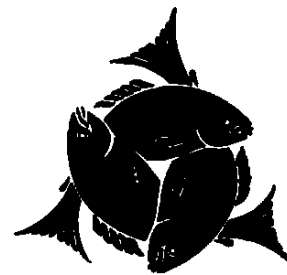
Bring your picnics and
meet at Crathes after
the 10.15 service!

we tell any candidates who we are and what we are like, is being updated in preparation.

The vestry is also busy working on plans for a new heating system and for other repairs outlined by our quinquennial report so that our buildings are sound and habitable, even in the winter months!

Please continue to pray for and support Jason, the vestry and all those who make worship in St. Mary's possible and joyous – and may our new Bishop and new Rector, when they appear, find St. Mary's a vibrant, living, and loving Christian community in Aberdeen.

The Editor



Normal weekly services:

Sunday: Holy Eucharist at 8a.m. and 10.15a.m.

Wednesday:
Holy Eucharist at 10a.m.

Office Hours

Austen's office hours are Tuesdays and Fridays,
9a.m. to 12 noon.

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Lunchtime Fellowship

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

On 27th. June, the theme will be St. Peter.
On 25th. July, it will be Ignatius of Loyola
On 29th. August, it will be Rest and Renewal.

Mary McKinnell

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Vestry Report

The Vestry has not met since the last magazine.

Mary Allardyce
Vestry Secretary

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Pastoral Care Group

The Pastoral Care Group, which does such
valuable work in visiting the sick and those unable
to attend church amongst our congregation, is
seeking more volunteers. If you think you would
be able to help, please contact Mary Allardyce.

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Sea Sunday

Sea Sunday this year will be marked on 9th. July –
it is hoped to have a retiring collection at St.
Mary's for this worthy cause.

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Gallowgate Fair – help needed

The Gallowgate Fair will as usual be on the first
Saturday of August. Mary Allardyce has arranged
this with tremendous success for a number of
years, but has decided that now is the time to take
a back seat. If anyone would like to take over the
task and run this ever-popular stall, which always
contributes a good sum to church funds, please
contact Mary as soon as possible.



Our Favourite Hymns

*Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty,
Early in the morning our songs shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,
God in three Persons, Blessed Trinity.*

This popular Trinity hymn, with its beautiful
image of saints casting down their golden crowns
around the glassy sea, was written in 1826 by
Reginald Heber. He based it on both the Sanctus
that we say during Communion, and on parts of
the Book of Revelations. Heber was born in 1783
in Shropshire, where his father was a landowner
and clergyman. He travelled widely in his youth in
Russia, Eastern Europe and Scandinavia, and
would probably have travelled further in Europe
but for the ongoing Napoleonic Wars. Walter
Scott was a family friend and encouraged his early
talents in poetry. He studied at Oxford and was
ordained in 1807, after which he took over his
father's old parish of Hodnet. In a church divided
between high and evangelical, he found a middle
ground with an interest in foreign missions.

Life as a country pastor, with literary pursuits and
hymn-writing (even though hymn-singing in
church was frowned upon at this period), seemed

likely, but at the age of forty he was consecrated Bishop of Calcutta. Following the pattern of his youth he toured all around his new diocese (at that time an enormous one, covering Ceylon, Australia and parts of South Africa), where he worked hard to improve harsh living conditions: his flock would have included not only the representatives of the Honourable East India Company, but also Indian converts, many of whom came from the lowest castes. Exhausting work in an exhausting climate broke his health and he collapsed and died in Trichonopoly just short of his forty-third birthday. Many monuments were raised to him and tributes paid, and one was the post-mortem publication of a number of his hymns, including this one and 'Cool Siloam's Shady Rill'.

There are several tunes to which it is often sung: one, Nicaea, was composed by John Bacchus Dykes in 1851. Dykes (1823 – 1876) came from a family of musicians and clergy: he wrote tunes for several of his own sister's hymn lyrics. He spent much of his career as Anglo-Catholic incumbent of St. Oswald's, Durham, but quarrels with his Evangelical bishop led to a refusal to allow him a curate when he was overworked, and his health suffered. He died in Sussex where he had gone to rest, aged 52. His musical output was considerable in both quality and quantity: amongst his best known hymn tunes are 'Melita' (Eternal Father, strong to save) and 'Gerontius' (Praise to the Holiest in the Height).

Though a number of recordings have been made of 'Holy, Holy, Holy', one of the most notable was in the 1953 film, *Titanic*.

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Dates for your Diary

August

Saturday 5th. Gallowgate Fair
 Sunday 27th. Bake and Buy after church

September

Friday 22nd. Cheese and Wine Tasting

October

Friday 21st. Quiz Night

November

Sunday 26th. Bake and Buy after church

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Some Old Friends ...

Eight new choir robes are currently needed due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.

Scouts are saving aluminium cans, bottles and other items to be recycled. Proceeds will be used to cripple children.

Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person you want remembered.

The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hostility.

Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our community. Smile at someone who is hard to love. Say 'Hell' to someone who doesn't care much about you.

Don't let worry kill you off - let the Church help.

The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water.' The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus.'

(thanks to Jimmy Bain)

Saints' Days in July:

1 st .	St. Serf
3 rd .	St. Thomas
6 th .	St. Palladius
7 th .	St. Boisil
11 th .	St. Benedict of Nursia
12 th .	St. Drostan of Deer
21 st .	William Wilberforce
22 nd .	St. Mary Magdalene
25 th .	St. James the Apostle
26 th .	Ss. Anne and Joachim
27 th .	John Comper
29 th .	Ss. Mary and Martha of Bethany
30 th .	St. Silas
31 st .	St. Ignatius of Loyola

Saints' Days in August:

5 th .	St. Oswald of Northumbria
6 th .	The Transfiguration of the Lord
7 th .	John Mason Neale
8 th .	St. Dominic
10 th .	St. Lawrence
11 th .	St. Clare of Assisi
12 th .	St. Blane
13 th .	Jeremy Taylor, Bishop
14 th .	St. Maximilien Kolbe
15 th .	St. Mary the Virgin
20 th .	St. Bernard of Clairvaux
24 th .	St. Bartholomew
25 th .	St. Ebba of Coldingham
27 th .	St. Monnica
28 th .	St. Augustine of Hippo
29 th .	The Beheading of John the Baptist
31 st .	St. Aidan of Lindisfarne



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