



Newsletter

Our Mission Statement:

Saint Mary's is a Christ-centred family, caring, sharing and working together, seeking to change through growth.

November 2018

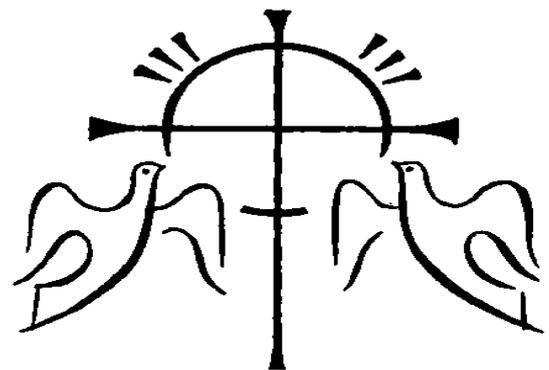
Well, it has been a very busy month for Sam and me as we unpacked our belongings at the Rectory. All this, combined with a wonderful Institution followed closely by a Memorial Service, the usual weekly services and my inaugural Vestry meeting, has proved to be life affirming. I have also had the opportunity to visit some of our congregation who are currently unable to attend St Mary's due to reduced physical mobility. I also attended a Diocesan Clergy and Readers' Conference with Fr Jason, which allowed me the chance to meet with other key members of our Diocese. The guest Speaker, Reverend Canon Dr C.K. Robertson, Canon to The Right Reverend Michael Curry, the Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church (TEC) in the United States, was inspirational to say the least and his enthusiasm is certainly contagious.

I hope some of the minor changes I have introduced at St Mary's haven't been too controversial and that you are steadily getting used to them. Most mornings from about 9.30am onwards, I am usually in the Crypt where I carry out my Morning Office prayers. It's at this time that I catch up with God after my night's sleep and I thank Him for allowing me another day to serve Him and you. If any of you have ever watched the TV show *Rev*, where the main character, a Church of England Priest played by Tom Hollander, has these 'Man to Man' discussions with God, you'll have some idea of how I pray. I will always wax lyrical about having a personal relationship with God and I do not tire of repeating myself. Prayer is powerful in so many ways. Whether it is structured, like our many liturgies, or reading scripture from the Bible, never be afraid to do it.

Have a conversation with God in any way that suits you. Tell Him how you feel, ask Him for guidance, express your joy with Him and even your anger or annoyance. Whatever method you choose to converse with Our Father, He will always listen. We are all theologians, you know! Theology is simply 'Discourse about God', and that is open to anyone at any time in any place. Don't worry if your prayers aren't big wordy affairs, they don't need to be, they just need to be from you and from the heart. I can assure you, if you aren't used to praying regularly, try just having a chat and see where it takes you.

I will conclude by sharing with you part of a conversation I had during one of my recent visits. In answer to the following question, "So, what's your association with St Mary's then?", the answer I received, which was probably the best response I've ever had to such a question was, "I was baptised there 100 years ago". This was a first for me and I suspect it is rare that any Priest ever gets the opportunity to hear it. It gladdened my heart as I drove home that this bond with our Church remains strong despite the humility of the individual who provided the answer to my question. Young and old, we all have a responsibility to God and we all need to be rejuvenated now and again. Trust in Him. He knows what is best for us.

Blessings Always,
Fr Terry



Normal weekly services:

Sunday

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

Wednesday:

Holy Eucharist at 10a.m.

Remembrance Sunday

Our service on Remembrance Sunday this year, 11th. November, will commence at 10.45a.m. (NOTE THE LATER TIME) in order to mark the two minutes' silence appropriately.

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Lunchtime Fellowship

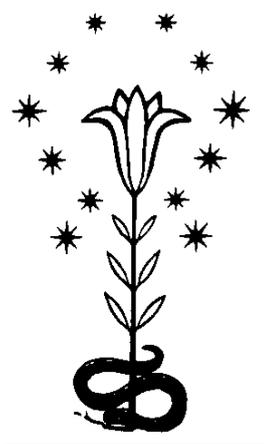
Lunchtime Fellowship takes place on the last Tuesday of the month at 12.30 in the Choir Vestry. This will be followed by a light lunch.

On Tuesday 30th. October the theme will be All Saints.

On Tuesday 27th. November the theme will be St. Andrew

Save the date for the Christmas Lunchtime Fellowship will take place on Tuesday 11th. December...

Mary McKinnell



Harvest Festival



Harvest was celebrated in style at St. Mary's with the church beautifully decorated and a splendid lunch to follow. Donations, as well as some left over perishables, were very gratefully received by the Cyrenians.

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Vestry Report

The vestry met on 17th October for the first time since Fr Terry's institution. The changes to the 10:15 service were discussed. We will now be using the 1982 SEC Liturgy books at this service. An additional hymn will be sung after Communion. Consideration will be given to use of the 1970 Liturgy when there is a 5th Sunday in the month. Feedback on the new format of weekly newsletter is welcome. Please speak to any vestry member.

The time of the service on 11th November has been moved to 10:45 to enable us to have the Act of Remembrance at 11 a.m. Hopefully we will have a bugler or trumpeter to play the Last Post and Reveille. Several contacts are being explored.

Elizabeth Smyth has indicated that she wishes to stand down from the position of PVG coordinator after 14 years. If anyone would like to volunteer for this post please speak to Elizabeth or Fr Terry.

New volunteers are also being sought for the pastoral visiting team. Please speak to Fr Terry if you would like to know more.

The 100 club is no longer sustainable has been wound up. Similarly, the Christmas raffle will not take place this year. Instead, there will be a raffle

at the forthcoming Quiz Night on 16th November. Please get your teams ready for this exciting event. Any donations for raffle prizes will be gratefully received.

The Gift Day raised £1569. The winning charity was Archway which will receive half of this sum. The offering from the institution service was £260 and will be sent to the Scottish Episcopal Institute which supports those training for ministry.

Various items relating to risk assessments required by our insurers were also discussed.

The next vestry meeting will be on 28th November. Please speak to Fr Terry or a member of vestry in advance if you have any items you feel should be raised with the vestry.

Elizabeth Smyth
Vestry Secretary

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Treasurer's Report

August 2018

Income:	5,365
Expenditure:	<u>8,567</u>
Net result for month:	- 3,202

Balance at month end: £94,052

September 2018

Income:	3,617
Expenditure:	<u>3,652</u>
Net result for month:	-35

Balance at month end: £94,017

Lydia Ross
Treasurer

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St. Mary's Gift Day

The total donated for St. Mary's Gift Day was £1,569, which will be split with the charity Archway in accordance with the congregation's vote.

Your Magazine

After a number of years (probably more than we can remember!) of a monthly magazine, in various forms, we are going to move to a quarterly edition. This is coupled with the new more comprehensive weekly newspapers, which will announce upcoming events, leaving the magazine to form a more substantial review of the previous quarter. Those who currently receive the monthly magazine by e-mail can continue to receive the quarterly one, and in addition can if required receive the weekly sheet by e-mail.

If you have ideas about what you would like to see in a quarterly magazine, or have any questions, please contact the editor – this format is experimental for now!



Also, if you have any photographs of events that have occurred at St. Mary's this year and would like to see them included, please submit them soon so we have a good selection.

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Quiz Night

There will be another of our popular quiz nights on 16th. November, and we hope to have teams from the other city churches again. Tickets £5 on the door, and refreshment and a raffle will be provided. If you would like to participate or donate a raffle prize, please see Carol Graham.



Our Favourite Hymns

*O valiant hearts who to your glory came
Through dust of conflict and through battle flame;
Tranquil you lie, your knightly virtue proved,
Your memory hallowed in the land you loved.*

This hymn, also known as *The Supreme Sacrifice*, was written in 1917, and was sung at the burial service of the Unknown Warrior in Westminster Abbey, London, on November 11, 1920 as the choir entered in procession. The tune to which it was sung was 'Ellers', by Edward Hopkins, according to a letter in *The Times* on August 6, 1936, from Sydney Nicholson, who conducted the service.

The words were written by John Stanhope Arkwright, son of an MP and great grandson of Richard Arkwright, inventor of the Spinning Jenny. Arkwright, born in 1872, was the only son and oldest of four children, born in London and educated at Oxford where he won the Newdigate Poetry Prize in 1895 with his verse on Montezuma, Emperor of Mexico. More martial themes seemed to appeal to him, however, and he published a collection of poetry entitled *The Last Muster and Other Poems* in 1901. 'O Valiant Hearts' appeared in published form in *The Supreme Sacrifice, and Other Poems in Time of War*, in 1919.

The poem was later included as a hymn in *Songs of Praise*. For the first edition, published in 1925, the music was set to a traditional tune, 'Valour', arranged by Ralph Vaughan Williams. For the second, larger edition of *Songs of Praise*, published in 1931, Gustav Holst composed the tune 'Valiant Hearts' especially for the hymn.

Though Holst's tune continues to be popular, the setting most usually used is that composed by Charles Harris, known simply as 'Harris'. He was also born in London, though ten years before Arkwright, and also studied at Oxford, earning a Doctorate of Divinity. He served as vicar of Colwall, Herefordshire (1909-29), and as Prebendary of Hereford Cathedral, where he and Arkwright were almost certainly acquainted. He died in 1936.

There is no evidence that John Stanhope Arkwright, who was elected MP for Hereford in 1900 and remained in post until 1912, saw active

service in the First World War, but his elder son John served in Royal Navy in the Second World War and died in action in 1943.

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Developments at Traidcraft

Dear Friends,

As you'll have heard, Traidcraft plc has recently been going through a period of consultation. We've received hundreds of messages of support from shareholders, Fair Traders, fair trade shops, staff, suppliers, and producers, and it's all contributed to this latest update.

It's the passion and drive of these communities which has proven to our Board that Traidcraft's mission isn't yet over. There's still work to be done, and we know we're the ones to do it.

Our Board is currently investigating a proposal which would mean Traidcraft is downsized, but transformed into a fair trade business of tomorrow – fit for purpose (and success) in the 21st century.

Traidcraft would maintain its pioneering spirit, and seek to deliver greater transparency and added value to ethical consumers.

If the proposal is accepted, Traidcraft would continue to operate, and you'd be able to continue to shop with us and change the lives of growers and artisans worldwide.

The Board believes that this transformation is possible, as long as our loss-making model changes. A new model is being developed by internal staff and external advisors, and we hope to share our vision with you in the week commencing 5th November.

Downsizing will be an essential part of this journey. While this proposal is being considered, it's been unavoidable that all current staff have been formally served notice of their redundancy. This will also have an effect on our producers. We're proactively working with our sister charity, Traidcraft Exchange, to identify the producers most at risk and provide the support they need. Traidcraft Exchange will be launching an appeal this Christmas to raise funds for this work. If

you'd like to be kept informed about this, please email hello@traidcraft.org with your details.

We have a lot to do in the coming few months, but we're hopeful that we may now have sight of a bright new beginning for Traidcraft plc. In 1979 we introduced fair trade to the UK, and at the turn of our 40th year we're planning to do it all again, working in new ways to make trade fairer for people and the planet.

Thank you for your ongoing support – in letters, e-mails, and orders.... We ask you to keep purchasing from us to invest in this bright future. Our latest collection is the biggest and most impactful range we've ever had. Shop with us, and continue to make a difference.

Kindest regards,

Robin Roth
CEO, Traidcraft

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Cathedral Coffee

Remember the Cathedral is open for teas and coffees on Fridays, 10a.m. to 12 noon, if you're up that end of town!

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City Churches News

St. John's, Crown Terrace:

Wednesday 7.30p.m. Taizé Eucharist
Friday 8.30a.m. Morning Prayer

St. Margaret's, Gallowgate:

Tuesday 11a.m. Low Mass

St. James', Holburn Junction:

Currently no midweek services

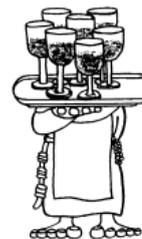
St. Andrew's Cathedral:

Wednesday, 10a.m. Holy Communion

Dates for your Diary

November
16th. Quiz Night

December
8th. Raffle draw at Christmas Coffee Morning
Carol singing (tbc)



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Everything I need to know, I learned from Noah's Ark

ONE: Don't miss the boat.

TWO: Remember that we are all in the same boat!

THREE: Plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah built the Ark.

FOUR: Stay fit. When you're 80 years old, someone may ask you to do something really big.

FIVE: Don't listen to critics; just get on with the job that needs to be done.

SIX: Build your future on high ground.

SEVEN: For safety's sake, travel in pairs.

EIGHT: Speed isn't always an advantage. The snails were on board with the cheetahs.

NINE: When you're stressed, float awhile.

TEN: Remember, the Ark was built by amateurs; the Titanic by professionals.

ELEVEN: No matter the storm, there's always a rainbow waiting.

(thanks to Jean Hamilton)

Saints' Days in November:

- 1st. All Saints' Day
2nd. All Souls' Day
3rd. Richard Hooker
7th. St. Willibrord
9th. George Hay Forbes
10th. St. Leo the Great
11th. St. Martin of Tours
12th. St. Machar
16th. St. Margaret of Scotland
17th. St. Hilda of Whitby and St. Hugh of Lincoln
18th. St. Fergus
21st. St. Columban
22nd. St. Cecilia
23rd. St. Clement of Rome
24th. Lucy Menzies
30th. St. Andrew of Scotland



Your Magazine

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CHURCH DIRECTORY

Rector: Rev. Terry Taggart

Assistant Priest: Rev. Jason Hobbs

Rector's Warden: David Rose

People's Warden: Graham Thomson

Vestry Secretary: Elizabeth Smyth

Vestry Treasurer: Lydia Ross

Lay Representative: Nicola Mills

Sacristan: Anne Farquhar

Organist: Alex Kither

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Lunchtime Fellowship: Mary McKinnell

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Elizabeth Smyth

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All copy for the new quarterly format Christmas magazine must be with the Editor by 16th December, 2018. Hard copy to Nicola Mills, or telephone 01224 488700, or e-mail to palaeography@aol.com. Thank you!

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