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A note from Deryck

'Comings and goings' are at the fore this month. We will have said 'au revoir' to John Blaber who has so faithfully served as our organist these past nearly 8 years. John re-generated a choir at St Mary's, after a considerable gap, which has gone from strength to strength. His encouragement of music and the variety of his contributions have been a joy to share. John and Myrtle continue to be very much part of St Mary's, John still managing the website.

John's successor, Alan Phillips, comes to us from the London area and writes to introduce himself in this magazine. It will be a great pleasure to welcome Alan to St Mary's at Pentecost; he is an excellent organist and has rich experience as a choir trainer too. We consider ourselves most fortunate.

David Greenwood is also in transit, on his way to Aberdeenshire and ordination to the Diaconate, to serve at Kincardine O'Neil and Banchory. It has been a real pleasure to have David around the congregation and doing administrative work for us too. He and Staci and the children, Rachel and James, have endeared themselves to many in the congregation in a relatively short space of time, and we wish them well in their new life further north.

Our Ministry Leadership Team has been reviewing how things have been working out during the first six months of its existence. At this stage a couple of things are worth saying, though more will emerge. The first is that several very positive initiatives have emerged through this group over the past few months and members of the team have also felt a great deal of support and encouragement from members of the congregation, as well as finding that within the team itself. All of that is very positive.

We are very conscious that better communication needs to develop between the team and the congregation and, to this end, members of the team intend to write a little for future issues of *In Touch*. A reminder of individual remits is given later in this edition, hoping that this may be

helpful to the congregation in offering support or making appropriate use of members of the team as channels of communication.
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With my love and best wishes,
Deryck

From the editors

The diary giving a full account of the pilgrimage to the Land of the Holy One is now available on our website www.stmarysdalmahoy.org.uk. Please do take a look at it; I am sure you will find it very interesting. If you feel you would like a printed copy, please let the *In Touch* Editors know, and if there are sufficient numbers, we will arrange to have this printed and available at cost price.

While you are on the site, take a look at the other items included and try to think if there is anything you would like to see added – our webmaster John Blaber, would be delighted to hear from you at: webmaster@stmarysdalmahoy.org.uk

As always, thanks to all our contributors – we couldn't exist without you.

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Bishop's Lent Appeal

This year for Waverley Care - Care and support to people living with HIV or Hepatitis C and the Anglican Church in Papua New Guinea - Support for the wives of over 250 Anglican priests.

This year St Mary's raised £450 which with Gift Aid added meant we were able to send off £560.

Denis King

From the Registers

Baptisms

April 27th Finlay Christopher Adams
May 25th Rosie Hutchison

Weddings

April 4th Alan Reid to Sarah Wilson
5th Paul Young to Samatha Holmes
12th Mark Gregor to Kirsty Young
26th Scott Lothian to Sarah Askew

May 10th Stephen Pratt to Claire Gray
Gary Ayling to Kim Seeley (at Harburn)
16th Fraser Rankine to Tara Millar
22nd Andrew Baker to Kim Dalsem
23rd James Congdon to Linsey Thomson
Siddhanth Sarin to Lisa Webster
31st Jamie Robson to Shanta Dhariwal

The Easter Garden

This year we decided to make an Easter Garden in the grounds of St. Mary's on Good Friday as a small act of love on a day on which we were shown so much love. Sometimes it is so much easier to express feelings in deeds rather than in words.

The choice of site was more difficult than we had anticipated. To have the garden in front of the standing stone was the first and most popular suggestion, but proved impossible to carry out without destroying a beautiful crop of snowdrops. We were unwilling to place it where there was already planting and eventually decided on the bare patch under



the yew tree next to the entrance to the church grounds.

John Pelham made the invaluable suggestion that the stone bench there could be modified to form a tomb and helpfully provided photographs of the Garden Tomb.

Deryck put his back at risk carrying boulders to seal the back of the tomb and form a little Golgotha and Maureen made a cross out of sticks to place behind "Golgotha".

David, my son, and I marked out the site of the garden and dug kindly donated and well moistened compost into the very dry soil during Holy Week. The only problem was that Bramble, my dog, managed to run off with the rose from my watering can so that if anyone finds it, please could I have it back?

On Good Friday we had generous offerings of plants and help and between 10.00 and 12.00 the garden took shape. There was much planting and Caroline scoured the jungle behind the yew tree for enough suitable stones to enclose and protect it. Finally Blackie, with

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help from John Lumsden, untangled her hose to give a final good soaking to our young plants. Bless them. May they thrive!



The support given by the many who came, donated, dug, advised, suggested and generally helped was quite overwhelming. I cannot mention individuals for fear of inadvertently leaving some-one out - so could I just say thank-you to everybody who came on that sad but beautiful

day.

It was very helpful to come together and work at creating something lovely on such a difficult day and we hope that during this Eastertide the little garden will be helpfully thought-provoking for those visitors who wander round the grounds even when the church is closed .

Ella Henderson

Grounds Maintenance Day Party.

The Fabric Committee is planning a Grounds maintenance Party in June, the date is to be confirmed. We are looking for as many volunteers as possible to help.

There is also some work needed across in the Rectory grounds.

The date will be confirmed by the time of reading this.

I will post a list on the Church hall notice board.

Please bring a packed lunch if you will be around at lunch time.

It would be helpful if we could have a couple of volunteers to keep the grounds workers supplied with refreshments.

This is usually a fun day, let's hope it is dry.

Love Rona x

Easter Dawn Eucharist to celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

A few of us gathered for a dawn Eucharist at 6.00am on Easter morning; we were about eleven in number. The weather at Dalmahoy was a little bit misty with the promise of a beautiful day for a celebration.

The Easter story was read in the hall and we then moved down to the Easter Garden, the standing stone and on to the Church Porch with a reading at each place.



The new fire was lit and the Paschal candle, lit from the fire, was taken in to the Church. We then celebrated the Eucharist around the Altar. There is such a feeling of joy sharing communion together on Easter morning it fills us all with hope for the future.

When the service ended we returned to the hall and enjoyed a very hearty breakfast together. It is a bit of an early start but I am sure anyone who attended would agree well worth the effort.

Rona Finlayson

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A Reflection on the Pilgrimage in the Steps of Jesus

An Irish monastic saying from “The Still Small Voice”:

“If you are going on a pilgrimage to find Christ you will only find him if you carry him in your heart.”

First Impressions

Day 1: Weary from a very early start, flying down the Adriatic and across the Mediterranean the sight of a spectacular sunset – a shared experience with Christ? Then a bus journey from Tel Aviv to our first destination in Tiberius and bed at last with the Sea of Galilee lapping the terrace of our hotel.

Day 2: We visit the remains of a Roman settlement – did Joseph and Jesus work here walking across from the opposite hillside? Next onward down the coast to Caesarea where Pilate and Jesus must have crossed paths in the great city built by Herod right on the coast where a Roman amphitheatre looks over the sea and an aqueduct was constructed to run along the coast. From the bus on our return to Tiberius we see the kibbutzim and the farms growing dates, bananas and vines, the open sided sheds for the cows, they cannot graze, all the suitable land is cultivated.

Day 3: Mount Tabor; we were warned, thirteen hairpin bends in minibuses to get us up and down to and from the church and grounds at the top; wonderful views over the valleys and a church remarkably peaceful inside despite various groups of visitors. This was a church for listening and contemplation both inside and out in this place of importance built on high ground. Did the Transfiguration take place here? It had the feeling that this was indeed possible.

It was time to move on the Nazareth, Israel’s biggest Arab city where Jesus lived and worked in and from. There is now a living museum and there were noticeably more groups of visitors, were they tourists or pilgrims.

Day 4: First a sail on the Sea of Galilee and morning prayer. It was an overcast drizzly day but we could live the moment.

We moved from the boat and the bus took us first to the Mount of the Beatitudes and then again lovely gardens going down to the Galilee shore and a celebration of the Eucharist in a clearing between the trees, sitting on logs with an altar of natural wood and stone – a very moving experience.

On to Tabgah and the early first century room now visible, and mosaics of the loaves and fishes that had been covered by consecutive layers of building but now protected by a large modern structure – a church but nicknamed the ‘flying saucer,’ This was a real feast of archaeology, architecture, history and craftsmanship.

Day 5: Sunday and back to Nazareth to share Sunday Eucharist with the citizens of Nazareth and other Christian groups who may be in town. The service mainly in Arabic, the Rector very kindly repeating his sermon in English, and the service very similar to our own.

Lunch was a picnic supplied by the hotel and taken in a lovely park with lots of sunshine – a great treat. Then on to visit the Baptismal site on the River Jordan, with Jordan almost in touching distance on the opposite bank. Lots of pilgrims here – some for baptism others just spectators. And on to Jericho and the Monastery of the Temptation unfortunately spoilt by a downpour, much needed but very short and then over to our new base in Jerusalem.

Day 6: First day in Jerusalem – where would we go first? To the top of the Mount of Olives and a walk down with all the Jewish graves spreading down the mount and the Muslim graves at the bottom. On our other side was the Garden of Gethsemane with its really ancient olive trees – perhaps even dating back to the time of Jesus.

Inside the old wall of Jerusalem we saw a large model of Jerusalem in the first century, then into the Israeli Museum to see the building designed and built to house the Dead Sea Scrolls and other excavated artefacts – nails looking exactly like the carpet tacks that we used to use – farming tools – needles and scissors.

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Day 7: Another memorable day when we dropped from 200 ft above sea level to 1400 ft below! - from Herod's fortress at Masada to the Dead Sea. The fortress is built on a plateau, there is a path which can be walked/climbed but thank goodness there is a cable car!

At the top we found this large complex with store houses, stables, army quarters, bath houses, watch tower and a synagogue; capable of surviving most sieges.

We rejoined the bus and were taken to a hotel at the south end of the Dead Sea where we had lunch after which some of us sampled the experience of floating or swimming on our backs without effort. Getting back on our feet to get out was a much trickier manoeuvre!

On our way back to Jerusalem we made a short detour down the original road to Jericho and stopped at a monument looking over the Wadi Qelt to the monastery on the other side built into the side of the ravine. This was another listening place, peaceful and moving.

Day 8: Last day! Three things stand out; the beautiful weather, secondly St Anne's Church at the Pools of Bethesda, very calm, a very plain peaceful church when not full of groups wanting to sing: who could blame them when the acoustics are so good as Deryck proved – another place to sit and listen. Thirdly walking the Via Dolorosa - the contrast between the bustling busy street – shops on both sides, people going about their everyday business, then two paces, down two steps and into little chapels hewn into rock, amazing quiet atmosphere, these stations of the cross getting closer and closer to the site of the crucifixion.

Overall impressions: Seeing all the places we had read about and putting them into relationship with each other. The terrain has put the Bible accounts into perspective. The archaeology, the history, the architecture, the carvings and mosaics from the first century, and some of the modern stained glass was mind blowing – but above all the listening places.

Val Lawrie

13.

Dalmations – What makes us tick!

As many of you will know this club has been active for more than fifteen years. During that time Olive, Myrtle, Helen and John and others have all played their part in the organising and smooth running of our meetings. With much enthusiasm and loving care, Dalmations has gone from strength to strength Presently, we have more people attending meetings than at any time in the past.

In recent years it was acknowledged that the organisation and running of the club was too large a commitment for one person to handle. Realising this, Helen (at that time the organiser) and John got a small group of individuals together who were asked to be responsible for different facets of planning. There was to be the minimum of formality i.e. no long and tedious planning sessions taking up individual's time and energy.

The present group is – Olive and Janice – catering arrangements, Denis – money, John and Jane Publicity and Programme and Sheila – birthday cards. At present, each of us takes turn in introducing the speakers and arranging for a vote of thanks to happen at the end of the meeting. (This is not compulsory if you are not happy to take this on!) We get together for a few moments after some Dalmations meetings (literally about 10 minutes) to deal with any forthcoming issues and arrangements. Being a member of this group doesn't mean that you have to attend every single gathering of the group.

Having been involved over many years with the organisation of Dalmations, Olive has now indicated that she wishes to have a rest from her role as arranger of catering. Janice is happy to continue in her assistant catering role and Blackie and Gillian have now volunteered to be part of this catering team.

We are all getting older and there is the realisation that some of the physical work is becoming harder but hopefully we may find a way through this and so enable Dalmations to continue to grow in fellowship and support of one another.

Thanks, Jane H

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Dalmatians: Information about what's in store!

The new session of “Dalmatians” starts on Wednesday **27th August**. On this occasion we will be having a visit from Olivia Giles, who was inspired to found the charity “**500 Miles**”. This small and dynamic charity reaches out to help amputees and others with severe mobility problems living in parts of Malawi, Zambia and Zanzibar. The accent is on teaching folk how artificial limbs and other aids can be made simply and from local resources.

Olivia lost her hands and feet when she contracted meningococcal septicaemia. She now works tirelessly to promote understanding and provide help for those similarly afflicted. She is a truly inspirational speaker so if you can, do come along and hear her. Why not invite a friend?

On **24 September** we are extremely fortunate to have Scott Irvine join us at Dalmatians. Scott is a local artist working with wood and glass to produce beautiful, individually crafted items for the home. His pieces are extremely popular and are sold in many galleries throughout the country. During his visit, Scott will be happy to take any orders should you want to own one of his pieces. These will be available at trade prices for us but Scott stresses that he is primarily happy just to come along to the meeting and talk about his creations and his enjoyment of working with the materials. Scott has called his talk “**Harmonies in Wood and Glass**”.- why not come along – you're sure to be fascinated by his talent and his creativity!

October's meeting takes place on **29th** and we then welcome Professor Sir Geoff Palmer. Professor Palmer, who was knighted in the New Year's Honours list, is a professor of brewing and has been associated with Heriot Watt University for some time. Caribbean in origin, he is going to speak on “**the links between the Caribbean and Scots people over the centuries**”. He is a very talented and sought after speaker and we can be assured of an interesting talk. The donation which we usually gift to speakers will be sent to help his home church in Jamaica.

26th November is when we welcome Dr Sheonagh Martin, the National Trust's Property Manager for **The Georgian House** in Edinburgh. Some of our members may already have been round the property and we are guaranteed a most interesting account of the building and also of what Georgian life in the capital was like.

On **17th December** we will have **our usual get-together** for Christmas with some in house entertainment no doubt and some extra Christmas fare as well. As we did last year, we won't be meeting in January as winter is often not very kind and in the past sessions have had to be cancelled.

On 25th February, we will be welcoming Bill Scott, one of our own congregation when he comes to talk to us about his "**Travels**". Bill and Margaret have journeyed far and wide and their accounts and pictorial records of their trips are always most interesting. Which countries will Bill be talking about? We shall just have to wait and see!

The scope and work of "**The National Library of Scotland**" will be explained on **25th March**, when Veronica Denholm, Access and Outreach Officer for the library will be at our meeting. She will be telling us a little about its history, purpose, the range of subjects and formats covered by the collections, their services and the work that the library does e.g. events, exhibitions, outreach and education.

Our last meeting of the programme for 2014-2015 will be on **29th April**. On that occasion our speaker will be Steven Morton, a youth outreach and social worker who will have the subject "**Childcare from both sides of the fence**" as his topic. It will be especially poignant to welcome Steven once more to Dalmahoy as the ashes of his partner, Isabel Murrie, lie in our churchyard.

All of our meetings begin with coffee shortly after the mid week eucharist (about 11.35 – 11.40) and are held in the Church Hall. Meetings usually finish around 1.30 after a light lunch. **Looking forward to seeing you there!**

Jane Helliwell

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Sunday Readings for

		First Reading
Jun 1	Easter 7	Acts 1.6-14
Jun 8	Pentecost	----
Jun 15	Trinity Sunday	Isaiah 40.12-17
Jun 22	Pentecost 2	Jeremiah 20.7-13
Jun 29	Pentecost 3	Jeremiah 28.5-9
Jul 6	Pentecost 4	Zechariah 9: 9-12
Jul 13	Pentecost 5	Isaiah 55: 10-13
Jul 20	Pentecost 6	Isaiah 44: 6-8
Jul 27	Pentecost 7	1 Kings 3: 5-12
Aug 3	Pentecost 8	Isaiah 55: 1-5
Aug 10	Pentecost 9	1 Kings 19: 9-18
Aug 17	Pentecost 10	Isaiah 56: 1, 6-8
Aug 24	Pentecost 11	Isaiah 51: 1-6

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Epistle	Gospel
1 Peter 4.12-14; 5.6-11	John 17.1-11
Acts 2.1-21	John 7.37-39
2 Corinthians 13.11-13	Matthew 28.16-20
Romans 6.1b-11	Matthew 10.24-39
Romans 6.12-23	Matthew 10.40-42
Romans 7: 15-25a	Matthew 11: 16-19, 25-30
Romans 8: 1-11	Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23
Romans 8: 12-25	Matthew 13: 24-30, 26-43
Romans 8: 26-39	Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52
Romans 9: 1-5	Matthew 14: 13-21
Romans 10: 5-15	Matthew 14: 22-33
Romans 11: 1-2a, 29-32	Matthew 15: 21-28
Romans 12: 1-8	Matthew 16: 13-20

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Cumbræ Weekend

On 2nd May 23 members of the congregation set off for the beautiful Isle of Cumbræ in the Firth of Clyde for a long weekend of fun and relaxation with fingers crossed for good weather. Mum and I were given a lift with Kate and Jamie Graham who drove us through wonderful countryside (with only a few cries of are we there yet!) before arriving at the Largs Ferry slipway and after a 15 minute ferry crossing we arrived on the island.

There was only a few minutes until we reached Millport the only town on the island where we managed to find the hidden entrance to The College of the Holy Spirit which was our home for the weekend. We were given a warm welcome by David Todd the Warden of the College who showed us to our rooms after explaining how to fill in our preferences for breakfast and evening meal each day.



After unpacking we wandered over to the main building, South College (we were staying in North College) where we caught up with the rest of the group in the Library while we waited for the Dinner gong to sound. Every morning we were greeted with an array of cereals and fruit as well as porridge and a full cooked breakfast, Lunches were soup, macaroni and baked potato topped off with fruit and yogurt or you could have a packed lunch if you wanted to go out for the day, and each evening we were treated to a wonderful three course meal with a starter, choice of two mains and dessert.

On Saturday we all went off in different directions to explore the island, Gabriel Starr and her friends Ann and Joanna hired a bike and a Tandem and cycled around the island, a full 10 miles. Mum and I explored the sights of Millport taking lots of photos especially of Crocodile



rock as I have a photo of myself on it as a little girl. We then did a little shopping, finishing with a coffee at Garrison House which has been beautifully restored and transformed into the island's Library, Council offices, two mini museums, craft shop and café. After lunch Kate, Jamie, Mum and I went for a drive up to the Fintry Bay Tearoom before driving right around the island rock spotting! We managed to find the Lion and Indian Face rocks but couldn't find the Queen Victoria rock.

On Sunday we were made very welcome by the locals at the service in the beautiful Cathedral of the Isles which was led by our very own Deryck. After lunch many people went for a walk despite the rain, visited the small aquarium or had a relaxing afternoon in the Library or in their rooms.

On our last day a few people left after breakfast to take a leisurely drive back home while the rest of us went for another wander around the island to see the sights or went sea glass hunting on the beach. Then after a lovely lunch we all packed up and set off for home.

Everyone got on well together especially the four children who would go off together or split into two groups: James and Jamie, Rachel and Beth have swapped contact details so that they can keep in touch. Throughout the weekend they kept us all entertained often joined by Gabriel, Ann and Joanna in fits of laughter.



I think we all had a wonderful time and were well looked after and I am quite sure we will visit again soon.

Mandy Smart

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Ministry Leadership Team Areas of Concern & Representation

We have chosen a team of five people from amongst the congregation, one person to represent *each* of the following five areas of congregational life and concern, to give focus to that area's concerns on a Ministry Leadership Team.

These five persons are not the 'ministers' in their area, but they will be called upon to give representational focus to the wider *shared ministry of the congregation* in that area.

All of what is listed below as 'content' in each area is for prayerful meditation and careful consideration. This is offered as a mere outline; it will require considerable networking and liaison amongst a wide variety of people responsible for the specific tasks referred to, as well as the commitment of all the congregation, for a Ministry Leadership Team to function well.

A. WORSHIP (Rona)

- **Liturgical Leadership:** 'Assistants' in the Liturgy (expand the team?); Chalice bearers; Servers; in-house and visiting preachers...
- **Stewarding & Welcome;** welcome of visitors; functions (readers, interceders) arranged by Stewards – involvement of breadth of congregation;
- **Music:** organ & other instrumental music; vocal/ choral; planning & introduction of new music...
- **All-age worship:** planning & managing family worship; special occasions (Mothering Sunday, Harvest, Christmas); 'non-standard' forms of worship (at times other than the main Sunday Eucharist)
- **Church Decoration:** flowers; banners; prayer corner...; special occasions;
- **Worship in other contexts:** material suitable for house-groups/other gatherings.
- **Home Communions:** individuals and care-homes/ hospitals.

- **‘Pastoral Offices’:** Baptisms, Marriages, Funerals: support/ involvement of members of congregation.
- **Representing and planning for diversity:** ... of taste and experience within the congregation.

B. OUTREACH (Ella)

- **Magazine:** supporting the task of editing and distribution; actively seeking material/contributions.
- **Website:** liaison with website managers: use as tool of outreach.
- **Publicity:** via local press and journals; websites & other media; contact with Diocese and wider church bodies...
- **Personal Invitation:** as an extension to delivering magazines, writing personally to families about forthcoming events and inviting to events, outings, weekends...
- **Social Events:** generating and using events to bring in people who otherwise would be unlikely to come to church.
- **Weddings:** couples, their parents and children subsequently brought for baptism: befriending; follow-up letters; anniversary cards; invitations to social functions and special services etc.
- **Visitors:** Saturday ‘Open Church’ and welcome of visitors at other times; appropriate welcome at coffee on Sundays; follow up information & contact; informal befriending.
- **Local Institutions:** schools, hospitals, care homes etc – awareness and dissemination of knowledge and need. Support of food bank/ Convent/ other local charities.
- **New housing developments:** information leaflets and contact points.
- **Charitable Giving/ Support:** support and education re Mary’s Meals/ Back-packs; Fish&Chip babies; Mission to Seafarers etc... local family support.

C. SPIRITUAL NURTURE / EDUCATION & GROWTH (Mandy)

- **Children:** Sunday Circle: nurture and training of leaders as well as children; family events at certain times of year simply for fun.

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- **Young People:** identifying needs and appropriate programmes that address our situation of a very scattered community; support for evening gatherings already in place.
- **Adult:** encourage and nurture house groups and study groups (useful also for welcoming in friends and neighbours)
- **Specific Groupings/ Meetings:** Dalmations...
- **Baptism & Confirmation:** specific process of nurture for initiation within the congregation; involvement of lay members in this process.
- **Educational Resources:** management of church library; house-group resources material; resources for other groups.
- **Preaching and Teaching:** not only the function of clergy(!)
- **Retreats:** residential weekends/ midweek breaks of a variety to suit different needs within the congregation; quiet days and encouragement to join in events provided within the diocese/ wider church.

D. ADMINISTRATION / PLANNING / COMMUNICATION (Gillian)

- **Office administration:** general servicing of congregational needs and responsibility for smooth running of admin support.
- **Correspondence:** phone/letter/email enquirers both regular and irregular; servicing officers of the Vestry and Wedding Coordinator as well as Rector.
- **IT/ Equipment:** maintaining all such resources: computing, photocopying etc
- **People Management:** rotas for various functions and resources to encourage volunteering.
- **Finance:** budgets/accounts and general management of finance.
- **Fabric & Grounds:** planned maintenance and projects; work parties; dealings with contractors; Quinquennial review and follow-up.
- **Committees:** Vestry and its officers; fabric committee; hall and social committee. Preparation of papers/ reports and related correspondence.
- **Vision and Forward Planning:** review and planning processes; goal setting.
- **Communication with Congregation:** via magazine, website, notice boards.

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- **Communication outwith Congregation:** liaison re publicity & outreach.

nb We have agreed that the admin task now needs a skilled person to take on this role for c.6 hours per week, to work with continuing volunteers who undertake various specific tasks.

E. PASTORAL CARE (Claire)

- **Pastoral Visiting:** coordination and support of PV team; extending Pastoral Care to any in need at different times through both clergy and lay visitors.
- **Institutional Care:** Care of those in hospitals, care homes, other institutions.
- **Family support:** specific care of young families and common needs.
- **Care of the Sick:** pastoral care at home and appropriate ministry of healing.
- **Home Communion:** extend through licensed Pastoral Visitors?
- **Bereavement Care:** follow up in bereavement; assistance in re-settlement where needed; 'befriending'.
- **Local pastoral support:** building relationships within congregation at local level especially with geographical dispersal of membership – building in additional 'gentle' safety nets so people's needs are not overlooked or those more on the fringe of regular attendance forgotten.

Investing in Peace

Very few people seem to know that on the 24th of each month prayer vigils called Investing in Peace are held in Scotland, joining with the global Christian community (see <http://actpalestineforum.org/vigil/>) . Organized by ACT Palestinian Forum, here in Scotland they are coordinated by the Scottish Episcopal Church, Christian Aid and The Church of Scotland.

As people, perhaps especially Christians, become increasingly aware of the causes of the continued lack of peace in Israel and Palestine, they seek ways to become involved, to find strategies and actions which will help to effect a real "Peace Process" as opposed to the ineffectual political "process" over the past 20 years.

But what can we do? In a seminal document “A Moment of Truth: Kairos Palestine 2009”, Patriarchs and Heads of Christian Churches in Jerusalem appealed to the Churches of the world. They show gratitude for solidarity in word, deed and presence among them in the past.

Two of their pleas are challenges to us all:

they ask Churches to “revisit fundamentalist theological positions that support certain unjust political options with regard to the Palestinian people” (paragraph 6.1).

they affirm, “we see boycott and divestment as tools of non violence for justice, peace and security for all” (para. 6.3) and urge us to participate in this action.

Established Churches have different positions about boycott, divestment and sanctions (BDS), partly for legal reasons. Christian Aid urge their supporters to write to their MPs about products from Settlements in the West Bank. Their sample letter reads, “I support Christian Aid’s recommendation that the UK Government should introduce legislation against the sale of products from settlements in the UK. Settlements are illegal under international law and, therefore, it is morally wrong for their products to have access to our market.”

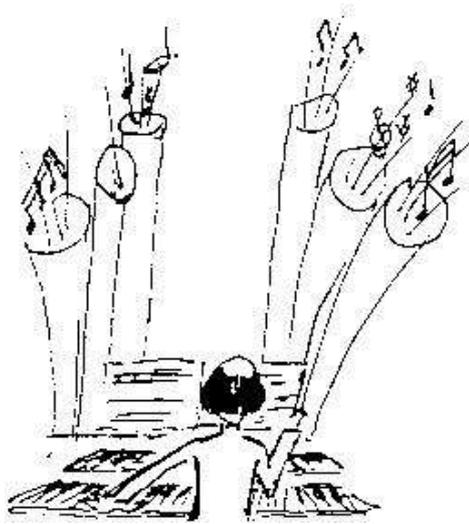
As an adjunct to BDS, the three bodies promoting “Investing in Peace” recommend supporting the Palestinian economy as a positive, non-violent action, especially as some of the Settlement products compete with Palestinian ones, e.g. dates, olive oil. Hadeel regularly has a stall on 24th of the month. Future liP meetings are in Dundee (June), Lochcarron (August), Lanark (September), Forfar (October) and Elgin (November). Why not attend one and learn more about the churches’ and Christian Aid’s work in Israel and Palestine, learn about ways you can become an investor in peace, and maintain the prayer vigil with Christians world-wide.

Carol Morton

P.S. copies of the Kairos document, Christian Aid’s sample letter and a wealth of Palestinian products are available at Hadeel, 123 George Street, Edinburgh EH2 4JN, www.hadeel.org

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Hello, let me introduce myself!



I studied music at Exeter Cathedral, Exeter School, the Royal School of Church Music and the University of Bristol.

After a number of years in Norway as organist in both Lutheran and Roman Catholic churches, including the Franciscan friary in Oslo, I was appointed organist of St. Mary Rotherhithe, London, where I played the historic 1764 John Byfield instrument for the visits of both the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Dean of Westminster.

As a result of my work with the Rotherhithe Byfield organ, I have become a specialist in the English 18th century repertoire 1715-1837, the 'Gorgeous Georgians', and have performed representative works of 28 composers of the period over a six-month series. My concert work has taken me to England, Wales, Estonia and Norway.

I have many years' experience of service playing and choir-training, firstly in the Anglican Church, and later in the Roman Catholic and Norwegian Lutheran Churches, and have worked with Christians of seven different denominations, with priests of both sexes and in five different languages.

My wife, Tiina, is also an experienced organist, pianist and music teacher. Please visit my website <http://alanjohnphillips.weebly.com/> for more about me, and you can hear both me and Tiina on our YouTube channels.

As my mother was a Watson, I am interested in discovering more about the Watson links with the Edinburgh area.

I look forward to working at Dalmahoy and taking part in the musical life of Edinburgh.

Alan

Servers

Being a Server at St Mary's is not an onerous task but it is still an important element of the service. Most Sundays there is one server whose main role is to assist the clergy in various duties during the celebration of the Eucharist. We have a reliable and efficient band of servers. These are both male and female. We have a rota which means that everyone serves approximately every sixth Sunday.

It is not a difficult or time consuming task to be a server at St Mary's. There is a requirement to be in church reasonably early to get organised, light the candles, and receive any instructions from the clergy on differences to the service for that day. The sacristan ensures that the chalices, wine, water, communion wafers etc. are in the correct place, therefore the server has no requirement to be involved in this. After carrying The Cross into church there are a few simple tasks for the server to carry out during the service. These are mainly at the Offertory and Post Communion. After the service the candles are extinguished by the server.

It would be beneficial to have a few more people who are available to serve as it can be difficult at times filling the rota without having the same person serving multiple Sundays. If you have an interest in becoming a server please contact me; your interest will be most welcome.

Denis King

Have you any remnants of material you might spare?

For some time now, I have been sewing simple children's skirts to go into the Mary's Meals backpacks.

My own personal stocks of oddments of material have long since been used up in this way. Before going out to buy new fabric, I wondered if anyone in the congregation might have some cotton or similar lightweight material that they would be willing to recycle in my direction, and from which I could make more skirts?

Here's hoping!
Myrtle Burnett

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Diary of Events

Date	Times	Venue	Event
Sunday 1 June	10.30	Church	Sung Eucharist Baptism of Lily Lawson Collection of groceries/ toiletries for St Salvador's Food Bank
Wed 4 June	11.00	Church	Said Eucharist
Saturday 7 June	14:00	Church	Marriage of Anthony Johnstone and Fiona MacKinnon Church outing – Walking group
Sunday 8 June Pentecost	10.30 12.30	Church Hall	Sung Eucharist Alan Phillips, our new organist, takes up duties Ministry Leadership Team Meeting
Wednesday 11 June	11.00	Church	Said Eucharist
Saturday 14 June	14.00	Church	Marriage of Craig Graham and Jessica Ramsay
Sunday 15 June	10.30 12.30 14.00	Church Hall Church	Sung Eucharist Faith Lunch – Farewell to David Greenwood Marriage of Ross Hill and Emma Crossan

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Diary of Events (cont)

Date	Times	Venue	Event
18 – 25 June			Deryck on holiday!
Wed 18 June	11.00	Church	Said Eucharist
Sunday 22 June	10.30	Church	Sung Eucharist
Wed 25 June	11.00	Church	Said Eucharist
Saturday 28 June	11.00	Church	Baptism of Ellis
Sunday 29 June	10.30	Church	Sung Eucharist Baptism of Alexandra King
	18.30	Church	Eucharist with Prayer for Wholeness and Healing
Monday 30 June	19.30	Hall	Vestry Meeting
Wed 2 July	11.00	Church	Said Eucharist
Sunday 6 July	10.30	Church	Sung Eucharist Collection of groceries/ toiletries for St Salvador's Food Bank
	14.00	Church	Marriage of George McGinnie and Tracy Gibson
Wed 9 July	11.00	Church	Said Eucharist

Diary of Events (cont)

Date	Times	Venue	Event
Saturday 12 July	14:00	Church	Marriage of George Patterson and Gail Munro
Sunday 13 July	10.30	Church	Sung Eucharist
	14.00	Church	Marriage of Christoph Thuemmler and Denise Crossan
	18.00	Christ Church, Kincardine O'Neil	Ordination of David Greenwood to the Diaconate
Wed 16 July	11.00	Church	Said Eucharist
Saturday 19 July	tbc	Church	Marriage of Ryan Houston and Lyndsey Ross
Sunday 20 July	10.30	Church	Sung Eucharist
Wed 23 July	11.00	Church	Said Eucharist
Sunday 27 July	10.30	Church	Sung Eucharist
	18.30	Church	Evening Prayer
Wed 30 July	11.00	Church	Said Eucharist
	15.00	Church	Marriage of Malcolm Gillies and Eleanor Chill
Saturday 9 August	15.00 – 21.00	Rectory	BBQ

WHO'S WHO (cont)

Vestry:

Treasurer	Denis King
Rector's Warden	Jane Russell
People's Warden	Rona Finlayson
Lay Representative	Geoff Angell
Other members	Richmond Davies Kate Graham Ella Henderson Gillian McLennan Bill Scott

Altar Guild	Denis King (co-ordinator) Mavis Blackwell Val Lawrie Faye Watson
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Child Protection/ Vulnerable Adults Co-ordinator	Chris Bond
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Covenants Sec.	Geoff Angell
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Fabric Co-ordinator	Rosemary Procter
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Head Server	Denis King
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Visiting Team:

Geoff Angell
Chris Bond
Julia Bracewell
Rona Finlayson
Janice Goodfellow
Derek & Ella Henderson
Margaret King
Val Lawrie
Gillian McLennan
Olive Metcalfe
Anna Newton
Bill & Margaret Scott
Claire Starr
Pat Syme

Hall Co-ordinator

Chris Bond

Stewards for each Sunday:

First Sunday	Richmond Davies
Second Sunday	Wilma Brown
Third Sunday	Val Lawrie
Fourth Sunday	Olive Metcalfe
Fifth Sunday	Jane Russell

If you need transport to or from church on Sunday,
please contact the steward for that Sunday.

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Prayer Chain:

John & Claire
Myrtle
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Janet
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Service Times

Sunday	Morning Prayer	10am
	Sung Eucharist	10.30am
Last Sunday of the month	Evening Prayer	6.30pm
Wednesday	Said Eucharist	11am

Monday and Friday – the church is open between 9.30 and 10am for quiet reflection and prayer.

**Copy date for the August/September
Issue is Sunday 13 July**