

ST MARY'S CHURCH DALMAHOY



In Touch

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Letter from Canada

People often ask me, “Why on earth do you keep on coming to Eugenia at this time of year, when you don't even know which end of a ski goes to the front?” I have to admit, that occasionally, I began to wonder too! One such occasion was 12 years ago, when Sheila was still working, and I came on my own in the winter. As I made my way to the cottage, I ended up with my hired car hopelessly stuck in the driveway in a mixture of mud and ice. Happily, a kindly neighbour appeared and played the role of God in Psalm 40, for with the help of his four by four he *lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the mire and clay; and set my feet (or my wheels, at least) upon a rock, and made my footing sure!* Yes, there are many delightful people here, and that is, I believe, the main reason for going anywhere at any time. Anyway, I may not ski, but am still able to shovel snow vigorously!

Our cottage is on the outskirts of the tiny village of Eugenia, founded about 1860 by a veteran of the Crimean War, who gave the streets all names like Inkerman and Redan - the village itself is named for the then Empress of France. Since 1915, it has been on the shore of (hydro) Lake Eugenia for which we had a 100th birthday party in 2015. One of my favourite outings is to the Men's Meeting on Wednesday at 8.00 am in the local United Church. I was instructed carefully on my first appearance that “serious topics” were banned in this group mainly of local farmers. That, however, hasn't stopped me learning a lot, including how to attach a chip to a cow so that the robotic milker can identify her, and connect correctly!



The “serious” side of my stay has been my association with Christ Church Anglican in the somewhat larger village of Markdale, about 12 miles away. It is a small but plucky congregation, where my main function has been to give the Rector a few Sundays off. The liturgy is quite similar to our 1982, but different enough to keep me on my toes. Sadly, the current Rector has struggled with an advanced cancer since the summer, and is currently in a hospice in London Ontario. At the time of writing, we are expecting her death any day. An interim has been appointed who will be starting at the beginning of February.

There is another reason I so greatly value a period of retreat in Eugenia at this time of year. It is the sight of sun on fresh snow – light with an intensity and beauty that we almost never get in Britain. And it is particularly beautiful when seen through a double-glazed window, from inside a warm house while drinking a cup of coffee! Light is an Epiphany theme, very evident in our Sunday readings, particularly suitable at a time of year with long dark nights. And it is a very necessary theme to keep in mind in a period when the world around can seem very dark.

With very best wishes, and looking forward to seeing you again in February.

Bob



Christ Church Anglican, Markdale, Ontario

From the Editor

Did anyone spot the 'deliberate' mistake in the last issue of 'In Touch'? I handed a copy to my granddaughter, Rachel. She flicked through it and immediately pointed out that I had given the wrong date for Christmas Day in the Diary of Events! So, my apologies to anyone who arrived at church on 24th December for the 10:30 am Christmas Day Family Eucharist!

As always, my thanks to all who have contributed to this issue of 'In Touch'. Without you these pages would be very boring.

I am very grateful to all those who gave me either verbal or email feedback on the last issue of 'In Touch'. All very encouraging – thank you. Please do continue to let me have feedback about your 'In Touch'. Is there anything you feel should be added/omitted/changed?

Copy for the next issue of 'In Touch' will be welcomed at any time from now until the deadline of Sunday, 12th March.

Best wishes,

John Blaber

More information and up-to-date details
can be found on our website
www.stmarysdalmahoy.org.uk

Cover photo: St Mary's floodlit on Christmas Eve 2016

*The editor reserves the right to omit contributions.
Items may have to be reserved for future issues.*

*The views expressed in this magazine are personal,
and not necessarily those of the editor or congregation.*

From the Registers

Baptisms

January 8th Findlay Hay

Weddings

December 29th Emma Crosby to Richard Ayre

Funerals

December 21st William (Bill) Newton (at Livingston Crem.)
 Thanksgiving Service 7th January at St Mary's
May he rest in peace and rise in glory

When submitting articles for inclusion in 'In Touch' it would be very helpful if you could use the following formats:

Paper size: A4; Portrait.

Photographs: In colour; JPG format (Separately if poss.)

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Please submit articles to:
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Sermon by Revd Eileen Thompson

Edited extracts from a sermon preached on 3rd Sunday before Advent, 6th November 2016

(The biblical context is Paul writing to the Thessalonians who are struggling alone with uncertainty, conflicting teaching and doubt. He tells them they are chosen, precious, inheritors of the truth of God's saving love)

Paul has some wise words for his friends in Thessalonica..... He urges the little group he has lived and worked with to be faithful in prayer and in fellowship. 'Remember what you have learned about God,' he says in so many ways. 'And' he adds, 'Put it into practice.' Prayer, discussion, fellowship: all are important at all times but especially at the waiting times.

He recognises that it is difficult on your own and he reminds the Thessalonians that they need encouragement. They need to encourage and support one another and above all, they need - and will be given - the encouragement that comes from a close walk with God. They are to remember that they belong to him and to one another and, as they recognise that and open themselves to God's love and support, so they will gain the strength they need to do what they are called to do, to work with God and with one another.

It's good advice for any fellowship. It is timely here at St Mary's, for although we look to the future with eager anticipation, we are also called to live in the present, and that can be hard. It means extra work, not just for the vestry in their task of choosing a new rector but for everyone as each one plays a part in keeping things going. It brings new and different responsibilities and some startling new discoveries about what needs to be done and even where things are. One congregation never did find the Advent wreath or the confirmation cards!

So, take Paul's words to heart and remember your strengths and your gifts. You are a vibrant, active community, chosen by God to be his people here. Hold on to that.

Encourage one another. You seem to do that anyway but don't fall into the trap of many fellowships where people say, "Isn't (a or b) doing a wonderful job? Aren't we lucky to have them?" Tell them as

well how much you appreciate what they are doing.

Above all, trust in God and in his timing. God has a plan and a place and a purpose - and he will help you find the person to work with you in that task. In the meantime wait, as Paul tells his friends, with hope and joy, for God is in control and his Spirit is with you every step of the way.

Eileen Thompson

Vacancy Committee Update

As mentioned in the last issue of 'In Touch', the Vacancy Committee have been busily preparing a Congregational Profile. The Dean took a copy and following discussions with the Bishop she has passed on various suggestions regarding the content and this will be discussed and actioned at the next Vacancy Committee meeting which is on Monday 23rd January 2017. This issue of 'In Touch' had to go to the printer before this meeting but please see the link on the church website for up-to-date information regarding the progress of the Vacancy Committee. The committee aims to keep the congregation informed at all times, and importantly *would welcome and value input from members of the congregation*. It may well also co-opt members in relation to specific tasks in which they may have experience and/or expertise.

The Diocesan Property and Buildings Convenor has been to check out the Rectory and was quite positive about its condition and pointed out a few areas of improvement/decoration that we need to carry out in order to make it attractive for a new Rector.

Our thanks to all who have returned their completed Congregational Survey forms. These will be a great help when we tackle the next phase in our search for a new Rector. Hopefully, by the time you read this, work will be well underway.

Editor: The Vacancy Committee consists of the Vestry plus Rona and Ted.

Voskresenije Choir of St Petersburg

11th November 2016

An annual event at St Mary's for many years now has been the Voskresenije Choir and once again, this wonderful choir entertained us with their beautiful voices.

We are very grateful to Rosemary, who not only organised the event this year but also provided accommodation for some choir members along with Alan and Margaret Coupe.

Many thanks to everyone who made this such an enjoyable evening. The Church was full, and we were blessed with good weather.

During the first half, the choir sang sacred music and in the second half, Russian folk music.

We all enjoyed a short interval in the Douglas Hall with wine, tea, coffee and home baking. The Choir sold CDs of their music and small gifts from their homeland.

Music and all the different types of music mean different things to different people but when listening to the sacred music, although not in our own tongue, I realised it mattered not that we did not understand the words, it was clear we were as one, giving thanks and praise to God.

If you have not heard this choir I would highly recommend you come and listen to them next year and I guarantee you are in for a treat.

Rona Finlayson

*"Ah, music," he said,
wiping his eyes. "A
magic beyond all we do
here!"*

*Dumbledore
J K Rowling*



Charitable Giving

Since the last edition of In Touch the following payments have been made to charitable causes:

A cheque for £500 was given to Archie Douglas towards the Beat the Beast Challenge. Archie talked about this at coffee after the service on 27th November, see below. A letter of thanks from Archie is on the noticeboard in the Douglas Hall.

A cheque for £500 was sent to Palcrafts (Hadeel is the trading arm for Palcrafts). The aim of this donation was to help fund a visit for one of the Palestinian craft workers to the UK. For more information see the article that Carol Morton has written on page 13.

The Church Christmas card collected £65. A cheque for this amount has been sent to CHAS, Children's Hospice Association Scotland



Denis King

An excerpt from Archie Douglas' website "Beat the Beast Challenge".



On Sunday, 27th November I had the delight of going to St Mary's Dalmahoy to attend the morning service and collect a cheque for £500 from the church. It was a delightful trip. The weather was chilly but bright and sunny and the congregation were also bright and sunny but also very, very warm. Allie [Archie's wife] and I were very warmly welcomed throughout the service. It was last Summer that we met Alan

from the Vestry when we came to pay our respects to my grandparents buried there at St Mary's. He was on duty and delighted in our wanting to go in and look around the church before then letting me have a go on the beautiful old organ. I told him about the challenge and handed him a flyer. From that point on he followed the journey and introduced the challenge to the Vestry of St Mary's who have now made the wonderful donation. I was also able to tell my story to the congregation in the church hall over coffee after the service.

Fairtrade Fortnight 2017

27th February – 12th March.

Put Fairtrade in your break, take exploitation out



'Fairtrade Fortnight is a time when campaigners, businesses, schools and places of worship show their support for the farmers and workers who grow our food in developing countries. However hard they work to provide the things we depend on, millions of farmers aren't paid what they deserve – it's not a new problem.

When we come together we can change the way people think about trade and the products on our shelves. The Fairtrade movement is made up of ordinary people doing extraordinary things in their communities for Fairtrade, and making choices that change the lives of farmers and workers.

Join thousands of others across the UK this Fairtrade Fortnight to help our friends, neighbours, colleagues and communities to put Fairtrade in their break and take exploitation out'

Fairtrade Foundation.

The next few years will be challenging for Fairtrade with the fall in the value of the pound and with new national and international trade deals in the offing. Post Brexit UK trade policy could make the lives of farmers better – or worse. For more information on this and how the Fairtrade Foundation interacts with British farmers see their website: www.fairtrade.org.uk and St Mary's website – News pages.

Please continue to support St Mary's Fairtrade stall on the first and third Sunday's of the month – in the Douglas Hall after the morning service, and look out for campaign information relating to this year's Fairtrade Fortnight at our stall on 5th March.



Steve Haigh on behalf of the Fairtrade Group

Will They, Won't They?



**Scottish
Fair Trade
Forum**

That's the big question for Hadeel as we wait to see if UK Visas and Immigration will grant visas to the two guests we have invited to take part in a programme during Fairtrade Fortnight (FT14), 27th February – 12th March 2017. Officially invited by the Scottish Fair Trade Forum (SFTF), Hadeel has supported the invitation and is involved in all the machinations surrounding the almost inscrutable process of how to get visas for two Palestinians living in a refugee camp south of Bethlehem, one of them who works in Oasis Workshop for "Those with Special Needs" (or in their words, "Mental Handicap").

Lousi (pronounced Lucy) and Mohammed Albadawi's first applications were refused in December. Since then we have taken advice from former embassy staff and others, provided further bank statements, got the endorsement from three MPs, etc. All these



Coffee at Lousi's home

documents were given to the UK Consulate officials in Ramallah, West Bank, on Wednesday, 11th January. If the visas are not granted soon, there will be no time for SFTF and Hadeel to arrange a programme. St. Mary's generously have given Palcrafts (charity which owns Hadeel shop) £500 to help with expenses involved in Lousi and

Mohammed's trip. We hope that even at short notice we will be able to arrange a meeting during FT14 and will keep you informed. Watch this space

*Carol Morton
Director of Development
Palcrafts/Hadeel**



*Editor: *'Hadeel' is Arabic for the cooing of a dove.*

Dalmations

We enjoyed a very nice Christmas lunch as our last meeting of 2016. About 26 people came.

First, we had our normal Eucharist held in the church and then up to the hall for drinks before lunch. We were very spoilt this year, as we had Mackenzies catering for us, apart from the delicious mince pies made by Val.



After lunch John Blaber led some Carol singing and then everybody went home after a lovely day. Many thanks to all who helped to make this a cheery, happy, lead up to Christmas.

Jane Russell

Programme for February and March

Wednesday 22nd February 2017. We welcome Tim Cocking who will be telling us about the work of 'BrightCare'. This is a charity that works in the 'Care Provision Marketplace' and gives home care services for the elderly.



Wednesday 22nd March 2017. Eric Melvin is an established and respected local historian, and latterly Head Teacher of Currie Community High School (retiring in 2005). Eric will tell us all about 'A Visit to Japan'. Eric travels to Japan at least once a year to visit his family there.

See his website at: www.ericmelvin.co.uk



Health & Safety Officer's Report

It has come to my attention that we omitted to include an item for Health & Safety at the recent AGM. This is an important matter, hence the belated inclusion now.

I should share a few thoughts (briefly, as this is not exactly a riveting topic):

1. Please be aware of exits from the church and hall, which are clearly marked.
2. Be aware of the locations of fire extinguishers (especially in the hall). Remember - powder extinguisher for electrical fires. All extinguishers are maintained on a regular basis.
3. Small first aid kits are available in the hall kitchen and in the church vestry.

Especially given the age of many of us (both very old and very young), I am keen to avoid slips / trips / falls. Accordingly, could I ask you to –

1. Keep walkways clear of obstructions. If you see them, remove them. It's very easy to block walkways unconsciously – boxes etc.
2. Remove any spillages promptly.
3. Avoid any trailing electrical cables – especially during functions.
4. Be careful with moving pews and pew rails in the church.

Ladders – Great care required in use thereof – always 2 people. Standing on chairs is not a good idea.

Lifting – This is a cause of many injuries in the workplace generally – not least bad backs. Be sensible.

There are 2 other items of interest, which are current –

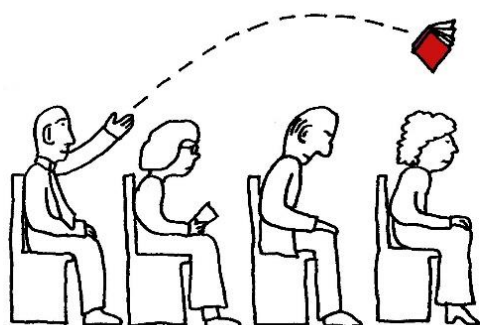
1. We are again looking at the question of the pew rails, which have been potentially difficult as long as anyone can remember! We think that the rails are there for pew spacing purposes, rather than for support, so we are now looking to conduct an experiment with a view to removing the rails but maintaining the spacing.
2. We need to look critically at the question of catering, which is a potential issue when food is arriving from various sources / may need re-heating etc... We have never had any issues, but that is not to say that we should not exercise great caution.

Finally, if you come across any matters which could constitute a Health & Safety risk, please tell me, and I'll do what I can to remedy matters.

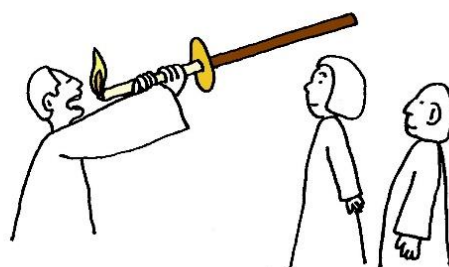
Alan Coupe

HEALTH AND SAFETY

THE THINGS THAT WE ARE NOT ALLOWED TO DO ANY LONGER



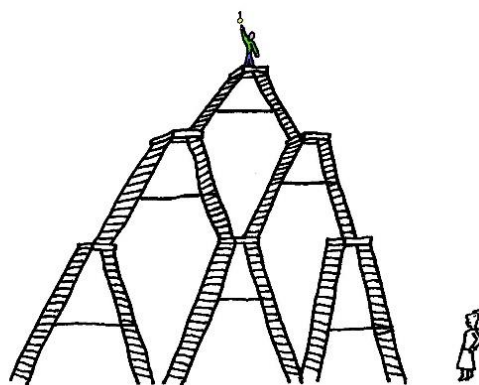
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Readings at Sunday Eucharist:

| Year A Eucharist | (Year A1 Morning Prayer) | First Reading |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 5 February | Epiphany 5 | Isaiah 58: 1-12 |
| 12 February | Epiphany 6 | Ecclesiasticus 15: 15-20 |
| 19 February | Epiphany 7 | Leviticus 19: 1-2, 9-18 |
| 26 February | Sunday before Lent | Exodus 24: 12-18 |
| 1 March | Ash Wednesday | Isaiah 58: 1-12 |
| 5 March | Lent 1 | Genesis 2: 15-17, 3: 1-7 |
| 12 March | Lent 2 | Genesis 12: 1-4a |
| 19 March | Lent 3 | Exodus 17: 1-7 |
| 26 March | Mothering Sunday | 1 Samuel 1: 20-28 |
| 2 April | Lent 5 | Ezekiel 37: 1-14 |
| 9 April | Palm Sunday | --- |
| 16 April | Easter Sunday | Acts 10: 34-43 |
| 23 April | Easter 2 | Acts 2: 14a, 22-32 |
| 30 April | Easter 3 | Acts 2: 14a, 36-41 |

February – April 2017

| Second Reading | Gospel |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1 Corinthians 2: 1-12 | Matthew 5: 13-20 |
| 1 Corinthians 3: 1-9 | Matthew 5: 21-37 |
| 1 Corinthians 3: 10-11, 16-23 | Matthew 5: 38-48 |
| 2 Peter 1: 16-21 | Matthew 17: 1-9 |
| 2 Corinthians 5: 20b – 6: 10 | Matthew 6: 1-6, 16-21 |
| Romans 5: 12-19 | Matthew 4: 1-11 |
| Romans 4: 1-5, 13-17 | John 3: 1-17 |
| Romans 5: 1-11 | John 4: 5-42 |
| --- | Luke 2: 33-35 |
| Romans 8: 6-11 | John 11: 1-45 |
| Matthew 21: 1-11 | Matthew 26: 14 – 27: 66 |
| Colossians 3: 1-4 | Matthew 28: 1-10 |
| 1 Peter 1: 3-9 | John 20: 19-31 |
| 1 Peter 1: 17-23 | Luke 24: 13-35 |

St Mary's Annual Church Outing

Saturday 29th April 2017



Seagull Trust Canal Cruise

Departing from Ratho: 10:30 am

Returning: 3:00 pm

Information

Car Parking

Very limited. Please meet at St Mary's at 10:00 am
to arrange car-sharing. Cars can drive down to canal-side if necessary for drop-off and pick-up. No parking in The Bridge Inn.

Access

A short walk to the Centre where we will see our barges berthed waiting for us.
Every barge has a lift so boarding is easy for all abilities.

Accommodation

Large enclosed cabins with flexible seating and good viewing.
A visit to the area at the Bow will give a wonderful view ahead.
There are toilet facilities and heating on board.
The Crew will serve tea/coffee and biscuits.

Please bring your own picnic lunch.

**A wonderful day to relax, chat and enjoy Spring as we glide along.
As we sail over the aqueduct you will see many familiar views
from this unusual position.**

Cost

£5.00 per person - to Rosemary any time before 1st April please.
As the Seagull Trust is a Charity, this will be our donation.

Stop Press: Only two places left!!

The Baptism of Findlay David Hay



On Sunday 8th January 2017, Findlay David Hay was baptised during the Sunday morning service. Findlay has attended the church on a number of occasions since his birth on September 24th 2016, including the Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve which he slept through.

For his baptism, Findlay was dressed in a christening robe which has been used by several generations of his mum's family. His mum, Lynsey and his Uncle Euan both wore the robe at their baptisms at St. Mary's. His Gran Fiona and her brother and his children also wore the robe, also

his great grandmother, May and her older brother Sandy. The first confirmed wearing of the christening robe was in 1925 by Sandy.

Findlay's great grandfather, Tom Millard, was baptised at St. Mary's in 1922.

Findlay's mum and dad, Lynsey and Alastair were married in St. Mary's in September 2014.

It is always lovely to welcome the extended families when babies are baptised and Findlay was well supported by about 40 members of his family and close friends, many of whom enjoyed a celebration lunch in the Douglas Hall after the service.

We look forward to watching Findlay grow in the future.

Carole MacBride

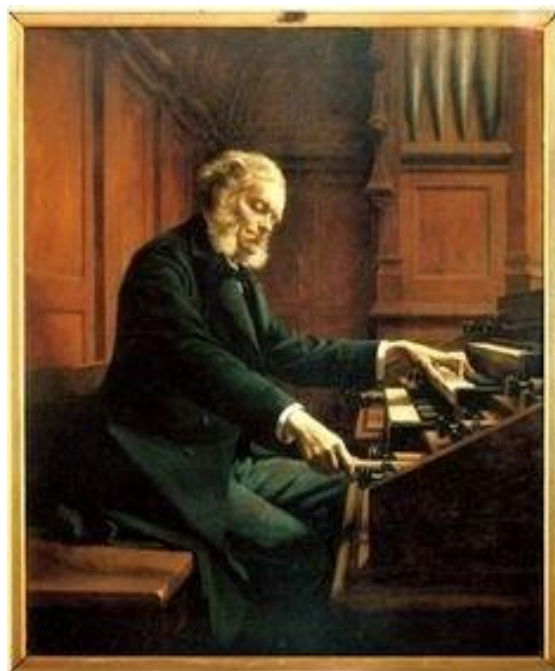
Jesus is the bread of life – not the cake for special occasions

Organist's Corner

Programme Notes for
February and March
Alan John Phillips

French February

During February, in the run-up to Lent, I play works by four of the greatest of the French Romantic composers, Franck, Guilmant, Widor and Vierne, centring on Franck's last great organ works, the Three Chorals (published posthumously in 1892). Franck, originally Belgian, was organist of Ste. Clotilde, Paris, for 31 years and professor of organ at the Paris Conservatoire. He is considered to have been the founder of the French Romantic organ school.



César Franck at the console, painting by Jeanne Rongier, 1885

Sunday 5th February - Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Prelude: Prelude (from 'Prelude, Fugue and Variation') – César Franck (1822-1890)

Hymns: Christ be our light (CH4 543), 438 (tune 64), *158, *13, *334

Communion: Panis angelicus – Franck

Voluntary: Pièce Héroïque – Franck

Franck's 'Prelude, Fugue and Variation' is the third of the Six Pieces (1860-62), and is dedicated to Saint-Saëns. 'Pièce Héroïque' comes from the set of Three Pieces (1878).

Sunday 12th February - Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

Prelude: Cantilène Pastorale (Op.15 no.3) – Alexandre Guilmant (1837-1911)

Hymns: 485 (tune *356), 238, 473, 265, *174

Communion: Communion (Op.15 no.1) – Guilmant

Voluntary: Choral no.1 – Franck (*dedicated to Eugène Gigout*)

Guilmant was organist of La Trinité in Paris, and succeeded Widor as professor of organ at the Paris Conservatoire, with Vierne as his

assistant. He was succeeded in 1911 as professor by Gigout, the dedicatee of Franck's first Choral, and a former pupil of Saint-Saëns.

Sunday 19th February - Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

Prelude: Symphony no.5 (2nd movement) – Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937)

Hymns: Let us build a house (CH4 198), 361, 433, *22, *247

Communion: Symphony no.5 (4th movement) – Widor

Voluntary: Choral no.2 – Franck (*dedicated to his pupil Auguste Durand*)

Widor was organist of Saint-Sulpice and professor of organ at the Paris Conservatoire in succession to Franck. His fifth organ symphony ends with the famous Toccata, but here are two of the earlier movements.

Sunday 26th February - Transfiguration Sunday

Prelude: Arabesque – Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

Hymns: 199, 502 (tune 141), 102, 440, *210

Communion: Berceuse – Vierne

Voluntary: Choral no.3 – Franck (*dedicated to his pupil Augusta Holmès*)

Pupil of both Franck and Widor, Vierne was organist at Notre-Dame for 37 years. The well-known Berceuse is dedicated to his six-year old daughter Colette (1907-1961).

Wednesday 1st March - Ash Wednesday

Prelude: Ich ruf' zu dir, Herr Jesu Christ (BWV 639) - Bach

Hymns: 227, 362 (tune 64), 123, *60, *42

Communion: Aberystwyth – Hylton Stewart

Voluntary: O Mensch, beweine dein' Sünde gross (BWV 622) – Bach

Sunday 5th March - First Sunday of Lent

Prelude: Durch Adams Fall ist ganz verderbt (BWV 1101) - Bach

Hymns: 56, 217, 117, 136, 114

Communion: Durch Adams Fall ist ganz verderbt (BWV 637) - Bach

Voluntary: Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott – Johann Nicolaus Hanff (1630-1706)



The fall of the first Adam in the Garden of Eden is reversed by the redemption of humanity by Jesus, the second Adam, who, in the desert, rejects the temptations of Satan.

Martin Luther celebrates the victory of Jesus over Satan in his famous hymn 'Ein feste Burg' (AMNS 114), the words and music of which he wrote ca.1529.

This year, at Halloween, is the 500th anniversary of Luther nailing his 95 theses on the door of Wittenburg Cathedral, the act which kick-started the Reformation.

Sunday 12th March - Second Sunday of Lent

Prelude: Voluntary for the organ (published 1826) – Esther Elizabeth Fleet (1809-1851)

Hymns: 331 (omit * verses), *28, *12, *419, *255

Communion: God so loved the world ('The Crucifixion') – John Stainer (1840-1901)

Voluntary: Finale from the Overture to 'Esther' – George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)

Today (14 Adar 5777 in the Hebrew calendar) is the Jewish feast of Purim, which celebrates the deliverance of the Jews from their imminent doom at the hands of their enemies, a story recorded in the Book of Esther.

As in Jewish tradition, we open our morning service today with the Yigdal ('magnify'), which is based on the 13 Articles of Faith formulated by the twelfth century Sephardic philosopher Moses ben Maimon. This melody may date from the 17th century or perhaps earlier. The tune was used by the chazzan (cantor) Myer Lyon (1750-97) at the Great Synagogue of London, where it was heard in 1770 by the Methodist Thomas Olivers; he adapted the tune (now named 'Leoni') for his own English paraphrase of the Yigdal 'The God of Abraham Praise'.

Sunday 19th March - Third Sunday of Lent

Prelude: Choral in E major – Alice Sauvrezis (1865-1946)

Hymns: 214, 247, *301, *121, *248

Communion: God is a spirit (from 'The Woman of Samaria') – Sterndale Bennett

Voluntary: Prelude and Fugue in C minor (Op.81) – Marie Josephine Claire Prestat (1862-1933)

Alice Sauvrezis and Marie Prestat were both students of César Franck in Paris. Prestat was the first woman to win four first prizes at the Paris Conservatoire, later becoming Professor of Piano and Organ at the Schola Cantorum (1901-1922).

Sunday 26th March - Mothering Sunday

Prelude: Stabat Mater – Pierre Dandrieu (1664-1733)

Hymns: *299, *223 (tune 256), *211, *297, 419 (tune 143)

Communion: Stabat Mater (1st movement) - Giovanni Battista Pergolesi (1710-1736)

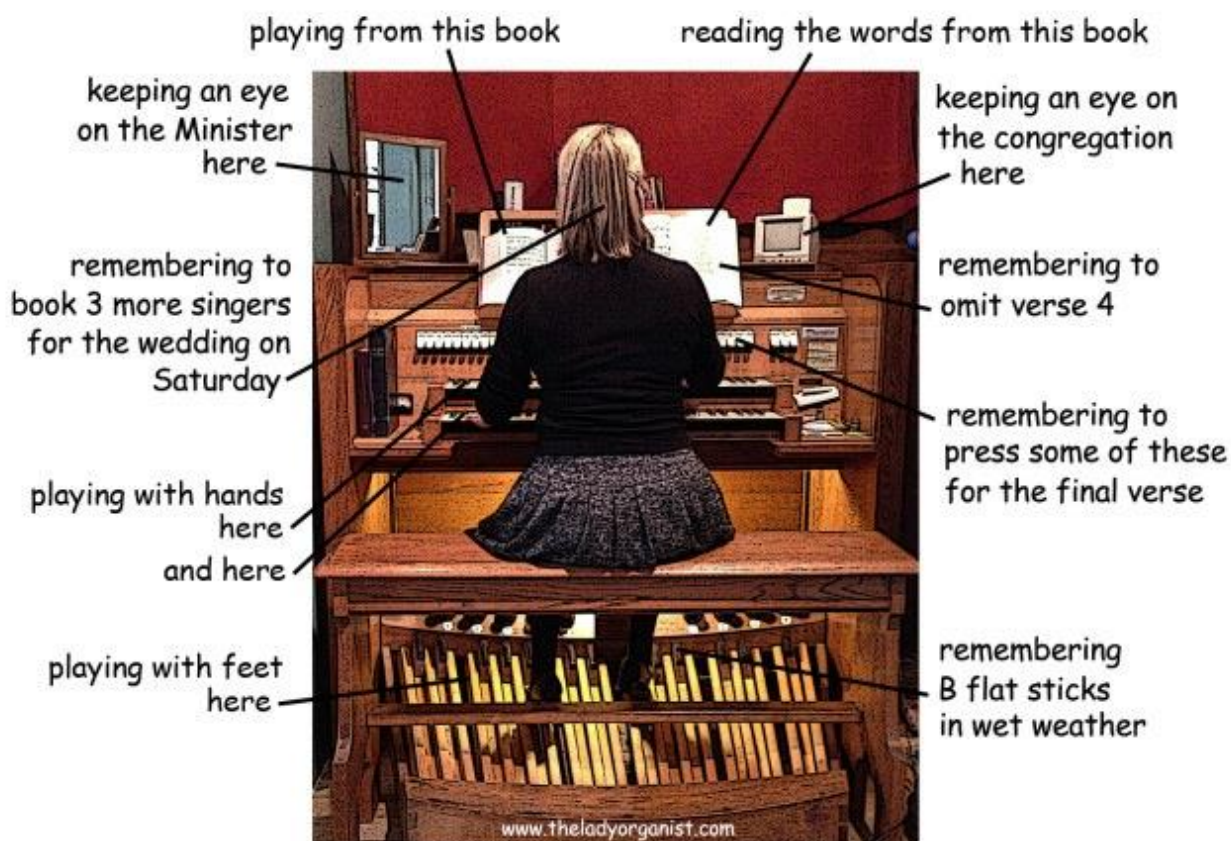
Voluntary: Fuga sopra il Magnificat – Johann Ludwig Krebs (1713-1780)

'and a sword will pierce your own soul too' (end of today's Gospel)
'Stabat Mater' (AMNS 69) is a mediaeval hymn on the suffering of Mary as she stands at the foot of the Cross, much-used at the Stations of the Cross. It is generally ascribed to the Franciscan friar Jacopo da Todi (ca. 1230-1306). Dandrieu's setting of the usual melody (see below) is a set of variations. Pergolesi's setting (1736) was commissioned by the Confraternità dei Cavalieri di San Luigi di Palazzo, which presented an annual Good Friday meditation in honour of the Virgin Mary. Pergolesi's work replaced one composed by Alessandro Scarlatti only nine years before, but which was already perceived as 'old-fashioned', so rapidly had tastes changed. Formerly attributed to Bach, the fugue on the Magnificat is now thought to be by his brilliant pupil, Johann Ludwig Krebs, whose father Bach also taught. Krebs is thought to have also composed the 'Eight Short Preludes and Fugues', well-known to all beginner organists!

VI

S Ta-bat Ma-ter do-lo- ró-sa Juxta cru-cem lacri-
 mó-sa, Dum pendé-bat Fí-li- us. 2. Cu-jus á-nimam gemén-
 tem, Contristá-tam et do-léntem Pertransí-vit glá-di- us.

Multi-tasking? A doddle for an organist!



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Diary of Events: February – March 2017

| Date | Times | Venue | Event |
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| Wed 1 Feb | 11:00 am | Hall | Said Eucharist |
| Sun 5 Feb | 10:00 am 10:30 am 12 noon | Church Church Hall | Morning Prayer Sung Eucharist Collection of groceries/toiletries for St Salvador's Food Bank Fairtrade Stall |
| Mon 6 Feb | 7:30 pm | Hall | Vestry Meeting |
| Wed 8 Feb | 11:00 am | Hall | Said Eucharist |
| Sun 12 Feb | 8:55 am 10:00 am 10:30 am | Church Church Church | Choir Practice resumes Morning Prayer Sung Eucharist |
| Wed 15 Feb | 11:00 am | Hall | Said Eucharist |
| Sun 19 Feb | 8:55 am 10:00 am 10:30 am 12 noon | Church Church Church Hall | Choir Practice Morning Prayer Sung Eucharist Fairtrade Stall |
| Wed 22 Feb | 11:00 am 12 noon | Hall Hall | Said Eucharist Dalmations Tim Cocking – "BrightCare" |

Diary of Events (continued)

| Date | Times | Venue | Event |
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| Sat 25 Feb | 2:30 pm | Church | Marriage of Sarah Rosemary Rizzo & John Douglas – Lord Aberdour |
| Sun 26 Feb | 8:55 am | Church | Choir Practice |
| | 10:00 am | Church | Morning Prayer |
| | 10:30 am | Church | Sung Eucharist |
| Mon 27 Feb to Sun 12 Mar | --- | --- | Fairtrade Fortnight |
| Wed 1 Mar | 11:00 am | Hall | Said Eucharist |
| Ash Wednesday | 7:30 pm | Church | Sung Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes |
| Sun 5 Mar | 8:55 am | Church | Choir Practice |
| | 10:00 am | Church | Morning Prayer |
| | 10:30 am | Church | Sung Eucharist |
| | 12 noon | Hall | Collection of groceries/toiletries for St Salvador's Food Bank Fairtrade Stall |
| Mon 6 Mar | 7:30 pm | Hall | Vestry Meeting |
| Wed 8 Mar | 11:00 am | Hall | Said Eucharist |
| Sat 11 Mar | 9:30 am | St P&G | Spring Diocesan Synod |
| | 2:00 pm | Church | Marriage of Emma Villau & Lee Bedder |

Diary of Events (continued)

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| Wed 15 Mar | 11:00 am | Hall | Said Eucharist |
| Sun 19 Mar | 8:55 am | Church | Choir Practice |
| | 10:00 am | Church | Morning Prayer |
| | 10:30 am | Church | Sung Eucharist |
| | 12 noon | Hall | Fairtrade Stall |
| Wed 22 Mar | 11:00 am | Hall | Said Eucharist |
| | 12 noon | Hall | Dalmations – Eric Melvin “A Visit to Japan” |
| Sat 25 Mar | 2:00 pm | Church | Marriage of Tiina Holopainen and Iain MacKay |
| Sun 26 Mar Mothering Sunday | 8:55 am | Church | Choir Practice |
| | 10:00 am | Church | Morning Prayer |
| | 10:30 am | Church | Sung Eucharist |
| Wed 29 Mar | 11:00 am | Hall | Said Eucharist |

Sunday Humour

When Adam stayed out very late for a few nights, Eve became upset. "You're running around with other women" she charged.

"You're being unreasonable" Adam responded. "You're the only woman on earth." The quarrel continued until Adam fell asleep, only to be awakened by someone poking him in the chest. It was Eve.

"What do you think you're doing?" Adam demanded.

"Counting your ribs" said Eve.

Several women in the church prayer group were visiting an elderly friend who was ill. After a while, they rose to leave and told her:

"We'll do whatever we can to help. We promise to keep you in our prayers."

"Thank you" she said. "But, really, I can do my own praying. The thing I can't do is the dishes in the kitchen sink...."

A soon to be married couple were visiting the minister to discuss their forthcoming marriage. The woman said they intended to have three children, while the young man demurred, saying two would be enough for him.

They discussed this discrepancy for a few minutes and the minister suggested they would need great sensitivity with each other in order to reach a solution.

There was silence for a moment and then the young man said stubbornly: "Well, after our second child, I'll just have a vasectomy."

Without a second's hesitation, the bride-to-be shot back: "Well, I hope you'll love the third one like it's your own!"

Attending a wedding for the first time, a little girl whispered to her mother, "Why is the bride dressed in white?" The mother replied, "Because white is the colour of happiness, and today is the happiest day of her life."

The child thought about this for a moment then said, "So why is the groom wearing black?"

Children's Section

Word Search – Books of the New Testament.

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Colour-in this Ash Wednesday picture



Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent and falls on 1st March in 2017.

We have a service in St Mary's on Ash Wednesday when the priest will make the sign of the cross on your forehead using ashes. Often the ashes are gathered from the burning of palm crosses from Palm Sunday of the previous year. The ashes represent repentance, humility and renouncing pride.

Have a look at the Diocese of Edinburgh Winter edition of "Youth & Children News" at

https://edinburgh.anglican.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/12/Winter_2016_Newsletter.pdf

Come and join the early Byrds!



Choir Practice in St Mary's is every Sunday at 8:55 am (yes, that early) from the first Sunday in August to Pentecost, with performances at Harvest (Choral Evensong), All Souls', Carol Service, Easter & Pentecost.

Coffee/tea available between practice and service
and an annual Choir Night Out.

Altos, tenors and basses especially welcome.

Plenty of room in the nest!

First Practice of the Easter Term: Sunday 12th February



...well your sermon on the theme of 'Life under President Trump' seems to have gone down very well, rector...

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Service Times

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| Sunday | Morning Prayer | 10:00 am |
| | Sung Eucharist | 10:30 am |
| Last Sunday of the month | Evening Prayer | 6:30 pm |
| Wednesday | Said Eucharist | 11:00 am |

Monday & Friday – the church is open between 9:30 am & 10:00 am for quiet reflection and prayer.

**Copy date for the April-May
Issue is Sunday 12th March**