

ST MARY'S CHURCH DALMAHOY



In Touch

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Hello!

Let me introduce myself and my family.....My name is Christine Downey and you may call me Christine – if you feel uncomfortable or if you would prefer, please feel free to call me Reverend Christine, Rector, ummm... Rev? But please do make yourself known to me. I may not remember your name on our second meeting but I will do my best!

A bit about me – my husband Ben Bright and I love to sail with our dog “Tonka” (who has his own

Facebook page Tonka Travel’s). We have between us 6 children all grown and happily making their way in the world. We enjoy live music, road trips and especially just quietly sitting together reading.

We are both looking forward to exploring and learning all we can, as quickly as we can, about Scotland’s history, all the beautiful sights, and the unique culture that is Scotland.

“I believe the first rule for a healthy Christian life should be ‘laugh lavishly’, I can think of no better way to start the task of growing together in community than with laughter.” I wrote similar words to these in my response to St Mary’s Congregational Profile and I believe them to be true.

Change – even joyful change, can still be stressful, but in spite of our fears, whatever we do with sincerity and joy, will be enough. If we undertake our tasks with the love of God, with the fire of Christ’s mission for a just world in our hearts, and if we work together with humility and humour then it will be enough. For God loves our story and delights in its unfolding.

God has given us a great gift in our community of faith – a gift that is an endangered species in our secular world.

I invite you to join with me in thanksgiving for this new adventure. We will draw with us those who need cleansing laughter, open hearts and their hurts eased so that God may delight in our happiness in living a new day, and our joy in one another's company.

God Bless,

Christine+



From the Editor

By now you will know that we have a new Rector at St Mary's. Revd Christine Downey will be taking up her appointment at St Mary's in the New Year. Christine, her husband Ben and dog Tonka will be moving here from Gananoque, Ontario, Canada. I am sure we are all thrilled by this news and looking forward to welcoming our new Rector soon.

Many thanks to those who have contributed to yet another bumper issue and I look forward to more exciting contributions for the next issue.

Copy for the Christmas – New Year issue of 'In Touch' will be welcomed **at any time** from now until the deadline of Sunday, 19th November.

John Blaber

An appeal from the Editor/Webmaster!

Would organisers of events, meetings and services please let the editor know details, times and dates in good time for inclusion in both 'In Touch' and on our website, especially including **updates** on any changes that may occur, to ensure that the website is kept up-to-date. Thank you.

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

Cover photo: Detail from St Mary's font.

*The editor reserves the right to omit or edit 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

No Baptisms

Weddings

August	6 th	Alexandria Murdoch to James Duncan
	10 th	Emma Harle to Christopher Cook
	18 th	Amy Tricia Reynolds to Kevin John Skey
Sept.	1 st	Sharon Leitch to Alasdair Provan
	8 th	Sarah Whyte to Kyle Russell
	10 th	Xi Weng to Donald Nairn
	15 th	Sarah-Jane Brown to John Welsh
	22 nd	Fiona Hamilton to Andrew Donnelly
	23 rd	Holli McIntosh to Colin Whitson
	24 th	Lindsay Flannigan to Andrew Ruddoch
	30 th	Shannon Torley to Liam MacFarlane

No Funerals

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

Paper size: A4; Portrait.

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This is so that the text is readable when reduced to an A5 booklet in the printing process. Thank you.

Please submit articles to:
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The Church Picnic

A decision was taken by the Vestry earlier in the year to arrange a social event during the summer. In previous years a BBQ had been hosted by Deryck and Christine at the Rectory, usually on a Saturday afternoon and early evening. It was felt that during the Vacancy, an alternative event might be welcomed by the congregation.

It was decided to plan for a Sunday afternoon just after the morning service and to use the church grounds or hall depending on the weather forecast. The date was chosen and advertised as Sunday 20th August.

Just under forty folk participated although very few opted to eat outside as there was a cool breeze despite it being a dry, bright day.



In addition to the various picnic style foods that were available to choose from and a chance to catch up with folks whilst sharing a meal, there was also the opportunity to be taken across to the newly redecorated Rectory for a look around. About a dozen of the congregation took up the offer and thanks goes to Douglas and Rosemary for acting as chauffeurs. Those who took part in the viewings all seemed pleased with the work that had been done.

I was one of the people who took the applicants for the post of Rector to view their prospective new home. Both had been appreciative of the work that had been done so far.

Thank you to everyone who took the time to get involved in the picnic, perhaps it will be a new annual event for the St Mary's calendar in the future.

Carole MacBride

Warning: Exposure to the Son will prevent burning.

History of St Mary's Walking Group

Starting in 1986, a group from St Mary's walked part of the then recently established Southern Upland Way. Betty and I had previously called into the Episcopal Church in Melrose to see whether we could finish our walk there. The walkers were invited to join in their Saturday evening service, followed by supper, so on the first Saturday in June we set off from St Mary's Loch to walk the 25 miles to Melrose (in the one day, was fit back then!). To my surprise, many enjoyed the experience so much, that over the next 9 years, we covered the whole 212 miles from Cockburnspath on the East coast, to Portpatrick in the South West.



Between 1986 and 1990, on the first Saturday in June, we walked different sections of the Eastern part of the S.U.W, as far West as Wanlockhead. Then from 1991 to 1994, we spent 2 days walking, staying overnight at Youth Hostels – Kendoon or Minnigaff, so completing the Western section. We had great celebrations on reaching Portpatrick, many of us having walked the whole of the S.U.W.

Many names you will know who either walked (or helped) with the enterprise. Revd Simon Robinson, Revd John Pelham, John Rae, Mary Hall, Robert and Margaret Chill, Stan Zachery and family, Gillian Donaldson. (Val and Bob Lawrie, Myrtle and Southern Burnett, Margaret McMillan, Robert and Susan Erskine, Marianne McMaster, David Johnson, Katy Hall, and Betty, often providing lunch and support in the middle of nowhere).

We also gathered other walking friends during these years, and so decided to carry on getting together over a couple of long weekends every year, staying overnight in Youth Hostels/Bunkhouses from as far afield as the Lake District, 2 in Northumberland, Roybridge, Glen

Doll, Ardgarten, Loch Laggan and Loch Rannoch, and not forgetting Mary's bunkhouse at Caputh, (near Dunkeld).

Sadly, numbers started to drop as we started to age a bit, and the novelty of sharing rooms began to fade. Determined to keep meeting up if possible, for the past 5 years we have continued to meet once a year on the first Saturday in June. Initially we used Dalmahoy as the base, walking in the Pentlands



or Almondell/Calderwood Country Park, with supper at the Ratho Park Hotel. Last year we did a walk around Abbotsford, and this year Dunbar, followed by an evening meal at "The Steading", Hillend. There were 15 of us in total, including Janet Dyer, Margaret Hunter, Gillian Donaldson, Maureen Blackwood, John Rae, Mary Hall, Pat and David Syme and myself. We had an excellent time, managing to avoid the rain and storms forecast for the area. We already have ideas for next year, so please consider joining us (age is no barrier!).

Geoff Angell

Wednesday Eucharist



A reminder that, as usual from the beginning of October, our 11:00 am Wednesday Said Eucharist service will be celebrated in the Douglas Hall until the end of March 2018.

Congratulations!

Our congratulations to Ella and Derek on celebrating their Golden Wedding Anniversary (50 years) on Sunday 6th August 2017.



Dalmations

The first meeting of the 2017/2018 Dalmations session was held on August 30th. It was very encouraging to see around 25 attendees for the talk with around 19 staying for the soup and pudding afterwards. Hopefully we can maintain this level of attendance as it means that the speaker has a reasonable sized group for their presentation.

The speaker at the meeting was Isobel Morrison, a volunteer, from CHAS. Although Isobel did not use visual aids her talk was very interesting and given in a manner where we could picture the things she was telling us.

We were informed that CHAS has very recently gone through a rebranding exercise which has included changing its name from Children's Hospice Association Scotland to Children's



Hospices Across Scotland. They have also changed their logo from the previous rocking horse to one which is made up of the letters spelling CHAS specially designed by some of the children that they support. The rocking horse still features in the letter 'A'.

The following is from the CHAS website which explains the service they provide better than I can.

CHAS is the only charity in Scotland that provides vital hospice services for children and young people with life-shortening conditions.

We offer care for the whole family in our two children's hospices, Rachel House in Kinross and Robin House in Balloch. We also run a homecare service called 'CHAS at Home' helping families in their own homes across Scotland when they need it most.

We are currently supporting over 415 families, as well as a significant number of families who receive bereavement support.

Our services are funded mainly through the generosity of our many supporters who help us to raise the vital funds needed to provide these hospice services.

Isobel talked us through the layouts and rooms within Rachel and Robin houses in a way that we could almost feel we were there. It was clear from what she said that they have taken a lot of input from the children and their families when designing and providing the facilities. One story she told us was that when they asked the children what they would like in 'the den' that the first choice was an armchair as it would give them a chance to relax out of wheelchairs.

The current campaign being run by CHAS is called 'Keep the Joy Alive'. Isobel's talk demonstrated how the staff and volunteers do this whilst making sure it is an inclusive process with the children and families fully involved. To find out more about CHAS you can visit their website on www.chas.org.uk

Denis King

Our Programme for the rest of the Season

Wednesday 25th October 2017. Eric Melvin will take us on a virtual tour of housebreaker Deacon William Brodie's Edinburgh, who inspired Robert Louis Stevenson to write 'Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde'.

Wednesday 29th November 2017. Christine McPherson will be giving us a very engaging talk about the Dual World Heritage Site of the islands of St Kilda.

Wednesday 13th December 2017. We will, of course, be having our usual get-together "Looking Forward to Christmas" with some in-house entertainment. *Please note the change of date.*

31st January 2018. A Fun Day to fill the winter gloom.

Wednesday 28th February 2018. We welcome the close harmony singing group 'The Castaways' who are coming to entertain us.

Wednesday 21st March 2018. To be arranged. *Please note the change of date.*

Wednesday 25th April 2018. 'Feather Finesse' will demonstrate their unusual and original painting on feathers.

Life without God is like an unsharpened pencil – it has no point

Growing Together Roadshows

A series of four roadshows was arranged over the summer of 2017 designed to allow people from Scottish Episcopal Churches (SEC) in the Edinburgh Diocese to meet together to share their experiences of being part of the SEC family with Growing Together as the subject for discussion.

The final gathering was held in St Peter's, Lutton Place, Edinburgh on Saturday 2nd September. Around 120 individuals from a great many congregations within the diocese attended this particular event. Apparently over the four available meetings, representatives of more than three quarters of the 50+ congregations within the diocese were welcomed.

The meetings had been organised to promote increased collaborative working between congregations and to raise awareness of common issues facing congregations at present. The Mnemonic SEEDS was used to represent the Five Priorities for consideration and discussion:

- S Serving our communities
- E Engaging all generations
- E Enabling ministry
- D Developing disciples
- S Sharing faith

I found the day a very worthwhile experience. All congregations have their own concerns but it is amazing just how often the same concerns are expressed by different congregations. I think that the main thing that I took from the discussions was that we should not beat ourselves up too much about the things that we don't appear to do so well, but concentrate on what we do actually do well and perhaps expand on that and be grateful for what we have.

I would also like to express thanks to everyone from St Peter's who were on the catering team. Soups and bread were provided and participants were invited to make contributions to a buffet. An amazing array of foods were available and as usually happens at St Mary's, participants were asked to take away as many of the leftovers as they could use.

Carole MacBride

Visitors to St Mary's

The story of a search.

Some years ago now, I was at the church about to conduct a wedding. It was just ten minutes before the bride was due to arrive at the church, when I saw a couple in the churchyard who were evidently not guests at the wedding. They were photographing at a graveside. I went over to greet them and I found a young couple, the girl in tears photographing an old stone. It seemed that they had come over from Canada specifically to try and find the resting place of her great grandfather Timmins, whose son and his wife from this area, her grandfather, had emigrated to Canada long ago. They had presumed he was buried in Ratho Church of Scotland graveyard, and had searched there but not found him. Rather sadly and as a last resort on their long search they heard of a churchyard at St. Mary's, and unexpectedly had found him. It was a bit like a homecoming for them.

I realised that a record of her great grandfather's burial must be in the earliest book of records in the vestry safe, so I led them in and found the record of his burial in 1950. I had to leave them there in order to conduct the wedding service as the bride was already at the main door.

After the wedding, the couple were still in the churchyard, and with great delight led me back into the vestry to the same original register book, which of course has baptisms registered as well, for they had found the record of his baptism too. The most extraordinary thing was that his baptism date 1863, was exactly 145 years to that very day, August 16th. They returned to Canada with many photos to record the blessings of that special day.

"Let us tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord, so that they will know them even the children yet to be born and they in turn will tell their children, then they will put their trust in God and not forget his deeds" Ps.78

Janet Dyer

St Mary's Church Dalmahoy



invite you to a family

Ceilidh

In the Douglas Hall
Dalmahoy

Friday 6th October 2017

7.30-10.30 pm B.Y.O.B

Tickets: Adults £6, Primary age children £3

From: Carole MacBride 07909 582760

Enjoy supper & dancing to some fine music

Auld Spice Ceilidh Band

All Dances called by the Band

Sunday (and other) Readings:

Year A Eucharist	(Year A1 for Morning Prayer)	First Reading
1 October	Harvest Eucharist	Deuteronomy 26: 1-11
	Harvest Evensong	Deuteronomy 8: 7-18
8 October	Pentecost 18	Isaiah 5: 1-7
15 October	Pentecost 19	Isaiah 25: 1-9
22 October	Pentecost 20	Isaiah 45: 1-7
29 October	Reformation Sunday	Nehemiah 8: 1-4a, 8-12
Thursday 2 November	All Souls'	Wisdom 3: 1-9
5 November	Pentecost 22	Micah 3: 5-12
12 November	Pentecost 23	Wisdom 6: 12-16
19 November	Pentecost 24	Zephaniah 1: 7, 12-18
26 November	Christ the King	Ezekiel 34: 11-16, 20-24
Year B Eucharist	(Year B2 for Morning Prayer)	First Reading
3 December	Advent Sunday	Isaiah 64: 1-9
10 December	Advent 2	Isaiah 40: 1-11
17 December	Advent 3	Isaiah 61: 1-4, 8-11
24 December	Advent 4	2 Samuel 7: 1-11, 16
31 December	Christmas 1	Isaiah 61: 10 – 62: 3

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Second Reading	Gospel
2 Corinthians 9: 6-15	Matthew 6: 25-33
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Philippians 3: 4b-14	Matthew 21: 33-46
Philippians 4: 1-9	Matthew 22: 1-14
1 Thessalonians 1: 1-10	Matthew 22: 15-22
Romans 3: 21-28	John 2: 13-22
---	John 11: 21-27
1 Thessalonians 2: 9-13	Matthew 23: 1-12
1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18	Matthew 25: 1-13
1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11	Matthew 25: 14-30
Ephesians 1: 15-23	Matthew 25: 31-46
Second Reading	Gospel
1 Corinthians 1: 3-9	Mark 13: 24-37
2 Peter 3: 8-15a	Mark 1: 1-8
1 Thessalonians 5: 16-24	John 1: 6-8, 19-28
Romans 16: 25-27	Luke 1: 26-38
Galatians 4: 4-7	Luke 2: 22-40

School Choirs Competition

Friday 24th November.

This has become an annual and very enjoyable event at St Mary's. At the time of going to press, arrangements were still in progress but please keep an eye on our church website for full details as they become available.



Toccata Ladies Choir



This popular choir makes a return visit to St Mary's to give us one of its excellent concerts

Douglas Hall

Saturday, 25th November

At 2:00 pm

Music: the speech of angels Thomas Carlyle

Update on Lousi and Wadea Joubran

I asked if Wadea was finally free and received the following email from Lousi on 31st August:

He is home we start to continue our normal life like befor

He is focas into his study I hardly can see him for he is getting so course for maths fizix (physics, ed.) he could not reach what pupils has

So he has intensive course and that is good for the moment

Next year I hope I could send him out for study hope to do that

Normally one might comment “All’s well that ends well,” but not so in the case of the detaining of Palestinian minors in Israeli jails. The physical and psychological consequences can last for years, not to mention effect on scholarship.

Carol Morton

St Mary’s Annual General Meeting

Our Annual General Meeting will be held in the Douglas Hall after the morning Sung Eucharist on Sunday, 19th November.

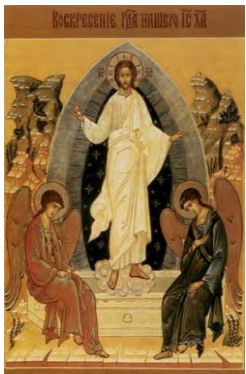
The various reports will be issued to the congregation prior to the meeting. There will be a limited number of paper versions of these reports available as we intend to issue reports and other papers via email. They will also be available to read/download from our church website.

Voting and nomination papers for the various vacancies will be made available for all.

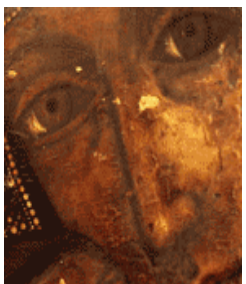
We do hope that all our congregation will be able to attend this very important meeting.



A concert of
Sacred Music and Folk Songs
from **RUSSIA**



Russian Choir 'Voskresenije' (‘Resurrection’)



from St Petersburg



St Mary's Church
Dalmahoy



Friday, 10th November 2017, 7:30 pm

Tickets: £10.00 (£8.00 concessions)

Organist's Corner

Programme Notes for October and November

by Alan John Phillips

Lots of Lutheran chorales and their preludes in October and November to celebrate the 500th anniversary of Luther's posting of his 95 Theses on the door of All Saints' Church in Wittenberg (pictured right).



(For a longer version of these notes, see <http://alanjohnphillips.weebly.com/blog/harvest-animals-the-dead-and-luther>)

Sunday 1 October – Harvest Thanksgiving

Prelude: Divertimento on 'Monkland' – Heathcote Statham (1889-1973)

Communion: Intermezzo on 'Holyrood' – William Lloyd Webber (1914-1982)

Postlude: Songs of Praise (1980) – Herbert Chappell (b.1934)

Choral Evensong

Prelude: Adagio in E major – Frank Bridge (1879-1941)

Magnificat: The Song of Mary – Richard Shephard (b.1949)

Anthem: All things bright and beautiful – John Rutter (b.1945)

Postlude: Songs of Praise (1986) – Robert Prizeman (b.1952)

Two editions of 'Songs of Praise' on one Sunday? The BBC commissioned both theme tunes in the 1980s. Some consider the Chappell to be better than the Prizeman – you decide! The Song of Mary, a metrical version of the Magnificat, was commissioned by the National Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham to commemorate the millennium. It has since become known as the 'Walsingham Magnificat'.

Sunday 8 October – Pentecost 18

Prelude: Elegy – George Thalben-Ball (1896-1987)

Communion: Gabriel's Oboe ('The Mission' 1986) – Ennio Morricone (b.1928)

Postlude: In these stones horizons sing – Karl Jenkins (b.1944)

Animal Blessing Service

Prelude: Sheep may safely graze – Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Postlude: 'The Cat's Fugue' (Sonata K30) – Domenico Scarlatti (1685-1757)

The Scarlatti piece certainly deserves a place at an animal service, having been partly 'written' by an animal. Scarlatti's cat Pulcinella is reputed to have composed the fugue subject by walking over the harpsichord keys (Kitten on the Keys?)



Carl Reichert (1836-1918), Katzenfuge (engraving, 1870)

Sunday 15 October – Pentecost 19

Prelude: Schmücke dich, O liebe Seele (BWV 654) – J S Bach

Communion: Rejoice in the Lord always – Anon (Mulliner Book)

Postlude: The Arrival of the Queen of Sheba ('Solomon') – George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)

'Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness' is one of the finest of all Lutheran communion hymns, and Bach dresses the melody in the finest ornamentation. A suitable wedding garment, indeed.

Sunday 22 October – Pentecost 20

Prelude: In the King's Hall ('Sigurd Jorsalfar') – Edvard Grieg (1843-1907)

Communion: Adagio (Piano Concerto in A minor) - Grieg

Postlude: Homage March ('Sigurd Jorsalfar') – Grieg

The prelude and postlude come from the incidental music composed by Edvard Grieg for a play by Bjørnstjerne Bjørnson celebrating King Sigurd I Magnusson, also known as Sigurd the Crusader (Jorsalfar), who was King of Norway from 1103 to 1130.

Sunday 29 October – Reformation Sunday

Das Agnus Dei.
Druckh.

Lamm Gottes unschuldig /
Allzeit geistlich und duldig /
am Stam des creutzes geschlachtet / All
wiewol du wurdest getödtet /
Sünd hastu getragen /
sonst müßten wir verzaiget sein /
barmhertzig und Erbarmung /
O Lamm Gottes unschuldiger /
O Lamm Gottes unschuldiger.

Prelude: Ein feste Burg – Johann Nicolaus Hanff (1663-1711)

Communion: O Lamm Gottes unschuldig (BWV 1095) – J S Bach

Postlude: Fantasia on 'Ein feste Burg' – Michael Praetorius (ca.1571-1621)

Preludes on two of the earliest of the Lutheran chorales. Luther wrote the words and music for 'Ein feste Burg', a version of Psalm 46, sometime between 1527 and 1529. 'O Lamm Gottes, unschuldig' is an early Lutheran hymn, first published in 1531, with text and melody attributed to Nikolaus Decius. Originally

intended as a German substitute for the Latin Agnus Dei, it became more and more used as a hymn for Passiontide.

Thursday 2 November – All Souls

Prelude: Chorale Prelude on 'Eventide' – Charles Hubert Hastings Parry (1848-1918)

Sunday 5 November – Pentecost 22

Music for the Royal Fireworks - Handel

Prelude: Bouree, The Rejoicing, Minuets I & II

Communion: La Paix

Postlude: Overture

'Remember, remember the fifth of November'? I have, and here is Handel's incidental music to an official display in 1749 in London's Green Park. The display was nowhere near as successful as the music itself: it poured with rain and the scenery partly burnt down.

Sunday 12 November – Remembrance Sunday

Prelude: Solemn Prelude (from 'For the Fallen') – Edward Elgar (1857-1934)

Communion: Benedictus (from 'The Armed Man') – Karl Jenkins

Postlude: Wachet auf (Op.65 no.33) – Sigfrid Karg-Elert (1877-1933)

In a reference to today's Gospel about the wise and foolish bridesmaids we sing 'Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme', another great Lutheran hymn, written by Philipp Nicolai, first published in 1599 together with 'Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern' ('How brightly shines the morning star').

Sunday 19 November -Pentecost 24

Voluntary in E flat (Op.6 no.7) – Samuel Wesley (1766-1837)

Prelude: 1st movement - Largo

Communion: 2nd movement - Andante quasi allegretto

Postlude: 3rd movement – Moderato

A voluntary in three movements from the talented Samuel Wesley's magnificent Opus 6 set. For more info on Wesley, and his historic meeting with Mendelssohn in 1837, see

<http://alanjohnphillips.weebly.com/gorgeous-georgians.html>

Sunday 26 November – Christ the King

**Prelude: Meditation on 'Brother James's Air' – Harold Darke
(1888-1976)**

Communion: Jesu, joy of man's desiring – J S Bach

**Postlude: Fantasie triomphale (1900) – Johannes Haarklou
(1847-1925)**



Haarklou, composer, organist, conductor, and music critic, was born at Haukedalen, near Førde on the west coast of Norway, near to Askvoll, where I worked for a few years. I was there for his 150th birthday, when the organist of Førde parish church encouraged all the organists in the district to play something of his in celebration. I, of course, obliged! In addition to this Fantasie, he wrote a prelude and fugue on BACH as well as two organ symphonies.

♪All God's critters got a place in the choir♪

Choir practice at St. Mary's every Sunday morning at 8.55 a.m. (yes, that early!) from the first Sunday in August to Easter, with performances at Harvest, Carol Service and Easter.

Altos, tenors and basses especially welcome.

Plenty of room for more early birds in the nest!

PRACTICE DATES FOR CHRISTMAS TERM:

October 15, 22, 29, November 5, 12, 19, 26, December 3, 10, 17

Diary of Events: October – November 2017

Date	Times	Venue	Event
Sun 1 Oct Harvest Festival 	8:55 am 10:00 am 10:30 am At coffee At coffee 6:30 pm	Church Church Church Hall Hall Church	Choir Practice Morning Prayer Sung Eucharist Collection of groceries/toiletries for St Salvador's Food Bank Fairtrade Stall Festal Choral Evensong
Tues 3 Oct	7:30 pm	Hall	Vestry Meeting <i>Note change of date.</i>
Wed 4 Oct	11:00 am	Hall	Said Eucharist on the Feast of St Francis
Fri 6 Oct	7:30 pm	Hall	Family Ceilidh 
Sun 8 Oct Pentecost 18 St Francis-tide 	8:55 am 10:00 am 10:30 am 4:30 pm	Church Church Church Church	Choir Practice Morning Prayer Sung Eucharist Animal Blessing Service
Tues 10 Oct	2:00 pm	Garden	Gardening Group
Wed 11 Oct	11:00 am	Hall	Said Eucharist

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Date	Times	Venue	Event
Sun 15 Oct Pentecost 19	8:55 am	Church	Choir Practice
	10:00 am	Church	Said Eucharist
	10:30 am	Church	Sung Eucharist
	At coffee	Hall	Fairtrade Stall
Wed 18 Oct	11:00 pm	Hall	Said Eucharist
Sun 22 Oct Pentecost 20	8:55 am	Church	Choir Practice
	10:00 am	Church	Morning Prayer
	10:30 am	Church	Sung Eucharist
Tues 24 Oct	2:00 pm	Garden	Gardening Group – Final meeting this year
Wed 25 Oct	11:00 am	Hall	Said Eucharist
	Noon	Hall	Dalmations – Eric Melvin Deacon Brodie's Edinburgh
Thurs 26 Oct	Evening	St Michael's Church, Linlithgow	Diocesan Synod
Sun 29 Oct Reformation Sunday	8:55 am	Church	Choir Practice
	10:00 am	Church	Morning Prayer
	10:30 am	Church	Sung Eucharist
Wed 1 Nov All Saints'	11:00 am	Hall	Said Eucharist for All Saints'


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Date	Times	Venue	Event
Thurs 2 Nov All Souls'	7:30 pm	Church	Sung Requiem 
Sat 4 Nov	TBA	Church	Marriage of Holli Plimmer and Mark Lawrie
Sun 5 Nov Pentecost 22 	8:55 am	Church	Choir Practice
	10:00 am	Church	Morning Prayer
	10:30 am	Church	Sung Eucharist
	At coffee	Hall	Collection of groceries/toiletries for St Salvador's Food Bank
	At coffee	Hall	Fairtrade Stall
Mon 6 Nov	7:30 pm	Hall	Final Vestry Meeting before St Mary's Annual General Meeting
Wed 8 Nov	11:00 am	Hall	Said Eucharist
Fri 10 Nov	7:30 pm	Church	 'Voskresenije' Russian Choir
Sun 12 Nov Remembrance Sunday	8:55 am	Church	Choir Practice
	10:00 am	Church	Morning Prayer
	10:30 am	Church	Sung Eucharist 
Wed 15 Nov	11:00 am	Hall	Said Eucharist

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Date	Times	Venue	Event
Sun 19 Nov Pentecost 24	8:55 am 10:00 am 10:30 am At coffee Noon	Church Church Church Hall Hall	<i>Deadline for articles for 'InTouch'</i> Choir Practice Said Eucharist Sung Eucharist Fairtrade Stall St Mary's Annual General Meeting
Wed 22 Nov	11:00 am	Hall	Said Eucharist
Fri 24 Nov	TBA	Hall	School Choirs Competition 
Sat 25 Nov	2:00 pm	Hall	 Toccata Ladies Choir Concert
Sun 26 Nov Christ the King	8:55 am 10:00 am 10:30 am	Church Church Church	Choir Practice Morning Prayer Sung Eucharist
Wed 29 Nov	11:00 am Noon	Hall Hall	Said Eucharist Dalmations – C McPherson The islands of St Kilda

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Sunday Humour

When our minister and his wife visited our neighbour, her four-year-old daughter answered the door. "Mum!" she yelled toward the living room. "God's here, and he's brought his girlfriend."

As my five-year-old son and I were heading to McDonald's one day, we passed a car accident. Usually when we see something terrible like that, we say a prayer for whoever might be hurt, so I pointed and said to my son, "We should pray." From the back seat, I heard his earnest voice: "Dear God, please don't let those cars block the entrance to McDonald's."

As part of his talk at a banquet, our priest told some jokes and a few really funny stories. As he planned to use the same anecdotes at a meeting the next day, he asked reporters covering the event not to include them in their articles. Reading the paper the following morning, he noticed that one well-meaning cub reporter had ended his story on the banquet with the observation "The priest told a number of stories that cannot be published."

I asked my friend if she was planning to attend church. She just shook her head. "I haven't gone in a long time," she said. "Besides, it's too late for me. I've probably already broken all seven commandments."

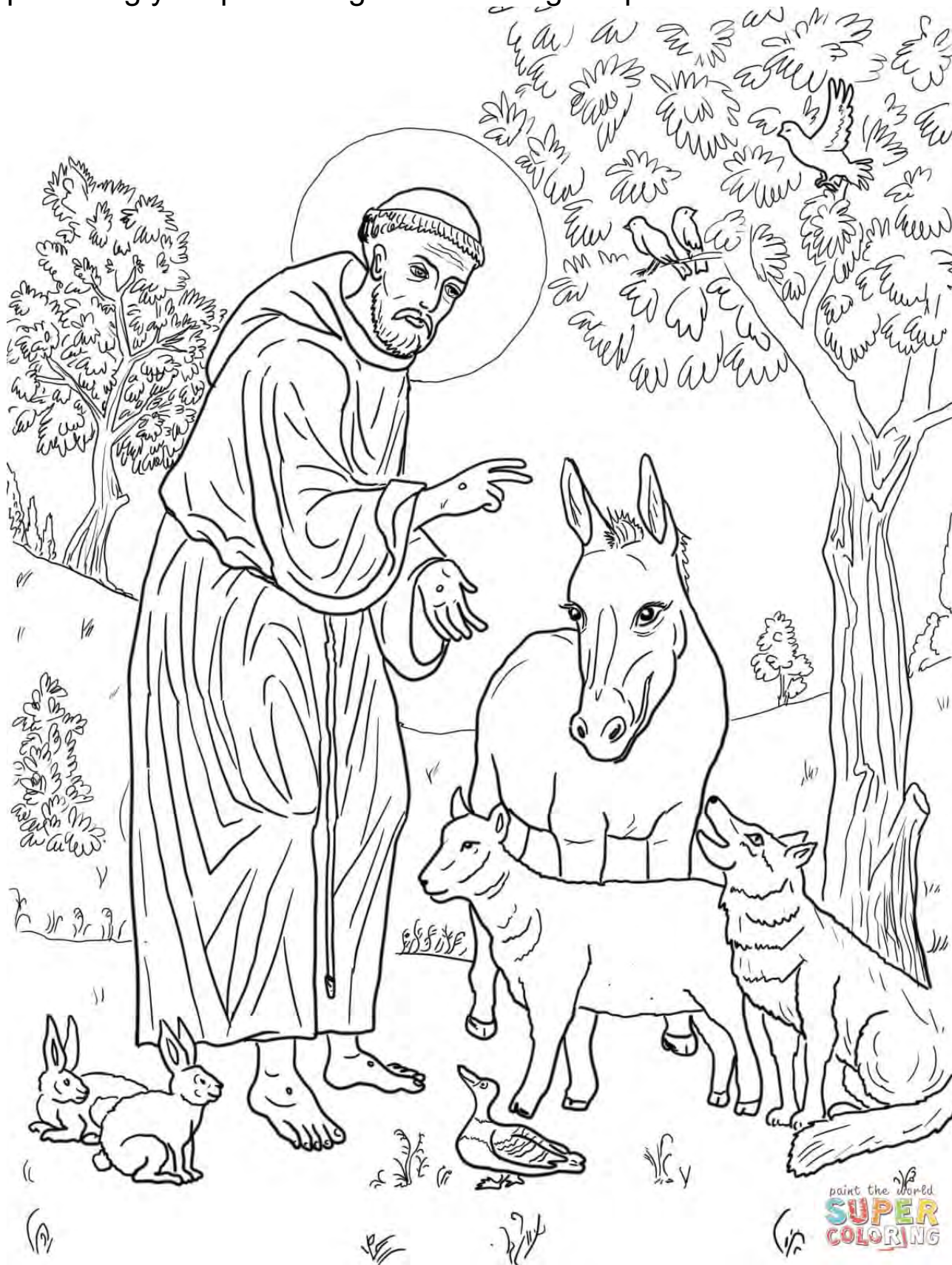
A minister, known for her lengthy sermons, noticed a man get up and leave during the middle of her message. The man returned just before the conclusion of the service. Afterwards the minister asked the man where he had gone. "I went to get a haircut," was the reply. "But," said the minister, "why didn't you do that before the service?" "Because," the gentleman said, "I didn't need one then."

The oldest computer can be traced back to Adam and Eve. Not surprisingly, it was an Apple. But it had an extremely limited memory: just one byte, and everything crashed.

The Sunday School teacher was describing how when Lot's wife looked back at Sodom she turned into a pillar of salt. Bobby interrupted: "My mummy looked back once while she was driving," he announced, "and she turned into a telephone box!"

Children's Section

Colour-in this picture of St Francis blessing the animals. We have an Animal Blessing Service at St Mary's on Sunday, 8th October at 4:30 pm. Bring your pets along for a blessing. All pets are welcome.



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Who's Who (continued from Page 2)

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Service Times

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

Church Open Times

Monday & Friday – 9:30 am to 10:00 am for quiet reflection and prayer.

Wednesdays – 11:30 am to 12:30 pm following the 11:00 am service.

Saturdays – 10:00 am to 3:00 pm from beginning of May to the end of September except during Wedding ceremonies.

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