

# In Touch

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## A note from Deryck

'Summer tends is a time for consolidating and planning. Elsewhere you will find contributions and news of some of the plans that are in place or in the making. You will also find an introduction to our new administrator, Paula Marshall, who is getting to grips with the office and the needs of the congregation. Her help in ensuring the smooth running of the church is most welcome and I know people will make her welcome also. Please try to use Paula and the office as a central point of information exchange – if you want to communicate something by all means let me or others know, but please let that be your first and main port of call! We have a 'hub'! Thank you.

The Vestry becomes ever more conscious of health and safety matters and the need for us all to keep abreast of regulations. To this effect we felt it now necessary to appoint a 'Health and Safety Officer' and I am very grateful to Alan Coupe for taking on this role. We hope it will not be too onerous, but it is important that we are all kept reminded of our obligations to one another and to visitors in these matters and I trust we will all seek to offer Alan any assistance we can in fulfilling that duty of care.

That care includes a good number of weddings continuing over the summer period, this year including several who are directly related to the congregation, which is rather nice. Many thanks to all who help to keep the church and grounds looking good for those who visit and enjoy the beauty and peace that St Mary's has to offer.

With my love and prayers

Deryck

#### From the editors

Some wonderful copy this month – lovely to see the happy pictures of both John and David as they make changes to their lives. It was good also to follow the adventures of John and family in France on facebook – there always seemed to be plenty of food involved - and very good it sounded too, even though the translation from French made it sound not nearly so grand!

It would be good for this magazine if we could have a team of folk ready to spot things happening at St Mary's, and either writing or commissioning articles about them. Could you help here? It need not be at all onerous, and it would be good to make sure that all aspects of church life were covered — it is always sad if something gets overlooked, mainly because the editors are not aware of it. If you could help, please speak to Deryck or Paula who would be delighted to hear from you.

webmaster John Blaber, would also be delighted to hear from you at: webmaster@stmarysdalmahoy.org.uk

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

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

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## From the Registers

## **Baptisms**

June 1<sup>st</sup> Lily Margaret Gray

9<sup>th</sup> Brooke Helen Connolly

28<sup>th</sup> Ellis Stewart Williams

29<sup>th</sup> Alexandra Jade Eleonora King

July 27<sup>th</sup> Holly Braithwaite

## Weddings

June 7<sup>th</sup> June Fiona MacKinnon

to Anthony Johnstone

14<sup>th</sup> Jessica Ramsay to Craig Graham

15<sup>th</sup> Emma Crossan to Ross Hill

July 6<sup>th</sup> Tracy Gibson to George McGinnie

## An Organist Retires

Myrtle and I have now returned from a wonderful extended holiday in France. with Elisabeth joining us for the first days and then Jennie unexpectedly flying over to join us, bringing "bump", our 11th 27<sup>th</sup> grandchild due on December. We even stopped off in Blackpool for a few days on the way home. But what a wonderful send-off we Thank you all for the fabulous



Montblanc Starwalker fountain pen. I was so taken aback by this wonderful gift as I have wanted one of these for many years but the cost was prohibitive (i.e., Myrtle said "No!" whenever I suggested buying one). I shall treasure it, and return to writing more by hand. Myrtle also wishes to thank everyone for her Amazon voucher, enabling her to purchase even more blood-curdling detective stories for her infamous Kindle\*.

My final Sung Eucharist as organist on Sunday 25th May was a very memorable and enjoyable one, with many of my family attending. My final voluntary was the rousing Marche Triumphale Opus 65 - Nun danket alle Gott (Now thank we all our God) by Sigfrid Karg-Elert. There is usually some applause at the end of a service, but to have everyone stay and give a standing ovation was very moving, to the point where I was moved to then play Auld Lang Syne and everyone joined in. My word, I can tell you there were some tears flowing then!! I had to mop the manuals afterwards! It brought to an end my 58 years as a regular church organist, with my final very enjoyable 8 years spent at St Mary's. Well, it wasn't guite the end as I still had a wedding to play for that afternoon. Whilst in France I received a lovely email from the bride's father: "We wanted to thank you... for your wonderful organ playing on the day. It contributed to a great occasion on a truly memorable weekend. Lisa [the bride] sends her apologies for her tardy arrival and for your consequential need to play longer than anyone anticipated!!

However, I have it on good authority you took the opportunity to display your wonderful range of musical talent and kept the guests fully entertained."

I think the couple of glasses of wine at the Faith Lunch may have helped there!! The lunch, as always at St Mary's, was so well stocked with a wide variety of delicious foods, and great company – thanks to everyone involved. Thanks to Deryck and Rona for their kind words, to Steve Haigh who sang a solo ditty (yes, Steve!), and to every one who sang the song "Adieu to John Blaber" so expertly written by Ella to the tune "Will ye no come back again":

Bonnie Johnnie's noo awa'
Aff tae France in his white car
Mony's the tune he's gied us here,
Stirred the heart an' soothed the ear.

Will ye no come back again?
Will ye no come back again?
Better lo'ed ye canna be
Will ye no come back again?

Mony the pairs he's helped tae wed!

Mony the choirs he's raised frae bed!

Coaxed the Swell and tamed the Great,

Blessings on his well-kent pate.

Will ye no come back again?
Will ye no come back again?
Better lo'ed ye canna be
Will ye no come back again?

English Myrtle is his Muse,
Flames his heart and clears his blues,
Tends the choir wi' gentle smile,
Leavin' murderous plots\* the while

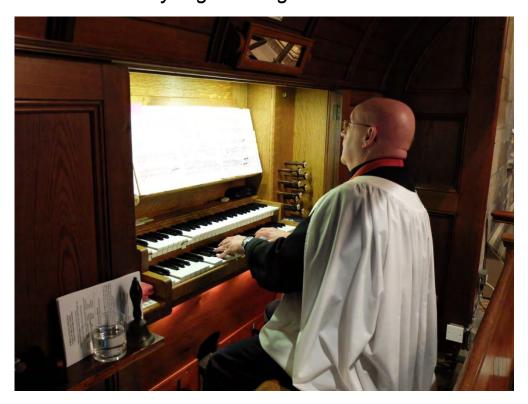
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Will ye no come back again?

It was very unusual, but very enjoyable, for Myrtle and me to sit together in the congregation when we returned on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> July, and listening to Alan tickling the ivories on what several people have told me is known as "John's Organ". It's Alan's now, but hopefully I may get to have a go occasionally?

And finally I must thank Deryck for his friendship and a great working relationship, and the choir who put in so much hard work week by week, mostly unseen *very* early on Sunday mornings, bearing with me with a smile when I ask them to do weird things such as make sounds like airraid sirens! Thank you choir, it's been so much fun.

Love and best wishes from John and Myrtle.

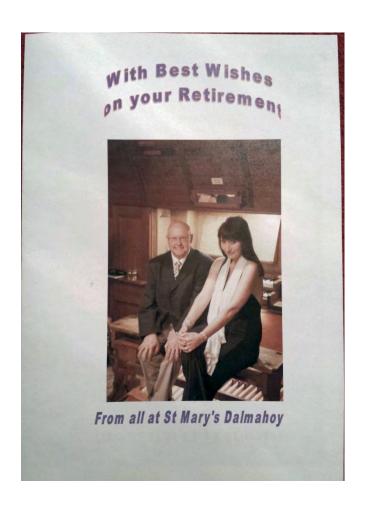
John playing the final voluntary – Nun danket alle Gott by Sigfrid Karg-Elert



10 Rona presents John with his pen and card







## David Greenwood's Ordination at Kincardine O'Neil



day The of David's ordination was a wonderful one if a rather busy one. The reach race to Kincardine O'Neil for the service at 6pm was down to me as I wanted Deryck to arrive rested. Blackie. Sammy (our dog), and I, waited patiently the in afternoon until Dervck arrived back from a wedding (bride traditionally late!) and we bundled into the car. We had the most beautiful drive north in excellent weather. Thankfully, there were not too many late-comers for Tin-the-Park, so we made good time on the first half of the journey. We

travelled more slowly having turned off for Fettercairn and then over the Cairn o' Mount where the scenery was breathtaking. As all dog owners will appreciate Sammy was hoping to explore interesting places and could not understand why we would not stop!! At Banchory we stopped for a comfort break (fabulous facilities to be recommended), then continued on to the village of Kincardine O'Neil.

It was 5.47pm when I pulled in at the church on the main street and said "You and Blackie hop out, Deryck, and I will go and park to save you time," to which Deryck replied, "I don't think so, this church is for Sale!" Oops, I thought, wrong place and quickly moved on. About 100 yards along the road we found the makings of a choir standing robed on the pavement. Here we were given directions to turn the next corner. Fantastic, we had arrived and it was 5.52pm – eight minutes to spare; a

lovely looking church, where a lovely welcome was received by all. Those from Dalmahoy had been reserved seats at the front. Deryck went to robe up and we took our places. I was seated behind David, Staci and James and it was a delight, when Rachel joined me briefly until time for her to move to the choir.

The Rector, Lisa Eunson, began the service by welcoming everyone and clearly stating her enthusiasm at David's arrival. The Bishop emphasised the welcome too and acknowledged the role of many people in the preparations and in the service. The choir sang gloriously throughout the service and members of the congregation participated through readings, prayers and in the ordination itself. Deryck brought humour into the sermon when describing David's love of tea and presented him with a large bag of Fairtrade teabags. He continued by speaking of David's gifts and strengths and of how fortunate the congregation would be to have him and his family.

David was clearly overwhelmed by this very special occasion in his life and it was very touching to see Staci place his Native American stole upon him at the end of the ordination. Then, for all present it was very moving to receive the sacrament from David.

The celebration continued with a BBQ at Kincardine Castle, hosted by members of the congregation. We received incredible hospitality, treated to burgers, sausages, chicken, vegetarian food and salads,



followed by sumptuous puddings. Sadly time passed very quickly and we had to take our David invited leave. us to sign his bible to mark the occasion and we said our goodbyes. It had been that very special event which we had hoped for and we David. Staci. Rachel and James in safe hands, in a

welcoming congregation who are looking to be innovative and embrace change. We could reflect and be grateful as we returned to Dalmahoy, in what was to be very different weather conditions, as darkness fell and so did the rain - in abundance! Yes, it had been another busy day and we would not have it any other way – the Lord is good and he is gracious.

Christine Collingwood



## BBQ

at the Rectory
Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> August
5.00 – 9.00 pm

Bring friends! Bring the sunshine!!!

Please sign the sheet in the hall if you can, to give us a rough idea of numbers, but come anyway, even if you don't!

## **Sunday Readings for**

		Old Testament	
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	
Aug 31	Pentecost 12	Jeremiah 15: 15-21	
Sept 7	Pentecost 13	Ezekiel 33: 7-11	
Sept 14	Pentecost 14	Genesis 50: 15-21	
Sept 21	Pentecost 15	Jonah 3: 10 – 4: 11	
Sept 28	Harvest Thanksgiving		
Oct 5	Pentecost 17	Isaiah 5: 1-7	
Oct 12	Pentecost 18	Isaiah 25: 1-9	
Oct 19	Pentecost 19	Isaiah 45: 1-7	
Oct 26	Pentecost 20	Leviticus 19: 1-2, 15-18	

## August - October 2014

Epistle	Gospel
Romans 9: 1-5	Matthew 14: 13-21
Romans 10: 5-15	Matthew 14: 22-33
	Matthew 15: 21-28
Romans 12: 1-8	Matthew 16: 13-20
Romans 12: 9-21	Matthew 16: 21-28
Romans 13: 8-14	Matthew 18: 15-20
Romans 14: 1-12	Matthew 18: 21-35
Philippians 1: 21-30	Matthew 20: 1-16
2 Corinthians 9: 6-15	Luke 12: 16-30
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
1 Thessalonians 2: 1-8	Matthew 22: 34-46

## Recycling Used Stamps

I would like to thank everyone who has contributed to the appeal for used stamps over the last ten years. Please see some of the charities which have benefited from this: RNLI, Multiple Sclerosis Society, World Mission. Canine Partners.

It is incredible the funding that can be raised for these charities through this simple collection. You will find a new box in the hall marked clearly, used stamps. Suggestions for beneficiaries have been received from members of the congregation. It would be appreciated if you would check that your preferred charity is part of such a scheme before doing SO.

Most importantly please leave 1 cm of envelope round the four edges of the stamp as this makes a great deal of difference to the value.

Thank you very much and please keep your stamps coming! **Christine Collingwood** 

## St Francis-tide Service of



## Blessing the Animals



A short service of blessing will be held in the church on

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October at 4.30 pm



Bring your pets – all God's creatures welcome

## Three Weddings, Two Rehearsals, Two Baptisms and a Faith Lunch all in under 52 hours of arriving back at Edinburgh Airport

Most of you will be aware that there was a film called Four weddings and A Funeral several years ago. I did watch it at the time and probably a few times since. Well, when I got back from a recent holiday, which was by the way amazing, I had Three Weddings, Two Rehearsals, Two Baptisms, and a Faith Lunch all within 52 hours of arriving back at Edinburgh Airport.

I am so glad that I managed to sleep for almost the whole flight back from New York. I knew that I would not have time to suffer from jet lag. Having landed in Edinburgh at 10.45am on the Friday morning, an hour behind schedule, I had been home got showered and changed and was up at the church by 12.30 to take over from Gillian McLellan who had acted on my behalf for the two weddings that I had missed while on holiday. Thank you Gillian for that.



On the Friday afternoon at 2pm there was a lovely wedding in which Scottish the groom married a lovely Dutch bride. The groom and many of the male guests his side were on sporting waistcoats or in his case trews which had been made in the Dutch tartan, a lovely blend of green and orange in muted

shades. Although the bride spoke English very well, her family were not quite so fluent and it had been decided that there would be no hymn singing. There were additional readings, one in particular sounded so much more romantic when spoken with a Dutch accent.

There were two rehearsals that evening for the Saturday and the Sunday weddings. By the time that I got home on the Friday evening after a quick supermarket trip, it was 8.30pm.

On the Saturday there was another lovely wedding, this time involving a groom from the Air Force Regiment and a very petite bride who just happens to be an ex Scottish International Indoor Hockey Captain. Her three very glamorous bridesmaids were also hockey players and one had heard that week that she had been selected to represent Scotland in the forthcoming Commonwealth Games. They had all met at school in Dundee and their coach and mother of one of the bridesmaids was responsible for doing all the flowers for the wedding. She was not a trained florist. She had been a school teacher but was a very keen and enthusiastic amateur floral art club member. The pedestal arrangement which she created was beautiful. Following the marriage ceremony and signing of the schedule and register, the couple's little girl, Eva was baptised using the small portable font which had been moved into position at the front of the church.

At the Sunday service that week there was another baptism for a family who had had their older child baptised a few years ago. The Faith Lunch to acknowledge the amazing service that our retiring organist, John Blaber, has given to the church over the past seven years followed the morning service. This was a lovely occasion marked with a couple of musical renditions. Ella and Derek Henderson had written words to be sung to John and Myrtle. This was sung with gusto and brought lovely smiles to everyone's faces. Steve Haigh then introduced another musical interlude which he began but which everyone else joined in to say "Thank You For The Music."

John was then back on duty for the third wedding that weekend. As with so many weddings that St. Mary's has the honour to host, this wedding was a bit less ordinary. The bride was Scottish. I remember her as a little girl in Uphall. Her groom was Indian. His parents and many family members had flown in from India for the marriage. The couple had met in London when studying for their professional qualifications in accountancy. There had been a ceremony followed by a reception at the Dalmahoy on the Saturday evening in keeping with the groom's cultural background. The bride had worn a stunning sari designed by her mother in law to be. The party had apparently lasted into the early

hours of the Sunday morning and yet at 3pm it was all set to start again but this time in keeping with the bride's religious and cultural background.

The groom and his many ushers who had flown in from all over the World, sported kilt outfits and looked extremely handsome. This was probably the largest number of wedding guests that the church has ever hosted. In excess of 150 guests were expected. Space had been created by removing three pews to make more space for the many younger guests to stand. The bride wore a beautiful traditional white dress. The service was conducted by the minister from the church which the bride's parents attend in Edinburgh. I always enjoy experiencing the different services when we have guest clergy. Although that Sunday had seen two very heavy downpours between the end of the morning service and the arrival of the bride, the sun did come out by the time that the wedding guests were due to exit the church. There had been some very loud claps of thunder during the service.

It did take quite a while to restore the church to the way that we are used to seeing it but I can honestly say that by the time that I left that evening just before 6 o'clock, that I had had a weekend to remember for all the best of reasons

I get so much more from being wedding coordinator than I ever envisaged when I agreed to take on the role and since that first wedding, more than 200 couples have been married in the church and I have had the privilege of being present at a great many of them.

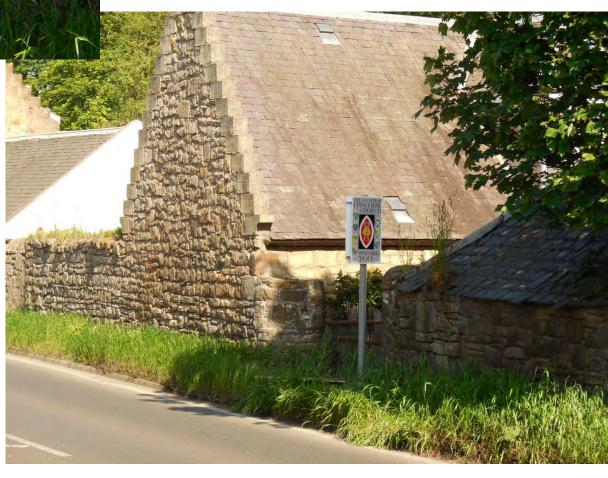
Carole MacBride

## The 'Pub' Sign comes to Dalmahoy

It's instantly recognisable, even at a glance at 50mph on the A71. Rona



has led the rallying charge for the 'pub' sign, as it is fondly known, to go up on the main road, for a very long time. At last we are advertising ourselves in this familiar guise to passers-by. We continue to receive folk for weddings and other occasional services who say they that, having been up and down the road for years — even up and down to the hotel for years — they had no idea the church was here. Congratulations and well done Rona!



### 'Just Festival'

(formerly 'Festival of Spirituality and Peace')

Lots of fascinating opportunities offered here, many at St John's, Princes Street, as an alternative approach to 'Festival'. Do check the programme on the 'Just Festival' website, or order a paper copy (online).

## Craig Lodge

A short reminder that there is still an opportunity for anyone who would like to join in on our next visit to Craig Lodge.

The dates are Monday 8th September until Thursday 11th September. Please contact Jane Helliwell if interested.

22. **Diary of Events, Aug - Sept 2014** 

Date	Times	Venue	Event
Sat 2 Aug	14.00	Church	Marriage of Jacqueline Croplay to Ross Barnes
Sun 3 Aug	1030	Church	Sung Eucharist  Collection of groceries/ toiletries for Edinburgh City
Wed 6 Aug	11.00	Church	Mission Eucharist (Transfiguration of Our Lord)
Fri 8 Aug	14.00	Church	Marriage of Leanne McKenny to David Crilly
Sat 9 Aug	14.00	Church	Marriage of Natasha McGovern to Joshua Hardy
Sat 9 Aug	17.00- 21.00	Rectory	BBQ
Sun 10 Aug	08.55	Church	Choir Practice
, tag	10.30	Church	Sung Eucharist
Wed 13 Aug	11.00	Church	Eucharist
Sat 16 Aug	14.30	Church	Marriage of Kirsty Ann Reid to Greg Rutherford
Sun 17 Aug	8.55	Church	Choir Practice
3	10.30	Church	Sung Eucharist with Baptism of Lewis Waymark

## Diary of Events (cont)

Date	Times	Venue	Event
Mon 18 Aug	13.00	Church	Marriage of Grit Baermann to Matthias Berger
Wed 20 Aug	11.00	Church	Eucharist
Sat 23 Aug	14.00	Church	Marriage of Lindsay Knowles to Scott Stewardson
Sun 24 Aug	8.55	Church	Choir Practice
	10.30	Church	Sung Eucharist
	12.30	Hall	Ministry Leadership Team Meeting
Wed 27 Aug	11.00	Church / Hall	Eucharist and Dalmations Meeting – '500 Miles' Charity (Olivia Giles)
Sat 30 Aug		Hall	Scruffs Dog Show
Sun 31 Aug	08.55	Church	Choir Practice
	10.30	Church	Sung Eucharist
	18.30	Church	Evening Prayer
Wed 3 Sept	11.00	Church	Eucharist
Fri 5 Sept	Tbc	Church	Marriage of Louise Gray to Martin McGreevy

## Diary of Events (cont)

Date	Times	Venue	Event
Sat 6 Sept	Tbc	Church	Marriage of Kelsie Williamson to Jonathan Coulter
Sat 6 Sept	18.00- dawn	Church	Vigil for Peace
Sun 7 Sept	8.55	Church	Choir Practice
	10.30	Church	Sung Eucharist Matronal Festival
			(Collection of groceries/ toiletries for St Salvador's Food Bank)
Wed 10 Sept	11.00	Church	Sung Eucharist
Fri 12 Sept	14.00	Church	Marriage of Ailie Bishop to Kevin McLennan
Sat 13 Sept	13.30	Church	Marriage of Sarah Robinson to Paul Tate
Sun 14 Sept	08.55	Church	Choir Practice
	10.30	Church	Sung Eucharist
Wed 17 Sept	11.00	Church	Eucharist

## Diary of Events (cont)

Date	Times	Venue	Event
Sun 21 Sept	08.55	Church	Choir Practice
	10.30	Church	Sung Eucharist
Wed 24 Sept	11.00	Church	Eucharist & Dalmations Meeting – 'Harmonies in Glass & Wood (Scott Irvine)
Fri 26 Sept	14.00	Church	Marriage of Cheryl-Lee Nielson to Paul Morrison
Sun 28 Sept	08.55 10.30	Church	Choir Practice Sung Eucharist
Sun 5 Oct	16.30	Church	Animal Blessing Service

#### WHO'S WHO (cont)

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Fifth Sunday Jane Russell

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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 October/November Issue is Sunday 14 September