



# In Touch

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St Mary's Church,  
Dalmahoy

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### **A note from Deryck**

“Think globally, act locally!” – isn’t that how the slogan went? In the wake of Brexit and the threat of eternal Trump-eting on the far side of the Atlantic, some are quick to assure us that the future will not really be so bad as other punters were quick to threaten...

Now the local press wakes us up to the hidden surprise that one of our local farmers may be persuaded to sell the field around the Rectory and Ratho Park Hotel, as well as its counterpart to the west side of the Dalmahoy (Ratho) Road, to developers wishing to create a new village of some 1200 homes. There’s a shock to an outgoing Rector keen to recommend the house to their successor, blessed as it is with a multitude of birds and other beasties! Opportunity or threat? There’s a question!

Is this a wonderful ‘outreach’ opportunity for St Mary’s, locating the church in very close proximity to a living community thus far strangely lacking? Or is it simply the potential devastation of yet more prime arable land in the Green Belt, with its richly varied wildlife?

The congregation and vestry will need to find some sort of common voice on this matter before plans develop much further. Whatever happens, God’s welcome in this place will continue unabated, of that I have no doubt. Hopefully, God’s little creatures may find welcome here too – they have given us great joy during our time here! Change always provides both threats and opportunities. But you have to look to what is right for those without a voice.

*With my love and every blessing,     Deryck*

## ***From the editor***

Many thanks to the folk who have contributed articles for this magazine, without them In Touch would not exist, your articles make this magazine the interesting read I hope it is.

Just one plea – can you please submit in A4 format: Arial 16 as I seem to spend a lot of time reformatting some articles.

At this time we are saying farewell to a 'weel ken't face' among us, Gillian McLennan, who by the time you read this will have left these shores for a future in Australia. Our good wishes go with her.

As you will see from other parts of the magazine we also say goodbye to Deryck & Christine as Deryck retires this month.

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

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## **HARVEST THANKSGIVING**

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September

10.30	Family Eucharist
12.00	Faith Lunch
15.30	Sung Evensong

## ***From the Registers***

### **Baptisms**

June 12<sup>th</sup> Cooper MacBride Gardner  
July 10<sup>th</sup> Charlotte Anne Hay  
24<sup>th</sup> Poppy Amber Ferguson

### **Weddings**

June 10<sup>th</sup> Kirsten Jack to Stephen Connolly  
12<sup>th</sup> Michelle Barbour to David Selwyn  
July 8<sup>th</sup> Ashleigh Munro to Daryl Pill  
15<sup>th</sup> Christine Murray to Kristopher Shankland  
24<sup>th</sup> Megan Weatherill to William Maclean

### **Funerals**

June 7<sup>th</sup> Sheila Breckons  
27<sup>th</sup> Jean Guinan  
July 13<sup>th</sup> Rozi Spurway  
14<sup>th</sup> May Findlay

*May they rest in peace and rise in glory*

## **Deryck**

I first met Deryck at a luncheon hosted by Chris and the late David Bond. Chris Bond said, "Rona you will really like him" and like him I did.

The first service I saw Deryck lead at St Mary's was a baptism. The time and care taken with the child and the family showed clearly how much Deryck loves children and it was evident how much pleasure it gave him to welcome the little girl in to the family of Christ. This was only a taster of what was to come. His very personal, caring and informal touch puts everyone at ease.

When I first heard Deryck was retiring I felt a mixture of joy and great sadness.

Joy in the hope that he and Christine would have more time together; he might enjoy a bit of a rest and would have the opportunity to use his remarkable people skills to good use in other ways. Great sadness to lose Christine and Deryck from our Church family.

Relationships are what our Christian life is about, caring for one another. Deryck, God has given you the special gift of caring. You have taken great care of every person you meet whether your flock or those who have just dropped in and moved on. You have worshipped alongside us, prayed with us, married our loved ones, Sons and Daughters, baptised our children and Grandchildren. You have also been there to comfort us through our grief.

Some people come in to our lives and make our life a little bit better, Deryck you are one of those people.

We will miss you so very much at St Mary's; you are a person of great integrity and humility. I have watched over the years

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the love and great patience you take with people, soothing concerns and gently guiding us on our spiritual journey. You have always put the needs of others before your own and sometimes to the detriment of your own health. On a family holiday, your Granddaughter awarded you the prize for being the best listener. She recognised that special quality; accolades do not come any higher than that, out of the mouths of babes and children.



Fun and laughter is a big part of our life at St Mary's and we certainly have shared lots of laughter over the years. I have a lasting memory of our very successful pantomime and Deryck, how could we forget you and Steve Haigh as the ugly sisters in Cinderella, hilarious. You played the part so convincingly that my brother commented you might have missed your true

vocation.

I respect the way you use your resources. St Mary's has benefitted from your generosity in many ways. As Christians, we strive to live our lives in a way pleasing to Christ and always mindful that everything is for the Glory of God. I admire the way you live your life and see you as a shining example. I wish you a very long and happy retirement.

Slainte mhor agus a h-uile beannachd duibh  
(Good health and every good blessing to you)

With love  
Rona x



## **Bible study Autumn 2016**

The Bible Study group is starting up again after its summer break at 7.30pm on Thursday 22nd September at 4, Horsburgh Grove, Balerno. Everyone is very welcome to come along. This autumn we will be engaging with the book of Ruth, the only book in the Hebrew bible named after a non-Jew and a woman. It's a fairly short book and its narrative style and happy ending has made it an OT favourite over the years. We usually spend an hour discovering what God wants to say to us through the passage, thinking of any questions that we would like to ask God, and considering what it means for us now at St Mary's. The book is about a journey of uncertainty, so its relevance to us today may not be too difficult to discern. Still, strangely even passages we think are familiar often spring surprises on re-reading and in our conversations with others. As we explore the text, we too will step into the unknown and the unfamiliar as we encounter the living God...and of course, tea, coffee, biscuits and cake!

John Starr (0131 449 3045)

## **St Scruffs Dog Show**



This year's event was well attended with familiar faces and of course tails, as well as quite a few new dogs who brought their humans along! All the dogs were very well behaved during their classes and while waiting for each class to begin. Throughout the afternoon Jane Russell's young grandson worked tirelessly at the raffle table and the whole afternoon raised approximately £100 for the Dogs Trust. At the end of the afternoon everyone assembled in the hall for tea and coffee and to announce the winners of the raffle. A great time was had all and I'm looking forward to next year. Mandy Smart.

## **Our Visit to the United States**

Maureen and I were invited to join "The Lost Souls" for the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of their Walking Group. This connection was started purely by chance back in 1999, when one of their group was staying at Dalmahoy Hotel on business, came down to St. Mary's on the Sunday, and picked up a magazine. This he passed round the congregation of St. Thomas' Episcopal Church in New Jersey, and I was contacted by their walking organiser June Filipski, and their minister Rev. Ann Holt got in touch with Dean Fostekew, our minister back then.

Following numerous exchanges, we extended an invitation to them to join us in the 150<sup>th</sup> year celebrations of St. Mary's during the year 2000. To our delight and surprise 10 came over in the summer, staying at a local B&B for a few nights, before exploring a little more of Scotland. During their stay we did some walking, we put on a ceilidh (which they still remember with affection), and took part in the Sunday service (see photo).

Betty and I followed their visit, by going over there in the Autumn of 2001, not specifically for a walking weekend, but to stay with Ann and Jack Holt. They were so friendly and hospitable, walks during the weekend and attending their church, and meeting up with all who had visited St. Mary's.

So started a friendship that has lasted all these years. Betty and I were then joined by Maureen for three of the next four visits, all in the Autumn, including a weekend away walking. We also met up one summer in Engleberg in Switzerland. In addition, some of them singly or in small groups have been back to Scotland, in particular June and David Savage have come over every 2 years or so, (David is originally from Northumberland and has family there), and they have often come on up to Scotland for a few days and stayed with Maureen.

All of them have kept in contact with Maureen and I since our last visit in 2011, and have given me tremendous support from a distance during the past year. So it was that with their 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary coming up, they invited Maureen and I to join them.

On May 3<sup>rd</sup> we set off for a fortnight. We were met at Newark Airport (flight direct from Edinburgh) by June and Ed Filipski who took me to stay with Ann and Jack, while Maureen stayed with them for a couple of nights, prior to travelling the 150 miles to Massachusetts. There were 19 of us, including 9 of the 10 who came in 2000 ( the 10th was recovering from an op.), and the welcome and friendship given to us was quite overwhelming, and it was hard to imagine that nearly five years had elapsed since our previous get together. They are a bit more scattered now, one couple now in Houston, and Jane and David now in Indianapolis, but coming together for the long weekend.

The weather was mixed, but we all managed one short walk together (see photo), plus a visit to the Hancock Shaker Village (*"immerse yourself in a hands-on history lesson that is as current as green living, equality and progressive thinking, hallmarks of the Shaker tradition"*). A few of us managed 2 longer walks, while others visited museums and gardens. The celebrations were brought to a close in the hotel, with the "Lost Souls Eucharist Service" conducted by Rev. Ann Holt (*Collect for the Renewal of Life;-- Psalm 95 "O come let us sing unto the Lord--";-- the hymn which has come to mean so much for the group, " I come with joy ---"As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud division ends, That love that made us makes us one, and strangers now are friends"; --and finishing with "Celtic Blessing for a Journey" , added I am sure because Maureen and I were with them.*)

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Jane and David then drove us to their house on the outskirts of Indianapolis, getting on for about 1,000 miles over 2 days. We enjoyed a week of walking, visiting museums, state parks and helping in the garden. They also have a cabin tucked away in beautiful countryside where we stayed for three nights, where they have a passion for native plants in an effort to return the area to it's past. The visit concluded with joining in the worship at St.David's Episcopal Church on Pentecost Sunday, a congregation about the same size as St.Mary's. We were introduced, and made very welcome by all, and of course the service followed the same pattern we are used to.

So, a fortnight away with close friends, loving and spoiling us all the time. Jane and David took us to Indianapolis airport, plane from there to Newark, and overnight to Edinburgh. A truly wonderful break with a group who made us so welcome.

Geoff





VISIT BY "LOST SOULS" IN 2000.



"LOST SOULS" IN WEST VIRGINIA 2006



"LOST SOULS" IN PENNSYLVANIA 2011



"LOST SOULS" IN MASSACHUSETTS 2016

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## Sunday Readings for

		Old Testament
Aug 7	Pentecost 12	Genesis 15: 1-6
Aug 14	Pentecost 13	Jeremiah 23: 23-29
Aug 21	Pentecost 14	Isaiah 58: 9-14
Aug 28	Pentecost 15	—
Sept 4	Pentecost 16	Deuteronomy 30: 15-20
Sept 11	Pentecost 17	—
Sept 18	Pentecost 18	Amos 8: 4-7
Sept 25	Harvest Thanksgiving	—
Oct 2	Pentecost 20	Habakkuk 1: 1-4; 2: 1-4
Oct 9	Pentecost 21	2 Kings 5: 1-3, 7-15b
Oct 16	Pentecost 22	Genesis 32: 22-31
Oct 23	Pentecost 23	Ecclesiasticus 35: 12-17
Oct 30	All Saints	Daniel 7: 1-3, 15-18

## August - October 2016

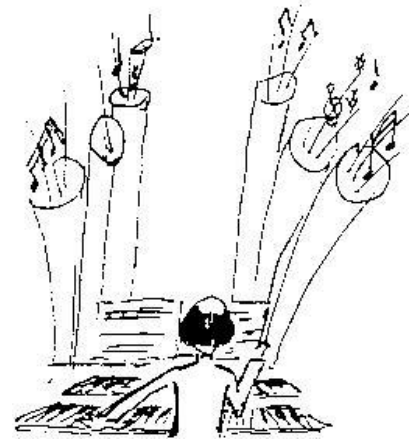
Epistle	Gospel
Hebrews 11: 1-3, 8-16	Luke 12: 32-40
Hebrews 11: 29 -12: 2	Luke 12: 49-56
Hebrews 12: 18-29	Luke 13: 10-17
Hebrews 13: 1-8, 15-16	Luke 14: 1, 7-14
Philemon 1-21	Luke 14: 25-33
1 Timothy 1: 12-17	Luke 15: 1-10
1 Timothy 2: 1-7	Luke 16: 1-13
Philippians 4: 4-9	John 6: 25-35
2 Timothy 1: 1-14	Luke 17: 5-10
2 Timothy 2: 8-15	Luke 17: 11-19
2 Timothy 3: 14 – 4: 5	Luke 18: 1-8
2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 16-18	Luke 18: 9-14
Ephesians: 1: 11-23	Luke 6: 20-31
Hebrews 11: 1-3, 8-16	Luke 12: 32-40

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## **Organist's Corner**

Programme Notes for August/September  
by Alan John Phillips

**Thank you all so much for the very kind and unexpected card and gift on the occasion of my moving to Mid Calder. Since I now reside within the official parish boundary (just!), I can truly be called 'Resident Organist'!**



Thomas Tomkins and Orlando Gibbons are the last flowering of the Jacobean virginalists, then we jump to the Restoration for music by Christopher Gibbons (Orlando's son), Locke, Purcell and Croft.

### **Sunday 7th August - Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Thomas Tomkins (1572-1656)**

*Prelude: Clarifica me Pater - Tomkins*

*Communion: A Verse of 3 Parts - Tomkins*

*Postlude: Fancy: July 8, 1647 - Tomkins*

### **Sunday 14th August - Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)**

*Prelude: Galiardo - Gibbons*

*Communion: The Lord of Salisbury His Pavan - Gibbons*

*Postlude: Fantasia of four parts - Gibbons*

### **Sunday 21st August - Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Christopher Gibbons (1615-1676)**

*Prelude: Voluntary 2 (from Melothesia, 1673) – Matthew Locke*

*Communion: Voluntary 1 (from Melothesia, 1673) – Locke*

*Postlude: Voluntary for double organ – Christopher Gibbons*

### **Sunday 28th August - Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Matthew Locke (c.1621-1677)**

*Prelude: Voluntary 3 (from Melothesia, 1673) – Locke*

*Communion: Voluntary 6 (from Melothesia, 1673) – Locke*

*Postlude: Voluntary 7 for double organ (from Melothesia, 1673) – Locke*



## Sunday 4th September - Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

**Henry Purcell (1659-1695)**

*Prelude: Voluntary in G - Purcell*

*Communion: Voluntary in C - Purcell*

*Postlude: Voluntary for double organ - Purcell*

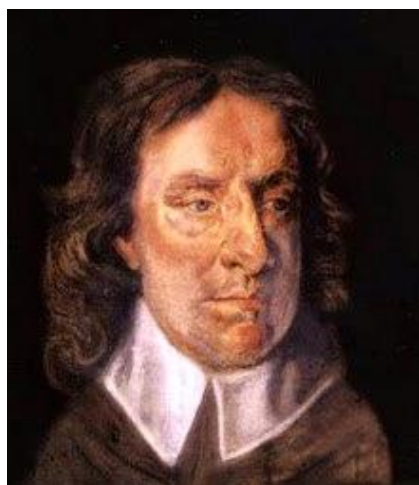
## Sunday 11th September - Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

**William Croft (1678-1727)**

*Prelude: Voluntary 11 - Croft*

*Communion: Voluntary 8 - Croft*

*Postlude: Voluntary 9 for double organ – Croft*



*Top row, left to right: Thomas Tomkins, Orlando Gibbons, Christopher Gibbons.*

*Bottom row, left to right: Matthew Locke, Henry Purcell, William Croft*

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### **RAMBLINGS OF A TIRED MIND:**

I found this timely, because today I was in a store that sells sunglasses, and only sunglasses. A young lady walks over to me and asks, "what brings you in today?"

I looked at her, and said, "I'm interested in buying a refrigerator". She didn't quite know how to respond.

Am I getting to be that age?

**For what would I be coming in there, if not sunglasses. ?**

**And she is allowed to vote.....that scares me.....**

I was thinking about how a status symbol of today is those cell phones that everyone has clipped onto their belt or purse. I can't afford one. So I'm wearing my garage door opener.

I was thinking about old age and decided that old age is when you still have something on the ball but you are just too tired to bounce it.

When people see a cat's litter box they always say, 'Oh, have you got a cat?'

Just once I want to say, 'No, it's for company!'

Employment application blanks always ask who is to be called in case of an emergency.

I think you should write "*An Ambulance*"

***I was thinking about how people seem to read the Bible a whole lot more as they get older. Then it dawned on me. They were cramming for their finals.***

As for me, I'm just hoping God grades on the curve.

The older you get the tougher it is to lose weight because your body and your fat have become really good friends.

**The easiest way to find something lost around the house is to buy a replacement.**

Did you ever notice: The Roman Numerals for forty (40) are 'XL'

The sole purpose of a child's middle name is so he can tell when he's really in trouble.

### **Aging:**

**Eventually you will reach a point when you stop lying about your age and start bragging about it.**

**Some people try to turn back their "odometers." Not me. I want people to know 'why' I look this way. I've travelled a long way and some of the roads weren't paved.**

Lord, Keep your arm around my shoulder and your hand over my mouth.

Submitted by Ted Tracey Bower

## **‘Just Festival’ : 5<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> August**

(formerly ‘Festival of Spirituality and Peace’)



Lots of fascinating opportunities offered at both St John's, Princes Street and the Quaker Meeting House, as an alternative approach to 'Festival'.

Check the programme on the 'Just Festival' website: [www.just-festival.org](http://www.just-festival.org) or order a paper copy (online) or see a copy in the hall.

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Sacred and Folk  
Music  
For Russian Choir

Concert



## Voskresenije

**Vocal Ensemble - St. Petersburg**

Director, Jurij Maruk

St Mary's Episcopal Church

Dalmahoy

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2016

7.30 pm

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Tickets £10.00 / £8.00 conc.



## A Birthday Celebration.

During the life of the last magazine Deryck celebrated another birthday and this was marked by indulgence in Birthday cake in the hall following the morning service.



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Gillian McLennan who was always ready to chat and lend a hand

May this blessing go with you to Australia.

### Scottish Blessing

If after Kirk ye bide a wee,  
There's some would like to  
speak to ye.

If after Kirk ye rise and flee  
We' all seem cauld and still  
to ye.

The one that's in the seat  
with ye

Is stranger here than ye,  
maybe.

All here have got their fears  
and cares,

And ye your soul unto our  
prayers,

Be ye our angel unawares.

## ***Diary of Events, August - September 2016***

Date	Times	Venue	Event
Wed 3 Aug	1100	Church	Eucharist
Fri 5 Aug	1430	Church	Marriage of Joanne Stewart & Daryl McIntosh
Sat 6 Aug	1400	Church	Marriage of Natalie Reekie & Oliver Cocking
Sun 7 Aug	0855	Church	Choir Practice
	10.30		Sung Eucharist  (Collection of groceries/ toiletries for St Salvador's Food Bank)
	1230	Hall	Ministry Leadership Team Meeting
Mon 8 Aug	19.00	Church	Eucharist Service
Wed 10 Aug	11.00	Church	Eucharist
Thu 11 Aug	Tbc	Church	Marriage of Caroline & Mark
Sat 13 Aug	14.00	Church	Marriage Blessing for Cleo Biron & Ian Fitzsimons
Sun 14 Aug	0855	Church	Choir Practice
	1030		Sung Eucharist

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## ***Diary of Events (cont)***

Date	Times	Venue	Event
Wed 17 Aug	11.00	Church	Eucharist
Sat 20 Aug	1400	Church	Marriage of Emma Shaw & Iain Crolla
Sun 21 Aug	0855 1030	Church	Choir Practice Sung Eucharist
Wed 24 Aug	1100	Church	Eucharist
Sun 28 Aug	0855 1030 1830	Church	Choir Practice Sung Eucharist & Baptism of Marc and Jacob Coan Evening Prayer
Wed 31 Aug	11.00 12.30	Church Hall	Eucharist Dalmations Resumes Au Revolr – Deryck Collingwood
Sat 3 Sept	1400	Church	Marriage of Caroline Farrell & Alistair Mills
Sun 4 Sept	0855 1030	Church	Choir Practice Sung Eucharist (Collection of groceries/toiletries for St Salvador's Food Bank)
Mon 5 Sept	1930	Hall	Vestry Meeting



***Diary of Events (cont)***

Date	Times	Venue	Event
Wed 7 Sept	1100	Church	Eucharist
Sat 10 Sept	Tbc	Church	Marriage of Helena Gardner & Graham Johnston
	1800-2400	Church	St Mary's-tide ' <i>Vigil for Peace</i> '
Sun 11 Sept St Mary's Matronal Festival	0855 1030	Church	Choir Practice Sung Eucharist & Baptism of Sienna
Wed 14 Sept	1100	Church	Eucharist
Sat 17 Sept	1330	Church	Marriage of Anne Marie Robertson & Alan Forrest
Sun 18 Sept	0855 1030	Church	Choir Practice Sung Eucharist
Wed 21 Sept	1100	Church	Eucharist
Fri 23 Sept	1930?	Hall	Ceilidh with Auld Reekie
Sun 25 Sept  Harvest Thanksgiving	0855	Church	Choir Practice
	1030		Sung Eucharist
	1200	[Hall]	Faith Lunch
	1300		Marriage of Victoria Whitelaw & Niki Bolton
	1530		Sung Evensong
Wed 28 Sept	1100 1400	Church	Eucharist Marriage of Natalie Lussey & Quincy Seale
Fri 30 Sept- Sun 2 Oct		Bishop's House, Iona	Weekend away

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## **WHO'S WHO (cont)**

### **Vestry:**

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Carole MacBride  
Bill Scott

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<b>Fabric Coordinator</b>	Rosemary Procter
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<b>Head Server</b>	Denis King
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Claire Starr  
Rosemary Procter

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**Stewards for each Sunday:**

First Sunday	Richmond Davies
Second Sunday	Wilma Brown
Third Sunday	Val Lawrie
Fourth Sunday	Jane Russell
Fifth Sunday	Alan Coupe

If you need transport to or from church on Sunday,  
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**Service Times**

Sunday	Morning Prayer	10.00am
	Sung Eucharist	10.30am
Last Sunday of the month	Evening Prayer	6.30pm
Wednesday	Said Eucharist	11.00am

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

<p><b>Copy date for the October/November Issue is Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September</b></p>
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