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A note from Deryck

In a little book called 'Beyond Confirmation' Stephen Hance borrows a story about C S Lewis, from another author, Philip Yancey, about God's grace. It runs like this:

People at an inter-faith conference were having a debate about the uniqueness of Christian faith. Other religions were coming up with different versions of 'Incarnation', 'Resurrection' and so on. He says, 'C S Lewis came in and asked what the rumpus was about. "Oh that's easy", he said. "It's grace." And, after some discussion, the others had to agree.

The notion of God's love coming to us free of charge goes against every human instinct. The Buddhist eightfold path, Hindu Karma, the Jewish covenant, Muslim law, all these offer a way to earn approval. Only Christianity dares to make God's love unconditional.' *

We all too easily try to make that love conditional by expecting others to express a faith in God and Christ in the same way that we do. There is no real indication in the New Testament that Jesus expected his followers to constrain new disciples into patterns of worship, or even belief beyond accepting him as bearing God's living Word among us.

On December 15th some of our members will be confirmed by Bishop John as disciples of Christ within the Episcopal Church and within this congregation. It doesn't mean they – or we – have 'arrived' in any sense, but it does mean that we reaffirm our journey together in the company of one another as fellow disciples, seeking Christ's Way by God's good grace.

Please pray for them in this step of faith, and for us all as a congregation in the process.

With my love and prayers
Deryck

[* Stephen Hance, Beyond Confirmation, BRF 2003, p35f]

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From the editors

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with thanks to John Blaber for doing this so efficiently. To access the magazine, go to the website, where you will find *In Touch* in the News section.

Here we can keep our photographs in full colour – to have them printed this way would be very expensive. To capitalize on this, there will, on occasions, be extra pages in the web version, to include those photographs we would like to use but do not have space for, or which would be ineffective once in grey scale.. This month, there are extra pages with further harvest pictures as well as those from the ceilidh and the Russian Choir. Do have a look and let us know what you think.

Note: if you view the web version of In Touch at 70%, that will give you the same size pictures etc as in the printed magazine.

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.

Margaret Scott

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From the Registers

Baptisms

Oct 6th Fraser Kerr MacKenzie
 20th Finn Cameron Ferguson

Weddings

Oct 5th Matthew Pirie to Marlena Galczewski
 12th Alistair Denholm to Amanda Byrne
 Nov 16th Christopher Day to Ceri Ledger
 23rd Matthew Williams to Jacqueline Drewitt

Stop Press – AGM

With detailed reports from all areas of the life of St Mary's being distributed in advance of the AGM, the actual AGM progressed very smoothly, with various points being clarified after questions from the floor.

Appreciation was expressed for all the hard work put in by so many folk over the year – St Mary's is lucky to have so many competent and willing volunteers. New members were elected for the Vestry, with Geoff Angell replacing Ted Tracey-Bower as Lay Rep, and John Blaber being re-elected as Alternate Lay Rep. With farewells to Carole MacBride, John Pelham and Douglas Walker after their three year term, Richmond Davies, Gillian McLennan and Bill Scott were welcomed on to the Vestry for the next three years.



Sunday 15th December

Bishop John will be with us at 10.30 am on 15th December to confirm some of our members, including Mark Bradshaw, Margaret Hunter and Carole MacBride. Do please hold them in your prayers and be here if you can to support them on this important occasion.

If anyone else would like to join them, this can still be arranged. In addition to confirmation, it is also possible to re-affirm your baptismal vows (having already been 'confirmed'), which some people find a very meaningful thing to do before the bishop. Do please have a word with me as soon as possible if you might be interested.

Thank you.

Deryck

**There will be a Faith Lunch in the hall
after the service.**

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Harvest



When we think of harvest festivals, we think of sheaves of corn, fruit and vegetables – all the good things produced from our earth, needing both toil from the farmers and the gifts of nature – good soil, sun and rain. In a society which is basically a subsistence one, this can still be true, but more and more we are separated from the production of our basic foods, and so this year at St

Mary's we decided to broaden the meaning of harvest to include all the talents of the congregation. We recognise that we are extremely lucky in that we no longer have to put in long back-breaking hours to obtain our food, but we can nevertheless still put in a great deal of effort to help those on the earth less fortunate than us.

When we came to decorate the church for harvest, we found that two windows had already been decorated by Janet, one with the kind of rubbish we discard without a second thought, and one with natural goods from the earth. There were also prayers beside these windows

Lord of the Harvest

We remember those who have no harvest today, because of drought, flood, famine and conflict.

Lord of the Harvest

We pray for people so poor that they cannot help themselves;

where subsistence crops have been destroyed by climatic disasters;

for people living in areas where rainfall is unreliable and varies from year to year.

We pray for small children who die of malnutrition and others who suffer disease because mothers do not understand the values of different kinds of food.

We pray for little children too young to pray for themselves.

Written by young people in Kenya



Lord of the Harvest

We remember those who have no harvest today because of exploitation and misuse of the land and its resources.

A Prayer for the right use of the earth's resources

Creator God,

We Rejoice O Lord that you have made the earth so rich in natural resources.

We pray that we may learn to use them responsibly, not wasting them on what we do not need; not polluting the soil, the air, the sea;

not wantonly destroying the life of animals and plants

but taking care to hand on to those coming after us an earth fit for the life of all things.

To the honour of your name.



Continuing this theme, we decorated the altar rail with tiny jumpers and hats, knitted by members of the congregation for “fish and chip” babies – those born so small that they are wrapped in newspaper to keep them warm; the ends of the pews with hats knitted for

seafarers and the

lectern with items for backpacks for Mary's Meals. It was certainly different and the sermon for the day also reflected the use of our gifts and talents.

Thanks go to everyone who helped to clean and decorate the church – the beautiful flowers, the produce – and the fun!

Chris Bond



Harvest



The porch is very welcoming



The font is beautifully decorated



The Millennium Window gets a makeover



Carole at work!



*Beneath the Altar –
traditional and modern*



*The church at harvest – hats for
seafarers adorn the ends of pews*



*Clothes for “fish and chip” babies
are hung from the pulpit and the
Altar Rail*



10.

Sunday Circle

I often think faith is like a treasure chest which we are given to live out of and use every day, yes, bits will get broken or lost, but God would rather we used it and lived it than we just carried it around and kept it safe. If we carry the treasure chest around and just take an occasional look inside it will be heavy and hard work, but if we wear its contents, it is light, beautiful and fun; other people will see it and wonder at it and we can help them to see they have a treasure chest and encourage them to open it and live out of it!



This is what we try to do at Sunday Circle we like to give everyone an experience of God, so we look at a passage or story and help to draw out what everyone knows about it and then explore it more deeply using different media – art, drama, eating, games.

Our priority is to invite the children into a prayerful experience, to become more deeply aware of God's relationship with them in every aspect of their life, rather than “tell” anyone what to believe. We hope Sunday Circle is a fun way to discover who God is and encourage different ways of relating to God, as every person is unique we each have a unique relationship with God.



So, I invite you to see the treasure chest God has given you, open it wide and wear everything in it – if you lose anything, don't worry someone else will find it and it might lead them to find their treasure chest, I don't think anything is ever lost to God!

Claire Starr

St. Mary's Church, Dalmahoy

Christmas Services

2013



Sunday 15 th Dec	10.30	Confirmation Service
	18.30	Carol Service with Christingles
Wednesday 18 th Dec	11.00	Eucharist (<i>in the hall</i>)
Sunday 22 nd Dec	10.30	Sung Eucharist (Advent 4)
Christmas Eve	23.30	Midnight Mass and Blessing of the Crib
Christmas Day	10.30	Family Eucharist
Sunday 29 th Dec	10.30	Sung Eucharist

12.

Dr Carol Williams' Organ Concert.



We were treated to a fabulous organ concert on Monday 28th October when Carol Williams, internationally renowned concert organist, civic organist of the city of San Diego, California, and resident organist at St Paul's Cathedral, San Diego, came to St Mary's. It was great to see as well as hear her via the two TV screens set up so we could not only watch her playing the manuals but also the pedals.

Carol played a very varied and enjoyable programme with music from the 15th to 21st century to a packed church, starting with a rousing piece called 'Festival' composed by Carol. Working through the centuries in the first half of her concert, she played pieces by

John Dunstable, William Byrd, J S Bach, J C Kittel and Joaquin Rodrigo. Carol also added an extra item not on the programme – a piece for pedals only, ironically called 'Holiday for Pedals' by the American composer Gordon Young, which she made look so easy. Her pedalling technique is wonderful to watch. Carol ended the first half of the evening with her own arrangement of a medley of Scottish tunes.

During the interval we were able to meet and chat to Carol and her husband Kerry in the Douglas Hall and browse through Carol's many CDs and DVDs. Drink and refreshments were available and many thanks to Margaret King and the team for making the interval run so smoothly.

The second half was introduced with 'Strike up the band' by George Gershwin. That was followed by another of Carol's compositions 'Twilight' which was inspired by the sun rising over Balboa Park where

Carol plays weekly Sunday concerts on what was, until recently, the largest outdoor organ in the world. Carol told us that in Germany an outdoor organ had recently 'stolen' the Guinness record from San Diego, but as Carol explained, the authorities of San Diego were already putting plans in place to add a few more stops to their organ to regain the record from the Germans. Then followed Eric Coates' 'Dam Busters' March'!!

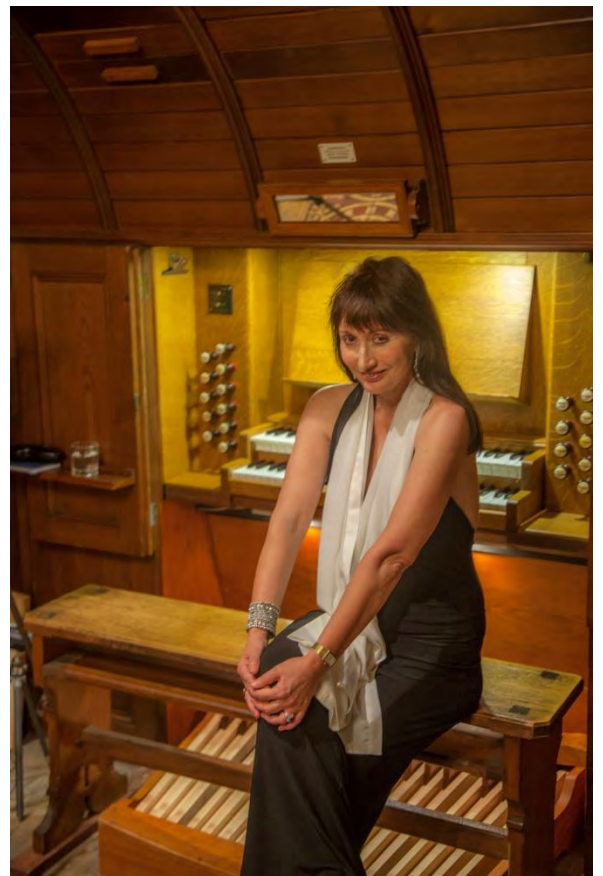
Carol added another extra surprise item – she played beautifully one of her own recent compositions on the piano, so recently composed that she had not yet given it a name! Then we had more well-known pieces in Carol's arrangement of a medley of Sousa Marches, and the concert came to an end with the famous Toccata from Widor's 5th Symphony, now often call the 'Wedding Toccata'. But that wasn't the end – after much applause Carol returned to play as an encore her own jazzy scintillating arrangement of J S Bach's D Minor 'Toccata'.

The whole concert was made even more enjoyable with Carol's very engaging and amusing chats between pieces.

Carol thoroughly enjoyed coming to St Mary's, and was very complimentary about the people, the church and our organ. Carol and Kerry stayed with us from Saturday through to Tuesday and were very welcome house-guests. Carol rounded off her stay with some horse-riding at the Lanark Equestrian Centre, before departing to give a concert at Glasgow University Chapel.

We hope Carol will return again soon – the concert was such great fun. We are very honoured that world-class organists are pleased to come and play for us at St Mary's.

John Blaber



Advent Quiet Day



A journey through Advent
On Saturday 30th November
Come from 10am for a coffee to begin at 10.30am
We will have soup and bread at about 12.30pm
and finish by 3.30pm
In the hall we will have a labyrinth with
different stations for reflection
And in the church we will have further quiet reflective spaces
Just bring yourselves and an open heart.

Claire Starr



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Tree Hotline 0845 111 8733

Nobody should have to sleep rough this winter. With the Care Shelter already in its second week, now is the time to help homeless people in need of this vital service by buying your Caring Christmas Tree.

With freezing winter temperatures on the way putting homeless people at risk, every Caring Christmas Tree you buy has the potential to save a life.

Here's how you can help:



Buy a Caring Christmas Tree – order online

at www.caringchristmastrees.com or call **0845 111 8733**.

Order deadline if you want to collect on Saturday 7th December is 12 noon on Monday 2nd December

Order deadline if you want to collect on Friday 13th / Saturday 14th December is 12 noon on Monday 9th December



Volunteer for Caring Christmas Trees – could you spare a few hours to help us hand out trees in December? Perhaps you could rope in a few friends or your team at work? Visit our website to sign up to volunteer

Please visit the Caring Christmas Trees website to buy your tree and contact us if you would like to find out more about our trees or Bethany's work with homeless people.

Bethany is heavily dependent on the goodwill of the public to finance its services.

Thank you for your support.

Aidan Heald / Becky Campbell

Bethany Fundraising Interns

Sunday Readings for

		First Reading
Dec 1	YEAR A Advent 1	Isaiah 2: 1-5
Dec 8	Advent 2	Isaiah 11: 1-10
Dec 15	Advent 3	Isaiah 35: 1-10
Dec 22	Advent 4	Isaiah 7: 10-16
Dec 24	Christmas Eve	Isaiah 52: 7-10
Dec 25	Christmas Day	Isaiah 9: 2-7
Dec 29	Christmas 1	Isaiah 63: 7-9
Jan 5	Epiphany of Our Lord	Isaiah 60: 1-6
Jan 12	Baptism of Christ	—
Jan 19	Epiphany 2	Isaiah 49: 1-7
Jan 26	Epiphany 3	Isaiah 9: 1-4
Feb 2	Presentation of Christ	Malachi 3: 1-5
Feb 9	Epiphany 5	Isaiah 58: 1-9a
Feb 16	Epiphany 6	Deuteronomy 30: 15-20
Feb 23	Epiphany 7	Leviticus 19: 1-2, 9-18

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Epistle	Gospel
Romans 11: 13-14	Matthew 24: 36-44
Romans 15: 4-13	Matthew 3: 1-12
—	Matthew 11: 2-11
Romans 1: 1-7	Matthew 1: 18-25
—	John 1: 1-14
—	Luke 2: 1-14
—	Matthew 2: 13-23
Ephesians 3: 1-12	Matthew 2: 1-12
Acts 10: 34-43	Matthew 3: 13-17
1 Corinthians 1: 1-9	John 1: 29-42
1 Corinthians 1: 10-18	Matthew 4: 12-23
Hebrews 2: 14-18	Luke 2: 22-40
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

18.

Congregational Weekend 2014

Cumbrae - Cathedral of the Isles Millport.

Friday 2nd May - Monday 5th May

Please join us on our congregational weekend.

All age groups are welcome.

There is a list on the notice board in the Hall, please add your name. This promises to be a very enjoyable weekend.

For anyone who has not been to Cumbrae you are in for a treat.

Accommodation offered is a selection of 16 bedrooms. These include single, twin or double rooms and two family rooms. Five of the bedrooms are ensuite and there is also a ground floor bedroom and bathroom which is specifically set up for those who are physically less able.

Adults per night full board £60.00

Children 5 - 14 half price

Children under 5 free.

Once we have numbers we will arrange transport and we are hopeful those taking their car will be happy to offer transport.

Subsidies may be available, please speak with Deryck.



Pancake Family Morning

We are looking to hold a Family Fun Morning on Saturday near Shrove Tuesday next year.

Can you help to organise this and help on the day?

Please contact me if you can help.

Mandy Smart.



St Mary's Ceilidh

The annual ceilidh was held on Friday 25 October and a storming success it was. Once again the quiet, serene ambience of the church hall was given over to music, dance and much loud chatter. Our neighbours show great understanding on these nights and rather than listen to the muffled sound of the music from their homes they come along to the ceilidh. If it's going to be a noisy evening then why not be part of the action I say.

Young and old attended and those sporting tartan really added to the occasion. As soon as the first dance, a Gay Gordons, was called the band burst into tune and the ceilidh was underway. We had the full range of



abilities on show; those who could dance, those who thought they could and those who made no pretence to be Scottish dancers. None of it came close to the standards of the White Heather Club but there was great effort and high energy displayed all round and everyone benefited from the promptings of the dance caller, Margaret Scott. Her enthusiasm, know-how and tolerance levels seem to grow each year. I'm sure if it wasn't for her some dancers doing the Strip the Willow would carry on straight out the front door of the hall!

The musical accompaniment was provided by Auld Spice. They're a band of eight men and women whose wind and string instruments were in total harmony. They knew every waltz, reel and two step and never missed a beat all evening. You felt you just had to join in. The newly refurbished floor took a real battering but stood up to the test wonderfully and will be fit to resume normal service.

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At one point during the ceilidh everyone thought the hall had suffered a power cut but the unexpected darkness served only to herald the arrival of a candle lit birthday cake for a special lady. Olive Metcalfe, a stalwart of the church, was celebrating her birthday and looking as fit as ever. Congratulations to Olive and may her candles burn for a while yet.



The lights were restored and the dancing continued with even more gusto. The children especially were revitalised by the interval food and wanted to dance all night. Some of the more mature dancers were seen to be pacing themselves as their batteries began to run down but they still had enough puff for Auld Lang Syne at the end of the evening. When the curtain fell Auld Spice were accorded a thoroughly deserved loud round of applause.

These evenings have been most successful in raising money for church funds and special mention goes to those who donated items for the tombola, those who gave of their time in organising the event and a special thanks to everyone who attended and spent freely on the wonderful prizes.



Finally, to anyone who's never attended the ceilidh and is wondering what the fuss is about; look out your dancing shoes and give it a try next year.

Alan Logan

A Palestinian Whirl



Twelve days at end of September: a holiday originally planned to attend the wedding of the son of Palestinian friends from 25 years ago when Colin and I first went to live in Jerusalem. But visits to Palestine quickly assume a life of their own.

The wedding was in the Church of the Nativity, Bethlehem, with the reception in Beit Sahour. Westerners gasp as the bridal couple are raised on a round table top and danced through the assembled company who clap and dance with them. Amazing, and I've never seen one fall yet.

Also amazing: the new bride got her Irish visa just in time to accompany her husband, brother-in-law, his wife and two children, back to Dublin where both boys have jobs, having joined the Palestinian diaspora a few years ago. Lack of education and health services, no work and inability to travel for any reason – major reasons why there continues to be a haemorrhage of Christians from Palestinian areas.

Toward the end of the visit I was privileged to spend two full days with Shirabe, the Director of Sunbula Palestinian Fair Trade shop in Jerusalem. Although I couldn't stay on for the reopening on 23rd October of the refurbished shop in St. Andrew's Guest House, I do now feel back in touch with all the wonderful work being done there.

We drove to Balata refugee camp in Nablus, the largest in the West Bank, where the Haneen project is based. Here Shirabe is leading the way down an alleyway in the camp.



22.

Some women in Balata have set up a project empowering women through making handcrafts – very much like what almost all of our producer groups do. Sunbula has helped with product design and marketing. Hadeel hopes to be able to have some of their products soon on display in Edinburgh.

St. Mary's now regularly sells a range of Hadeel's Palestinian Fair Trade goods on their FT stalls, and some of the FT Group will visit Hadeel soon to choose goods for a sale or return stall before Christmas. Look on our website – www.hadeel.org if there is something you'd like to see on the stall, let one of the group know.

Finally, I hope there might be some small chance on Deryck's pilgrimage in February for them to be in touch with one of our suppliers, or indeed visit one of Sunbula's two shops in Jerusalem. I also have been encouraged to lead another supporters' trip in 2014 to learn more about our producer groups. Anyone interested, speak to me and I'll send details if and when they become available.

Carol Morton,
Director of Hadeel

Voskresenje 2013

The Feast of All Saints brought Voskresenje once again to St. Mary's and what a feast they brought us. They arrived at five-thirty, cold and exhausted, with only a few well-kent faces among them and yet how quickly they regained their enthusiasm, were eager for the chance to practise in the church and by seven-thirty were ready to thrill us once again with the incredible beauty of their singing.

It is not just the quality of the sound that marks out Voskresenje. The first half of the programme was, as ever, devoted to sacred music and the warmth of their conviction and the utter sincerity with which they offer prayer and praise is extremely powerful. I was sitting near the back of the church and it was difficult to make out the translated titles of the works, but this did not matter as it was easy to understand the meaning of each work or its part in the liturgy which we share with the Orthodox

churches simply from the tone and expression of their singing. I found the fervour with which they sang of the joy of the resurrection unbelievably moving and, as usual, really felt for the team of coffee/tea makers who had to leave before the *Ave Maria*, sung beautifully to a new setting by the first contralto.

I have always found it amazing that a choir composed of such a diverse selection of voices can blend together so perfectly or contrast with each other strikingly according to the demands of the music. Uri certainly works magic with them. This time I especially admired the versatility of the first tenor who could blend with the rest of the choir or provide a striking counter-tenor, with a purity and clarity which provided dynamic impact.

The second half was again devoted to folk music and we were treated to old favourites like the Volga Boat Song sung by a rich bass soloist. I did not recognise the setting of the choir's accompaniment, but found their control and dramatic variation of volume very stirring. We had been hoping for Anatole's drinking song and were



not disappointed. He knocked it back with enough fervour to convince anyone that he had been deprived of alcohol for years. Perhaps he has. Perhaps that is the secret of his success.

The church seemed very quiet after the singing was over but Voskresenije left joy behind them. We were sorry to see them go but look forward very much to seeing them back again next year and wish them well and a safe trip home when their tour ends. Our very grateful thanks also go to the Hall Committee and team of helpers who refreshed us in the interval, to Bill who, with his usual skill defused a potentially frantic parking situation and to all those who generously provided hospitality to our visitors

Ella Henderson



24.

Beer joint sues church....only in Texas!

Drummond's Bar began construction on expansion of their building to increase their business. In response, the local Baptist Church started a campaign to block the bar from expanding with petitions and prayers. Work progressed right up until the week before the grand reopening when lightning struck the building and it burned to the ground!

After the bar burned to the ground due to the lightning strike, the church folks were rather smug in their outlook, bragging about "the power of prayer", until the bar owner sued the church on the grounds that the church . . . "was ultimately responsible for the demise of his building, either through direct or indirect actions or means."

In its reply to the court, the church vehemently denied all responsibility or any connection to the building's demise.

The judge read through the plaintiff's complaint and the defendant's reply, and at the opening hearing he commented, "I don't know how I'm going to decide this, but it appears from the paperwork that we have a bar owner who believes in the power of prayer, and an entire church congregation that now does not."

Submitted by Jean Tracey-Bower

FOOD AND FILM

Are you aged 10 years or over?

Come and join us on Saturday, 14th December

6pm

At 4, Horsburgh Grove, Balerno, EH14 7BU

We will return you home at about 10pm

Food and Film provided!

Let us know if you can come by

Thursday, 12th December



Claire Starr

Email: See 'Contact Us' on church website – Sunday Circle

26.

The Mission to Seafarers



Following a delivery of knitted hats for seafarers, we received a letter of thanks; part of which is included below.

Please pass our thanks to all at St Mary's, the thoughtfulness of you all is so very much appreciated, and even though we have enjoyed a lovely summer it has still been very cold at sea, and winter in many other parts of the world.

An article in an edition of the *Flying Angel News*, told of a crew who stayed behind on board a ship in Mombasa as lay-up and dry docking crew. They were given repeated pledges that their back wages would be paid and they would be sent home. Instead the ship's owners stripped the vessel of anything valuable and fuel ran so low that the seafarers had to camp on an upper deck because of lack of lighting and air conditioning. They had very limited access to fresh water. Eventually the shipping company stopped supplying food and the Mission had to feed the men.

The Mission to Seafarers can make all the difference to the lives and working environments of those who do so much for us, and it is only with the help of our supporters that we are able to reach out with a message of love and hope in a harsh and often inhospitable environment.

Please do keep the knitting needles clicking for us whenever you are able. You remain very much in our prayers,

Jennifer K Gray

Diary of Events

Date	Times	Venue	Event
Saturday 30 November	10.00 – 16.00	Hall and Church	Quiet Day for Advent
Sunday 1 December	08.55	Church	Choir Practice
Advent Sunday	10.30	Church	Sung Eucharist
			Collection of groceries/ toiletries for St Salvador's Food Bank
	13.30	Church	Marriage of Graeme Stewart to Natalie Lovett
	18.30	Church	Eucharist with Prayer for Wholeness and Healing
Monday 2 December	19.30	Hall	Vestry Meeting (tbc)
Wednesday 4 December	11.00	Hall	Said Eucharist
Sunday 8 December	08.55	Church	Choir Practice
	10.30	Church	Sung Eucharist
	12.30	Hall	Meeting of Ministry Leadership Team
Monday 9 December	19.00	Hall	Meeting of Holy Land Pilgrimage Group
Wednesday 11 December	11.00	Hall	Said Eucharist
Saturday 14 December	10.00	Church and Hall	Decoration for Christmas

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Diary of Events (cont)

Date	Times	Venue	Event
Sunday 15 December	08.55	Church	Choir Practice
	10.30	Church	Sung Eucharist
			Confirmation Service with Bp John Armes
		Hall	Faith Lunch
	18.30	Church	Carol Service with Christingles
Wednesday 18 December	11.00	Hall	Said Eucharist
			Dalmatians – Christmas Celebration
Sunday 22 December	08.55	Church	Choir Practice
	10.30	Church	Sung Eucharist
	13.00	Church	Blessing Service for Isla Budzynski
Tuesday 24 December	23.30	Church	Midnight Mass of Christmas
Wednesday 25 December	10.30	Church	Family Eucharist
Saturday 28 December	13.00	Church	Marriage of Neil Payne to Lorna Campbell
Sunday 29 December	10.30	Church	Sung Eucharist

Diary of Events (cont)

Date	Times	Venue	Event
Wednesday 1 January	11.00	Hall	Said Eucharist
Sunday 5 January Epiphany	10.30	Church	Sung Eucharist Act of Affirmation and Re-dedication Collection of groceries/ toiletries for St Salvador's Food Bank
Wednesday 8 January	11.00	Hall	Said Eucharist
Sunday 12 January	10.30	Church	Sung Eucharist Baptism of Molly Margaret Baines
Wednesday 15 January	11.00	Hall	Said Eucharist
Sunday 19 January	10.30	Church	Sung Eucharist
Wednesday 22 January	11.00	Hall	Said Eucharist
Sunday 26 January	10.30	Church	Sung Eucharist
Wednesday 29 January	11.00	Hall	Said Eucharist

WHO'S WHO (cont)

Vestry:

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

Altar Guild

Denis King (co-ordinator)
Mavis Blackwell
Val Lawrie
Faye Watson

Child Protection/ Vulnerable Adults Co-ordinator	Chris Bond
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Covenants Sec.	Geoff Angell
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Fabric Co-ordinator	Rosemary Procter
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Head Server	Denis King
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Visiting Team:

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

Hall Co-ordinator

Chris Bond

Stewards for each Sunday:

First Sunday	Richmond Davies
Second Sunday	Rona Finlayson
Third Sunday	Val Lawrie
Fourth Sunday	Olive Metcalfe
Fifth Sunday	Jane Russell

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

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Prayer Chain:

John & Claire
Myrtle
Rona
Janet
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Margaret

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Margaret Scott
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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.

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