

# In Touch

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## ***A note from Deryck***

It's almost becoming a habit! This time last year I was preparing to go off to the Holy Land for a week and now quite a number from St Mary's are preparing to go very soon. Last year for me was a chance to update myself on the situation and possibilities; this year it's a proper pilgrimage. Please travel with us all in spirit!

This time of Epiphany, between Christmas and Lent, is a strange 'limbo' time in the church's year. Everything seems to get out of order, out of time. We heard about Jesus' family running away to Egypt before we ever celebrated the wise men arriving in Bethlehem; we celebrate his adult baptism by John before we celebrate his presentation in the temple as month-old child.

In Israel-Palestine one finds so many church traditions living alongside one another – eg., western, Orthodox, Armenian all celebrating Christmas at different times well into the new year, that time seems to take on a different meaning. Much seems timeless in religious terms about the experience of being there.

Everyday life for those who live there is of course far more challenging but there is a parallel. People are kept in a sort of 'limbo' – at check points, behind security walls, without hope of change in attitudes or living conditions – and unable to get on with their lives. For some, life is kept 'on hold' to dangerous extremes, with inevitable kick-back in some circumstances; for others, life goes on with relative ease – and in considerable ignorance it would appear, of what life is like for those who are hidden out of sight, now conveniently behind a very high wall.

A prayer from Christian Aid runs: "Pray not for Arab or Jew, for Palestinian or Israeli. Pray rather for ourselves, that we might not divide them in our prayers, but hold them together in our hearts."

With my love and prayers

Deryck

## ***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. This month again there are extra full colour pictures in the web version, extra confirmation pictures on page 7a and the Church at Christmas on 15a and b – so do check it out.

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**

Jan 12<sup>th</sup> Molly Margaret Baines

### **Weddings**

Dec 1<sup>st</sup> Graeme Stewart to Natalie Lovett  
28<sup>th</sup> Neil Payne to Lorna Campbell

## ***Preparing for the Pilgrimage to The Holy Land***

It doesn't seem like a year ago that the Pilgrimage was first proposed. By the time you read this we may well be on our way, we depart on 12<sup>th</sup> February, and I don't expect we will get much sympathy for the early morning flight when you realise we will be going to warmer temperatures and probable sunshine.



We are a group of about 30, some from St Mary's and others who are joining us. We have had a few meetings so that we could get to know each other and also find out some background to the areas we will visit.

Our trip sees us fly out to Tel Aviv before travelling to Tiberius where we will stay in a hotel looking over The Sea of Galilee. This will be our base for four nights before we move on to Jerusalem.



During the trip we will be seeing some unforgettable sights and this will serve to really put the story of Jesus into a completely different perspective. While in Israel we will also have the opportunity to visit The Dead Sea and Yad Vashem.

We arrive back on the 21<sup>st</sup> February from what will be the experience of a lifetime.

Margaret Scott

## Confirmation Service

Mark Bradshaw  
Margaret Hunter  
Carole MacBride

December 15<sup>th</sup> was a very special day for Mark, Margaret and Carole, and one never to be forgotten, it being our day of Confirmation at St. Mary's. The sun shone, and the church was beautifully decorated for Christmas.



Deryck had spent several evenings preparing us spiritually for this big event in our lives, when Dr. John Armes, the Bishop of Edinburgh, would officiate at the ceremony. It was a deeply moving service, and we were each supported by a friend from the congregation. We also knew that we were overwhelmingly supported by the love, and kindness of everyone there, and I know that we now felt we really 'belonged'.

Finally, we all enjoyed a delicious lunch in the hall, for which, many thanks, to all who gave so much in time, and effort, in its preparation.

When asked by a friend the next day if I felt any different, I had to say 'Yes I do', and I will always treasure the book of daily readings, the certificate, the wooden cross, and the lovely cards which I was given.

Best wishes, health and happiness,

Margaret Hunter



Holly cuts our  
Christmas Cake



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## ***Further Confirmation Pictures***





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**Mary's Meals report to St Mary's Dalmahoy  
on your sponsored school - Dole Primary School,  
Mchinji, Central Malawi.**

**Thank you for your ongoing support  
November 2012 - December 2013**



**About Mary's Meals**

Mary's Meals now provides a daily meal in a place of education for over 822,000 children in 16 countries – across Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean. As well as continued growth in the number of children receiving Mary's Meals over the last year, there have also been significant developments in our organisational capacity.

We have developed a three-year plan to continue expanding our feeding programmes in Malawi and Liberia as well as starting feeding in Zambia. We aim to maintain the effectiveness of the programmes we already operate, and to reach more and more impoverished children. We will continue to develop our monitoring and evaluation to ensure the ways in which we do our work and the outcomes of our work continue to be efficient and highly impactful. Mary's Meals is committed to good stewardship of the resources entrusted to us and we work very hard to keep our running costs low. We remain committed to spending at least 93% of all donations directly on our charitable work.

## **Mary's Meals Malawi**

Mary's Meals Malawi has been exceptionally busy in 2013. We now serve a nutritious school meal to 621,817 children in 471 schools and continue to feed 6,985 orphans and vulnerable children under the age of six in our community-based children's centres. For many of the children we are reaching, this is the only meal they will eat all day. We have grown rapidly:

	<b><i>October 2009</i></b>	<b><i>October 2010</i></b>	<b><i>October 2011</i></b>	<b><i>April 2013</i></b>	<b><i>July 2013</i></b>	<b><i>November 2013</i></b>
<b>Children</b>	327,394	374,018	483,579	604,647	610,468	621,817
<b>Schools</b>	209	260	347	408	433	471

The Malawian economy remains changeable. The price of food and fuel continues to rise, increasing pressure on the purchasing power of households for basic essentials. The cost of likuni phala – the vitamin-enriched, maize-based porridge purchased by Mary's Meals – has continued to increase in the first part of 2013. However, the impact of these price rises has so far been offset by foreign exchange gains, and we have been able to maintain the cost of feeding a child for a school year in Malawi at just £7.00 for 2013.

## **Government of Malawi commitment to school feeding**

The school meals programme in Malawi has strong political support. School feeding is one of the main activities in the School Health, Nutrition and HIV/AIDs strategy, which is aligned both to the National Education Sector Plan, Malawi Growth Development Strategy and the National Nutrition Policy.

The Malawian Government has been funding its own National School Meals programme since the 2011/2012 academic year targeting 95 schools with 60,218 children. We are closely watching the progress of the government's programme, its delivery model and the consistency of food supply to schools and continue to actively engage with Government of Malawi personnel at various levels – from ministry level to local district level.

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We have been delighted to recently receive the endorsements of the Presidents of both Malawi and Liberia, our two largest country programmes. In February, President Ellen Sirleaf Johnson of Liberia visited our compound in Liberia and, in March, Mary's Meals founder Magnus had a private meeting with President Joyce Banda of Malawi in Edinburgh.



### **Primary Education in Malawi:**

All children in Malawi are entitled to free primary education. Children are allowed to start Primary School at the age of six. There are eight years of Primary School – referred to as Standard 1-8. To get into the next class level, children must pass end of year exams. This means there can often be a wide age range in each standard. Entry requirements for secondary school are based on children's results in their final Standard 8 exams.

For many schools, the introduction of Mary's Meals has seen senior pupils gaining a place at secondary school for the first time ever and more and more children are winning scholarships to pay their secondary school fees. For those who don't go on to secondary school, the level of education pupils get provides them with good employment prospects by equipping them with basic levels of literacy and numeracy as well as life and agricultural skills. The daily meals provided by Mary's Meals allow children to attend school every day, rather than work or scavenge for food, meaning that pupils can provide prospective employers with evidence of good attendance, greatly increasing their chance of finding a good job and having a bright future.

The two national languages in Malawi are Chichewa and English. Children in Standard 1-4 are taught in Chichewa while also learning English. In years 5-8 they switch to lessons in English, with the addition of classes in Chichewa. The curriculum includes English, Chichewa, Maths, Life Skills and Agriculture.



### **Mary's Meals at Dole Primary School**

Dole Primary is located in the central district of Mchinji, Malawi close to the borders with Mozambique and Zambia. 90% of the people in that area depend on agriculture. Tobacco is the main cash crop and the main source of employment. Others are employed in the public and private sector or are involved in cross-border business. There are many migrant workers and immigrants from Mozambique and Zambia who work on the tobacco estates, often without their families.

Dole Primary School now has 1135 pupils enrolled. The children at Dole range from Standards 1 – 8. The school has 6 permanent classrooms; your kitchen doubles up as a classroom when it isn't being used for cooking. Sadly though there is still a shortage of space which means some classes are taught outside under trees, or in a nearby church hall. The pupils are taught by a total of 20 teachers.

The school's water source is a borehole in the school grounds which is very close to the kitchen and there are now 8 pit latrine toilets on site which are shared between the boys and girls. The school is lucky enough to have a football field and netball facilities.



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St. Mary's funded the kitchen there in 2007. Mary's Meals began feeding at Dole in February 2008. Head teacher, Mr AW Kutchemba describes the biggest benefit that Mary's Meals has had on the school:

***"Since Mary's Meals began feeding the children here our enrolment rate has increased and pass rates in examinations have also improved. Absenteeism has also reduced"***

It's not just the teachers who are pleased to have Mary's Meals in their school. One of the children, Mandaliza Phiri, Standard 4 said:

***"I like school because I want to become educated and then become rich".***

Listini Phiri, a volunteer at Dole explains why she cooks for Mary's Meals:

***"I come to cook so that our learners should not learn with empty stomachs."***



**Enrolment rates at Dole:** Since Mary's Meals began feeding the children the school has seen an increase in enrolment. The table below shows the difference made since the feeding project has begun:

Year	Boys	Girls	Total
2008	300	298	598
2011	421	409	830
2012	505	531	1036
2013	595	540	1135



## Standard 8 Exam Results:

Dole is lucky enough to offer the Standard 8 exam which allows those who pass the opportunity to go onto Secondary School. The number of children who pass has continued to improve with most children now passing the exam, whether that be first time or as a resit later on:

Year	Total Entered	Boys Passed	Girls Passed	Total Passed	%
<b>2011</b>	25	4	3	7	28
<b>2012</b>	31	14	5	19	61
<b>2013</b>	39	13	11	24	62

Mary's Meals at Dole Primary has allowed more children to go to school. This could not happen without your fantastic support. As a result, some of the world's most vulnerable children need not go hungry and through education now have the opportunity to have a bright future.

The cost of feeding at Dole school now stands at £7,945 per year. We don't expect you to match this pound for pound and are very grateful for all contributions you are able to make to your school.

On behalf of everyone at Mary's Meals, and especially from all the children at Dole we would like to extend our very warmest thanks for sponsoring the feeding programme at your school. What you are doing for these children is truly life changing!

**Thank You!** *Zikomo kwambiri*

(Thank you in Chichewa!)

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## ***Carol Service***

Our Carol service was a very joyous occasion with readings and carols. Our choir was in great voice and treated us all to some wonderful singing.

The Church was full and in the evening when all the candles are lit, St Mary's is a beautiful sight and it is always such a pleasure to sing joyously together as we wait to celebrate the birth of our Saviour. Afterwards in the hall we enjoyed mulled wine and mince pies and had the opportunity to chat and catch up with friends both old and new.

As part of our celebrations this year the children presented each person with a Christingle

A Christingle is made up of;

An Orange representing the World

A red ribbon around the Orange represents the blood of Christ. (The red ribbon this year was a friendship bracelet which I felt was a special touch),

Dried fruit on cocktail sticks is pushed into the centre of the Orange representing the fruits of the Earth and the four seasons.

A candle lit in the centre of the Orange represents Jesus as the Light of the World.

A little prayer, "Lord Jesus, kindle a flame in these dear children's hearts", was originally attached to the Christingle when it was given to each child.

May the love of our Lord Jesus Christ kindle a flame in all our hearts.  
with love  
Rona x



## ***Midnight Mass***



Thank you to all who braved the elements to celebrate our dear saviour's birth.

It was an extremely wild windy night as we tried to literally "illuminate the path" down to the church with lanterns. The wind kept blowing them out but thankfully a few were able to light the way. Deryck there is a sermon in there somewhere!

Candles adorned the Church to celebrate the light of Christ in our lives

The weather did not dampen our celebrations and a full Church worshipped and celebrated the birth of Jesus with readings and singing as we all gave thanks for his presence in our lives.



A happy and  
blessed new year  
to you all

with love  
Rona x





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## ***The Church at Christmas***



The font is beautifully decorated



The Magi wait in the wings

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The porch is given a festive makeover



As always, Pat, Marjorie and Mandy fill the church with beautiful flower arrangements



## Sunday Readings for

		First Reading
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
Mar 2	1 Before Lent	Deuteronomy 11: 18-21, 26-28
Mar 9	Lent 1	Genesis 2: 15-17; 3: 1-7
Mar 16	Lent 2	Genesis 12: 1-4a
Mar 23	Lent 3	Exodus 17: 1-7
Mar 30	Lent 4 Mothering Sunday	Exodus 2: 1-10
Apr 6	Lent 5 Passion	Ezekiel 37: 1-14
Apr 13	Palm Sunday	—
Apr 20	Easter	Jeremiah 31: 1-6
Apr 27	2 Easter	Acts 2: 14a, 22-32

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Epistle	Gospel
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
Romans 1: 16-17; 3: 22b-28	Matthew 7: 21-29
Romans 5: 12-19	Matthew 4: 1-11
Romans 4: 1-5, 13-17	Matthew 17: 1-9
Romans 5: 1-11	John 4: 5-24
Colossians 3: 12-17	John 19: 25b-27
Romans 8: 6-11	John 11: 1-45
—	Matthew 26: 14 – 27: 66
Colossians 3: 1-4	Matthew 28: 1-10
1 Peter 1: 3-9	John 20: 19-31

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## ***Sunday Circle follow Jesus***

2014 and out with the Old Testament and in with the New:

Sunday Circle will be following Jesus. Starting with our “No Thank You” letters inspired by the somewhat less-than-appropriate-for-a-baby gifts those so-called wise men brought, we will be following Jesus, age 12¾, to Jerusalem then on to the “Wilderness Days”, followed by his “Ministry Years”.

At this point we might be in need of a few clothes pegs for our noses since we will be joining a bunch of fishermen who are also following Jesus and, surprise surprise, guess what they think makes for a good picnic – yes, fish! Oh, and they throw in a few loaves just for variety. Finally, we will be following Jesus on the road to Jerusalem; perhaps we will be able to persuade some recent visitors to that city to share some of their stories. No-one will be too shocked if food isn’t involved again.

Claire Starr

### **David Greenwood**

#### **Administrator & Pastoral Assistant**

We welcome David Greenwood as our new part-time Administrator, to work with us for the next 8 - 10 months. David will be working 1 or 2 mornings a week (Mon / Wed) in the church office.

David has just completed a PhD in Theology and is to be ordained in the SEC later in the year. He will also be undertaking a Pastoral Placement with us for some of the time he spends with us during the year.

## ***Go Banana's for Fairtrade***

Our twice monthly Fairtrade stall is now an established part of church life at St Mary's and, as well as offering the chance to purchase Fairtrade goods, it hopefully serves its intended purpose of reminding us all to incorporate fair trade into our daily lives and (?) weekly shops.



During 2013 we were delighted to successfully incorporate the sale of items from the Hadeel Palestinian Fair Trade shop in Edinburgh, in addition to goods from Traidcraft. We look forward to continuing our relationship with both. The stalls only operate of course thanks to the efforts of a small team of volunteers, and we are always looking for anyone interested in helping out.

No sooner is Christmas past (maybe you included some Fair trade presents?) than Fairtrade Fortnight approaches. Fairtrade Fortnight 2014 (24 February - 9 March) marks the launch of a special campaign that aims to transform the banana industry to ensure that those at the sharp end of the supply chain (the millions of struggling banana farmers and workers) get a fair deal, and is part of a three year Fairtrade Organisation initiative to 'Make Food Fair' - all in keeping with the ethos that 'Fairtrade is about better prices, decent working conditions, local sustainability and fair terms of trade for farmers and workers in the developing world' - see [www.fairtrade.org.uk](http://www.fairtrade.org.uk).

There will be the usual Fairtrade stall in the church hall after the service on Sunday March 2. Whilst I do not imagine we will be selling banana's, I hope you will 'go banana's for Fairtrade'.

Steve Haigh

## ***2014 Visits to Craig Lodge***

**Monday 19 May until Thursday 22 May**

**Monday 8 September until Thursday 11 September**

To call our times away at Craig Lodge “retreats” is for most of us misleading! It’s not remotely “high powered”! Often the days are spent relaxing and doing just whatever you would like to do, without the distractions and busyness that can creep into our lives at home. For some it will include a fair amount of time outside walking in the beautiful countryside. For others it will involve sitting peacefully with a book or having a really good old blether with others of the group or in conversation with the many interesting folk one encounters while at Craig Lodge. For part of our stay, most of us will value attending some of the daily worship of the community, but this is in no way obligatory.

If you’ve never been to Craig Lodge before, why not give it a try? Costs are kept at a minimum – still £35 per person full board (£105 for the three day stay).

If you like to hear more please contact Jane (Helliwell) on 01506 844498.

### **Cumbræ Weekend – May 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>**

There are still a few spaces for the church weekend away at Millport on Cumbræ in May. Please let Mandy or Deryck know if you might be interested. This will be a good, family weekend, do think about coming if you can.



## ***Dalmations***

We had a wonderful pre-Christmas get together in mid December with 28 folk attending.

Many, many thanks to John Blaber and Ella Henderson for master-minding the entertainment to get us in the Christmas spirit. We also record our grateful thanks to Olive and Janice for all the organisation of extra food treats and beautifully decorated tables.

January's weather can be very unpredictable, often with difficult conditions on roads and pavements. With this in mind, the group is not meeting in January and so our next gathering will be on Wednesday 26 February when a speaker from the Forth Bridges Education Centre will be coming to speak about the progress on the construction of the "Forth Replacement Crossing".

We hope to have a good attendance at that meeting. You don't need to be a "regular" at meetings to be sure of a warm welcome and if you know someone who just might be interested in the subject, please do invite them to come along. It would be helpful to have a quick word beforehand with Olive, Janice or Jane H. to let them know of extra folk coming, so that we ensure that there is enough soup to go round!

## ***Advance Notice!***

The Dalmations meeting on Wednesday 26 March, will hear how members of St. Mary's got on during their Holy Land Pilgrimage.

## ***"Rules for the Behaviour of All Those Entering These Doors" from Catherine the Great***

1. All ranks shall be left outside the doors, similarly hats, and particularly swords.
2. Orders of precedence and haughtiness, and anything of such like which might result from them, shall be left at the doors.
3. Be merry, but neither spoil nor break anything, nor indeed gnaw at anything.
4. Be seated, stand or walk as it best pleases you, regardless of others.
5. Speak with moderation and not too loudly, so that others present have not an earache or headache.
6. Argue without anger or passion.
7. Do not sigh or yawn, neither bore nor fatigue others.
8. Agree to partake of any innocent entertainment suggested by others.
9. Eat well of good things, but drink with moderation so that each should be able always to find his legs on leaving these doors.
10. All disputes must stay behind closed doors; and what goes in one ear should go out the other before departing through the doors.

If any shall infringe the above, on evidence of two witnesses, for any crime each guilty party shall drink a glass of cold water, ladies not excepted, and read a page from the "Telemachida"\* out loud.

Who infringes three points in one evening, shall be sentenced to learn three lines from the "Telemachida" by heart.

If any shall infringe the tenth point, he shall no longer be permitted entry.

\* The "Telemachida" was a contemporary Russian poem about the adventures of Telemachus, son of Odysseus, which most contemporaries found tedious and long-winded.

*Still good rules for today!*

**Service of Wholeness and Healing**  
**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 6.30 pm**

A quiet, more informal Eucharist, held in the Chancel, with prayer for those who are unwell and situations around the world in need of healing, as well as opportunity to receive laying-on-of-hands and imposition of oil if you would like this. This is a gentle time, an offering of space to give and to receive, whoever we are, as Christ receives us and beckons us, 'bringing to wholeness all that is made'...

**The Boarding of Flight 2014 has been announced.....**

Your luggage should only contain the best souvenirs of 2013  
 ...the bad and sad moments should be left in the waste bin...

The duration of the flight will be 12 months.

The next stop-overs will be :  
 Health, Love, Joy, Harmony, Well-being and Peace.

The Captain offers you the following menu  
 which will be served during the flight :

A Cocktail of Friendship  
 A Supreme of Health  
 A gratin of prosperity  
 A Bowl of Excellent News  
 A Salad of Success  
 A Cake of Happiness  
 All accompanied by bursts of laughter

**Wishing you and your family an enjoyable trip  
 on board Flight 2014**

**Happy New YEAR**

Submitted by Carole MacBride

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## ***Hello my name is church,***

I'm sure you've heard a lot about me. I have no shortage of critics.

Perhaps you have heard that I am...

Boring Shallow Cheap A waste of time

You've heard that I am full of:

Hypocrites Clowns Greedy people The self-righteous

Maybe you have visited me before and discovered:

Horrible music Passionless singing

Dry preaching Rude congregants

Maybe you needed me and I was:

Too busy Too "righteous" Too broke Too blind

Maybe you joined me and found I was:

Distant Demanding Dull Preoccupied

Maybe you tried to serve in me but were caught off guard by:

Business meetings Committees Teams Bureaucracy

Maybe you left and were surprised that nobody:

Called Cared Noticed Invited you back

Perhaps your experience has driven you to:

Speak negatively of me Swear to never come back to me

Proclaim that no one needs me Believe you're better off without me

If this is true, I have something to say to you:

I'm sorry I was wrong I blew it I made a huge mistake

But remember, I never said my name was:

Perfect Flawless Complete Arrived

My name is church.

I welcome the:

Hypocrite Dry Self-righteous Shallow

I welcome the

Sincere Passionate Forgiving Selfless

I cannot shut my doors to the people who make you:

Angry Uncomfortable Impatient Self-conscious

But I would remind you that we couldn't always worship  
in the same room.

In the Old Testament there was a division between the:

Gentile Jew Man Woman

In order for us to all worship in the same room Christ was:

Shamed Beaten Killed Resurrected

Which is far worse than being:

Bored Uncomfortable Embarrassed Ignored

So why not come back to church and let all of these messed up people:

Challenge you Sharpen you Strengthen you Humble you

I can't promise you that the people will be great.

This is church. It's not:

Heaven Paradise Beulah Land The Celestial city

Come back.

God wants you here. The body needs you here.

The world needs your witness here. You belong here.

Hello, my name is church.

I miss you. I love you. I'm sorry. Can't wait to see you.

Submitted by Rona and Claire

***Diary of Events***

Date	Times	Venue	Event
Saturday 1 February	18.30	Hall	Pilgrimage Group
Sunday 2 February	08.55	Church	Choir Practice
Candlemas Presentation of our Lord in the Temple	10.30	Church	Sung Eucharist  Collection of groceries/ toiletries for St Salvador's Food Bank
Wednesday 5 February	11.00	Hall	Said Eucharist
Saturday 8 February	tbc	Church	Baptism of Louis Young
Sunday 9 February	08.55	Church	Choir Practice
	10.30	Church	Sung Eucharist
	12.00	Hall	Fairtrade Meeting
	12.30	Hall	Meeting of Ministry Leadership Team
12 – 21 February		Israel – Palestine!	Pilgrimage to the Land of the Holy One
Wednesday 12 February	11.00	Hall	Said Eucharist

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

Date	Times	Venue	Event
Sunday 16 February	08.55	Church	Choir Practice
	10.30	Church	Sung Eucharist Revd Eileen Thompson Presiding and preaching
Wednesday 19 February	11.00	Hall	Said Eucharist Revd Eileen Thompson presiding
Sunday 23 February	08.55	Church	Choir Practice
	10.30	Church	Sung Eucharist
	18.30	Church	Evening Prayer
Wednesday 26 February	11.00	Hall	Said Eucharist
	11.30	Hall	Dalmatians – New Forth Crossing
Saturday 1 March	09.30	St Paul's & St George's York Place	Diocesan Synod
Sunday 2 March	08.55	Church	Choir Practice
	10.30	Church	Sung Eucharist  Collection of groceries/ toiletries for St Salvador's Food Bank
	18.30	Church	Service of Wholeness and Healing



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

Date	Times	Venue	Event
Monday 3 March	19.30	Hall	Vestry Meeting
Wednesday 5 March  Ash Wednesday	11.00 & 19.30	Church	Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes
Sunday 9 March	08.55	Church	Choir Practice
	10.30	Church	Sung Eucharist
Wednesday 12 March	10.30	Church	Said Eucharist
Sunday 16 March	08.55	Church	Choir Practice
	10.30	Church	Sung Eucharist
Wednesday 19 March	11.00	Hall	Said Eucharist
Saturday 22 March	14.00	Church	Marriage of Jamie Dyer and Lauren McKintosh
Sunday 23 March	08.55	Church	Choir Practice
	10.30	Church	Sung Eucharist
Wednesday 26 March	11.00	Hall	Said Eucharist
	11.30	Hall	Dalmatians: "Pilgrimage to the Holy Land"

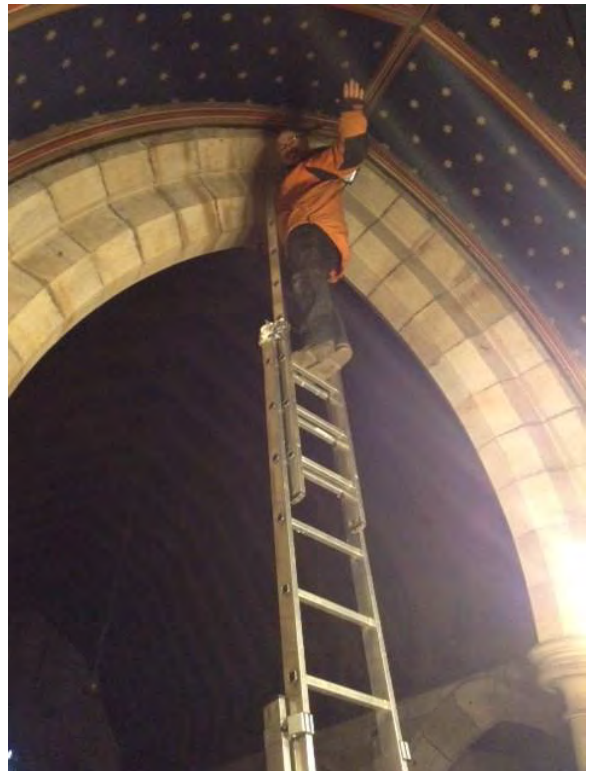
### ***Diary of Events (cont)***

Date	Times	Venue	Event
Sunday 30 March	08.55	Church	Choir Practice
	10.30	Church	Sung Eucharist
Mothering Sunday	18.30	Church	Evening Prayer

### ***Not to be undertaken lightly!***

How many men does it take to change a light bulb?

Just one if he has a head for heights and a sense of humour!!!!



## **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

<b>Child Protection/ Vulnerable Adults Co-ordinator</b>	Chris Bond
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<b>Covenants Sec.</b>	Geoff Angell
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<b>Fabric Co-ordinator</b>	Rosemary Procter
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<b>Head Server</b>	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	Wilma Brown
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  
Gré  
Margaret

### **In Touch Editors**

Margaret Scott  
Chris Bond

### **Service Times**

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

Monday and Friday – the church is open between 9.30 and 10.00 am for quiet reflection and prayer.

<p><b>Copy date for the April/May Issue is Sunday 16 March</b></p>
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