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In Touch

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Cover Photograph: Christine Downey – Garden Flowers

Pastoral Letter from Christine

Dear St. Mary's

This is the second letter to you all – the first one having been discarded 2 weeks ago.

I have taken this week off to regroup, recharge and to reassess my ministry and take a hard look at what actions need to be initiated both by me and all of us as community. This truly has been a season of loss for so many at St. Mary's, in the space of 6 weeks I lost aunts and uncles whose children lived with me as brothers and sisters, spending countless hours messaging advice and comfort left me exhausted, I know all of you have had similar experiences in the past few months. Some of you are going into hospital for surgeries others battling illness at home. My prayers continue for you all.

This month we additionally say goodbye to Francis and Peter Jeppesen as they move to Dorset in mid-August in order to be closer to family.

As I take time to read your emails and feel your grief, I am aware of my own coping mechanisms and how nothing really prepared any of us for a pandemic and the isolation associated with that.

My friend and spiritual mentor Molly Wolf wrote this poem and gifted it to me and so I share it with you – it is for me a wonderful comfort and has seen me through some very dark times, so I hope it does the same for you.

Christine+



The Bridge

I shelter under the bridge as I hear the thundering feet
 of prophets clad in righteousness, the lighter tread
 of virgins and virtuous matrons,
 the tramp of martyrs, the steady boots of pilgrims,
 all God's faithful in time and space flooding
 across the bridge, with their trumpet songs
 holding up heaven's arches, and the Light
 striking brilliance off their glorious banners.
 Their praise and joy shake the very pillars
 of all that is, that was, that ever will be.

It's quieter under the bridge.
 It's not so much dirty as untended,
 the ground where something was – a road? a river? –
 long since laid bare and left to weather.
 It's a good place to sleep in rainy seasons
 and takes the edge of winter. More than that,
 no; it's a place empty of all colour
 void but for the dance of motes
 in the slant of afternoon
 and a light skim of trash.

No one comes here,
 not the disbelievers in their sky suits,
 not the philosophers wandering in ether,
 not the streaming traffic of the skeptics,
 nor the twirling mystics and yellow-robed chanters
 not the sages, not even the mathematicians.
 The street people are gone out for the day.
 There's nobody here but me and the alley cats
 and a couple of large intelligent rats. They're company.

And then a sturdy figure blocks the light.
 I flinch in my chosen aloneness, but he looks
 tired, clean, and easy, not a threat.
 He stands quiet, and his voice, when he speaks,
 is clear and honest as a dry meadow

under a clear March sky, the softness not of seduction
nor promises, but of goodness, wanting to share
my quiet without disturbing it.

I move over
to give him space, and slowly, carefully
he lowers his weary body to the curb,
settling in beside me, peaceful and unexpectant.
I offer him half my sandwich, and he hands me
an apple he polished on his jean leg, and we eat
just sitting there, not talking much.

Above us
the Godward din diminishes, recedes,
and finally stops. When silence flows across the bridge,
he gets to his feet and stretches, shaking the stiffness out,
then holds a hand down to me, and I allow myself
to be pulled upright, swaying a little.
I've sat here so long my legs are numb.
I lean against him for a moment, feeling his strong warmth
and the shake of his heart, which comforts me,
and he steadies and releases me, and then, side by side,
we walk together out into the quiet sunlight.



From the Registers (February - March)

Baptism

Sept 13th Joshua & Baby Pitt, Parents Daryl and Ashleigh,
Godparents Stephanie Munro, Laura Munro, Clifford Pitt,
Gemma Pitt.

Weddings

Sept 11th Colin Evans Stewart & Louise Maragret McDonagh

Most wedding have been rescheduled, mostly for 2021, but a few for later in the year.

Funerals

Lesley Kathleen Forbes

Myrtle Burnett

William “Bill” Rutherford

Douglas Hall Classes & Events

At the moment the regular classes below are not running and the hall is closed. We will update you once the hall has reopened.

Monday's	10am-12pm	Craft Group
	6-7pm	The Douglas Method (Pilates)
Wednesday's	6-7:30pm	Taekwondo
	7:30-9pm	Yoga
Thursday's	1-2:30pm	Yoga
2 nd & 4 th Sundays	2-7pm	Mar Thoma Congregation
Sunday's	8-9:30pm	Yoga

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

Dalmations



As you will be aware along with just about everything else the Dalmations 2019/2020 session had to be prematurely concluded before our March meeting due to the Covid-19 pandemic. We are now seeing the first steps on the road to be able to return to church for services. The vestry are currently working on a plan to be able to do this within the Scottish Government and Provincial guidelines. Therefore I thought that it would be an idea to let you know of what I was thinking about regarding Dalmations.

I had a discussion with Jane Russell and the outcome of that is as follows. We would normally start the Dalmations session in August. However we feel that this, even if allowed, would be too early. The earliest that we think it may be possible to start would be October. This would depend on a number of factors. The main one being that what the Scottish Government and Provincial rules are at that time. Also that St Mary's has created and implemented its plan for reopening and it is working smoothly. We would also have to look at whether other guidelines specifically aimed at Dalmations would need to be implemented. Even if we could start in October it is almost certain that we could not provide any refreshments or lunch.

As the situation is fluid nothing has been done yet to create a programme. Our thinking is that until things settle down we would prefer to use in house speakers. We feel that it is better to do this rather than organising people to come in from outside St Mary's and then have to cancel them if circumstances dictate. I did have a couple of people who had said previously that they could do a talk, which would be a start, but I am happy to hear from anyone else who may be willing to do so. If necessary we can also organise more of our fun days.

I am aware that this is all quite vague but we would like to get Dalmations running again in some format when it is safe to do so. Over many years it has been an important part of St Mary's life and we hope that it can continue to be in whatever format is allowed.

Denis King.



In Loving Memory - Myrtle Burnett

Myrtle died this year and she was such a very important part of the history of St Mary's, I wanted to share happy memories of time spent with Myrtle and all who knew her and also let those who didn't know her, just what a lovely lady she was. I asked folks for a few memories of Myrtle and I will share those memories.

Myrtle first came to live in Edinburgh with her husband Southern in 1952. They had two sons John and Andrew. Southern was Low Church and attended St Martin's in Ardmillan and Myrtle attended St Stephen's on the Calder Road. St Stephen's was attached to St Salvador's in Stenhouse and when St Stephen's closed they both attended St Salvador's together. Their Son John and daughter in law Alexis moved to Ratho in the seventies and worshipped at St Mary's. Myrtle and Southern joined them at St Mary's around the mid-eighties. Myrtle was a friend and work colleague of Val Lawrie, who most will remember. Myrtle and Val worked together in special education.

Here are two very little thoughts about Myrtle---

House Groups—Myrtle was a great Hostess with a lovely warm welcoming house. There was always a good “cuppa” to windup the meetings;

Some lively discussions led by Val. How often did the discussions lead off the prepared programme and become topics of local, national or worldly events. The arrival of the “cuppa” was time to windup and think of home!!

An afternoon visit to Myrtle for a chat nearly always turned into an Interesting time because of our similar age of comparing our youthful days and family standards.

Myrtle was always a happy smiling lady, she volunteered with “Meals on Wheels” for many years and was very active with “Save the Children Charity”



Every Sunday Myrtle would pick a rose from her garden and put it in Southern's lapel. The ladies would admire his beautiful rose and he was always rather pleased with the compliments.

Myrtle and Southern could always be relied upon to join me in Morning Prayer on a Sunday. We enjoyed nightcaps together at various retreats and long chats in which we would put the world to rights. I would visit Myrtle and Southern on a Friday, as well as being a friend, she was one of my hairdressing clients. Southern always had a tin of sweeties and I was offered a sweet whenever I arrived. I enjoyed the friendly banter and it was always such a pleasure to be in their company. Southern would enjoy a cold beer and a packet of crisps while Myrtle had her hair done. I remember Myrtle saying, "he disappears in the supermarket but I never have a problem finding him he can always be found at the sweetie counter or wine shelf".

In the late eighties the children in our "Sunday gang" performed the nativity in the Church. It was a memorable performance. Myrtle made the costumes for the angels and I particularly remember a very small Anna as an angel and how pleased and proud Myrtle and Southern were of their granddaughter.

Over the years at St Mary's, Myrtle would arrange soup and sweet lunches. She would share her soup recipe with a number of folks asking them to all make the same recipe and bring it along, where it was put together to feed many.

The list of tasks she undertook over the years at St Mary's is long, from memory here are a few;

Myrtle organised Dalmations

Arranged the Flowers in Church

She was a talented seamstress and made curtains, lectern and pulpit falls, for the Church.

She was a beautiful baker and would bake for fundraisers and faith lunches



She hosted house groups

Cleaned the Church and hall

Decorated the hall for events.

As a member of our social and fundraising group, Myrtle helped arrange silent auctions, cheese and wine parties, silent auctions, jumble sales, coffee mornings, daffodil teas, car treasure hunts and a dinner dance at Linburn.

We have so many happy memories of Myrtle. We remember her with Southern at Craig Lodge, home of Mary's Meals, when we went with a group, too many of whom are no longer with us. For several years Myrtle did her bit to support Mary's Meals by sewing skirts for us to put in backpacks. She must have made hundreds. We kept her supplied with some of the material other people gave us, but John had the job of supplying the elastic to hold them up. The shop must have wondered why he needed yet another 30 metres of knicker elastic!

Bus outings were always memorable too. Myrtle was so proud when her son John was the driver, in coaches having a day out from the bus museum. We had happy days out to Culzean Castle and Holy Island amongst other places.

We used to take Myrtle and Southern out to lunch quite often and afterwards often came back to our house for coffee and a chat, or in Southern's case a nap. In later years Myrtle enjoyed visits from our young



granddaughter Izzy. She loved to tell us all about her own little grandchildren, who live near some of our own family in Argyll.

It was so sad when she could no longer enjoy reading as her sight deteriorated. She enjoyed a good detective book. We only realised how bad her sight was when we took her for a little drive and thought she might like to see the new Queensferry Crossing. We drew up almost under the bridge and asked what she thought, and she couldn't see the bridge at all.

It was a life well lived, and we miss her.

Thank you to all who shared your memories.

Due to restrictions it was not possible to have the funeral the family would have wanted for Myrtle. Once restrictions are lifted the family will hold a service for Myrtle. We will all have the opportunity to celebrate her life.

With love and thanks for all Myrtle was to St Mary's.



*Always in our hearts,
Forever in our memory*

Prayer for the pandemic

Where do we begin in prayer, great Spirit,
Where do we turn first?

There are so many of us to remember:
the isolated elder, the over-extended health
care worker, the frustrated nurse or doctor,
the small factory trying to make enough masks?

In every direction we look there is need for
care and support.

Even for our own family and friends.

Even for ourselves.

No, we cannot name them all.

We can only trust that you know already who
needs your help most.

Safety, strength, and mercy to all who are
fighting this disease, holy spirit, here and
around the world.

Drive back the illness and save your people, in
every direction we look”.

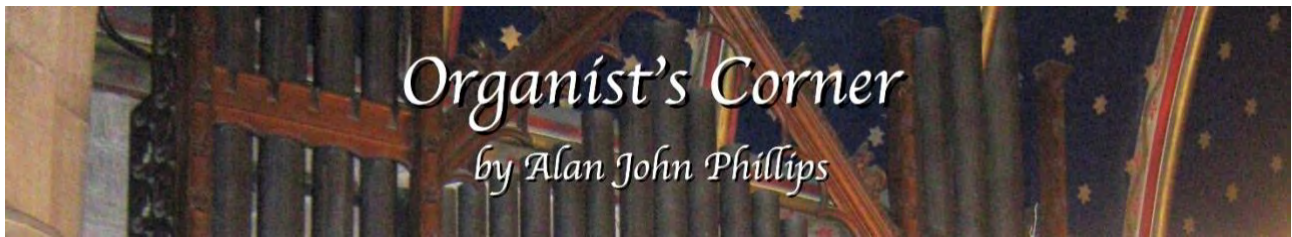
(Bishop Steven Charleston)

Eucharist Readings:

Year A Eucharist	(Year A2 for Morning Prayer)	First Reading
2 August	Ninth Sunday after Pentecost	Genesis 32:22-31
9 August	Tenth Sunday after Pentecost	Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28
16 August	Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost	Genesis 45:1-15
23 August	Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost	Exodus 1:8-2:10
30 August	Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost	Exodus 3:1-15
6 September	Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost	Exodus 12:1-14
13 September	Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost	Exodus 14:19-31
20 September	Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost	Exodus 16:2-15
27 September	Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost	Exodus 17:1-7
4 October	Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost	Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20
11 October	Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost	Exodus 32:1-14
18 October	Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost	Exodus 33:12-23
25 October	Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost	Deuteronomy 34:1-12

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Second Reading	Gospel
Romans 9:1-5	Matthew 14:13-21
Romans 10:5-15	Matthew 14:22-33
Romans 11:1-2a	Matthew 15:(10-20), 21-28
Romans 12:1-8	Matthew 16:13-20
Jeremiah 15:15-21	Matthew 16:21-28
Ezekiel 33:7-11	Matthew 18:15-20
Genesis 50:15-21	Matthew 18:21-35
Jonah 3:10-4:11	Matthew 20:1-16
Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32	Matthew 21:23-32
Isaiah 5:1-7	Matthew 21:33-46
Isaiah 25:1-9	Matthew 22:1-14
Isaiah 45:1-7	Matthew 22:15-22
Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18	Matthew 22:34-46



A 'New Normal'?

*1 God be with you till we meet again;
by his counsels guide, uphold you,
with his sheep securely fold you:
God be with you till we meet again.*

*2 God be with you till we meet again;
'neath his wings protecting hide you,
daily manna still provide you:
God be with you till we meet again.*

*3 God be with you till we meet again;
when life's perils thick confound you,
put his arm unfailing round you:
God be with you till we meet again.*

*4. God be with you till we meet again;
keep love's banner floating o'er you,
smite death's threatening wave before you:
God be with you till we meet again.*

This, hymn 480 in '*Ancient & Modern*', written by Jeremiah Rankin (1828-1904) and set to Vaughan Williams's beautiful tune '*Randolph*', was actually the very last hymn we sang together on Sunday 15 March before the lockdown did us part. Little did we know that '*life's perils thick*' and '*death's threatening wave*' would become part of our 'new normal', and how the quest for our '*daily manna*' would be thwarted by empty supermarket shelves and panic buying.

Since the last number of 'In Touch', the Scottish Government moved into Phase 2, and St. Mary's has tentatively opened again for private prayer. I popped in on the first open day and thankfully found everything by the organ just as I had left it on 15 March, and the organ itself sounding in fine form, ready for action when the call comes. The

next stage, Phase 3, allows churches to reopen for congregational services from Wednesday 15 July, and restrictions on weddings and funerals eased. By the time you read this, plans for reinstating services may already be in the pipeline. It will be great to be back on the organ bench after such a long involuntary exile. A displaced organist has no place on Zoom, especially when no singing is allowed. In preparation for our homecoming I have washed my robes white, not in the blood of the Lamb (*Rev. 7.14*), but in ordinary detergent in the washing machine! Just in case you have forgotten after such a long absence what I look like in action, here's a photo which can also be found on my website.

And now, may God with his sheep securely fold you, 'neath his wings protecting hide you, put his arm unfailing round you, keep love's banner floating o'er you, and may God be with you till we meet again.



ONLINE GROWTH IN PRAYER AND REFLECTIVE LIVING

October 2020 - May 2021



GROWTH IN PRAYER AND REFLECTIVE LIVING

Applications are now being considered for GPRL. The course aims to help participants develop and deepen their experience of prayer and live more reflectively. It offers opportunity to explore faith, discover meaning and come to a deeper, closer relationship with God. In doing so, it provides space to examine hopes and desires and to move towards the fullness of life we long for in ourselves, in those around us and in the global community to which we all belong.

The course is open to those of any denomination and none. No particular experience of prayer is required, only a desire for God. Participants should be prepared to share some of their experience of prayer with others. Because of the participatory nature of the course, it is important that there is a commitment to attend regularly.

FURTHER INFORMATION

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In Loving Memory - Bill Rutherford

Bill Rutherford died on 8th July, aged 95. He enjoyed coming to St Mary's for several years, brought by any one of his four children (Trish, Valerie, Hilary and Brian) once driving was no longer possible. In retirement he and his wife



Chris settled in East Lothian, so attending services at St Mary's was a challenge and a labour of love. Bill especially enjoyed fellowship at coffee time with those who were so welcoming and willing to stop and natter; he loved to share stories and banter. Sadly, that was not often possible in recent times due to deteriorating health. He nonetheless retained his sharp mind and mischievous sense of humour.

Bill had plenty of good stories to tell and, to the end, his memory was quite phenomenal. He was a brilliant organiser, secretary of the Royal Society of Edinburgh for many years prior to retirement in 1985, where he organised all sorts of events and major conferences,



together with subsequent publications of proceedings. He joined the staff of RSE as a young man before enlisting for service with the RAF during the war and returned after being demobbed in 1947.

His attention to detail was legendary, something he never lost.

With the RAF Bill initially trained as a radio operator but ended up organising supplies and even setting up cinemas to entertain the troops. This eventually took him to Burma, where he met Chris who was a senior nurse in the local military hospital. Chris died in 2013 and we held a thanksgiving service for her in St Mary's at that time.

He was a man of enormous ability, great insight and affable company, who achieved much in a long and full life.

He will be much missed by his four children, ten grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.



One of my Favourite CD's

I love to go to the theatre to see musicals and the covid months have impacted as well as not attending church.



The Lion King was on at Edinburgh Playhouse earlier this year and of course I was there with friends and family.

I would like to recommend a cd that has been great comfort to me and of course has, 'He lives in me,' from the musical.

Here are the words that have been great inspiration:

"Wait
There's no mountain too great
Hear these word and have faith

Have faith

He lives in you
He lives in me
He watches over
Everything we see

Into the water
Into the truth
In your reflection
He lives in you

He lives in you....."

Kind regards
Ann Donoghue



The End of an Era – Thank you Maureen

Those of us who have been at St Mary's like myself since around 2003 will never have known of anyone other than Maureen as the producer of the weekly pew sheets.

Apparently Father Dean was responsible for Maureen initially volunteering to do a bit of secretarial work on his behalf back in 1998.

I bet that she didn't realise that more than 20 years later she would still be involved in the church office and that her initial input would have grown arms and legs.



Owing to the onset of Corona Virus and the fact that it was unlikely that Sunday Services would return to the previous format for a long time, Maureen felt that this was the right time to give up the "Friday morning" work.

Over the years Maureen has had to adapt her skills and learn new ones to cope with the changes in technology which office work now demands.

Gone are the days of typing letters, licking envelopes and sticking on stamps.

Maureen's dedication has to be admired and appreciated.

Rarely has she missed a week and when she has, generally through no fault of her own, she has felt that she has let us down.

Getting to grips with laptops and photocopiers has not always been easy and I know for a fact that when problems arose with the photocopier, Maureen would wait, often for several hours, for an engineer to arrive rather than leave a job undone. The number of hours of overtime that she would have been due would be astronomical. It's just as well that her role was voluntary because we certainly couldn't have afforded to pay her.

Despite the distance that Maureen has had to travel from home over a notoriously difficult road especially during the winter months,

she has no particular recollection of the weather preventing her from getting to the office. She does remember one Sunday when she was one of only a handful of people who made it through the snow to the Sunday service, much to Deryck's amazement. I remember that day too and I didn't make it. I had to be towed out of a snow drift near Raw Camps by a farmer and his tractor. Apparently if I had chosen to travel via Ratho, I would have made it, or so Bill and Margaret Scott told me later.

Anyway on behalf of everyone at St. Mary's Dalmahoy, thank you very much for working so diligently on our behalf. You can now look forward to not having to endure Friday mornings in a chilly office wondering whether the photocopier is going to behave nicely or not.

We all wish you a very happy and well-earned retirement, Maureen.



Best of luck to Claire

Claire heard God speaking to her from her cradle and in the many years I have known her she has been a faithful witness to Christ.

Claire is blessed with the fruits of the spirit and shares her great love of people with everyone.

When I think of Claire the Bible passage from Matthew 25 comes to mind.

“For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink , I was a stranger and you invited me in , I needed clothes and you clothed me , I was sick and you looked after me , I was in prison and you came to visit me .”

Many have received a welcome and shelter in her home and comfort from a visit. I count myself blessed to have Claire as my friend and I treasure our friendship.

Claire has been part of our ministry team and regularly led weekday and special services . With the help of her friendly puppets, Claire would treat us to very funny, meaningful and inspirational sermons.

Claire has given a voice to the children of St Mary's over the 20 years she and John cared for them in our “Sunday Circle” at St Mary's. John and Claire were dedicated to sharing their faith with the children and along with Mandy, giving them the joy of learning about Jesus.

This is an extremely important ministry and one, those who have benefited from their experience can attest to.

There was a lot of planning and preparation beforehand, to provide a fun experience for the children in learning about Jesus and his teachings. John, Claire & Mandy were unable to take part in our Sunday worship and would only join us for communion. This was a real commitment on their part and one which will not be forgotten.

Claire has experienced disappointment and heartbreak on her journey but her complete trust and faith in God has taken her along the path God has chosen for her.

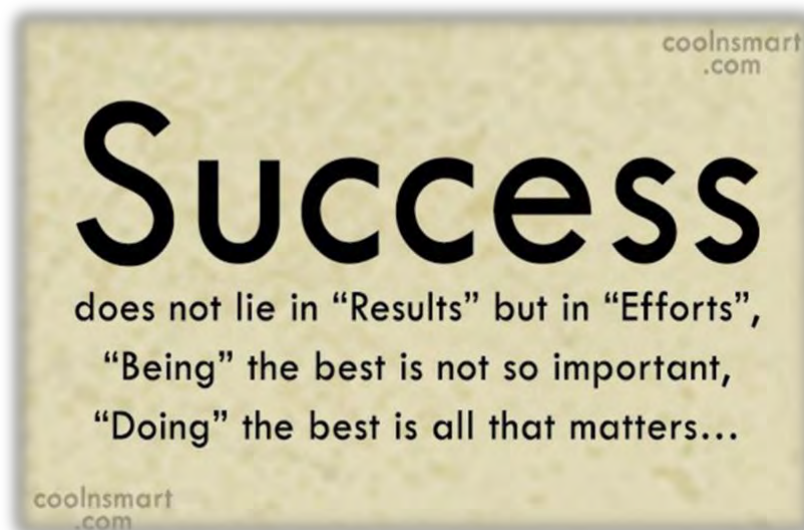




Claire is moving to The Coach House in Inverness, where she will offer spiritual guidance to those on retreat. Our loss is their gain. Claire will always be a part of the family of St Mary's Dalmahoy and will visit and worship with us whenever she is in the area.

Claire you will be greatly missed by us all at St Mary's, you take with you our love and prayers.

With love and grateful thanks for your friendship and support over the years.



Reminder from West Lothian Police



PHISHING EMAIL SCAMS

In April 2020 NCSC launched their new Suspicious Email Reporting Service which offers an automated service for people to highlight what they think to be a suspicious email.

Please forward any dubious emails – including those claiming to offer support related to COVID-19 to

report@phishing.gov.uk

the NCSC's automated programme will immediately test the validity of the site. You will receive an email acknowledging your report. Any sites found to be phishing scams will be removed immediately.



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Loss of a dear friend – David Bell



“I met David sixteen years ago when I came to Ratho and joined the Environmental group, in which he was a great asset. When he was no longer able to drive to the Meeting House on Sundays I invited him to come along to St. Mary’s, where he was happy and well known for his love of biscuits at coffee time! He never refused a goody bag to take home.

Over time, as the years passed, and he didn’t cope too well by himself I helped him as much as I could. Gavin reminded me that one year when I went on holiday I asked him to pick David up and replenish his pill box, when it wasn’t where it should have been David said “someone must have nicked it”. Blackie remembers David arriving in the hall having walked. No wonder he was ready for a coffee before the service!

I shall never forget when David and I went to sing carols around the Christmas tree in the village. As soon as Santa’s sleigh rounded the corner playing carols, David started to dance. It was so spontaneous and just lovely. I probably joined him!

When eventually David was no longer able to stay by himself, his friends at the Meeting House, who were his Powers of Attorney, took over. I visited him often in the Care Home and joined in the singing sessions. David loved singing.

His art work was often displayed on the pin board. Janet, Margaret Hunter and I visited on his birthday, when he was proudly sporting a big 80 badge! Many of us have one of David’s beautiful paintings adorning our homes.

I am pleased to say that the last few have found a home in Ratho. I feel as though I have won the lottery as I have the one of Iona Abbey hanging in my sitting room.

David we shall never forget you.
RIP”

Rosemary



CUCUMBER VICHYSOISE / LEEK AND POTATO SOUP

Serves 6 generously

1lb potatoes

1 cucumber (alternative recipe is to use 1lb of leeks)

2 oz butter

1 small onion peeled and chopped

2 pints chicken stock

1 teaspoon castor sugar

salt and freshly milled pepper

¼ pint single cream - see recipe



This soup has an excellent flavour and an attractive delicate green colour.

Served cold it is called 'vichyssoise' but it can equally be served hot as a cucumber and potato soup.

1. Peel the potatoes and cut them and the unpeeled cucumber into chunky pieces.
2. Melt the butter in a large saucepan and add the vegetables including the chopped onion.
3. Cover with a lid and simmer gently for about 10 minutes to draw out the juices from the vegetables and to soften them.
4. Add the stock and bring to the boil. Cover and allow to simmer for approximately 15 minutes or until the potato is quite tender.
5. Remove from the heat and puree either in a liquidiser or food processor.
6. Pour into a bowl and add the sugar which counteracts the slight acid flavour from the cucumber. Season with salt and pepper.

7. Chill thoroughly then stir in the cream and serve.

8. It is good presentation to stir in the cream into the individual soup dishes and scatter chopped chives over the top

NB To serve the same soup hot simply return the pureed soup to a saucepan add the seasoning and reheat. Cream is not necessary

An alternative is to use 1lb of leeks instead of the cucumber

Jean Tracey-Bower.



Diary of Events: August 2020 – September 2020

Date	Times	Venue	Event
<p>DUE TO CURRENT GUIDELINES ISSUED BUY THE BISHOP GROUPS AND SOCIAL EVENTS HAVE BEEN CANCELLED.</p> <p>WE WILL KEEP YOU ALL UPDATED WITH ANY CHANGES.</p>			

Humour

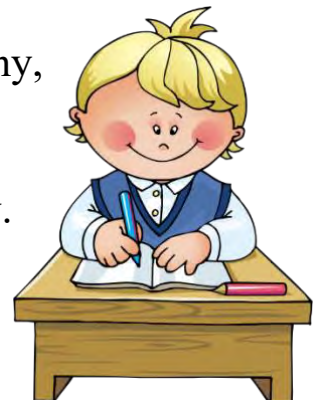
Pay special attention to the wording and spelling. if you know the bible, even a little, you'll find this hilarious! It comes from a Caithness school test.



Kids were asked questions about the old and new testaments. The following 25 statements about the bible were written by children. They have not been retouched or corrected. incorrect spelling has been left in.

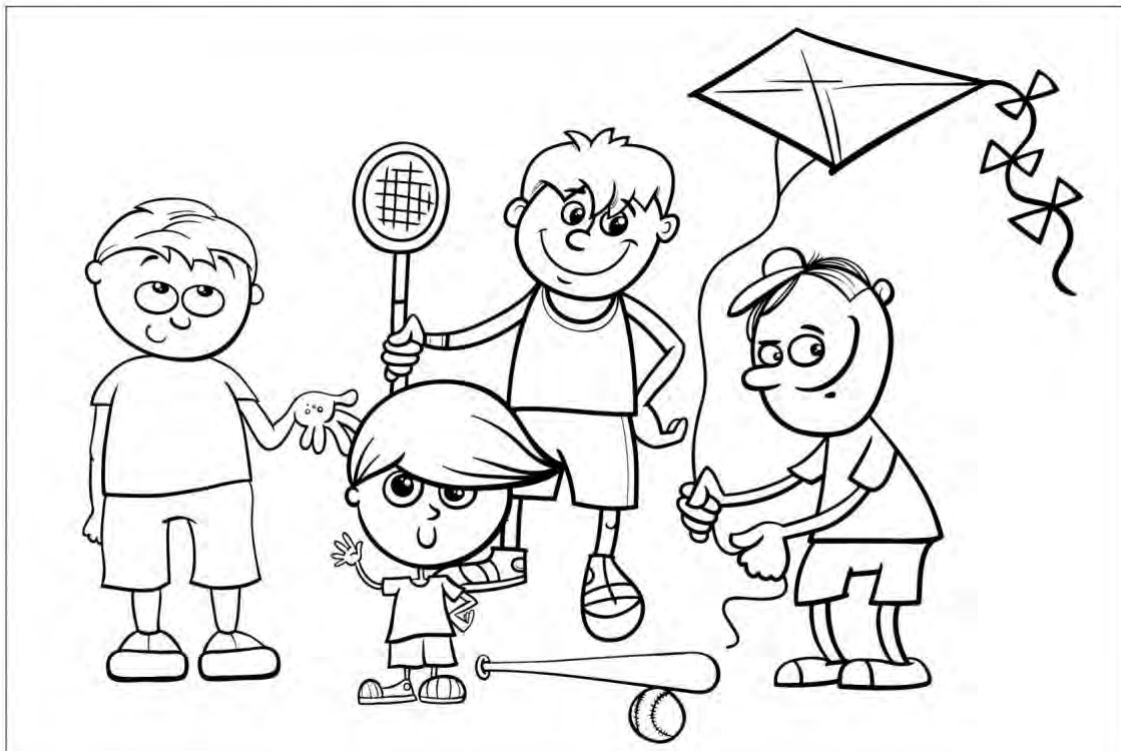
1. In the first book of the bible, Guinness. god got tired of creating the world so he took the sabbath off.
2. Adam and eve were created from an apple tree. Noah's wife was Joan of ark. Noah built and ark and the animals came on in pears.
3. Lots wife was a pillar of salt during the day, but a ball of fire during the night.
4. The jews were a proud people and throughout history they had trouble with unsympathetic genitals.
5. Sampson was a strongman who let himself be led astray by a Jezebel like Delilah.
6. Samson slayed the philistines with the axe of the apostles.
7. Moses led the jews to the red sea where they made unleavened bread, which is bread without any ingredients.
8. The egyptians were all drowned in the dessert. Afterwards, Moses went up to mount cyanide to get the ten commandments.
9. The first commandment was when Eve told Adam to eat the apple.
10. The seventh commandment is thou shalt not admit adultery.

11. Moses died before he ever reached canada then Joshua led the hebrews in the battle of geritol.
12. The greatest miricle in the bible is when Joshua told his son to stand still and he obeyed him.
13. David was a hebrew king who was skilled at playing the liar. He fought the Finkelsteins, a race of people who lived in biblical times.
14. Solomon, one of Davids sons, had 300 wives and 700 porcupines.
15. When Mary heard she was the mother of Jesus, she sang the magna carta.
16. When the three wise guys from the east side arrived they found Jesus in the manager.
17. Jesus was born because Mary had an immaculate contraption.
18. St. John the blacksmith dumped water on his head.
19. Jesus enunciated the golden rule, which says to do unto others before they do one to you. He also explained a man doth not live by sweat alone.
20. It was a miricle when Jesus rose from the dead and managed to get the tombstone off the entrance.
21. The people who followed the lord were called the 12 decibels.
22. The epistels were the wives of the apostles.
23. One of the oppossums was St. Matthew who was also a taximan.
24. St. Paul cavorted to christianity, he preached holy acrimony, which is another name for marraige.
25. Christians have only one spouse. This is called monotony.



Children's Page –

Find and circle 5 differences.



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**Deadline for articles for the February – March issue
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If possible, please submit articles using the following formats:

Paper size: A4; Portrait; 2 cm margins.

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