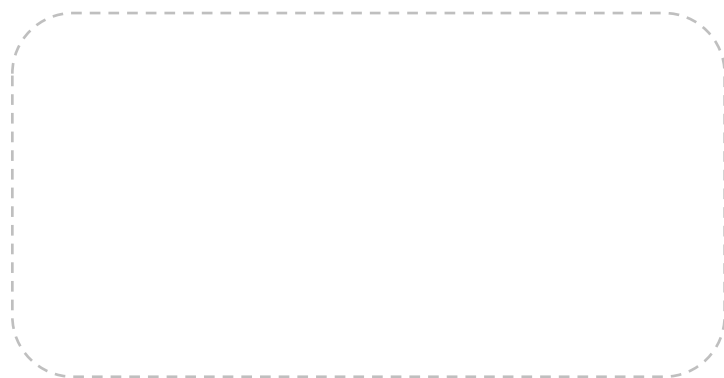


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## Pastoral Letter from Christine

### Finding Hope In The Face Of A Pandemic

Let me start by talking about what hope is *not*. It's hope's counterfeits that create false hope, and we are wise to avoid them.

**Hope does not come from making guarantees or promises, especially those you can't keep. It isn't burying your head in the sand and pretending that tomorrow everything will go back to "normal" either. Hope does not come by simply keeping yourself busy.**



Hope is not mere positivity that eliminates fear and anxiety.

Hope is created at the intersections of

- 1) passion – a desire for something vital,
- 2) perseverance – the need to prevail against great odds, and
- 3) **FAITH** – the belief that there is something greater beyond those odds. God walking with us.

Clearly, when faced with dire conditions, our souls crave hope at a fundamental level because it is crucial to surviving seasons like this one. Hope isn't the alleviation of fearful risk, or the side lining of anxiety. It's the *choice* to see beyond the current circumstances to something better *despite the presence* of those feelings.

Each person is metabolizing this pandemic in uniquely personal ways. If your hope is flagging in the face of fears, doubts and uncertainties, the origins of lost hope will be distinct to you. Some may already be showing signs of withdrawal or apathy – signals they are craving hope. And rest assured, in the face of isolation from social distancing, those monsters in our heads become even more ferocious.

For some, the usual suspects of economic uncertainty and job security are the main culprits. But even beneath those common monsters lie unique breeds of fear – am I employable? How's my network? Will my family be ok? For others, it's their health or that of a loved one. Still for others, it's the chronic sadness that comes from seeing so much panic and pain around them.

Beyond facts about managing the virus itself, I have found the real time examples of creative generosity, staunch resilience, inspiring artistry, and sacrificial bravery of our medical professionals, to offer remarkable sources of comfort in the face of the apocalyptic-like predictions we hear daily.

The incredible examples of global collaborations among the scientific community and the ingenuity of numerous inventors to find innovative ways to create needed medical equipment like ventilators, all serve as evidence of our capacity to more than survive this crisis. From all corners of the earth, this pandemic has revealed humanity at our best, combating a pandemic virus with a pandemic of compassion. These are powerful sources of hope.

Blame, outrage, and unhelpful politicizing of this crisis all thrive in environments of panic, perpetuating hopelessness. Gratitude helps divert such toxic emotions by reminding us that our lives still hold sources of joy for which we can be genuinely grateful. Allowing yourself to verbalize those joys in the presence of your shared delight helps solidify their power to sustain hope.

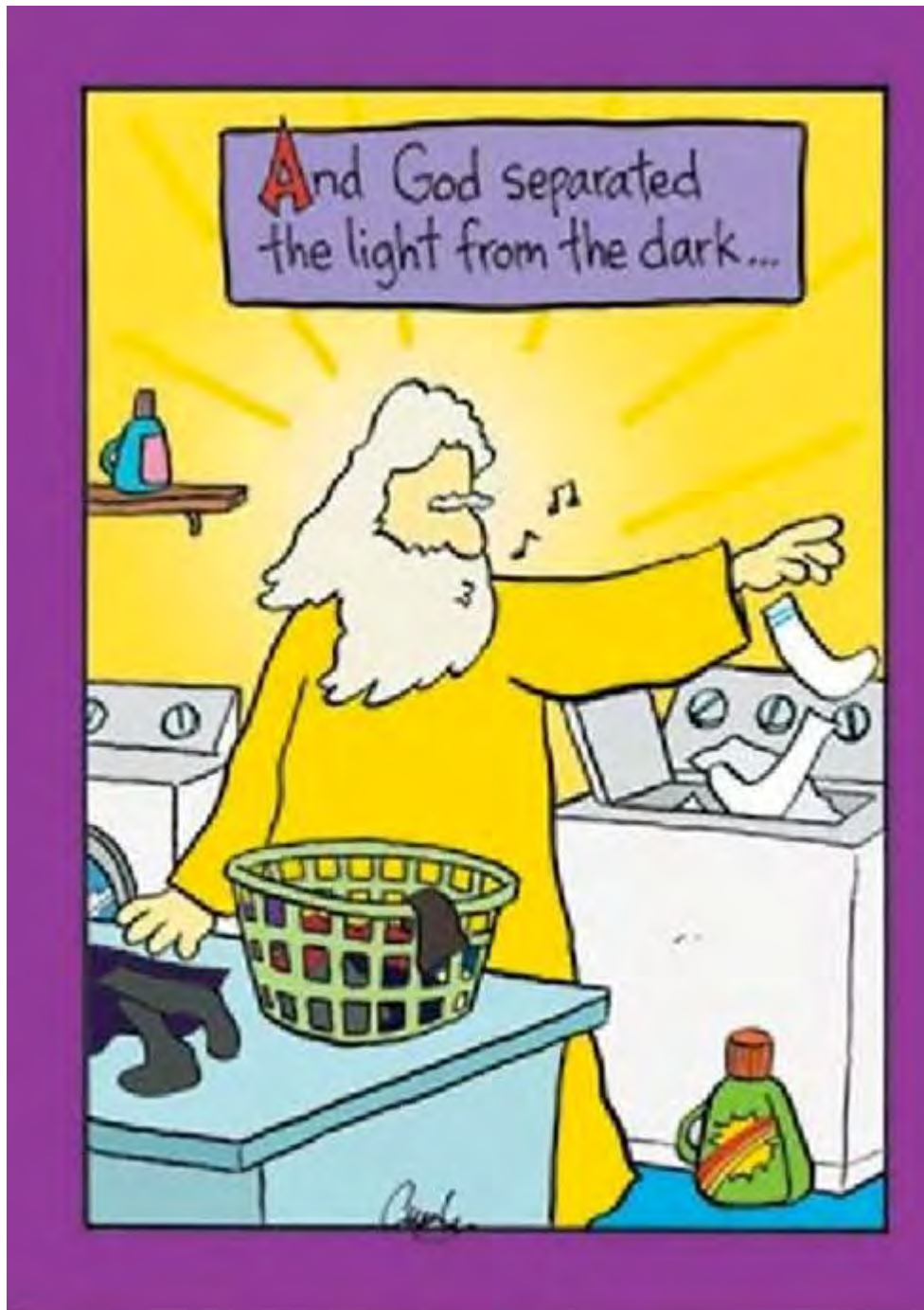
Choose hope. Hope would not be the powerful force that it is if it were chosen only when a reason to do so was obvious. The true power of hope lies in uncovering and choosing it when the presenting conditions suggest doing otherwise — when chronic uncertainty feels like the “new normal” for the world.

In the face of more challenges in the days ahead, one of the greatest gifts you can give yourself, and those you love, is the invitation to discover hope. It won't appear on its own, especially for the most fragile among us. Take the time to sit together, and



excavate what may be the most vital resource needed to weather this storm.

I hope you will.



## From the Registers (October – November 2020)

### Baptisms

13<sup>th</sup> September      Joshua Pitt & Sibling  
 20<sup>th</sup> September      Theo Jack MacLean

### Weddings

2<sup>nd</sup> October              Riina Marianne Peivilainen & Christopher  
    James Horn  
 21<sup>st</sup> November        Kimberley Webster & Robert Stephen Hovey

### No Funerals

### 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
	7:45-8:45pm	Dance Class
Wednesday's	6-7:30pm	Taekwondo
	7:30-9pm	Yoga
Thursday's	1-2:30pm	Yoga
Friday's	9-12pm	Dance Class
2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.stmarysdalmahoy.org.uk)

## Happy Birthday St Mary's

I wonder what it must have been like on the morning of Tuesday 24th September 1850 when the Bishop and Dean travelled from Edinburgh for the dedication of the new St Mary's Church at Dalmahoy?



Would they have travelled together in a carriage?  
How long would the journey have taken them?  
Certainly a lot longer than it would nowadays even if using public transport!

What time would someone have been in the building to light the candles?

Would they have had any heating?

We don't know the answer to these particular questions.

We have to rely on the description of the events of the day which don't necessarily go into the details that some of us would want to see included.

Unfortunately, due to the current restrictions on social gatherings, we are unable to celebrate the 170th Birthday of St Mary's with the Faith Lunch which had been suggested at the beginning of the year by the Hall Committee.

There is still the opportunity for anyone who might be interested to visit the church building on the morning of Thursday 24th September 2020 between 10am and noon. The church will be open during that time.

Having been deprived of the chance to celebrate on this particular occasion, we should plan to mark the 175th anniversary in the hope



that our plans will not be thwarted by a virus or any other natural or man-made problem.

Happy 170th Birthday St Mary's Dalmahoy and cheers to many more anniversaries in the future, possibly long after we are able to celebrate them in your unique surroundings.



## Bill Scott

Very sadly, Bill Scott who was diagnosed with terminal cancer at the end of last year, lost his fight with the disease on August 7th

Bill had been in the Royal Victoria Hospital in Kirkcaldy from July 11th until

Wednesday 29th July when he was transferred into the hospice which is within the grounds of the RVH. Prior to that he had been cared for at home in Glenrothes by Margaret.



Bill and Margaret have been part of the St Mary's congregation since 2002. They were married in the church on April 3rd 2004 by Deryck Collingwood.

Bill had been a history teacher at St Margaret's Academy in Livingston before taking early retirement. He continued to follow his passion for books about his favourite historical subject, Nazi Germany, until well into his last months.

In their Glenrothes home, he had a whole room as a library for his 2661 volume book collection. This room also overlooked the garden, another of his interests.

Bill was a very active and much appreciated member of the St Mary's family while he and Margaret lived at the Ryal near Broxburn. He was a Vestry member for more than one three year period. He was also a pastoral visitor for many years and had been seen around the church grounds and rectory grounds helping to clear overgrown shrubs/trees.

He is also well remembered by the residents of the cottages beside the car park as being a very able car park attendant in his hugely oversized yellow reflective jacket.

After moving to Glenrothes in 2017 he continued in the role of secretary to the Vestry during the period when we were looking for a new incumbent.

It is especially for his diligence and thorough attention to detail that those of us who were Vestry members at that time have to be so very grateful for all the work that he put in, preparing all the documentation that is required during that process.

Bill, knowing that his condition was terminal, was able to prepare for his death and funeral arrangements in a way that many others are unable to do.

Having received permission to be buried in the graveyard from Lord Morton, Bill in conjunction with Deryck Collingwood and Rev Christine devised the format of his funeral service and was able to proceed with this following the lifting of some of the restrictions on funeral services.

In the normal course of events, the church would have been full and overflowing for his funeral service and subsequent burial, with family, friends, ex teacher colleagues and colleagues from his work as SQA Chief Invigilator at George Heriots School, Edinburgh and from his many other invigilation posts,

Many, like myself, no doubt feel that they have been denied the chance to express their condolences and respect in normal fashion. Fortunately, Bill and Margaret made good use of their semi-retired status and had many expeditions together to far flung places in the world. I don't use the word holiday to describe these because I am sure that most of them were not particularly relaxing but certainly very enlightening.

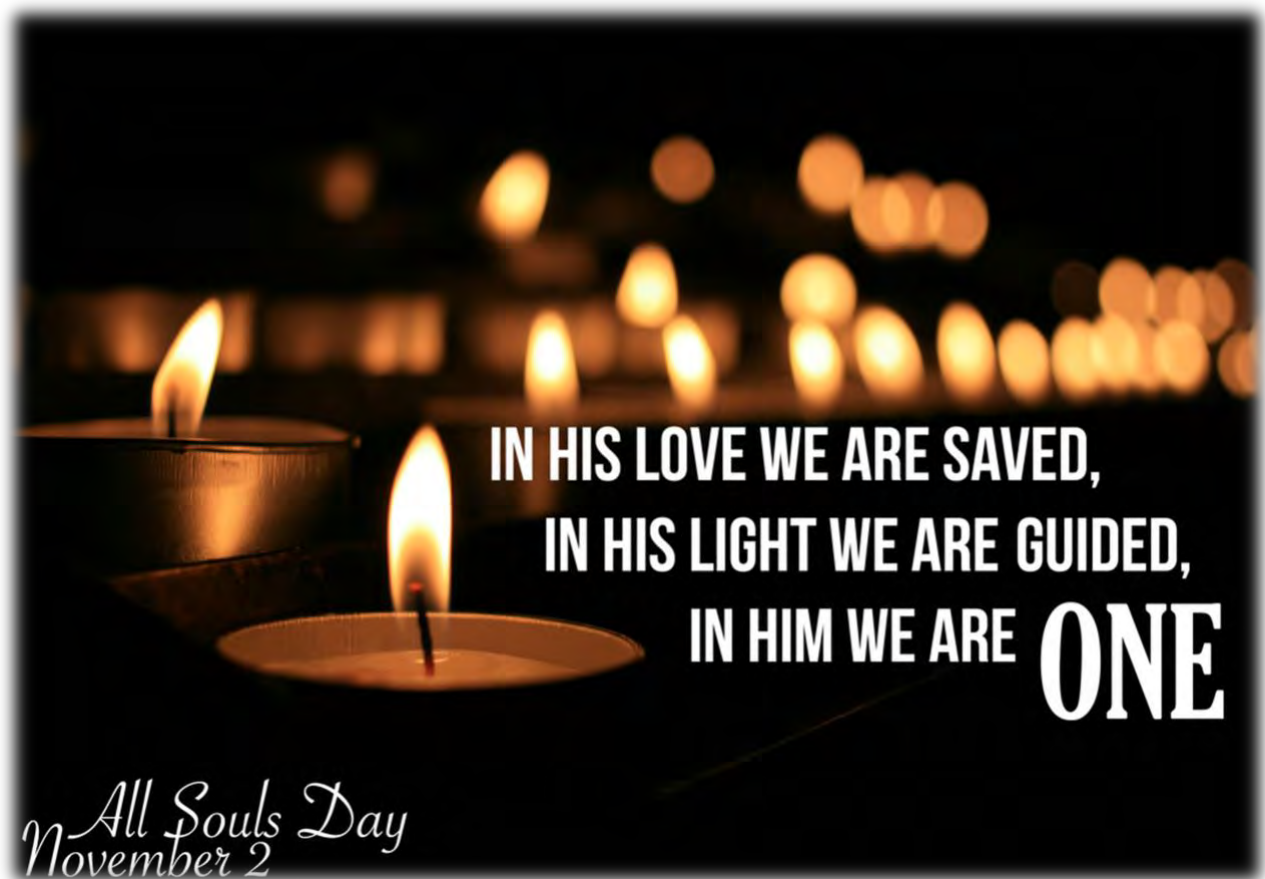
Margaret has been left without her partner but does have some amazing memories to look back on as well as a wealth of photographs which is a reflection of one of her own passions.

You will be greatly missed by us all, Bill Scott.

Your life came to an end too soon at only 71 but you certainly left your mark on the world in so many different ways.

Our heartfelt sympathies go to Margaret, your three adult children and six grandchildren and your extended family.

Rest in Peace.





## C.S Lewis - On Giving

In the passage where the New Testament says that everyone must work, it gives a reason in order that he may have something to give to those in need.

Charity – giving to the poor – is an essential part of Christian morality: in the frightening parable of the sheep and the goats it seems to be the point on which everything turns.

Some people nowadays say that charity ought to be unnecessary and that instead of giving to the poor we ought to be producing a society in which there were no poor to give to.

They may be quite right in saying that we ought to produce this kind of society. But if anyone thinks that, as a consequence, you can stop giving in the meantime, then he has parted company with all Christian morality.

I do not believe one can settle how much we ought to give. I am afraid the only safe rule is to give more than we can spare. In other words, if our expenditure on comforts, luxuries, amusements, etc, is up to the standard common amongst those with the same income as our own, we are probably giving away too little.

If our charities do not all pinch or hamper us, I should say they are too small. There ought to be things we should like to do and cannot do because our charities expenditure excludes them.



I am speaking now of 'charities' in the common way. Particular cases of distress among your own relatives, friends, neighbours or employees, which God, as it were, forces upon your notice, may



demand much more: even to the crippling and endangering of your own position.

For many of us the great obstacle to charity lies not in our luxurious living or desire for more money, but in our fear – fear of insecurity. This must often be recognised as a temptation.

Sometimes our pride also hinders our charity; we are tempted to spend more than we ought on the showy forms of generosity (tipping, hospitality) and less than we ought on those who really need our help.

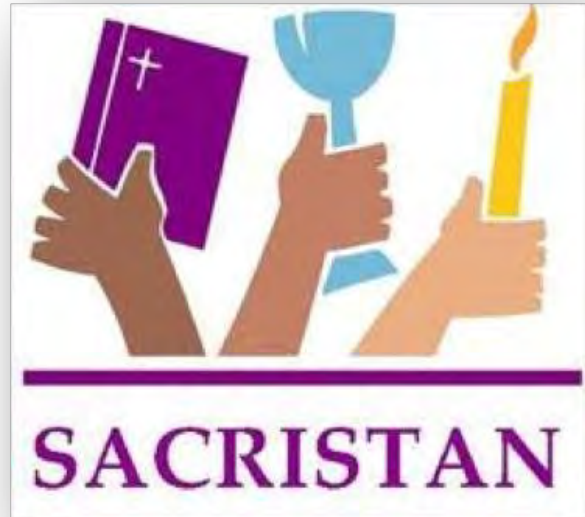
-from *Mere Christianity*



## Sacristans Needed

As most of you will be aware there are a number of tasks which are carried out by various people to ensure that the Sunday Eucharist runs smoothly.

One of these is making sure that all the elements for the communion are where they are required for the service and tidying them up afterwards. This includes communion wafers, wine, water, chalices etc. At present I do this most Sundays with Blackie taking over if I am not available. It would be good if we had another couple of people who knew what is required and could take a turn on an ad-hoc rota. I don't envisage this being people taking specific Sundays of each month.



Once you know what is needed and where things are it is not an onerous role to carry out. Timewise you are best being at church by 10am to set up and give yourself 15 minutes after the service for clearing up.

During the current Covid-19 situation Christine is doing most of the set up work to reduce the chance of infection. However there is still a requirement to bring the chalice etc. up from the safe in the church prior to the service, clean the vessels afterwards, and take the used linen home to wash. So although less to be done it is still a requirement.

If anyone feels that they could assist with this task please speak with me and I will show them what it entails.

Denis King



## Lockdown like no other

For those of you who don't remember me, I used to be the small blond hair chap part of Sunday Circle. For the past year I have been a teaching assistant in Shenzhen, China. It has been a wonderful opportunity and there are many stories to tell. Firstly I must mention the food, it's absolutely delicious. Chinese BBQ, chicken feet and dim sum are my new favourite dishes. I attempted to learn the language but that was a disaster, was too busy exploring China's 4<sup>th</sup> largest city.



In February, China went into lockdown due to the coronavirus pandemic and I decided to fly home. It didn't last long as I had to travel back for school re-opening in late March and my journey was rather memorable. Before even reaching my destination, I had to queue for 3 hours at the China/HK border, have my temperature taken about a million times and had to hunt for my taxi in the pitch dark! Luckily for me though I arrived in China just in time, as the next day the authorities decided to close China to the outside world.



Before I started work I had to complete a 2-week quarantine period. My friend and I were sealed into a tiny high rise flat but we had a lovely balcony where we enjoyed several beers and watched the world go by. I also completed my first ever jigsaw (my grandparents were very impressed) and annoyed the locals with many renditions of 'Flower of Scotland' on the bagpipes. They probably thought I was some sort of alien!

After being tested and interrogated by two gentlemen in rather scary looking white suits, like something off a movie, we were finally allowed out and school resumed a couple of weeks later. China had a good firm grasp of the pandemic that was wreaking havoc in other parts of the world. Masks were necessary, temperature checks on entry to every building, and you had to scan QR codes to verify the state of your health. Moreover, children ran away from me in shopping centres, scared that they





would catch the virus from a western person and people did not want to share a lift with me. This was slightly uncomfortable but it didn't affect my enjoyment in China.

It took me 3 attempts to fly home as 2 of my flights were cancelled 24 hours before departure. It was difficult because Chinese authorities are not allowing many airlines to fly out of the country. However, on the third attempt I was successful and I'm very relieved and happy to be back on UK soil.

Simon Gunn



## Eucharist Readings:

<b>Year A Eucharist</b>	<b>(Year A2 for Morning Prayer)</b>	<b>First Reading</b>
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
1 November	All Saints' Day	Revelation 7:9-17
8 November	Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost	Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25
15 November	Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost	Judges 4:1-7
22 November	Last Sunday after Pentecost	Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24
29 November	First Sunday of Advent	Isaiah 64:1-9
6 December	Second Sunday of Advent	Isaiah 40:1-11
13 December	Third Sunday of Advent	Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11
20 December	Fourth Sunday of Advent	1 Samuel 7:1-11, 16
27 December	First Sunday after Christmas	Isaiah 61:10-62:3



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Second Reading	Gospel
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
1 John 3:1-3	Matthew 5:1-12
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18	Matthew 25:1-13
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11	Matthew 25:14-30
Ephesians 1:15-23	Matthew 25:31-46
1 Corinthians 1:3-9	Mark 13:24-37
2 Peter 3:8-15a	Mark 1:1-8
1 Thessalonians 5:16-24	John 1:6-8, 19-28
Romans 16:25-27	Luke 1:26-38
Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7	John 1:1-18



## Are we there yet?

Well, not quite! Although services resumed at the beginning of August, we have been temporarily meeting in the Douglas Hall instead of in the church. This has meant that I am not yet back in my usual place at the organ, but am playing the digital piano instead behind a mask! As we are not yet officially allowed to return to singing hymns, I've been replacing them with piano pieces, and we've been saying the rest of the service. So it's a rare opportunity to explore the piano and harpsichord repertoire which doesn't usually get played in church, not to mention the first live performance of the original piano version of *'When the Storm is Over'* by my wife Tina (can be found on Spotify – search for 'Tina Langeberg Phillips').

Maybe while these lockdown conditions are still in force I should play selections from Verdi's opera *'Un ballo in maschera'* ('A Masked Ball')! Any other tongue-in-cheek suggestions?

## Social Distancing for Organists (no mask required)

In Estonia, it can get quite cold in church in the winter. So Estonian



organists came up with the idea of building a heated hut around the console to keep themselves warm! Mind you, once the door is shut, it's impossible to hear what you're playing! This example is in Kolga-Jaani church, where I gave a recital in 1993.

## St Mary's needs you

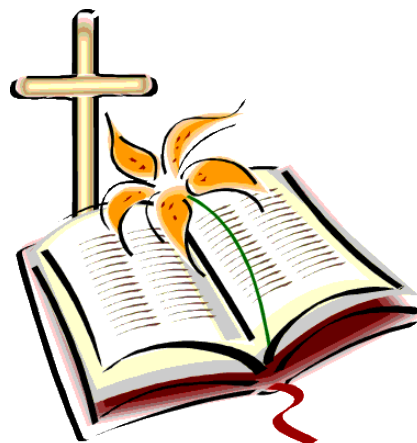
As we approach the financial year end I am updating you on our position and sending a reminder for the periodic donators.

Like many people and institutions we have been greatly impacted by the events of 2020. At the start of the pandemic we had some cash reserves to support paying the stipend, the organist and administrator salary along with all other commitments. Most of the congregation that gave via the plate made alternative arrangements and we saved money not heating the church and Douglas Hall. As restrictions remained in place for much longer than we could have originally thought possible and a season with fifteen postponed weddings the position is less healthy.

If you're in a position to donate anything extra to St Mary's it would be gratefully received. Some things to consider while you review your giving, we collect several hundred pounds a year from the Sunday coffee money, could you donate the weekly pound you've not been putting in the basket? You may have saved some cash from items you've not been buying for the food bank. Or perhaps you could consider the amount you may have given to a good cause at a retiral collection. Perhaps there's non church expenditure, like the money you've not spent commuting to work or travelling to see family, some of which you could donate.

For those who make payments periodically, and need a reminder, it's 18 weeks since we had a service in the church and we have gathered for worship in the hall 9 times since August.

Thank you for reading and if you have any questions please let me know.



Payments can be made by phone or online banking to the account below. Alternatively cheques can be sent to me at the below address.

Direct Payments to: Bank of Scotland

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Reference	Offering

Cheques payable to *St Mary's Church Dalmahoy*

Mr G Craig  
35 Hillend View  
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Kind regards  
Gavin





## THE LIFTING OF THE LOCKDOWN

Just a five minute walk from my house in Balerno, is the National Trust for Scotland Malleny garden. I once took the Dalmations there. There have been many memorable times with my family in this garden.

The time we all made patterns in the thick frost on New Year's Day, and when our wee grandchildren stripped down to their pants and rolled about on the wet grass pretending it was the seaside.



It is a magical place. Malleny walled garden is an oasis of calm when the wild winds hit the village, one can always find secret places of quiet from the tempests. One can also find solace when storms rage within.

For me it is my little "Poustinia" + a place of refuge where one is quietened and given new perspectives. This garden is in the world, but away from it, where if you listen, the garden speaks of order and wisdom with a gentle benevolence and an eloquence which is different every visit. I go there often to paint and think.

During lockdown I hung around the locked gates which bore ominous notices. I felt bereft. How long would the gates be closed ? Sometimes I would wildly tell the gate that I would climb over, not so funny though for a creaky old lady! Ha!



When at last the gate opened as the lockdown was eased, I went eagerly. At first I was shocked at what had happened during lockdown. The garden seemed to have been left untended except for the vegetable patch. What had happened to the neatly cut lawns, the ancient clipped yew hedges, the famous rose collection and the four untidy Apostle trees?



It all resembled the ancient tale of the Sleeping beauty where weeds and brambles invaded the secret places where the princess slept. The usually neat lawns were almost waist high in wild grass, almost abandoned, or were they?



On advancing into the garden one realised that the grass was full of the most wonderful meadow flowers. It was glorious with bedstraws, Orchids, Vetches, Yellow Rattle, Clovers and many other wild flowers, to the delight of the dancing bees and butterflies.

Where did they all come from, I later asked my botanist husband? He explained that deep down in all our well cut lawns there are seed banks waiting for the moment we neglect our lawns, and it is a good idea to leave a patch uncut every year for the wildness to occur.

Walking further in, I found that someone with magical insight had cut winding walking paths through the wild lawn meadows, and for my delight that day, there were little children running about these paths, hiding and jumping in complete abandon, shrieking with delight in the sunshine.

I stood transfixed by the beauty and joy of this vision of wildness. The garden seemed to speak, this was how it wanted to be.

I stood very still then without moving for a long time, enjoying the moment, and as the children's voices receded would you believe it, a young rabbit, absolutely unafraid crept out from that wild lawn and sat close to me on a patch of soil and looked straight at me for what seemed minutes.



To my amazement it rolled over on its back, over and over and kicked it's big funny furry back paws in the air. This seemed to me, a glimpse of

the joy of that very first created wilderness, when God saw that it was very good.

So, Glory to you O God, for places of wildness for through them you renew the earth! Amen !

And I went on my way.

Blessings from *Janet*



Sketch by Janet



## CHARITABLE GIVING

It has long been an aim of St Mary's to donate around 10% of the congregational giving for the year to charitable causes. This figure depends on our financial position. It is the intention that these donations should be split between projects some in Scotland and others worldwide.



Although congregational giving has been significantly down this financial year vestry agreed that St Mary's would donate a total of £3,000 across 8 different charities. Some of these charities received their donations before Covid-19 hit. The remainder were agreed upon at an additional vestry meeting on September 21<sup>st</sup>. The charities chosen were as follows.



£500 was given to the Papua & New Guinea Church Partnership. This money is to sponsor an ordinand in PNG. St Mary's previous 4 year commitment to this sponsorship ended in 2019. A visit to the Wednesday service by John Rea during which he asked if it was possible for St Mary's to commit to a further 4 year sponsorship was received last September. As a result vestry agreed to this in October.

£500 was given to Aberlour Child Care. This is a charity which St Mary's has supported over a number of years, and who have come to St Mary's to talk about their work. The donation was made in response to an emergency appeal for donations that Aberlour made near the start of lockdown as they were aware the situation would have an adverse effect on vulnerable children and families.



£100 was given to the Cystic Fibrosis Trust. This donation was given on the request of the person who was Santa at last November's Christmas Fayre.

Rather than receive a thank you gift he asked that a donation was made to this charity.

£500 was given to St Salvador's Foodbank. This has been done over 3 tranches (May, July, and September). St Mary's normally collects items to send to this foodbank. During Covid that has not been possible. Therefore it was decided to support them in this way to help ensure that their work can continue.



£300 was given to the Seagull Trust. This is a charity well known to St Mary's. We, at St Mary's, have enjoyed a number of trips along the canal on their barges during the past few years. Their income will have been seriously curtailed this year as they will not have been able to run these types of trips.



£200 was given to Mary's Meals. This is another charity well known to and supported by St Mary's. The monies normally collected via the demijohns have dropped significantly this year.



£400 to the Roof Of Africa(SCIO) charity. This is a fairly new charity set up by a couple in Ratho to provide an education to the poorest children in Tanzania. Information on this charity can be found on their website.

<https://www.theroofof africa.org/>

The West Lothian School Clothing Bank (<http://schoolbank-westlothian.org/>) received £500. They are a small charity providing school uniforms for struggling families throughout West Lothian. They have donation places in shops etc., but also need money, especially now for warm winter clothes.



We hope that this article has given a good picture of how St Mary's has supported causes outside of our own church over this past year.

**Denis King (on behalf of St Mary's Vestry)**





## A Wise Teacher

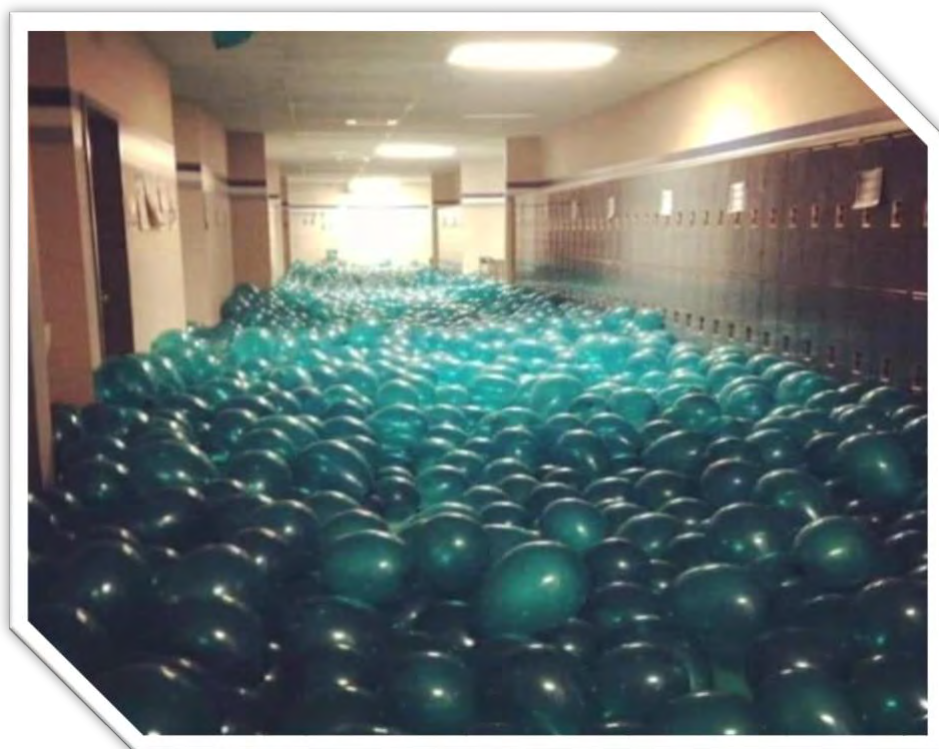
A wise teacher once brought balloons to school, told her pupils to blow them up and write their name on one. After, the children tossed their balloons into the hall, the teacher moved through the hall mixing them all up.

The kids were given five minutes to find the balloon with their name on it, but though they searched frantically, no one found their own balloon.

Then the teacher told them to take the balloon closest to them and give it to the person whose name was on it. In less than two minutes, everyone was holding their own balloon.

The teacher said to the children, “These balloons are like happiness. We won't find it when we're only searching for our own. But if we care about someone else's happiness...it will ultimately help us find our own.”

Hello everyone, I just had to share this with you. I really appreciated this. Love Ann



## Creme Brulee

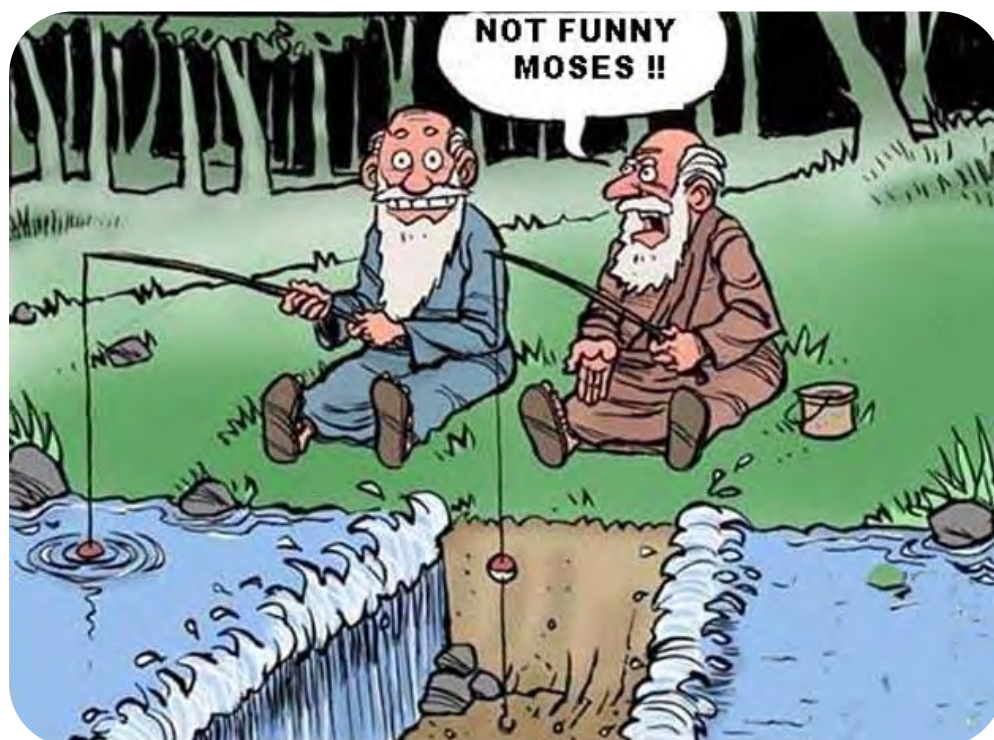
1 pt (600 mL) double cream  
1 vanilla pod  
4 egg yolks  
4 oz (125 g) caster sugar



1. Pour the cream into the top of a double boiler or into a mixing bowl placed over a pan of simmering water.
2. Add the vanilla pod and warm gently until almost boiling, then remove from the heat and remove the vanilla pod.
3. Beat together the egg yolks and 50 g (2 oz) of the caster sugar until light in colour. Gradually pour in the cream, stirring until evenly mixed.
4. Stand 6 individual ramekin dishes in a roasting tin containing enough boiling water to come halfway up the sides of the dishes. Pour the custard mixture slowly into the ramekins dividing equally between them
5. Bake in the oven at 150°C mark 2 for about 1 hour until set.  
  
Do not allow the skin to colour (but don't worry if it does cos by the time you've blasted the top with you new pyromaniacs toy, nobody will be any the wiser!).
6. Remove from the tin and leave to cool then refrigerate overnight.
7. Sprinkle the remaining sugar evenly over the top of each and put under a preheated hot grill for 2-3 mins until the sugar turns to caramel (or play with blowtorch toy). Leave to cool the chill before serving

## Diary of Events: October 2019 – November 2020

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



## Humour

**What time of day was Adam created?**

Just a little before Eve.

**Who was the fastest runner in the race?**

Adam. He was first in the human race.

**Why are atoms Catholic?**

Because they have mass.



**Why didn't they play cards on the Ark?**

Because Noah was always standing on the deck

**Why didn't Noah ever go fishing?**

He only had two worms.

**Did Eve ever have a date with Adam?**

Nope — just an apple.

**Why did the unemployed man get excited while reading his Bible?**

He thought he saw a job.

**Does God love everyone?**

Yes, but He prefers “fruits of the spirit” to “religious nuts!”

**If Mary had Jesus, and Jesus was a little lamb...**

Does that mean Mary had a little lamb?

**What's so funny about forbidden fruits?**

They create many jams.

**Why couldn't Jonah trust the ocean?**

He just knew there was something fishy about it.



## Children's Page –

# ERGO HALLOWEEN SPOT-THE-DIFFERENCE

BY TIM VAN DE VALL



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Ann Donahue	John O'Connor
Revd Janet Dyer	Mandy Smart

Should you wish to add someone, or a situation, to our prayers, please email or telephone (see 'Rector's Warden' on page 2 for contact details).

## Sunday Stewards

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Fifth Sunday		

## Transport

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Sunday	Morning Prayer (Said)	10:00 am
	Sung Eucharist	10:30 am
Wednesday	Said Eucharist	11:00 am

**Church Open Times**

Monday, Wednesday & Friday – 10:00 am to 12 noon for quiet reflection and prayer.

Saturdays – 10:00 am to 3:00 pm from beginning of May to the end of September except during Wedding ceremonies.

**Deadline for articles for the December - January issue  
is **3:00 pm** on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2020**

If possible, please submit articles using the following formats:

Paper size: A4; Portrait; 2 cm margins.

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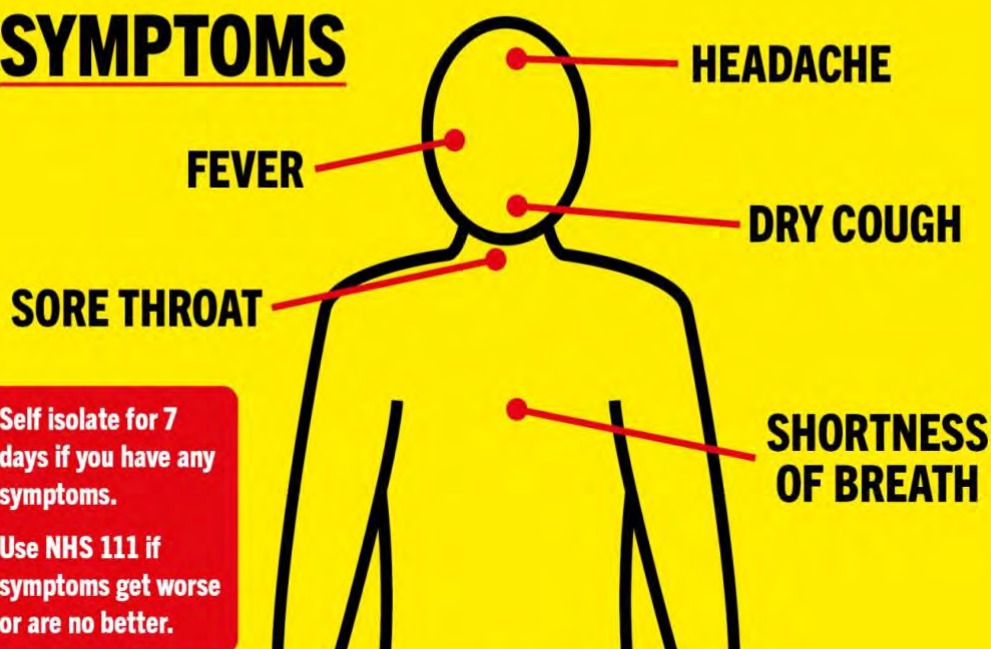
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# CORONAVIRUS

## SYMPTOMS



Self isolate for 7 days if you have any symptoms.

Use NHS 111 if symptoms get worse or are no better.

## HELP PREVENT IT



**WASH  
HANDS  
REGULARLY**



**MAINTAIN  
SOCIAL  
DISTANCING**



**AVOID  
TOUCHING  
EYES, NOSE  
& MOUTH**



**PRACTICE  
RESPIRATORY  
HYGIENE**

# Reduce your risk of COVID-19



**Clean your hands often**

**Cough or sneeze in  
your bent elbow –  
not your hands!**



**Avoid touching your eyes,  
nose and mouth**

**Limit social gatherings  
and time spent in  
crowded places**



**Avoid close contact with  
someone who is sick**

**Clean and disinfect  
frequently touched  
objects and surfaces**





## Services – 2020

