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A note from Deryck

It is strange writing when the outcome of the Referendum is yet unknown, but by the time this issue is distributed we will, hopefully, be 'getting on with it', whatever the outcome.

The following statements, some years old now, were designed to be used with the response, '*Behold, I am with you to the end of the age*', after each bidding. They come from the Philippines, no stranger to uncertainty on many levels of life, not least within the Christian community, they seemed apt to the moment:

We are wayfarers, following roads to the ends of the earth, pilgrims on our way to the end of the age.

We are travellers on the road to freedom,
a community of grace with good news for all we meet.

We'll travel lightly, travel together, learn as we go;
we are disciples, our mission is love, the journey is long.

We travel with authority, fearful of none;
we are sent, opponents of evil, heralds of hope.

We'll travel with humility, no task is too small;
we are servants, the cross is our compass, love is our sign.

When the way is uncertain, shadows sinister, and dangers threaten; we'll not be afraid, but take heart.

I hope that these and the following prayer, used recently at a Diocesan study day, express an attitude of trust and hope in *God's* future that we can aspire to:

'Help us to realise that difference is not just something to be accommodated, but that difference is necessary for the health of a body. Enable our interaction with others to bring discernment, sharpen our perceptions, increase our energy for the good, expand our ability to love.'

With my love and prayers
Deryck

From the editors

Well what a lot is going on at St Mary's. This has proved to be a bumper issue and it is great to get all the copy. As Chris is currently having a family break in Oz it has fallen to me to put this edition together so please bear with me if I have made too many faux pas. Please make a note in your diary of the dates of various happenings advertised in this issue, we would love to see you there. We would still like to see a team of folk willing to chase up articles or write them. If you could help, please speak to Deryck or Paula who would be delighted to hear from you.



webmaster John Blaber, would also be delighted to hear from you at:
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As always, thanks to all our contributors – we couldn't exist without you.

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

Margaret Scott
Chris Bond


St Francis-tide Service of



Blessing the Animals

A short service of blessing will be held
in the church on

Sunday 5th October at 4.30 pm



From the Registers

Baptisms

August 17th Lewis Duncan Scott Waymark

Weddings

Aug 2nd Jacqueline Cropley to Ross Barnes
 8th Leanne McKenny to David Crilly
 9th Natasha McGovern to Joshua Hardy
 16th Kirsty Ann Reid to Greg Rutherford
 18th Grit Baermann to Matthias Berger
 23rd Lindsay Knowles to Scott Stewardson

Sept 5th Louise Gray to Martin McGeevy
 6th Kelsie Williamson to Jonathan Coulter
 12th Ailie Bishop to Kevin McLennan
 13th Sarah Robinson to Paul Tate
 20th Lynsey Millard to Alastair Hay
 26th Cheryl Nielson to Paul Morrison
 27th Sarah Helliwell to Allan Ramsay

Funerals

Sept 4th Jack McBroom
 Sept 24th Jean Russell

May they rest in peace and rise in glory

Visit to Floors castle Saturday June 7th 2014

We all arrived promptly for our day out to the borders and Floors castle. The day started well with a quick cup of coffee in St Mary's followed by a speedy departure in a most luxurious bus. Soon we arrived at Dobbies garden centre where we had an excellent scone and coffee in the conservatory pre-booked by Gillian and Rosemary. We were given an hour or so to enjoy the many retail opportunities at Dobbies and wander through their amazing selection of plants.

Once on the bus again we drove south passing the construction areas for the new borders Railway from Selkirk to Edinburgh, it will certainly be a pretty journey for commuters and other travellers.

Although the weather forecast for the day was bad, the rain still held off and we were able to enjoy the lovely scenery. Our first sight of Floors Castle, standing on a slight hill with the river Tweed running in front of it, was breath-taking.

As soon as we had all assembled in the house one of the guides gave us a very interesting introductory talk about the Estate and how it is run. It is owned by the Duke of Roxburghe and now really runs as a big business with several tenant farmers, a wind farm, garden centre and restaurant. The house is open to the public and one of its attractions is that it is still very much a family home. As you wander through you can admire the beautifully restored tapestries, spacious rooms, many portraits and extensive collection of porcelain. The American wife of the 8th Duke had a strong influence on the present day decoration and she also collected modern art by such painters as Matisse, Bonnard, Matthew Smith etc; these were in one of the side rooms. Another interesting room was the taxidermy collection of birds, perhaps not very politically correct nowadays, but acceptable in Victorian times. In the mid 19th century the then duke had a laboratory on the first floor from which he studied the natural history of the area. There were so many interesting things to see it was impossible to take it all in and it certainly deserves another visit.

In addition to the house there was also the garden centre to be visited. This was not for the faint-hearted because by the time most people had enjoyed their lunch and were ready to visit the garden it was pouring with rain. For those of us with umbrellas and water-proof clothing a trip around the garden was both fascinating and rewarding. The first part of the garden was laid out in a parterre showing the initials of the Roxburghe family and following this French theme there was a collection of early Scottish apple varieties pruned in a French style, either as a goblet or a pyramid. They had wonderful names, Scottish dumpling, Galloway pippin and Bloody ploughman, apparently the poor ploughman was shot while stealing these apples, hence the name. The famous walled garden next to the parterre has the most wonderful herbaceous borders with an interesting collection of plants and a beautifully tended vegetable garden. The current head gardener used to work at Balmoral and everything is very well cared for. The garden centre

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has a good selection of plants which you can buy as a memory of your visit.

It was still raining hard when we left but I think everyone had had a most enjoyable day. A big 'Thank you ' to Gillian and Rosemary for organizing such a lovely day out.

Gillian McLennan

A visit to Balmoral

It was a beautiful morning on Deeside, so Olive, Beth, Jane and Meri (Jane's dog) decided to visit Balmoral. After a pretty drive through Ballater and Braemar, we arrived at Crathes and then Balmoral itself. We discovered that from the car park it was quite a walk up the drive to the castle, so I asked if we could get any nearer as we had a blue disabled badge. "Just drive up to the gates", we were told. So we did and as if by magic they opened and we drove up the drive. We were a little confused when we arrived at what we thought was the castle, but seemed rather small, only to discover that it was the stable block! The castle was another two hundred yards to the left. We had a lovely time exploring the grounds. We saw the beautiful sunken rose garden with the roses in full bloom and two lovely heather gardens designed by Prince Philip. They are cleverly arranged so that the heathers come out at different times of year but are at their very best in August, when the Royal Party arrives. Along the riverside we the small cemetery where some of the Queen's corgis are buried, each with their little headstone, and a large stone memorial to King George V. We enjoyed looking at all the show cases in the ballroom, which is the only inside part of the actual castle open to visitors, and watching the very informative film. After that we had lunch in the café (no, the Queen had not invited us to tea!) visited the gift shop and set off for home. Again as before the castle gates opened as if by magic as we approached them!

We drove through torrential rain in Glenshee and arrived home to sunshine! It was a lovely end to the weekend of David Greenwood's Ordination which we had all been to the previous evening. It was good to visit the family in their home in the grounds of Kincardine Castle, be able to take Rachel out for lunch with John and Helen who had also made trip from Balerno and then attend the Ordination which Deryck was preaching at. We then all met up with Christine and Blackie as well to enjoy the BBQ after the service. A great two days!

Jane Russell & Olive Metcalfe

Food, Glorious Food

During the summer holidays school-children are endlessly hungry – perhaps to fuel a summer growth spurt, perhaps to fuel a more active lifestyle. With no school meals to help supplement the home diet, this constant refuelling can put a severe strain on already overstretched family budgets. In an effort to help ease the anticipated problem, the congregation of St. Mary's, Dalmahoy decided to host an event to raise money and material goods for a food bank.

With many of their congregation on summer vacation, it became apparent early on that this would be so much better with support from the other local churches. Kirknewton and East Calder and Ratho parish churches along with St. Theresa's Roman Catholic Church all expressed their willingness to make this a combined effort and a *Rich-man-poor-man* lunch was held on Saturday, July 26th in the Douglas Hall, Dalmahoy. The *poor men* – sadly vastly in the majority – had rations of bread, cheese and water, while the *rich men* washed down their substantial fare with wine. However, the latter were good enough to share the remains of their lunch with the *poor* and all accepted their lot with good grace.

The entry fee was £2.00 apiece for both rich and poor. Unfair? So, unfortunately, is the distribution of wealth worldwide. With the addition of generous donations a sum in excess of £260.00 was raised and a mini mountain of food amassed.

Additionally, the food bank at St. Salvador's, Stenhouse, had recently received a lorry-load of goods and kindly shared some of their largesse. The food and money will be divided between the food banks local to the participating churches and the *rich men* and the *poor men* very much hope that their contribution will be timely and useful.

Ella Henderson

All Souls' Requiem

6.30 pm

Sunday 2nd November

... ending with lighting up the church yard with candle lanterns as an act of remembrance of loved ones. This is always a moving occasion. Please think about others who may appreciate the opportunity to come with you.

nb, Service at 6.30 pm, being Sunday,
rather than 7.30 pm when,
as more commonly, on weekdays.

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DALMATIONS

500 Miles.

On 27 August, at our first meeting of the new session, we were privileged to welcome Olivia Giles. Olivia came to tell us why she was inspired to set up the Charity 500 Miles. This is a remarkable and powerful story.

On 21 February 2002 Olivia had what she thought was the start of 'flu. Twenty four hours later she was fighting for her life in hospital in the Intensive Care Unit. After four weeks she regained consciousness to find that her arms had been amputated below the elbow and legs amputated below the knee. This had been necessary to save her life as she had contracted meningococcal septicaemia and her limbs had become gangrenous. Olivia, a lawyer, admitted that prior to this she had been a bit of a fitness fanatic and lived life to the full. She showed no bitterness but did emphasise how thrilled she was when she took her first steps with her artificial legs. She stressed that legs are a life line and give one dignity.

On a visit to Malawi, Olivia became very aware of the plight of those who had lost limbs and were in a desperate state. As a result of what she saw she set up the Charity 500 Miles, whose name comes from The Proclaimers lyrics, "I would walk five hundred miles". Her aim being to get disabled people in Africa up and walking. The Charity pays for the building and staffing of clinics and also sends able students to university so that when trained they can oversee the production and fitting of the devices which are all made locally.

She writes in her Charity Brochure:- "I've been given a second chance to enjoy life – everyone else deserves that too. Our aim is that all who need, and can use a prosthetic or orthotic device to improve their quality of life, will have that chance".

The Charity 500 Miles, which she founded in 2008, helps people with disabilities in Malawi and Zambia and, to a limited extent in Zanzibar. The purpose of the Charity is the development and delivery of prosthetic and orthotic services by supplying and subsidising prostheses and orthoses for the poor of those countries. Prostheses are devices which replace missing body parts whereas orthoses are supports, eg splints, for body parts which are physically there but are weak or don't function properly. People may be born with deformities, lose their limbs due to accident, disease and poverty and as a result lose their livelihoods, homes or families with the most vulnerable dying. One common cause is of course gangrene which may follow being bitten by a snake or treading on a thorn, bare feet being much more common than wearing shoes. The attention of witchdoctors does not help the situation.

There were around 40 at this meeting, including some from Geoff's walking group. Dennis handed over a cheque for £1000 from the Church plus approximately a further £200 from donations and the sale of cards.

John Lumsden

I know there is an appreciation of Olivia Giles talk to the Dalmatians from John Lumsden, but I wish to add my two penneth on behalf of the Craigroyston Walking Group, who sort of gate-crashed the event.

I walk with the group every Wednesday, using a mini-bus supplied by the Community High School during term time, and using cars or Public transport for the rest of the year. On Wednesday 27th August, I asked the walkers if they would like to come to St. Mary's to hear the story of "500 Miles", and they agreed. So we did a short walk round Calderwood Country Park, and then drove to Dalmahoy. All were very impressed by the warmth of the welcome, the lunch, and by the inspiring words from Olivia.

What a marvellous story, to overcome such tragedy with such determination to help others. Knowing all the names of the young people shown on the screen indicates such empathy and care of all those she meets.

I understand that there already exists a tie up with the work done by Mary's Meals in that if they get to know of any children suffering a lack of limbs, they are put in touch with "500 Miles". Wonderful to know of this joint venture.

Geoff

Paddy took 2 stuffed dogs to the Antiques Roadshow

"Ooh", said the presenter. "This is a very rare set produced by the celebrated Johns Brothers taxidermists who operated in London at the turn of the last century. Do you have any idea what they would fetch if they were in good condition?"

"Sticks", said Paddy

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Pray for Peace Vigil

6th September 2014

This is our third annual Pray for Peace Vigil at St Mary's. The vigil coincides with St Mary's Day and is an appropriate way to celebrate.

I would like to thank Claire and Ella for all their help. Ella highlighted countries around the World in need of our prayers and each half hour we prayed for the individual country.

Claire offered to stay with me the entire night and for that I was very grateful.

Claire put together a wonderful powerpoint with music and images of the countries.

It provided an important focus on each area of concern and although sometimes the images were harrowing to watch, it was a true account of what is happening in these countries and what our brothers and sisters sharing this planet, have to endure daily.



Thank you to those who gave me prayers, they were read aloud throughout the evening and early morning by various readers. Thank you to those who read over the 12 hours. It was wonderful to see so many folks dropping in throughout the night.

There were prayers/ reflections/ poems half hourly from 6pm on the Saturday evening until 5.30 am on Sunday morning and at 6 am we celebrated Eucharist.

Claire had arranged wool and needles for any knitters and anything that was knitted on the night will go towards the "Wool against Weapons" 7 mile scarf which is being made around the country as a sign.



There was an opportunity to write prayers on paper or a stone and lay at the foot of the Celtic cross, or in a bowl of water, or on the map in the prayer corner.

As I sat praying, I was aware of everyone with me and those at home who had offered to pray at some point, throughout the evening. I listened to the gentle, relaxing click of Janet and Claire's needles as they knitted and prayed.

There were 2 prayers which struck me and stay with me.

"May fruitless strife and ruinous wars pass away and may the Great Peace come. Let us not glory in this, that we love our Country, let us rather glory in this, that we love humankind."



"May our only wounds be these:
The wounds that we cannot avoid
Because we belong to one another,
And feel and hear the murmur of the world's pain;
The wound of a sense of compassion for others;
The wound of a sense of longing for God,
The Source of Life and Love
Deep within us and far beyond us."

The Vigil ended with a poem by John Donne.

'No Man is an Island'

No man is an island entire of itself; every man is a piece of the continent, a part of the main; if a clod be washed away by the sea, Europe is the less, as well as if a promontory were, as well as any manner of thy friends or of thine own were; any man's death diminishes me, because I am involved in mankind. And therefore never send to know for whom the bell tolls; it tolls for thee.

Please pencil this weekend in your diary for next year and try to be with us in prayer.

With love

Rona x

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CHURCH OPENING DURING THE SUMMER.

Thank you to all the members of the congregation, who so generously gave their time on Saturdays, to help to keep the Church open for visitors and passers by. We had a few visitors who were interested in the church and its history, which made keeping the Church open worthwhile.

Gillian McLennan.



We welcomed former Rector Simon Robinson and his wife Angie back for two recent weddings - that of Eleanor Chill to Malcolm Gillies in July and that of their own daughter Sarah to Paul Tate in September, both delightfully happy occasions.

Winter Wednesday Eucharists

Please note that *from the beginning of October until the end of March*, **Wednesday 11.00 am Eucharists** will be **in the Douglas Hall**, not in the Church.

Beginning Wednesday 1st October.

BBQ – 2014

If anybody wants proof of global warming they need look no further than the records of our Annual Rectory BBQ. It always seems to be cold and raining on the allotted day, but now in 2014 we were presented with a beautiful warm, sunny day.

When we arrived to park in the church car park we found Carole in the hall kitchen cooking baked potatoes which we helped carry across to the Rectory garden where a good number of folk had already arrived. There were bottles and cans of every type of beverage you could ever want. There were salads, crisps, breads, rolls, sauces, cold meats - a cornucopia of foods with the usual tables groaning with plenty.



It wasn't long before we were tucking into 'Alec the Salmon' and other cold goodies, with Deryck and the BBQists cooking up plenty of hot food to fill our bread rolls (and tummies) – chicken, burgers, sausages and vegetarian delights.

As usual Graeme came out with one of his welcome specialties, and we were royally entertained by some pipe music from David Brown who kindly called in to give us a few tunes before he had to leave to play for the arrival of cruise ships at Leith.





Heaven on earth was yet to follow (for me anyway, with my very sweet tooth). A trip to the Rectory dining room did not disappoint. Such an array of delicious and naughty puddings! Did we have room for the cheese? Well, there was just a little space left on the 'savoury side' of our tums.

Our thanks go to all those involved in organising, supplying and cooking this very enjoyable BBQ, to Deryck and all those who came along for making this

a great social event in our church calendar, and especially Christine for welcoming us all with her poor broken foot. We are looking forward to next year's BBQ and good weather.

John Blaber



Starting Lay Readership training

This September I started two years of training to, hopefully, become a lay reader. In some ways this will be a step into the unknown, despite the best efforts of those tasked with overseeing training, because the previous training body, the Theological Institute of the Scottish Episcopal Church (TISEC) has been replaced this year by the Scottish Episcopal Institute (SEI) which has a new Principal, the Revd Dr Anne Tomlinson. Hence, some of the details, such as training placements, have yet to be determined. Nevertheless, there will be three major strands: formation (a greater emphasis on this than formerly); skills (such as preaching, leading worship etc); and education (though I have already undertaken a fair amount of what is required here). The course entails six residential weekends each year, which I realise will unfortunately put a little extra strain on Sunday Circle, as well as a one week residential summer school. I face the training with a mixture of excitement and trepidation: it is good for me to remind myself that God is in charge. You would be helping me if you also reminded me of this from time to time.

Talking about help, I will have to submit a couple of assignments, and the Liturgy assignment is one that I am likely to choose this year. The academic part of this is not too bad, *“Describe and assess the contribution of one significant period in the history of Christianity to the development of worship”*. But the communication part is where you come in! The assignment is, *“Write a short parish magazine article explaining the purpose of church members learning about the history of Christian worship (500 words)”*. Well, I don’t know what you think the purpose of people at St Mary’s learning about the history of Christian worship would be. I really need your views. I would be very grateful if you had any questions that have ever crossed your mind about the history of worship. All suggestions most welcome because it will be invaluable in writing the article. After all, what people at St Mary’s think is the purpose may be quite different from those at Old St Paul’s or at St Mungo’s Balerno, for example.

So, any ideas on what you think *“the purpose of church members learning about the history of Christian worship”* might be would get me off to a flying start. Please email your thoughts to me at jstarr@staffmail.ed.ac.uk, give me a call on 0131 449 3045, or catch me on a Sunday.

John Starr

18.

Prayers for the Season of Remembrance

War and Peace

Peace we yearn
yet we never learn
as tribes still fight
casting out our light,
yet we live in hope
this is how we cope
when all can be one
and Peace is won,
as the winds blow free
over all we can see
where flowers grow bright
rather than bowers of fight.
We will still remember them,
each lost name in a single stem.

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The Conscript

The ball dropped to the floor
its playful bounce took it out the door
chasing it, greeting the morning air
a girl stopped in a wide eyed stare
a concrete wall was at the end of her street
friends on the other side she could not meet
a soldier youth winked, then pointed his gun
from a tall tower set high in the sun
a boy behind her found the ball to throw
a single shot fired, the girl cried 'no'
the ball free in bounce never to cease
stopping only at the feet of peace.

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Organist Emeritus

There I was, sitting in the congregation with Myrtle at the end of a Sung Eucharist, when Rona asked me to come out to the front of the church. As I moved out of the pew, all I could hear was Myrtle asking loudly: "What have you been up to?"

Well, I was very surprised and proud to be presented with a framed certificate granting me the title of 'Organist Emeritus' of St Mary's.

I am so grateful to the Vestry for this recognition, and 'thank you' to the whole congregation for all the love and support I have received since my retirement.



This photo shows me sitting at the console of my home organ proudly holding the certificate.

For those interested, videos of the presentation, singing and my thank you speech at the Faith Lunch on my retirement can be viewed on the church website.

(The photo was taken by Myrtle now that she knows what I have been up to!)

Voskresenije



Russian Choir Concert

For All Saints Day

7.30 pm, Fri 14th November

Tickets £10 / £8 available

Sunday Readings for

Oct 5	Pentecost 17	Isaiah 5: 1-7
Oct 12	Pentecost 18	Isaiah 25: 1-9
Oct 19	Pentecost 19	Isaiah 45: 1-7
Oct 26	Pentecost 20	Leviticus 19: 1-2, 15-18
Nov 2	All Saints Pentecost 21	—
Nov 9	Pentecost 22	Amos 5: 18-24
Nov 16	Pentecost 23	—
Nov 23	Christ the King	Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24
Nov 30	(Year B) Advent 1	—
Dec 7	Advent 2	Isaiah 40: 1-11
Dec 14	Advent 3	Isaiah 61: 1-4, 8-11
Dec 21	Advent 4	2 Samuel 7: 1-11, 16
Dec 24	Christmas Eve	Isaiah 52: 7-10
Dec 25	Christmas Day	Isaiah 9: 2-7
Dec 28	First Sunday After Christmas	Isaiah 61: 10-62.3

October – December 2014

Epistle	Gospel
Philippians 3: 4b-14	Matthew 21: 33-46
Philippians 4: 1-9	Matthew 22: 1-14
1 Thessalonians 1: 1-10	Matthew 22: 15-22
1 Thessalonians 2: 1-8	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
—	John 1: 1-14
—	Luke 2: 1-14
Galatians 4: 4-7	Luke 2: 15-22

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Sunday Circle's Autumn Invitation

This autumn is story time at Sunday Circle – stories of how God made a difference through the lives of his followers after Pentecost. It is the final part of our exploration of how God has made a difference: first we looked at this in stories from the Hebrew Bible, next we looked at how God made a difference through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. Each week we will hear a different person tell their story. We have already heard from Peter, John, Stephen and Philip – who's next? Well, after we have gathered to share our own stories from the previous week (and a tasty snack!), there will be the bags of clues, each bag containing an object that is part of the story for that week. Of course, there will be the usual fun, games, time to make things, time to get to know each other better, time to experience God's love for us all. But as an extra help, here are the names of the people whose stories we will hear about over the coming weeks, only jumbled up.

October 5 LUPA

October 26 TREEP

Nov 2 SARABBAN

Nov 9 ILADY

Nov 16 ASMOTH

Nov 23 SUESIMON

Nov 30 WARDEN

Dec 7 UPAL

Dec 14 MISSTARCH TRAPY

PS One of these isn't a person in the Bible.

A QUIET DAY FOR ADVENT

Saturday 29th November
10.00 – 4.00

An opportunity to draw breath before the build-up to Christmas and ponder the time we are offered to await **the celebration of Christ's birth;** a time of refreshment and re-creation.

Please sign the list in the hall if you can come.



As part of the Edinburgh World Justice Festival
Hadeel will hold an Open Event:

**'Palestinian Handcrafts: Identity and
Non-Violent Resistance'**

“My Distant War”

Nada Shawa, born in Gaza, now living in Edinburgh,
will give an illustrated talk with personal
photos of Gaza then and now.

with

Tastings of Palestinian snacks
Voices and stories from Gazan Embroiderers with
Sulafa, UNRWA project
Readings from “Gaza Writes Back”
short stories from Young Writers in Gaza, Palestine
Question and Answer time
DVD of Hadeel Meet the People trip in 2012

**Sunday, October 5, 2014,
1.00pm – 3.00pm**

Hadeel
123 George Street, Edinburgh EH2 4JN
0131 2251922 www.hadeel.org

The Hadeel shop will be open throughout the afternoon.

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St Scruff's Dog Show

This took place on Saturday 30th August and our canine friends behaved with admirable composure in the limelight for the day. Well maybe they are used to it, whose dog does not steal the limelight?

Here is an edited photographic report of the afternoon.



St Mary's Church Dalmauoy



invite you to a family

Ceilidh

In the Douglas Hall
Dalmauoy

Friday 24th October 2014

7.30-10.30 pm B.Y.O.B

Tickets: Adults £6, Primary age children £3

From: Carole McBride 07909 582760

Enjoy supper & dancing to some fine music
from the

Auld Spice Ceilidh Band

Dances called by Margaret Scott

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Here is a letter received by Jean Tracey-Bower from the mission to seafarers in thanks for the knitted items sent to them from St Mary's.

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August 20, 2014

Dear Mrs Tracey-Bower

On behalf of the Mission to Seafarers Scotland please accept, as always, our sincere gratitude for the parcel of knitted items recently received by Rev Tim Tunley and do please pass on my thanks to all at St Mary's and to anyone who may have contributed in anyway.

We are so appreciative of such efforts on our behalf and seafarers acknowledge this kindness shown to them when they meet with our chaplains and volunteers as mentioned by Rev Tunley, who is our own chaplain to the Scottish ports at our recent AGM held in Perth, when he commented in his report on a seafarer who had told him how on his last visit he had been taken shopping and had received a warm woollen hat and could he please have another one.

On the 13th July last we celebrated Sea Sunday. The theme this year was the story of Jonah which reminds us of the many storms facing seafarers not just at sea but also within their own lives. We are reminded of those storms when we read of seafarers abandoned on vessels in foreign ports, attacked by pirates, being sick, injured or bereaved such as a British seafarer who arrived in port in the middle of the night to be told that his daughter had been taken ill and was not expected to live. They do so much for us, we are there for them. Your support makes our work possible.

Please do continue to encourage everyone to keep the knitting needles clicking whenever they are able.

You all remain, always in our prayers.
Jennifer K Gray

REPORT BACK FROM THE MINISTRY LEADERSHIP TEAM.

The Ministry Leadership team was set up towards the end of 2013, and our first meeting was held in October, and we have continued to meet more or less on a monthly basis.

The areas that are covered are Worship, headed by Rona Finlayson, Outreach, by Ella Henderson, Spiritual Nature, Education and Growth, by Mandy Smart, Pastoral Care by Claire Starr and Administration, Planning and communication by Gillian McLennan.

Worship consists of Liturgical leadership, assisting in the Liturgy, welcoming visitors, planning and managing family worship and special Festivals in the church year, church decoration, providing material for house groups and other gatherings, home communions and providing support for Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals.

Rona recently organised a 12 hour vigil for peace, at St. Mary's, assisted by Claire Starr.

Administration and planning and communication is a varied remit involving liaising with Paula, the church office administrator, seeing to congregational requirements, corresponding with members of the Vestry, Deryck and Carole McBride, the wedding co-ordinator on a regular basis. Providing assistance to Dennis King, the church treasurer, and the Hall committee, under Margaret King, the Fabric committee, under Rosemary Proctor, and Caroline Gunn, who has been most helpful with publicising the Church in the area.

Gillian McLennan

Overview of my role as outreach worker for the Ministry Team

It is easiest to think of outreach work as having three main parts: providing what can be easily recognised as a welcoming presence to all, especially to those living in our vicinity; identifying those in need or distress in this country or in other lands, praying for them and providing any physical aid we can; working together as members of the local ecumenical team to witness to our Christian fellowship.

This work is already ongoing in St. Mary's and to mention just some examples

- Welcoming presence. The hall committee, headed by Margaret King, constantly offer opportunities for members of the local community –and beyond - to come to our church functions and they do considerable work in planning these functions and providing refreshments to our guests.
- Helping those in distress. John and Jane Helliwell have introduced us to Mary's Meals and happily involved us in supporting the great work of this charity. Carole Morton, tireless in her work for Palestine, and Steve Haig, in his introduction of the Fair Trade stall, have brought us further information and opportunities. We support the food bank in Stenhouse. The congregation have been knitting industriously for seamen, poverty-stricken babies and old people.

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- Ecumenical Team Work. Janice Goodfellow has worked hard to maintain relationships with the congregations of East Calder and Ratho and helped us build on this.

It is my role to be aware of and to support what we are already doing and to focus on any areas where our input could be more productive.

Ella Henderson

Spiritual Nurture/Education & Growth

Since becoming a member of the Ministry Leadership Team a year ago I have become more aware of what it takes to organise all the activities and events that take place in the church year.

As part of my remit, this year I helped to organise the 2014 Congregational Weekend which took place at The College of the Holy Spirit on the beautiful Isle of Cumbrae. I was in regular contact with David the Warden in order to organise everything from room allocations to dietary needs. I am currently in contact with various venues to see who are available to accommodate us for our weekend away in 2015. I hope to have news regarding that very soon.

I was recently contacted by Claire Benton Evans the Diocesan Youth Officer who has offered to help us with Youth Outreach. We are currently trying to arrange a meeting.

Mandy Smart

My role as in the Ministry Leadership Team.

I hope that this is a helpful piece about my role and, actually the role of our pastoral visitors. I see my role as very much being there to support visitors in their ministry, also trying to match visitors with members of the congregation and those who simply wish to have a link with St Mary's. We currently have 17 pastoral visitors, with Pat Syme, Anna Newton and Christine Bond having stepped down from many years of offering this ministry to members of the congregation. During the summer we called out some new visitors: Lois-May (L M) Donaldson, Caroline Gunn, Margaret Hunter, Carole MacBride and Jane Russell, who have kindly agreed to respond to this call and offer this ministry. I am very pleased to welcome them and also to thank those who have served the congregation for many years.

Often visitors feel they don't do much other than deliver magazines and chat to anyone who is at a service, but being there, available, there to offer support for anyone who needs it is, I think, helpful. The visitor's remit is as follows:

- To pray for those assigned to your care.
- To ensure that the magazine and any other relevant correspondence is passed on to those in your care.

- To be available to the individuals and families assigned to your care.
- To maintain confidentiality at all times unless you have permission of the individual concerned to share information with the priest or other team members as appropriate.
- To alert the priest if you feel that the individual needs his/ her support.
- Support from the priest to the pastoral visitor
- Enjoy this ministry and allow it to nurture you spiritually and personally.

Some people simply wish to keep in contact with St Mary's by receiving In Touch, whilst others desire a closer link, it is important visitors are sensitive to and respect, each person. If you would ever like someone to visit you, please contact your visitor – they will have given you their contact details in person, or with the magazine through the door, at some point – and they can arrange with you to visit at a mutually convenient time. Or, if you would like to see Deryck or another member of the ministry leadership team, they can put you in touch – of course, you can always contact Deryck or any member of the team directly yourself at any-time.

Recently, due to the change in visitors, I have been trying to match visitors with members, so there may well be some change in who your visitor is. If you are ever concerned or unhappy with the match you have, please let me know, we are all human and can have a personality clash with someone, so don't worry!!

I think, until you get into the swing of it, even delivering a magazine through the letterbox can be a daunting task, so I invite each one of us to be gentle to, pray and care for our pastoral visitors.

Personally, I enjoy nothing more than sitting, listening to folk, hearing their stories and any concerns they have, so please, never worry if you want someone to talk to, your visitor will be very happy to listen and, if they can't help then they will be able to find someone who can, without breaking any confidences.

I hope it has been helpful in knowing what we offer as a pastoral team.

Claire Starr 0131 449 3045

St Mary's AGM

**Sunday 16th November, 12.00 noon
in the Douglas Hall**

(papers will go out at the beginning of the month)



CHESTER CATHEDRAL

Organ Marathon

Saturday 4th October 2014
9:00 am to 9:00 pm

In aid of the Grand Organ Appeal

(This music spectacular will kick off the Grand Organ Appeal which will run for five years – Philip Rushforth, Director of Music)

Various organists from around the country will take part in this 12-hour marathon, with requests for sponsorship. All money raised will go towards the £1 million needed to preserve and maintain the wonderful sound of this world-famous 138 year old 4-manual instrument containing 5000 pipes for the enjoyment of future generations.

There will be a break for full [Choral Evensong at 4:15 pm](#).

John Blaber, the Organist Emeritus of St Mary's, Dalmahoy, Scotland will be taking part.

If you would like to sponsor John, please:
speak to him; fill in the form in the Douglas Hall; send an email to emeritus@stmarysdalmahoy.org.uk stating the fixed amount you would like to donate; or go to St Mary's website for further information.

Thank you. Any donation will be very much appreciated.

Bushcraft

Day 1 Le voyage a pris deux heure pour nous
 Et nous avons faire de l'escalade whoo hoo!
 Et puis nous avons promenade
 Nous avons pas mange tapenade
 Nous avons boisson le chocolate chaud
 Et nous veste dans les tentes grandes

Day 2 Le Mardi nous avons faire de canoe
 Mais le hayfever me rendait foll, ACHOO!
 Apres, nous avons à la peche, à la plage
 Fortunement il n'y a pas des nuages
 Maddie et Georgia avez trappez dix poisson
 Et nous aussi avons chercher de crabs et poisson

Days 3 & 4 Mercredi nous avons faire de natation au bord de la mer
 Et nous avons sauté éteint la falaise et marcher
 Mais jeudi nous avons reste dans le camp
 Nous avons tire à l'arc, dans la champ
 Dans Tribes Got Talent nous chanter et danse
 Et tribe deux vont gagner mais c'était chance

Day 5 Le dernier jour nous avons retende à la plage
 Et nous avons avoir BBQ
 Nous avons dit "au revoir"
 Et nous n'avons pas compétence de rime

Written by Georgia and originally illustrated by Maddie.

(Anything to make teachers work a bit harder)

My French has so many cobwebs but I suspect a certain amount of Franglais!

Georgia thought writing an account of their week's expedition was too boring!!

Sorry about the illustrations but they didn't survive the printer.

Val Lawrie

CHARITABLE GIVING

I wrote an article at this time last year which gave a rundown of all the Charitable Giving which had passed through St Mary's General Account during the financial year. I therefore thought it would be worthwhile repeating the exercise this year. As this article is being included in the October/November edition of In Touch it will be a good insight prior to the November AGM.

Charitable giving this year has fallen into four categories.

- On-going fund raising for a charity. This covers the demijohns in which we collect money for Mary's Meals throughout the year (and Geoff has the task of counting). It also covers the handmade cards which Marjorie sells. This money comes from directly from the congregation.
- Collections for specific causes. This covers items such as Bishops Lent Appeal, recent Gaza Appeal etc. This money comes directly from the congregation.
- Monies collected at the social events which have been run during the year with the aim of supporting various charities.
- Donations to charities from the congregation agreed at vestry. This comes from congregational giving. Around 10% of the yearly congregational giving is distributed in this way. The figure depends on our financial position. These donations are normally split into amounts of £500, £1000 or £2000. It is thought that making donations at this level allows them to be of a significant use to the chosen charities rather than spreading the donations much thinner over a number of charities. It is also intention that these should be split between projects some in Scotland and others worldwide.

During this financial year our charitable giving has progressed in line with the four categories described above.

The on-going collections for Mary's Meals have, at the time of writing, raised £639.60. This is very similar to the figure at the same time last year. There may be some more money paid in by financial year end. If so this will show in the end of year accounts. When you think that most of this money is from loose change which is put into the demijohns it's pretty impressive.

The homemade cards which Marjorie sells has again made £50 this year. £25 has been sent to each of Alzheimer's Scotland and Ravelrig Riding ForThe Disabled.

Collections for specific causes this year were:

- Bishop's Lent Appeal £560

- Philippines Typhoon Appeal £720
- Gaza Crisis Appeal £850
- Aberlour Childcare Trust £70 from 2013 Christmas card

So overall that is £2,200 which has been distributed in this way.

Social Events :

There have been three events over the year where resulting donations have been passed on to charities.

- Andante Choir raised £545 for Little Hearts Matter
- St Scruff's Dog Show raised £100 for Dog's Trust
- Rich Man, Poor Man Lunch. Raised £280 in cash donations. This was in addition to the food donations that were made. West Lothian Food Bank, Ratho Parish Church, St Salvador's Church and St Catharine's Convent were each sent £70 to assist with the work that they do to support the needy.

These events take a lot of hard work to plan and run on the day. Thanks to all involved.

Donations approved by vestry over the year have so far gone to seven different charities. These were:

£500 Papua & New Guinea Church Partnership. This money is to sponsor an ordinand in PNG. It was the final payment of a multi-year commitment made by the vestry 4 years ago.

£500 Westerhaven Macmillan Cancer Information and Support Centre. This is locally based in Wester Hailes and provides support for those diagnosed with cancer and also their relatives.

£500 Maggie's Centre Edinburgh. Based at the Western General Hospital this charity again provides support for cancer patients and their relatives.

£500 Generation Arts. A small independent charity in West Lothian which engages older people in creative activities that promote independence, confidence, and good mental and physical health.

£1000 Clic Sargent Homes from Home Appeal. Clic Sargent is a charity which supports young people with cancer. The aim of the Homes from Home Appeal is to provide accommodation for the children and their families close to the

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hospitals where treatment is being carried out. This is currently happening in Glasgow.

£1000 500 Miles. A number of people reading this will have been at the Dalmations meeting where Olivia Giles, the founder of this charity, spoke. Olivia contracted meningitis and had to have her hands and feet amputated to save her life. She has since founded this charity which supplies prosthetic limbs to people in Malawi, Zambia, and Zanzibar. It was really a very inspiring story of something good coming out of adversity.

£1000 Bethlehem Rehabilitation Centre. A number of members of the congregation were on the visit that Deryck led to the Holy Land in February. It was thought appropriate that we donated to a project in that area. Bethlehem Rehabilitation Centre is a hospital which has the main focus of mending shattered lives. It was recommended by McCabe, the company who arranged the Holy Land visit who run an educational trust. The money was donated through this trust. The hospital is open to all, regardless of gender, age, religion or social class and is committed to enhancing the overall quality of a patient's life.

I 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. I do think it quite impressive for a church of our size. As you can see the charities that we have supported cover quite a broad spectrum and are not always directed at the major charities. Therefore if you know of a charity which you feel deserves our support during the 2014/2015 financial year let a vestry member know and it will come into consideration as we decide how best to allocate our charitable giving budget for the year.

Denis King

Diary of Events, Oct - Nov 2014

Date	Times	Venue	Event
Wed 1 Oct	11.00	Hall	Eucharist
Sun 5 Oct	08.55	Church	Choir Practice
	10.30		Sung Eucharist (Collection of groceries/ toiletries for Food Bank)
	16.30		Animal Blessing Service
Mon 6 Oct	19.30	Hall	Vestry Meeting
Wed 8 Oct	11.00	Hall	Eucharist
Fri 10 Oct	Tbc	Church	Marriage of Andrea McVittie to James O'Neill
Sun 12 Oct	08.55	Church	Choir Practice
	10.30		Sung Eucharist
Wed 15 Oct	11.00	Hall	Eucharist
Sun 19 Oct	08.55	Church	Choir Practice
	10.30	Church	Sung Eucharist
	12.30	Hall	Ministry Leadership Team
Wed 22 Oct	11.00	Hall	Eucharist
Fri 24 Oct	19.30	Hall	Ceilidh

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Diary of Events (cont)

Date	Times	Venue	Event
Sun 26 Oct (Clocks back!)	08.55	Church	Choir Practice
	10.30	Church	Sung Eucharist
	18.30	Church	Evening Prayer
Wed 29 Oct	11.00	Hall	Eucharist followed by Dalmatians Meeting – “Scottish Caribbean History” Professor Sir Geoff Palmer
Thur 30 Oct	14.00	Church	Marriage of Kelly Kontou to Gary Comrie
Sat 1 Nov	09.30	Christ Church	Diocesan Synod
Sun 2 Nov	08.55	Church	Choir Practice
	10.30		Sung Eucharist Baptism of Danny Gray (Collection of groceries/ toiletries for Food Bank)
	18.30	Church	All Souls Requiem
Mon 3 Nov	19.30	Hall	Vestry Meeting
Wed 5 Nov	11.00	Hall	Eucharist
Fri 7 Nov	Tbc	Church	Marriage of Heather Ferguson to Gary Wickstead
Sat 8 Nov	17.30	Hall	Meal for Pastoral Visitors
Sun 9 Nov <i>Remembrance Sunday</i>	08.55	Church	Choir Practice
	10.30	Church	Sung Eucharist

Diary of Events (cont)

Date	Times	Venue	Event
Wed 12 Nov	11.00	Hall	Eucharist
Fri 14 Nov	19.30	Church	Russian Choir Concert
Sun 16 Nov	08.55	Church	Choir Practice
	10.30	Church	Sung Eucharist
	12.00	Hall	AGM
Wed 19 Nov	11.00	Hall	Eucharist
Sun 23 Nov	08.55	Church	Choir Practice
	10.30	Church	Sung Eucharist
	12.30	Hall	Ministry Leadership Team
Wed 26 Nov	11.00	Hall	Eucharist followed by Damatians meeting – “The Georgian House” Dr. Sheonagh Martin
Sat 29 Nov	10.00	Hall / Church	Advent Quiet Day
Sun 30 Nov <i>Advent Sunday</i>	08.55	Church	Choir Practice
	10.30	Church	Sung Eucharist Baptism of Anya Coupe
	18.30	Church	Eucharist with Prayer for Wholeness and Healing
Sun 14 Dec	18.30	Church	Carol Service

WHO'S WHO (cont)**Vestry:**

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

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

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

Geoff Angell
 Rona Finlayson
 Janice Goodfellow
 Derek & Ella Henderson
 Margaret King
 Val Lawrie
 Gillian McLennan
 Olive Metcalfe
 Bill & Margaret Scott
 Claire Starr

Hall Bookings

0131 333 1683

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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Service Times

Sunday	Morning Prayer	10am
	Sung Eucharist	10.30am

Last Sunday of the month	Evening Prayer	6.30pm
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Wednesday	Said Eucharist	11am
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Monday and Friday – the church is open between 9.30 and 10am for quiet reflection and prayer.

<p>Copy date for the December/January Issue is Sunday 16 November</p>
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