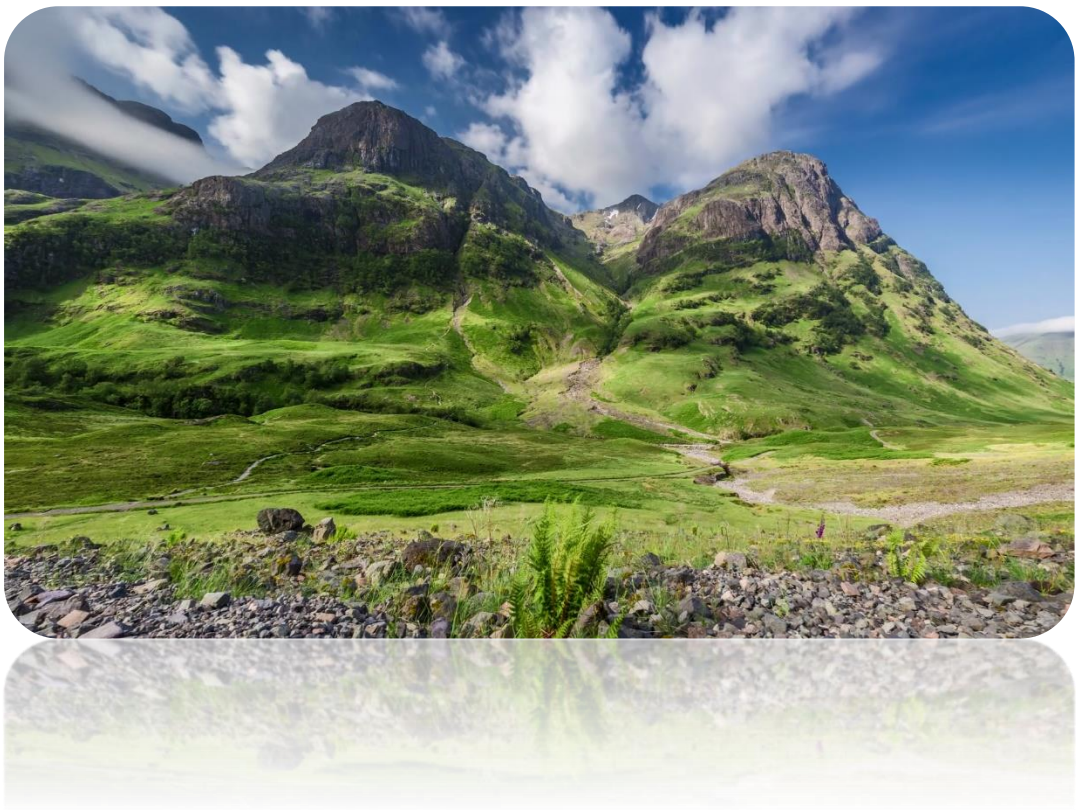


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## Pastoral Letter from Christine



*“To reach the port of heaven, we must sail sometimes with the wind and sometimes against it – but we must sail, and not drift nor lie at anchor.” Oliver Wendel Holmes*

*Summer 2021*

Jesus was someone to whom people responded with passion. Some. But others, responded by following Jesus on a way that was different from that which they had been used to and which would be characterized by a spirituality of the nearness of God. There were no churches, no bishops, no theological debates, no doctrine, no creed. There is a gathering of a community of seekers around a mentor who together set off to see what will happen as they look for the reign of God to break upon them.

It is a good time to remind ourselves who and what is calling us into the territory up ahead and to ask ourselves why we follow or if we are really prepared to do so. There is no question that the territory up ahead is unfamiliar and not like the past. We only need to examine statistics, that worship patterns for church going persons have changed.

Because of personal circumstances, few regard weekly worship as a commitment or even a real possibility. Once or twice a month is the most that seems possible. Sunday is not a day of rest for most, and if it is, the rest is usually a sleep-in and a lingering brunch. When this frequency is translated into how we give time and resources, then we are getting into trouble. Volunteerism has changed dramatically. The once altruistic value of giving something back to the community has become something that employers and even educators impose now as a requirement for success. As an imposed obligation, this is not providing the committed people, time and talents needed for the operations of most volunteer-based organizations. This has the additional impact of intensifying the competition for loyalty and resources between organizations, requiring more and more energy be put to justifying our existence.



The temptation is to do what we can simply to hold on for the rest of our existence – to hang around with the old boat and the old man and fish and eat and fish and eat... until we die.

If Jesus is standing on the shore waving us in to follow him in the adventure of the Reign of God, what might that mean? For how we live? For the resources we take with us. For the priorities that occupy us? As we face the realities of where we stand in 2021 and listen to an invitation into the future, St. Mary's like each disciple from Andrew on down, stands at a crossroads and the choice is ours.

What are the resources we must bring with us and how can we best be stewards of those resources and at the same time be open to the breaking in of the Reign of God? Like the early disciples looking fondly back at their boats and their aging parent, there is some nervousness and much uncertainty about all of this. Yet there is also a whisper of new possibility and opportunity to step into tomorrow. Pray for openness to the Spirit and be ready to be a part of the way.



**What are the Priorities that occupy us?**

**What might it mean if we risk changing those?**

**What Priorities should we take as examples?**

**The Five Marks of Mission:**

- To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom
- To teach, baptize and nurture new believers
- To respond to human need by loving service
- To seek to transform unjust structures of society
- To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth

**How do we do that?**

In the coming weeks the newly set up Community Engagement Team (CET) consisting of Margaret King, Jonathan Gibbs, Kate Graham, Douglas Walker, Heather MacGregor and Ann Donoghue, will be

asking for your help in filling out a brief survey to help us better understand what you the congregation of St. Mary's sees as our future. Please take the time to fill out this short survey and know you will have helped St. Mary's prepare for future growth.

I pray that the Spirit will again ignite us to life. Let us gather closer to the one who points us in the direction and walks with us as mentor. Let us pray together and let us learn together from sacred story. Let us work joyfully in the service of the new Reign of God and let us see where it will take us.

Christine+



*“It is not the blowing of the wind,  
but the setting of the sails,  
which determines our destination”*



## From the Registers (August – September 2021)

### Baptism

Ethan Bramma

### Weddings

July 30<sup>th</sup>

Claire Landels & Craig Fraser

August 21<sup>st</sup>

Jane Easton & David Drennan

September 3<sup>rd</sup>

Morag Anderson & Stuart Abbot

September 18<sup>th</sup>

Lauren Tait & Christopher Sweeney



### Funerals

Dereck Henderson

Rosie Man

### Douglas Hall Classes & Events

**The hall is finally able to open for bookings and classes once again. Below is only provisional times for classes.**

Monday's	10am-12pm	Craft Group
Wednesday's		
Thursday's	18:00 21:00pm	Yoga
Friday's	11:00-14:00pm	Dance Class
2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Sundays	14:00-19:00pm	Mar Thoma Congregation



More information and **up-to-date** details  
can be found on our website  
[www.stmarysdalmahoy.org.uk](http://www.stmarysdalmahoy.org.uk)



## Jolyon Sweetman's Baptism

Please join in welcoming Jolyon Felix Sweetman whose baptism was June 12<sup>th</sup> 2021.



Jolyon, Thornley and their parents Rowena and Andrew reside in Balerno and look forward to attending St. Mary's in the future.

## Weddings at St Mary's 2021

### Wedding Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2021

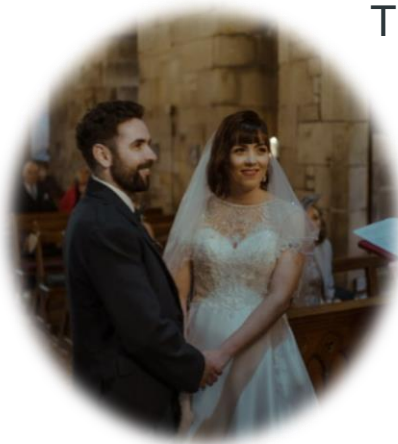
On Saturday 22nd May, a warm and sunny day, a contrast from the day before, Caroline Sinclair who had been the Wedding Coordinator at the Dalmahoy Hotel for a period of time previously, married John McGlynn.



Here are a couple of photos of the bride before she entered the church and afterwards as she was piped along the path to the south of the church.

Iain Dewar, the piper, was a guest at the wedding along with his wife. Iain and Caroline had worked together on many occasions at the Dalmahoy

### Wedding May 21<sup>st</sup> 2021



The wedding on May 21st when the weather could have been described as autumnal. Hamish and Pyper saw their human mum and dad being married. Robyn Finlay became Mrs Smith when she married Mark. Their ceremony was conducted by Mark's father, Andrew .





## Wedding 20<sup>th</sup> June 2021



On Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June St Mary's celebrated the wedding of Kate Miles and Gareth Walters.

Here is a lovely photo of Kate as she enters the church with her father, capturing the look of anticipation in seeing Gareth for the first time that day.

## *St. Marys Dalmahoy*

## *Weddings*



## *More than just a church*

If you would like more information, to come for visit or if you have any questions about this hidden gem please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Wedding co-ordinator

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## Jean & Ted's Memorable Wedding Day

Ted and I were married on the 10th February 1968 being 12 months to the day we met. It had been snowing all week and was very cold. As my father had died when I was very young I was given away by my boss who had become very much a 'father figure' in my life. He was a solicitor and also chairman of a local brewery!

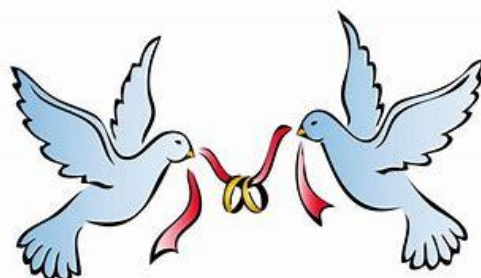


True to form he arrived at the house with a half-bottle of champagne. My bridesmaid declined to have a drink and my boss and I consumed the bottle between us and we proceeded to the Church. As I descended from the car I put my foot in a huge pile of snow and proceeded to my wedding with a 'soggy' foot. When we reached the door we were informed that the Rector had been taken ill and 'old Mr. Fish' would be officiating. Mr Fish, a retired priest, was famous throughout my home town for riding around on an old 'sit up and beg' bicycle! and with complete disregard of the traffic! The bus drivers all looked out for him. A lovely man and I was very happy to see him.

Throughout the wedding service the 5 of us all wondered whether the large dewdrop on the end of Mr Fish's nose would manage to stay there until the end of the Service or should we offer him a hanky!

I'm sure that many couples will have romantic memories of their wedding day ours are somewhat 'different' but memorable.

Jean T-B





## Living with an invisible disability

I have been unable to drive since I was 49 and soon after that I was registered blind.

I remember a doctor saying my main problem would be that I did not have grey hair so no one would expect me to have problems.

In familiar surroundings I usually know where all the steps and obstacles are so do not need much help.

The most difficult thing to overcome when you ask for help is peoples lack of understanding. If I ask for assistance and say "I cannot see very well, where is.....?" the response is usually "over there". Not much help!

Often when I use a white stick or the Sunflower I am told people are too embarrassed to offer assistance.

I think, "Not every disability is visible" is a brilliant way of addressing this issue.

Try to understand what kind of help is required and think about the appropriate assistance needed.

It is frightening to be in unfamiliar surroundings and not be able to find things. I often say I might look normal but.....!

I hope people start to recognise the Sunflowers and are not too embarrassed to offer help.

Your embarrassment is fleeting but a disability is for life.

Margaret Chill.



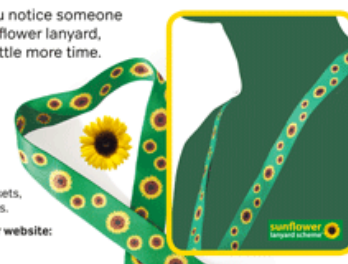
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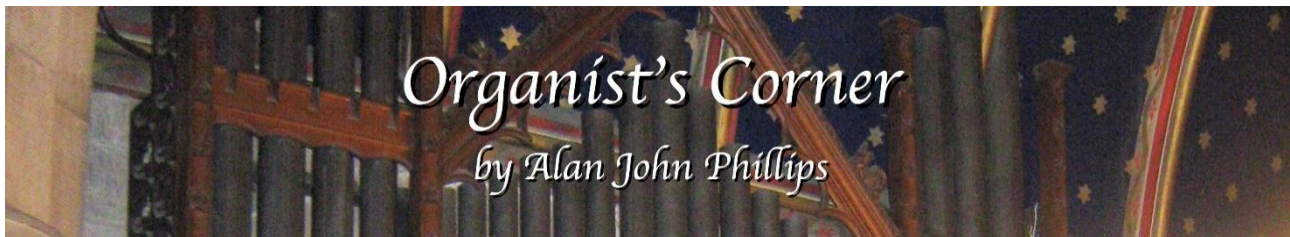
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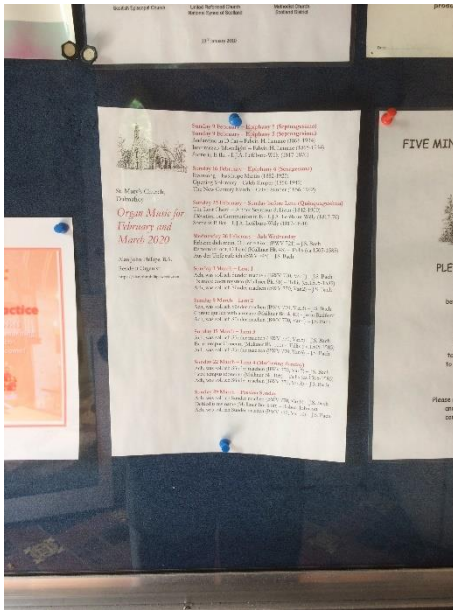
<b>Year A Eucharist</b>	<b>(Year A2 for Morning Prayer)</b>	<b>First Reading</b>
1 August	Tenth Sunday after Pentecost	2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a
8 August	Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost	2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 21-33
15 August	Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost	1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14
22 August	Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost	1 Kings 8(1,6,10-11), 22-30, 41-43
29 August	Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost	Song of Solomon 2:8-13
5 September	Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost	Proverbs 22:1-2,8-9,22-23
12 September	Sixteenth Sunday of Pentecost	Proverbs 1:20-33
19 September	Seventh Sunday of Pentecost	Proverbs 31:10-31
26 September	Eighteenth Sunday of Pentecost	Esther 7:1-6,9-10,9:20-22
3 October	Nineteenth Sunday of Pentecost	Job 1:1,2:1-10
10 October	Twentieth Sunday of Pentecost	Job 23:1-9, 16-17
17 October	Twenty-first Sunday of Pentecost	Job 38:1-7, (34-41)

## August – October 2021

Second Reading	Gospel
Ephesians 4:1-16	John 6:24-35
Ephesians 4:25-5:2	John 6:35, 41-51
Ephesians 5:15-20	John 6:51-58
Ephesians 6:10-20	John 6:56-69
James 1:17-27	Mark 7:1-8,14-15, 21-23
James 2:1-10, (11-13),14-17	Mark 7:24-37
James 3:1-12	Mark 8:27-38
James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a	Mark 9:30-37
James 5:13-20	Mark 9:38-50
Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12	Mark 10:2-16
Hebrews 4:12-16	Mark 10:17-31
Hebrews 5:1-10	Mark 10:35-45



## We're back!



On Sunday 25 July, we processed back into our spiritual home, **singing** as we went Marty Haugen's 'Let us build a house', followed by five great hymns about singing. I know it's rather unusual to have 'The Sound of Music' and Tchaikovsky's '1812' Overture in church, but it was, after all, our homecoming party after our long exile. Exactly *how* long can be seen by the music list I left in the church porch at lockdown in March of last year. The last two services on the list never happened. A notice-board frozen in time!

## Organ Music for August 2021

Year B in the Revised Common Lectionary follows the Gospel of St. Mark. Being the shortest of the four canonical Gospels, a chunk of St. John's Gospel is inserted in the summer to fill it out. This 'eucharistic interlude' contains a good deal of Jesus' teaching about the greatest of all the Sacraments. The organ music which I will play during these weeks is all based on eucharistic hymns and chants, especially those connected with the feast of Corpus Christi, celebrated each year on the Thursday after Trinity Sunday. The liturgical texts for this feast, including the hymns, were written by St. Thomas Aquinas (1225-1274).

## Sunday 1 August – Pentecost 10 (Commemoration of St. Peter's Chains)

- Le banquet céleste – Olivier Messiaen (1908-1992)
- Lauda Sion Salvatorem – arr. Marinus De Jong (1891-1984)
- Schmücke dich, O liebe Seele (BWV 654) – Johann Sebastian



Bach (1685-1750)

*'Lauda Sion' is the Sequence (an occasional extra hymn between the Alleluia and the Gospel) for Corpus Christi. Marinus De Jong, a Belgian of Dutch origin, wrote this accompaniment for 'Nova Organi Harmonia', a collection of plainsong accompaniments produced by an eminent group of liturgical composers in Mechelen, Belgium from 1942 onwards.*

*Johann Crüger's 1649 chorale melody 'Schmücke dich, O liebe Seele' can be followed at AM 440.*



### **Sunday 8 August – Pentecost 11**

- Verbum supernum (from 'Livre d'Orgue') – Nicolas De Grigny (1672-1703)
- O salutaris – Edward Elgar (1857-1934)
- Adoro te devote – Filippo Capocci (1840-1911)

*'Verbum supernum prodiens' is the office hymn for Lauds (Morning Prayer) on the feast of Corpus*

*Christi. The last two verses, beginning 'O salutaris hostia' are used as a standalone hymn at Benediction. Nicolas De Grigny was organist of Notre-Dame de Reims, where French kings were crowned. He published just one collection, and died at the age of 31. His widow published a second edition to raise money. The young Bach made his own handwritten copy of De Grigny's organ book. His pieces were intended to be played in alternation with sung verses. I am playing three of these sets this month. Elgar's setting of 'O salutaris' comes from Tozer's 'Complete Benediction Manual' (1931), a large collection of hymns, psalms and litanies for this popular eucharistic devotion.*

*'Adoro te devote' (AM 468i) is another eucharistic hymn by St. Thomas Aquinas. The first tune in AM is the melody which Filippo Capocci's piece is based on.*



## Sunday 15 August – Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- Ave maris stella (from 'Livre d'Orgue') – Nicolas De Grigny (1672-1703)
- Es ist ein Ros entsprungen – Michael Praetorius (1571-1621)
- Toccata on 'Ave maris stella' – Flor Peeters (1903-1986)

*The feast of the Assumption of Our Lady, commemorating her ascension, body and soul, to Heaven, is Mary's principal feast in the Church's calendar. 'Ave maris stella'*

*is the office hymn for Vespers.*

*Michael Praetorius was born 450 years ago this year, and died on his fiftieth birthday. 'Es ist ein Ros' is popularly sung to the Christmas hymn 'A great and mighty wonder' (AM 58).*

## Sunday 22 August – Pentecost 13 (Octave Day of the Assumption)

- Pange lingua (from 'Livre d'Orgue') – Nicolas De Grigny (1672-1703)
- Fantasy on 'Pange lingua' – Alan John Phillips
- Toccata-Prelude on 'Pange lingua' – Edward C. Bairstow (1874-1946)

*'Pange lingua gloriosi' (AM 457) is the office hymn for Vespers (Evening Prayer) on the feast of Corpus Christi. The last two verses, beginning 'Tantum ergo Sacramentum' are also sung alone at Benediction. I wrote my own Fantasy on the plainsong nearly forty years ago, and it is based on the Sarum (mediaeval Salisbury) version of the chant. Edward Bairstow was organist of York Minster from 1913 to his death.*

The organ music for September will follow shortly, so please keep your eye on the notice-boards in the church and the ha

## Cleaning the Ceiling in the nave

Although many people who are regular attenders at St Mary's Dalmahoy don't take time to check out the cleanliness of the ceiling in the nave, it has caused me concerns for most of years that I have had cleaning responsibilities for the church and Douglas Hall. This year I decided to do something about it and hired people with the necessary accreditation to construct scaffolding and work at height. The feather duster which Val Lawrie purchased many years ago came into its own that day. It was further extended initially with a length of copper pipe and then with a brush. Here are some photos of the work in progress.



The amount of debris which was dislodged was amazing. It was swept and vacuumed up each time that the scaffolding tower had to be moved to a new position. After the dust was allowed to settle for a few hours, I tackled the removal of the accumulated dust from the pew ledges and seats. This was repeated again on the following day before the cushions were reinstated and the pews returned to their usual positions. Many of you will not notice any difference, but I am certainly delighted that the work has been done and that it





didn't prove to be nearly as disruptive or as difficult as I had envisaged. Maybe in another 15 years (that's the number of years that I have been the cleaner) I will arrange for another clean, God willing.





## Diary of Events: August – September 2021

Date	Times	Venue	Event
<p>Please check News &amp; Events on our webpage  <a href="https://stmarysdalmahoy.org.uk">(<a href="https://stmarysdalmahoy.org.uk">https://stmarysdalmahoy.org.uk</a>)</a>            Go to News &amp; Events and scroll to the bottom of the page and            you'll see the calendar.</p>			
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> August	12:00- 1500hrs	Church	Congregational Celebration



## Recipe:

### Curried butternut squash soup

- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1 medium finely chopped onion
- 4 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 litre chicken broth
- 1 (1 kilo) butternut squash - peeled, seeded, cut into pieces
- 2 teaspoons curry powder
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 125ml double cream (I sometimes use plain yogurt)
- 2 tablespoons honey
- 59ml sour cream, or to taste (optional)



## Method:

- Melt butter in a large pot over medium heat. Cook and stir onion and garlic in hot butter until softened and browned, 10 to 15 minutes.
- Stir chicken broth, squash, curry powder, salt, cumin, and cayenne pepper into onion mixture. Bring mixture to a boil, reduce heat to low, and simmer until squash is tender, about 15 minutes. Remove from heat. Stir half-and-half and honey into squash mixture. Wisk until smooth and serve!



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## Humour



Why did the robber take a bath?  
Because he wanted to make a clean get away.

What did the blanket say to the bed?  
Don't worry I've got you covered.

Why should you take a pencil to bed?  
To draw the curtains.

What did the tie say to the hat?  
You go on ahead and I'll hang around.

What washes up on very small beaches?  
Microwaves

What stays in the corner and travels all over the world?  
A stamp.

Why did the computer go to the doctor?  
Because it had a virus.

Did you hear about the angry pancake?  
He just flipped.

Why did the traffic light turn red?  
You would to if you had to change in the middle of the street.

What did an elevator say to another elevator?  
I think I'm coming down with something.

What do you call a fake noodle?  
An Impasta.

What did the tailor think of their new job?  
It was sew-sew.





## Children's Page –



## Who's Who (continued from Page 2)

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Third Sunday	Irina Grigolava	07796 305789
Fourth Sunday	Jane Russell	0131 441 2346
Fifth Sunday	Ann Donoghue	07794 367651

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**Service Times**

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 February – March issue  
is **3:00 pm** on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> January**

If possible, please submit articles using the following formats:

Paper size: A4; Portrait; 2 cm margins.

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## Useful Numbers:



We all have those times when we just need someone to talk to and confide in. Please find below a list of numbers you may find useful.

Why not keep this page just in case.

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