

# ST MARY'S CHURCH, DALMAHOY



## In Touch

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## Pastoral Letter from Christine

### Spring is Sprung!

All that we have in life is a gift from God, even our very lives themselves. As such, we treasure what we have, and we tend to these gifts as God would have us do. A playful analogy might be to imagine that we are the house sitters of God's Kingdom here on Earth, looking after God's gardens, lovingly caring for God's pets.



The choices we make, then, are choices we make about things, people, animals, and places that God loves, even us, even in the times when our lives are hard. We are irreplaceable treasures.

This task of caretaking, the choices we make, and even our understanding of the Earth and all that is in it as being God's: these are what stewardship is, beyond all else. We are stewards.

The reason I say that this is especially important to understand that this is a time that reminds you, all of you, that the Church is yours, and the Church is **you**. The Church is not the clergy in charge, it is not the diocese, it is not the bishop. This is a congregation that lives out that reality boldly, but it is always worth remembering, worth reflecting, and worth naming that reality.

It impacts what you hope for.

It also comes up in terms of money, which is the area of stewardship most talked about, and probably the most misunderstood. The reason this comes up is that some people view the money they support the Church with as a way of showing their appreciation (or the absence of the same) for the clergy in charge. Others might withhold giving until they see how they feel about the new music, or Christmas service, as though the Church were one of many charities supported by an individual's philanthropic giving, competing for support on the basis of the current leadership, mission, and plan.

We can easily fall into the trap of thinking about our relationship with the Church as with some charity outside of us whose work we support, or as a community centre whose resources we sometimes make use of, but this is not so.

The Church is yours, and the Church is **you**.

The Church's existence is something we create and re-create together continually. We are stewards of it as we would be of any other aspect of our lives: planning for maintenance, doing our chores, enjoying its blessings, celebrating its abundance. The Church is not some other thing out there somewhere: it is the household of the faithful, of us, of you.

Take a look around, then, and see the marvellous things you do, and see the marvellous thing you are. You are a vital, beautiful, and generous community. So much is done throughout the area and the world on behalf of St. Mary's.

I see you supporting important organizations in the community. I hear about your good works for those in need. We share stories about the wonderful things you have done, and we take time together enjoying the abundance we share.

Celebrate yourselves and this community, and remember that the good work you do, the generosity of your giving, the gifts you offer to the Church, and the living example of faith that you are is an act of love on God's behalf: indeed, it is an act of stewardship. Our church's vivid welcoming light and love will be noticed by our visitors, which may help to draw them closer to Jesus Christ. The gospel we proclaim will feel more real. It may also help them not just to accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour but to start spreading the good news further afield than we could ever imagine.

God Bless you all now and in these coming warmer months!

Christine



## From the Registers (June - July 2023)

### Baptism

11<sup>th</sup> June

Sebastein Bergius

30<sup>th</sup> July

Savannah Gabriella Franceschi



### Weddings

3<sup>rd</sup> June

Holly Martin &amp; George Goddard

22<sup>nd</sup> July

Michelle Smith &amp; Gordon MacBride

30<sup>th</sup> July

Stephanie Cowell &amp; Mark Ross



### Funerals

25 April

Patricia Patsy Stewart

11 May

Humphrey Spurway

7 June

Margaret Hunter



### Douglas Hall Classes & Events

Monday's

10:00am-12:00pm

Craft Group

Tuesday's

Wednesday's

Thursday's

19:00 20:00pm

Yoga

Friday's (occasional)

19:00 – 21:00pm

Ratho Scouts

Saturday last of the month

10:00-10:30 am

Bookbug

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays

14:00-18:30pm Mar Thoma Congregation



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## Dalmations

Since the last edition of In Touch was published The Dalmatians have held two meetings.



In March Alan Coupe gave the group a humorous talk on his career in the banking industry. He told us how he had first started from school with the District Bank in Lancaster which was then taken over by the National Provincial which subsequently became the NatWest. In his early career Alan was sent to various branches of the bank. He told us of how the managers always seemed busy, but no one was



actually sure what they were busy with. He also mentioned security, which in these days was nothing like it is now, money was moved around in briefcases by staff. There were a number of other amusing anecdotes that Alan regaled us with. Later in his career Alan moved to Edinburgh with NatWest before escaping with a

pension and working part-time for a number of years with a private banking arm of RBS. Alan finished his talk by setting a quiz where we had to identify bank logos.

In April Margaret King told us about the visit that John and she paid to Lourdes. This was as part of an organised pilgrimage event. Margaret mentioned they were really surprised on arriving at Edinburgh Airport that so many people were going on the pilgrimage. The demographics of those going was also a surprise as there was quite a mix of ages. Margaret talked the meeting through the layout and buildings of Lourdes in such a way that it could be pictured. She told us of the events and services that they attended and the emotions that were invoked by them. She mentioned that there were a large number of young people there who were fully involved in proceedings. Margaret also paid tribute to the carers who attended those who required their assistance throughout the visit.



The April meeting, as well as being the last of the 2022/2023 session, was the closest to the coronation of King Charles III. Jane Russell along with Ella Henderson had arranged for the lunch to be themed to mark this event. The food included coronation chicken sandwiches and cupcakes iced with union jacks. There were also crowns, napkins, and balloons all marking the occasion.



As I mentioned previously Dalmatians will now be in recess over the summer months. I would like to thank all who have contributed to making The Dalmatians an enjoyable experience over the session just passed. Whether it was in giving a talk, sorting out the catering, helping in the kitchen, clearing up, or just being there. It is much appreciated.

As one session comes to an end a new one is just around the corner and there is already a programme lined up to take us through to January 2024. I will publish this separately. Hopefully I will have the February – April dates sorted out soon.

[Just a reminder Dalmatians is open to everyone, you don't need to be part of St Mary's congregation to attend. Should anyone have thoughts or questions on anything to do with the Dalmatians please talk with myself, Jane Russell, or anyone who you know attends it. It would be great to get the number of regular attendees up.](#)

Denis king.



# DALMATIANS 2023/2024

## August to January Programme

**August 30<sup>th</sup>** – George Murray talking on his travels in the Far East.



**September 27<sup>th</sup>** – Barge trip with the Seagull Trust from Ratho. Sign-up sheet in the hall. Service will be 10am that day with barge leaving Ratho at 11am. More information will be given prior to the trip

**October 25<sup>th</sup>** - Patricia Keppie from the Commonwealth War Graves Commission coming to talk on the work of that organisation. As there are two War Graves in St Mary's graveyard it will be good to hear about this work.



**November 29<sup>th</sup>**- Eric Melvin returns to present on 'A Visit to Edinburgh Castle'. I am sure that Eric's talk will come up with a number of facts regarding the castle that are not well known.

**December 13<sup>th</sup>** -Dalmatians Christmas Lunch. This year The Castaways singing group will return to provide the entertainment. More information will be given nearer the time



**January 31<sup>st</sup>**- Fun day to fill the winter gloom. No speaker.

**A full programme will be sent out once the February – April speakers are in place.**

## Lourdes

I was brought up in the Church of Scotland we lived in the small village of Bannockburn which boasted 3 Protestant churches a Jehovah Witness Hall and a catholic church, the chapel as it was known locally. My father was a very active member of our church (an elder there for therefore it was no surprise that the church was a very big part of our lives. But as I got older, I questioned the seriousness, the sobriety, the dullness.



many years)

It seemed to me there was a lack of colour and joy, there was no place in the fabric of the church or it's guidance for a good life, for extravagance, pride in ourselves or just laughs.

I remember a friend telling me how she was really looking forward to the Easter service because she had a new outfit to wear and she would make Mary Dixon green with envy. Her father who overheard this boast forbade the wearing of the new coat as a punishment for her pride and her unkind desire to cause hurt to her less fortunate friend. As the saying goes "you don't blow your own trumpet".

I didn't attend any church for a great number of years. I didn't actually leave, I just wasn't very active

But then. Francis and I started attending the Episcopal Church and when on holiday we visited a lot of European churches, always Christian and I found all the different versions of our faith fascinating and intriguing. Circumstances then brought me to St Mary's, where I felt so at home and the rest as they say is history

Then I met John, who had been to Lourdes several times and on each occasion had very positive experiences. It was then decided that we must go. However, it was not until 2019 that we finally made it

I hoped as well as enjoying my pilgrimage that several questions about the whole catholic attitude to pilgrimage, miracles, saints and healing might be answered... Instead, it was a journey of amazement, delight and a strengthen of my faith.

My first surprise was at the airport where we learnt that we were joining the St Andrews Edinburgh pilgrimage. Our initial concern was how we would find and join them at Edinburgh Airport.

Well, we need not have worried. The numbers going on the pilgrimage exceeded 350, accompanied by mobility aids carers and equipment. The pilgrimage WAS Edinburgh airport that morning! I was also struck by the youth of so many pilgrims and the carers.

We arrived in Lourdes.

I had been warned by a friend, a veteran of several pilgrimages that I wouldn't like the village of Lourdes as it was too noisy, congested and commercial. How wrong she was, our first wander about left me feeling on an up, so many people, so alive all there for the same purpose to worship. Yes, there were many stalls and shops selling plastic Madonna, Crosses rosaries and holy water but these were being purchased by pilgrims that wanted to take home a tangible memory of probably a once in a life time pilgrimage. Or perhaps purchasing something for someone unable to make the pilgrimage. I didn't see anything objectionable about it and who are we to judge if it's tacky? Certainly not I.



My first entry into the domain of Lourdes was to attend the welcome mass the next morning.

We left the noise and bustle of the village and entered through the gates to the domain and down a steep hill, at the bottom are crossroads, on the first left is the magnificent cathedral. Gold, shiny with mosaics, so beautiful and imposing, (What I've learned of St Bernadette I'm not sure she would have entirely approved of the grandeur and opulence). The second left takes you to the grotto where St Bernadette saw the visions and then eventually to the

baths. Straight on takes you to many offices, Notre Dame Hospital staffed of course by bustling nuns and the candle stands so many burning day and night



To our amusement here we saw two small brown clad friars staggering, carrying between them on their shoulders, a 7-foot candle with a 3-foot circumference. I am sure a fire marshal would need to be in attendance when it was lit. This was in the area that the torchlight parade gathers and begins.

This leaves the roads to the right, again offices and the libraries but also the Basilica of St Pius X. This is an underground church which was built in 1956 ready to commemorate the centenary of the apparitions in 1958 and holds 25,000 pilgrims.



There were many people coming and going to the various services and offices but I found it a happy, uplifting place. Everyone seemed glad to be there and I felt welcome. Again, I was amazed and heartened by the young people there. This at a time when every church of every Christian denomination is crying out for young people

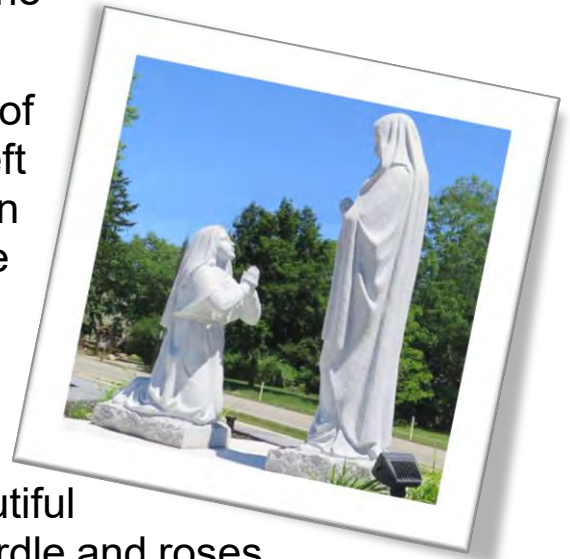


There are many statues but the first you see is the crowned Madonna. She stands at these crossroads welcoming the pilgrims to the grotto. She has a beautiful simplicity. Only adornment is her golden crown. People gather at the crowned Madonna to either proceed to services or just meet.

As you head straight on passed the crowned Madonna the River Gave is on the right and to its left is the beginning of the grotto. The actual location that the visions appeared to

St Bernadette. It has an almost tangible tranquillity which is strange because it is so very busy. This is where you can leave personal prayers which are burned on the altar of the grotto.

This is the heart, the birthplace of LOURDES. Pilgrims for decades have left prayers to be placed on that altar and in days gone by made cash payments for the saying of these special prayers. John had prayers he wished to place so we joined the long queue. I had an urge just to listen and watch so left the queue and sat quietly looking at St Bernadette's beautiful



lady dressed in a white robe with a blue girdle and roses at her feet, listening to the murmur of the pilgrim's prayers, the sound of the river and the flutter of little birds flying about. It was beautiful and serene but it was short lived.

We had forgotten that the prayers were in my haversack. Having realised this, John had to leave the queue, retrieve the prayers and re-join the queue again. I cannot repeat what he said when he found me in my tranquil reverie, but I can tell you it wasn't "Oh dear how silly of you". The journey back to the hotel after was also anything but tranquil.

Lourdes vision occurred in 1858 and since 1860 they estimate 200 million pilgrims have visited. In recent years the number annually is over 4 million, 6 million in some years of special celebration. Although it is not a contest this is 3 times the number of pilgrims visiting Mecca, but only 67 miraculous healings at Lourdes have been recognised by the Catholic Church since 1858, a miniscule percent of the millions of believers that pilgrimage to Lourdes. But I believe that this takes no account of the thousands of unofficial little ones that take place.



The week is soon taken up with services and masses some more memorable than others.



The welcome mass was memorable for me. It was the first morning, 9 am and the sun was bright. The service was outdoors in the square in front of the cathedral. It was here I began to appreciate the job of the carers. Many were nurses or medics who take annual leave to come on the pilgrimage and pay their own expenses and travel costs. There

was at least 30, totally dependent pilgrims and these carers attended to their every need as well as running the hospital that is put at the pilgrimage disposal. Overall, there was a lovely feeling of being with family.

Later in the week we attended the international mass in the Basilica, which holds a 25,000 congregation. At our service people were sitting on the steps, lining the aisles and many were of student age. It was heart-warming and amazing. Most of the liturgy was in French but was shared by the 14 priests officiating, all robed identically in green vestments. I thought the Eucharist would be symbolically given to only a few. But, no, with military like precision the host was delivered by an army of priests and Eucharistic ministers to each of the congregation.

There is not the beauty or opulence of the cathedral but its simplicity and sheer enormity of the congregation it houses speaks for its self. I was tempted to take a picture for Facebook with the caption "SO

YOU THINK CHRISTIANITY IS A DYING RELIGION?"



The torchlight parade is another unforgettable experience. These parades occur every night, each pilgrimage is allocated a certain night. The parade lines up pelisses first. Then wheelchairs followed by mobility

challenged, then able walkers the route is almost a mile. Each pilgrim is carrying a candle and singing.

It is a long parade and terminates in the square in front of the cathedral. Pilgrims who have not walked, line the steps and balcony to the cathedral. A whole sea of torchlight and a mass of singing can be seen and heard, before we settle into a service and blessing. The strength and peace this event gives you is unbelievable and so positive. I've heard sceptics say mob hysteria, Rubbish!!

Peace, serenity, strengthen are the words to describe it.



Another lovely service was the one of thanksgiving to St Margaret. There is a statue to our St Margaret and the words on the stone declare

“St Margaret, Queen and patroness of Scotland”. A lady from Bathgate, a fellow pilgrim, gave a very informative homily regarding St Margaret's life and a floral tribute in the shape of the saltire was laid at her feet.

Last but no means least, what I have since been questioned about most are the baths. I also had many questions.

There are so many myths, stories and beliefs I just didn't know, so I reserved judgement and when asked if I was going to bathe, I said that I was still to decide.

However, things like this are so often decided for you. You have all met our friend Madge, we met her and her husband at Lourdes. We were in the same hotel. In fact, the way we all met is indicative of the atmosphere you experience.

This is really John's story but I know he won't object to my telling it. One night at the big refectory style dining table John whispered to me that he was going to help a chap a few seats along. He had heard him say something about difficulty in cutting his meat. He rose went to the chap and offered to cut his meal into smaller pieces. The man looked totally bemused. John explained what he thought he heard, Rob broke into a lovely smile, that we came to know so well and said “I'm alright, it's my wife across the table who I was offering to help because



she's blind". John meant well and it was the start of a great friendship.

One night Madge asked me if I was going to the baths and if so, would I chum her. Now, this was a definite case of doing for a friend what you hesitate to do for yourself. I'm so glad she gave me that push, I haven't and didn't regret it for one minute and can only say a big thank you to Madge...



You are helped by nuns/nurses to enter and exit the bath. I don't know if they are a special order or more of these selfless volunteers, but I do know they exude peace and tranquillity. They also offer to pray for or with you as they assist you down the steps into the ice-cold water. The first thing I noticed as I emerged is that there is little or no water retention, there is no

need for towels but much more significant is the feeling of strength and of peace I experienced.

We had made new friends and inevitably conversations during the evening refreshments turned to the pilgrimage, what our feelings, experiences and beliefs were? There had been no earth-shattering miraculous cures but none of us had expected that. One of our group who had returned for a third pilgrimage said what they had received was a renewing of their faith and from this the strength to manage and to carry on. We all agreed wholeheartedly and I believe this is the true miracle of LOURDES. I think it is the power of positive thought and positive energy.

BUT then the question must be asked; who is the provider and initiator of that energy. That is for each pilgrim to decide.

The week ended on fantastic high a concert in Saint Frai Hospital to accommodate the less able pilgrims. John as one of the oldest pilgrims was privileged to open the evening with Walk Tall and





the last performer was the youngest daughter of one of the doctors who had accompanied us. The nurses had a turn, we had other singers and the youth choir, which had led us so splendidly in our services, turned to light entertainment as well, producing excellent duets and soloists.

These young choir members also joined the carers in a lot of the chores like bed making, floor washing or meal preparation they were truly inspirational

Lasting memories,

The carers their devotion to their charges,

The young people so willing to pitch in at anything and everything;

The BRAUN CARI, they are the security carers. I thought they were part of the Domains staff, but no they too are volunteers who pay their own way. They successfully direct and shepherd thousands of pilgrims to and from the numerous services. Such as the torchlight parade, they direct some 6000 round the domain and line them up in the Rosary Square. Their only badge of office is a bandolier crossing their chest. No Tasers, batons or riot shields

The good feelings of tranquillity and serenity, the feeling of being part of a huge family who share a common belief

Were my questions answered? Some were, but then they were replaced by many others.

Margaret King



## Memorial



*In Loving Memory*  
*of*  
*Margaret Hunter*  
13th December 1934 - 1st May 2023

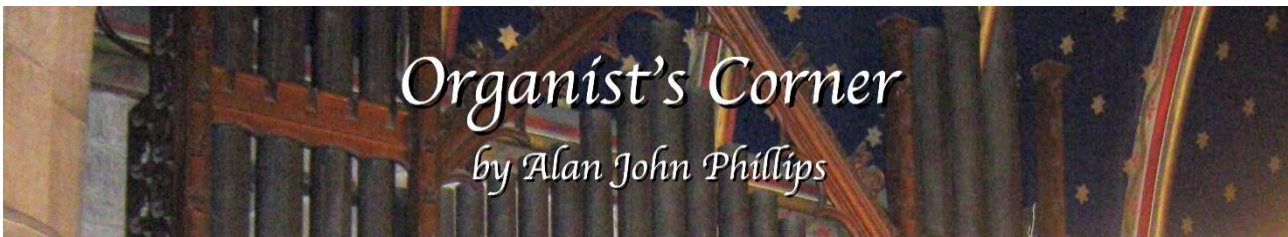
Wednesday 7th June 2023  
St Mary's Church at 11.45 am  
thereafter to West Lothian Crematorium at 1.00 pm



## Eucharist Readings: June – August 2023

<b>June</b>	
<b>4<sup>th</sup>: Trinity Sunday, Pentecost 1</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> : Genesis 1:1 – 2:4a 2 <sup>nd</sup> : 2 Corinthians 13:11-13 Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20	<b>11<sup>th</sup>: Second Sunday after Pentecost</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> : Genesis 12:1-9 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Romans 4:13-25 Gospel: Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26
<b>18<sup>th</sup>: Third Sunday after Pentecost</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> : Genesis 18:1-15 (21:1-7) 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Romans 5:1-8 Gospel: Matthew 9:35–10:8 (9-23)	<b>25<sup>th</sup>: Fourth Sunday after Pentecost</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> : Genesis 21:8-21 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Romans 6:1b-11 Gospel: Matthew 10:24-39
<b>July</b>	
<b>2<sup>nd</sup>: Fifth Sunday after Pentecost</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> : Genesis 22:1 – 14 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Romans 6:12-23 Gospel: Matthew 10:40-42	<b>9<sup>th</sup>: Sixth Sunday after Pentecost</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> : Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49,58-67 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Romans 7:15-25a Gospel: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30
<b>16<sup>th</sup>: Seventh Sunday after Pentecost</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> : Genesis 25:19-34 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Romans 8:1-11 Gospel: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23	<b>23<sup>rd</sup>: Eighth Sunday after Pentecost</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> : Genesis 28:10-19a 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Romans 8:12-25 Gospel: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43
<b>August</b>	
<b>6<sup>th</sup>: Transfiguration of the Lord</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> : Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 2 <sup>nd</sup> : 2 Peter 1:16-19 Gospel: Luke 9:28-36	<b>13<sup>th</sup>: Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> : Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Romans 10:5-15 Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33
<b>20<sup>th</sup>: Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> : Genesis 45:1-15 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32 Gospel: Matthew 15:(10-20), 21-28	<b>27<sup>th</sup>: Thirtieth Sunday after Pentecost</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> : Exodus 1:8 - 2:10 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Romans 12:1-8 Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20





## Two Trinities, a musical salad fit for a Queen, bells and six of the best

### Holy Trinity

This list begins with an overlap. The last of the 'Eight Short Preludes and Fugues' appears on the feast of the Holy Trinity, sharing the service with two fine Trinitarian pieces by Blitheman and Bach.

### Three Sebastians

The following Sunday, Pentecost 2 (the feast of the Holy Trinity being permanently assigned to Pentecost 1), we have the baptism of Sebastien Bergius. I've therefore chosen music by three composers named Sebastian – Bach, Wesley and Aguilera de Heredia.

Sebastian Bach is represented by his beautiful chorale prelude on the Eucharistic hymn 'Schmücke dich, O liebe Seele' (see hymn 440 in your hymn books, if you have access to one) as Pentecost 2 is the Sunday within the octave of the great feast of Corpus Christi.

Samuel Sebastian Wesley's variations are on a theme he wrote for the newly-installed carillon at Holsworthy, Devon. When I visited Holsworthy on an organ crawl with our local organists' association, I made sure I played these variations while I was there!

Sebastian Aguilera de Heredia, monk and organist, was a Spanish contemporary of William Byrd, and was born in the kingdom of Aragon. Katharine of Aragon (1485/7-1536), King Henry VIII's first wife, lies buried in Peterborough Cathedral, so when I gave a recital there back in 1990, I started my programme with this piece, a 'salad' (Ensalada) of different styles and timbres, including, as you would expect, plenty of fanfares for Spanish trumpets. I hope Queen Katharine approved!

**Canada Day** is marked musically by pieces by Healey Willan, an eminent Canadian academic, composer and performer who had emigrated from England to Canada at the age of 33.



### **Six of the best**

The bulk of this music list is taken up by a set of six organ concerti by the brilliant blind English organist and composer John Stanley. All organists know his three sets of solo voluntaries, opus 5, 6, and 7, but not so many have explored his concertos, opus 10, which are much more extrovert showman's pieces eminently suited to theatres and pleasure gardens such as Vauxhall in London. They were published in 1775, with a solo arrangement without orchestra, which is what I'm playing from. The classical concerto usually consisted of three movements, fast-slow-fast. Stanley, like his friend and fellow composer Handel, would usually improvise the slow middle movement on the spot, so five of the six concerti as published have only the first and third movements printed. Only Concerto no.4 has a fully written-out middle movement of its own, so I've borrowed suitable slow movements from Stanley's solo voluntaries to insert during the Communion. I hope they will match in with the rest of the concerto!

## **Organ Music for June and July**

### **Sunday 4 June – Feast of the Holy Trinity**

Prelude and Fugue in B flat (BWV 560, No.8 of the 'Eight Short') – attributed to Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Gloria tibi Trinitas – John Blitheman (ca.1525-1591)

Fugue in E flat (BWV 552, 'St. Anne') – J.S. Bach

### **Sunday 11 June – Pentecost 2**

Schmücke dich, O liebe Seele (BWV 654) – J.S. Bach

An Air composed for Holsworthy Church Bells - Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876)

Obra de octavo tono alto Ensalada - Sebastian Aguilera de Heredia (1561-1627)

**Sunday 18 June – Pentecost 3**

Vivace (Concerto Op.10 no.1 in E major) – John Stanley (1712-1786)

Adagio (Voluntary in E minor Op.6 no.9) – Stanley

Allegro (Concerto Op.10 no.1 in E major) – Stanley

**Sunday 25 June – Pentecost 4 (Canada Day)**

Barcarolle – Healey Willan (1880-1968)

Chorale Prelude on a melody by Orlando Gibbons - Willan

Postlude in D – Willan

**Sunday 2 July – Pentecost 5**

Allegro spiritoso (Concerto Op.10 no.2 in D major) – Stanley

Adagio (Voluntary Op.5 no.8 in D minor) – Stanley

Presto (Concerto Op.10 no.2 in D major) – Stanley

**Sunday 9 July – Pentecost 6**

Adagio and Allegro (Concerto Op.10 no.3 in B flat) – Stanley

Largo (Voluntary Op.5 no.9 in G minor) – Stanley

Gavot Allegro (Concerto Op.10 no.3 in B flat) – Stanley

**Sunday 16 July – Pentecost 7**

Vivace (Concerto Op.10 no.4 in C minor) – Stanley

Andante affetuoso (Concerto Op.10 no.4 in C minor) – Stanley

Presto (Concerto Op.10 no.4 in C minor) – Stanley

**Sunday 23 July – Pentecost 8**

Allegro (Concerto Op.10 no.5 in A major) – Stanley

Adagio (Voluntary Op.7 no.1 in A major) – Stanley

Minuetto (Concerto Op.10 no.5 in A major) – Stanley

**Sunday 30 July – Pentecost 9**

Allegro (Concerto Op.10 no.6 in C major) – Stanley

Adagio (Voluntary Op.1 no.1 in C major) – Stanley

Vivace (Concerto Op.10 no.6 in C major) – Stanley



## Lothians Model Railway Show April 2023

Over the weekend of the 15/16 April our model railway group held our very first Model railway exhibition at St Marys Church Hall.

The Lothians model railway show brought together layouts from clubs and individuals from the central belt, Fife and the borders and these models represented the railways of Britain, East Germany and Canada and even a Military Railway housed in a rifle case in variety of scales ranging from 0 Gauge the Largest of the popular scales to N gauge which is the smallest



Traders from Fife, Perthshire and the west coast attended the show to allow the show visitors to buy some goodies to add to their own layouts and of course there was coffee pies and cakes to keep their energy levels up.

A charity raffle was held in aid of forth one radios cash for kids appeal and successfully raised £500.

This show started as a conversation at Cupar model railway show in 2022 and is now looking likely to become an annual event however



this wouldn't have been possible without the help of my wife Tricia the St Mary's church team and most importantly all my friends in the model railway community who supported us and gave their time over the weekend, and importantly the Public who came to the show and made it the amazing success it was.

We are looking forward to and already planning the 2024 show.

By Brian Thomson.



PENTLAND MODEL RAILWAY GROUP

# LOTHIANS MODEL RAIL SHOW 2024



**SAT 6TH APRIL 2024. 10AM - 4:30PM**  
**SUN 7TH APRIL 2024. 11:30AM - 4:00PM**

**ST MARY'S CHURCH HALL, DALMAHOY  
EDINBURGH, EH27 8EB**  
IN THE GROUNDS OF THE DALMAHOY HOTEL AND COUNTRY CLUB

ADMISSION  
ADULTS £ 4.00  
CHILDREN £1.00\*

WORKING MODEL  
RAILWAY LAYOUTS  
MODEL RAILWAY SALES &  
LIGHT REFRESHMENTS

\*Children 5-15

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## Shut out Scammers

Buying goods or services from a cold caller can be risky as you may not be able to contact them if something goes wrong. Doorstep scammers remain a serious problem across the whole of Scotland. Many are affiliated to serious organised crime groups and usually overcharge for work that is either unnecessary and/or substandard. They tend to target vulnerable and elderly consumers.



For further information please go to:

<https://www.tsscot.co.uk/priority-areas/doorstep-scammers/>

You can also find leaflets within the church on the notice board in the hall.



## Easter Garden

Thank you to those that gave up their morning to come along and help bring the Easter Garden back to life. I think we can all agree you did a wonderful job and it makes the walk down to the church more enjoyable, we look forward to seeing it grow throughout the year.



The Easter Egg hunt was great fun, we saw a good turnout of children who enjoyed finding all the hidden eggs.

Though, we are not sure who had more fun, John or the children?

Thank you to the Community Engagement Team for their time and effort making events like this possible.

St. Marys'.

## Diary of Events: June - July 2023

Date	Times	Venue	Event
3 <sup>rd</sup> June	11 – 2pm	Hall	De-stash Sale
25 <sup>th</sup> June	12:30pm	Rectory	Canada Day / BBQ
2 <sup>nd</sup> July	TBC	Roslyn Chapel	Pilgrimage to Roslyn Chapel followed by tour and service
22 <sup>nd</sup> July	2pm	St. Mary's grounds	St. Scruffs dog show

Please check News & Events on our webpage

(<https://stmarysdalmahoy.org.uk>)

Go to News & Events and scroll to the bottom of the page and you'll see the calendar.



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**An Easy & Fast way to make Donations to St Mary's: Use the QR code below:**

You need to have a QR barcode reader app Installed on your smartphone to use the QR code.



## Humour



1 - One day a famous old celebrity went to a nursing home to see all of his friends again. He was immediately greeted by everyone as they recognised him instantly. However, he noticed that one man didn't say anything to him or even glance at him.

The celebrity went over to the man and said "Do you know who I am?"

The man looked up and replied, "No, but you can go to the front desk and they'll tell you."

2 - An elderly couple were having dinner at another couple's house. After eating the wives left the table and went into the kitchen. The two men were talking and one says "Last night we went out to a new restaurant and it was lovely, I would highly recommend it." The other man asks, "What is the name of the restaurant?"

The first man thinks, and thinks, then finally says "What is the name of the flower you give to someone you love? The red one with thorns?"

"Do you mean a rose?"

"Yes, that's the one" replied the man. He then turns towards the kitchen and yells, "Rose, what's the name of that restaurant we went to last night?"

3 – About 2 am an elderly man was spotted driving erratically down the street when he passed a police car. He was quickly pulled over. The cop got out and came to the driver's window "Where are you going this late?"

The man replied "I'm on my way to a lecture about alcohol abuse and the effects on the human body, smoking and staying out late."

The office asks "Really? Who's giving that lecture at this time of night?"

The man replied "That would be my wife."



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

### Vestry 2022/2023

Secretary	Pippa Crichton	0131 333 1683 secretary@stmarysdalmahoy.org.uk
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### Gift Aid Secretary

Geoff Angell	0131 315 2639
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### Fabric Co-ordinator

Carol MacBride	07909 582 760
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### Head Server

Denis King	01506 873061
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### Hall Bookings

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## Visitors

Lois May Donaldson	0131 449 4279
Janice Goodfellow	01506 495082
Irina Grigolava	07796 305789
Denis King	01506 873061
Margaret King	01506 442549
Carole MacBride	07909 582760
Jane Russell	0131 441 2346

## Prayer Chain

Ann Donoghue	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

First Sunday	Richmond Davies	07968 582543
Second Sunday	Wilma Brown	07503 979 375
Third Sunday	Irina Grigolava	07796 305789
Fourth Sunday	Jane Russell	0131 441 2346
Fifth Sunday	Ann Donoghue	01506 351 574

## Transport

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 (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 August – September issue  
is **3:00 pm** on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July**

If possible, please submit articles using the following formats:

Paper size: A4; Portrait; 2 cm margins.

Photographs: JPG format (Separately & Hi-Res if poss.)

**Main Headings: Arial Font, 22 point, Purple.**

**Subheadings: Arial Font, 16 point, Bold.**

Body Text: Arial Font, 16 point, Normal.

This is so that the text is readable when reduced to an A5 booklet

**Please submit articles to:  
[intouch@stmarysdalmahoy.org.uk](mailto:intouch@stmarysdalmahoy.org.uk)**

## 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.

**The Silver Line:** Tel: 0800 4 70 80 90 Information – friendship – advice for older people. [www.thesilverline.org.uk](http://www.thesilverline.org.uk)

**Anxiety UK:** Tel: 03444 775 774 [www.anxietyuk.org.uk](http://www.anxietyuk.org.uk)

**Arthritis Helpline:** Tel: 0800 5200 520 [www.versusarthritis.org](http://www.versusarthritis.org)

**Mind:** Tel: 0300 123 3393 [www.mind.org.uk](http://www.mind.org.uk) Mental Health.

**Age UK:** Tel: 0800 678 1602 [www.ageuk.org.uk](http://www.ageuk.org.uk)

**Samaritans:** Tel: 116 123 [www.samaritans.org](http://www.samaritans.org)

**Childline:** Tel: 0800 1111 Calls are free and Confidential

**National Domestic Abuse:** Tel: 0808 2000 247

**Cruse Bereavement Care:** Tel: 0808 080 1677 [www.cruse.org.uk](http://www.cruse.org.uk)

