

ST MARY'S  
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**Cover Photograph: Easter Garden by Pippa Crichton**

## Pastoral Letter from Christine

Dear Friends,

This year on Sundays we're reading predominantly from the Gospel of Mark. If you are as all Christians need to be at some level a student of the Bible, you may know that Mark is unique. Being the earliest and the shortest of the four gospel accounts, scholars believe that all the other gospel writers were aware of and, sometimes even relied on, the text of Mark's gospel in the creation of their own – the majority of its words can be identified, sometimes verbatim, especially in the gospels of Matthew and Luke. But Mark had his own reasons for penning an account of the One who was born, suffered, died, and rose again and how those events impacted those who belonged to "The Way" – the first Christians.



Among the most notable of the unique characteristics of the Markan text occurs near its end, including questions about when it actually ends. A couple of lines of text following Mark 16:8 is known as the "shorter" ending and Mark 16:9-19 is the "longer" version. Either of those endings make one thing very clear – the whole of the gospel culminates here. The reason Mark wrote this gospel was the shock, bewilderment, confusion, amazement, and joy that set in on the third day after the crucifixion of Jesus.

Mark's reasons may have been many, and scholars have deduced some of them from the cultural context and his words affirming the reality in which he and his contemporaries lived. The Gospel of Mark was written during very troubled times, times of political instability, religious conflict, violence, terrorism, war, persecution, and bloodshed. Mark's time was full of doubt, disillusionment, and insecurity. Does this sound at all familiar?

For Mark the struggle for believers was to commit to Jesus and his Good News in the face of only Bad News. The unmistakable character of the times was the struggle to believe in the face of suffering, loss, and death. We don't need to look too far beyond our own back garden for a description of Mark's times to be one also of ours. There was need for reassurance and faith where there was only doubt and witness to the truth that in the end good triumphs over evil.

The Good News is the same for us as it was for Mark. Jesus met darkness head on, died so that we need not die eternally and, is the Light that continues to shine even though a cold dark tomb once held him. Our reaction to this news can only mirror that of the author of Mark and rightly so: shock, bewilderment, confusion, amazement, and joy. The Easter proclamation is "Alleluia! Christ is risen. The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!" God has spoken and the Word is Life.

Blessings to you throughout this Eastertide

Christine+



## The Music We Love

As a priest I am always thinking about how we all have our own reasons for loving or disliking particular pieces of music and I was delighted to come across this lovely post on a friend 's Face Book page. Andreas Thiel had an extensive career as both pianist and then organist, touring through Europe, Canada and the U.S. and is now serving as priest in the Anglican Church of Canada for the last 10 years.

*"Music critics have historically been a mixed lot; many offers thoughtful observations while others have no problems crossing a line, and in doing so, they reveal their ignorance. For an example of the latter, please take note:"*



*"A monstrosity, a caricature, a freak, which should never have been published much less performed here... it is enexcusable (sic) that such filth should have been offered to a public thirsting for good music. That was an hour - a fiendish torture that can never be forgotten. Poor Mozart, poor Beethoven!"*

What prompted this outburst? None other than the debut performance, on March 3, 1860, of Johannes Brahms' Serenade #1. It remains one of the great masterpieces of the 19th century."

*"A Musical Book of Days" by Norman Lebrecht. London: Collins, 1987*

Do you have a piece of music or hymn that you love and won't brook any criticism of? How about one you that makes you groan inwardly when you hear the opening cords? Are there hymns where you prefer one tune over another? We all have our preferences, and we are all sometimes subject to other people's tastes.

For instance, my favourite tune for "For the Fruits of all Creation" is Ar hyd y nos but it's usually sung here to East Acklam or some other tune. I usually pick this hymn because it carries great feelings of nostalgia for me as it was both my mom and dad's favourite Harvest hymn to that tune. The last time we sang it (to another tune) was

when I had chosen it specifically for the birthday of my late mother and my late cousin Jacquelyn.

Handel immediately transports me to after school in the late afternoon, quietly walking into the house to discover my mom flat on her back, head next to the stereo (she was profoundly deaf) blasting Handel or Vivaldi, Edvard Greig, or Albinoni's "Adagio for organ and strings" as loud as was possible. I would lay down beside her and we would be discovered like that by my dad coming home from work, who would just shake his head and make his way to his studio to paint until we were ready to eat.

I once had a parishioner who couldn't stand the sound of violins! Others who never came to a service that had hymns or any music because it made them "emotional".

We carry within us and within our reactions to music, language, or art in general the hurt and joy of our lives and so sometimes, how those things are used or in our opinion misused can be sources either comfort or even great hurt.

A tune can evoke strong, poignant memories, or ones we'd rather avoid. My mother couldn't listen to "Abid with me" not because she disliked the tune so much as it was played non-stop as she kept vigil over the body of her Grampa Schultz as a teenager, in a gloomy room, all alone through the night, candles guttering, and gramophone squawking out that one hymn, over and over...I think I too would be happy never to hear such a tune again!

There is a reason why we hear "One more Step along the Road" or "Give Me Joy in my Heart" at weddings so often. Perhaps they are a reminder of carefree school days? More likely they are the only hymns the couples sang as students and so remember them.

So, what piece of music or song or hymn gives you joy each and every time you hear it? What piece of music or hymn moves you? I would love to know!

Christine+



## From the Registers (2023)

### Baptism

27<sup>th</sup> April  
19<sup>th</sup> May

Emily Pyle  
Charlotte Lewis



### Weddings

11<sup>th</sup> May

David Stenhouse & Ken McFarlane



### Remembering

Jim Pollock  
Lesley King



### Douglas Hall Classes & Events

Mondays	10:00am-12:00pm	Craft Group
Tuesdays		
Wednesdays		
Thursdays	19:00 20:00pm	Yoga
Fridays	19:00 – 21:00pm	Ratho Scouts (occasionally)
Saturday last of the month	10:00-10:30 am	Bookbug
2 <sup>nd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> Sundays	14:00-18:30pm	Mar Thoma Congregation



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# The Felling of the Old Sycamore

Day1 of 3

A fun one today! We've worked for St. Mary's, Dalmahoy for a while now and one day last year I noticed some major issues with this lovely Sycamore tree.

I informed them that a survey needed to be done as the tree had lots of signs that there was a problem. From dieback in the crown, to being able to fit my whole arm underneath the tree, along with signs of fungal infections - mainly *Kretzschmaria deusta*, a soft rot fungi that eats away at the root structure until failure.



We performed a VTA (Visual Tree Assessment) and recommended that they have a more in-depth survey done by Andrew Potter, an Arboricultural Consultant. He confirmed all of my findings and a decision was made that the tree was unsafe and needed to come down.

After some time, and many discussions with the landowners, it was decided that Heartwood Tree Care should take it down before it failed. Of course, we are happy to help! With it being too unsafe to climb we got a MEWP in to remove it safely.



Here's the work we did today. All branch wood removed and we'll work on the stem tomorrow and then grind out the stump on Thursday.

Sad to see a beauty like this felled but it was either the tree or the church... And we all know which one would be cheaper sort out!



Day 2

I underestimate the time we would need to move all the wood, so we've added an extra day to the job. But it was going great!



Day 3

Well, that's the stump gone! The final job will be to return in a week to remove all the arisings from the stump. I don't think I've ever seen so much from one stump

If you have a stump, you want gone or if you are unsure about large trees on your property, we can provide you with a written VTA and recommend work that may need doing. Don't hesitate to get in contact with us if you're worried. 0131 2100 311



## A question for your contemplation:

Christine is attending the General Synod in June and will be asked the below question.

**“IF ST MARY’S WAS TO DISAPPEAR OVERNIGHT, WHAT WOULD THE COMMUNITY BE MISSING?”**

Christine thought that it was an interesting question and wondered what the congregation would answer.

It was decided to send the question out to everyone to see what they would say. Here are the answers that we received:

1. The question is perhaps too grandiose in that the 'world' may well not notice if St Mary's disappeared....but the community would lose an oasis of prayer and spiritual sanctuary which is often devalued by the world at large - a welcoming, accepting, learning and liberal church, rooted in a simple but steadfast faith - where quiet contemplation twins with music and joyful participatory worship in a beautiful and historic building, which provides a perfect setting for both weekly services and special ceremonies/occasions such as weddings; also a community hall which is a valued asset to several community groups already but which has even greater potential as the local community is destined to grow.

This is of course not the same as to say that St Mary's is irreplaceable, since the church is not the buildings but the people and, as such, we should always be open to change/challenge and alert to God's call.

Best wishes, Steve

2. I just think that my answer would be best expressed in John Donne's 'No man is an island ...'  
Ella Henderson



3. *What would the world be missing if St Mary's were to disappear overnight?*

The impact of the disappearance of St Mary's overnight would be multi-faceted, as churches generally play various roles in communities beyond their religious functions.

### Religious Community Hub

Spiritual Guidance: St Mary's provides a place for worship, religious rituals, and spiritual guidance. Losing it could affect individuals who rely on this institution for their religious practices and beliefs. But most importantly would be the spiritual impact on the neighbourhood, as Jesus said, "You are the light of the world" and "You are the salt of the earth", as recorded in the Bible, specifically in the Gospel of Matthew (5:13-16). This metaphorical language conveys the idea that followers of Jesus should have a positive and transformative impact on the world around them. Without St Mary's, there wouldn't be regular worship of God, which is the primary function of a church. Subsequently, the spiritual warfare within the Dalmahoy area and beyond would be dramatically impacted, for we pray for our neighbours weekly, and Christine offers God's blessing to them, too.

### Community Support Services



Charitable Activities: St Mary's is actively involved in charitable work, including food banks, shelters, and community outreach programmes. The disappearance of the Morton's Chapel could result in a loss of these services, impacting vulnerable populations. Furthermore, St Mary's allows individuals within the congregation to serve as stewards, wardens, and pastoral care providers. These roles are crucial for personal development and offer spiritual and emotional support to individuals during various events and challenges in their lives.

## Social and Emotional Support

**Community Bonds:** St Mary's is a focal point for community gatherings, fostering social connections and a sense of belonging. Losing this stony lady might lead to declining community cohesion and social support networks.

## Cultural and Historical Significance

**Architectural and Artistic Heritage:** St Mary's is a significant landmark with historical and architectural value. Its disappearance could affect the cultural landscape and erase elements of local history.

## Moral and Ethical Guidance

**Moral Framework:** St Mary's contributes to a community's moral and ethical framework. Its absence might impact how individuals and communities approach moral and ethical questions.

## Crisis Response and Counselling

**Emotional Support:** St Mary's provides counselling and emotional support during crises. Losing these resources could affect individuals seeking guidance during difficult periods.



## St Mary's as Employer

**Providing employment:** St Mary's contributes to individuals' intellectual and personal development within the community. Without St Mary's, three more people would be loitering in a Job Centre. Parochial employment creates a sense of purpose and fulfilment for those seeking to integrate their faith into their professional lives. Furthermore, St Mary's fosters a sense of belonging and connection, providing spiritual guidance and practical assistance in its employee's families. Not to mention, contractual workers are needed for maintenance, restoration, and preservation, which contributes to cultural and architectural heritage preservation, benefiting both the local community and visitors. And speaking of tourists - last but not least:

## Tourism and Heritage

Regional tourist spot: St Mary's attracts tourists and contributes to the local economy through interdenominational wedding ceremonies for Christians. Therefore, its absence could significantly impact tourism-related employment in that area and greatly affect the working situation at Dalmahoy Hotel.



Thomas Leigh

4. "If St. Mary's was to disappear overnight, I would hope that communities of all faiths and none, would feel the loss of this still small place of refuge and calm, set apart for all, to find acceptance, healing and peace."

Janet Dyer

5. "Somewhere to turn when you lose close family and friends".  
Nicola Spurway

6. "A very caring, local episcopalian Church." Anne Clapham

7. In a sense for me, St Mary's did disappear overnight when I moved away.

On the physical level the church is a beautiful historic building which provides a focal point for worship and services. Very importantly, when

it is open it is a place, you can just enter and sit down and be calmed

and reflect. I really feel it is a very spiritual place and it doesn't

matter if you are a religious person or not, it is there for everyone.



For the community who worship at St Mary's I think one of the most important things it provides is support to anyone who needs it. Also acceptance of who you are, your background,

everyone is welcome, no questions asked. Our society needs places like this. Churches can be very formidable places if you've never had any experience of them so the warm welcome you receive at St Mary's is crucial to your experience and future attitude, maybe even to religion itself.



On a practical level St Mary's host an amazing array of activities for the local community. In addition, it is an important place for baptisms, weddings and funerals, all major events in the lives of local people.

I feel my words are quite inadequate to express what I feel but I've done my best! St Mary's has certainly been there for me in my time of trouble albeit from a distance.

Best wishes to everyone, Frances

8. I do not think the world would notice, from the locals and members of the congregation, a very different response. St Mary's Dalmahoy is a unique situation as that nearly all the members can only get to the church by car, with access by public transport confined to an East / West corridor, with nothing coming from the North or South.

The attendees are known as a gathered congregation, covering a huge area, and some of us probably have a local Episcopal Church nearer to our homes, so that in itself indicates a long-lasting association with St Mary's spanning many years.

Despite the fact that new housing has been built within 2 to 5 miles over the past 10 years or so, it has not contributed to the numbers attending Sunday services. We are basically an ageing congregation, and numbers are declining, but over the last few years, the number has steadied, with a small influx of mainly older people (except for one couple with 2 small children – the first in that age bracket for a long



time), many of whom have already become very involved with Church life.

As I said earlier, as a gathered congregation, many of us travel between 5 and 15 miles to get to Dalmahoy (one comes 35 miles most Sunday's), so that backs up the idea that St Mary's is special. St Mary's has been fortunate financially, especially over the last couple of years. Two bequests, sadly following members passing, has meant that the outlook for some years to come, is sustainable. Many churches are having to close due to loss in numbers, and therefore finance, and many are becoming part of a circle of 2 or 3 churches with a shared minister. So, as mentioned already, the reason to be optimistic about the future of St Mary's, is because the congregation which is so welcoming, gathers from such a large geographic area, so that at least for many years to come, any decision for disappearance would be beyond belief.

Geoff





## **Do Not Ask Me To Remember**

**Do not ask me to remember,  
Don't try to make me understand,  
Let me rest and know you're with me,  
Kiss my cheek and hold my hand.**

**I'm confused beyond your concept,**

**I am sad and sick and lost.**

**All I know is that I need you.**

**To be with be at all cost.**

**Do not lose your patience with me,**

**Do not scold or curse or cry,**

**I can't help the way I'm acting,**

**Can't be different though I try.**

**Just remember that I need you,**

**That the best of me is gone,**

**Please don't fail to stand by me,**

**Love me 'til my life is done.**

***~Author Unknown. Agingcare.co***

## Eucharist Readings: April – June 2023

<b>April</b>	
<b>7<sup>th</sup>: Second Sunday of Easter</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> : Acts 4:32-35 2 <sup>nd</sup> : 1 John 1:1-2:2 Gospel: John 20:19-31	<b>14<sup>th</sup>: Third Sunday of Easter</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> : Acts 3:12-19 2 <sup>nd</sup> : 1 John 3:1-7 Gospel: Luke 24:36b-48
<b>21<sup>st</sup>: Fourth Sunday of Easter</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> : Acts 4:5-12 2 <sup>nd</sup> : 1 John 3:16-24 Gospel: John 10:11-18	<b>28<sup>th</sup>: Fifth Sunday of Easter</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> : Acts 8:26-40 2 <sup>nd</sup> : 1 John 4:7-21 Gospel: John 15:1-8
<b>May</b>	
<b>5<sup>th</sup>: Sixth Sunday of Easter</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> : Acts 10:44-48 2 <sup>nd</sup> : 1 John 5:1-6 Gospel: John 15:9-17	<b>12<sup>th</sup> Seventh Sunday of Easter</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> : Acts 1:15-17, 21-26 2 <sup>nd</sup> : 1 John 5:9-13 Gospel: John 17:6-19
<b>19<sup>th</sup>: The Day of Pentecost</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> : Acts 2:1-21 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Romans 8:22-27 Gospel: John 15:26-27	<b>26<sup>th</sup>: Trinity Sunday</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> : Isaiah 6:1-8 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Romans 8:12-17 Gospel: John 3:1-17
<b>June</b>	
<b>2<sup>nd</sup>: Pentecost 2</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> : 1 Samuel 3:1 -10 (11-20) 2 <sup>nd</sup> : 2 Corinthians 4:5-12 Gospel: Mark 2:23- 3:6	<b>9<sup>th</sup>: Pentecost 3</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> : 1 Samuel 8:4-20 (11:14-15) 2 <sup>nd</sup> : 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1 Gospel: Mark 3:20-35
<b>16<sup>th</sup>: Pentecost 4</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> : 1 Samuel 15:34 – 16:13 2 <sup>nd</sup> : 2 Corinthians 5:6-10 (11-13), 14-17. Gospel: Mark 4:26 - 34	<b>23<sup>rd</sup>: Pentecost 5</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> : 1 Samuel 17:57 – 18:5, 10-16 2 <sup>nd</sup> : 2 Corinthians 6:1-13 Gospel: Mark 4:35-41
<b>30<sup>th</sup>: Pentecost 6</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> : 2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27 2 <sup>nd</sup> : 2 Corinthians 8:7 – 15 Gospel: Mark 5:21 - 43	

## It is well with my soul



In 1873, Anna Spafford and her four young daughters and 313 other passengers boarded the *Ville du Havre*, an ocean liner, from New York to Europe. The Spafford's travelled to Europe to reunite with Anna's husband, Horatio. Horatio had been detained on business but planned to join them in a few days.

The Spafford's had suffered a tragedy two years prior when the Great Chicago Fire destroyed Horatio's business. This trip was meant to bring hope and healing to their lives.

After kneeling down to pray on the night of November 22, Anna and her girls fell asleep. At around 2:00 a.m., they were suddenly jolted



awake by a collision. The *Ville du Havre* had collided with the *Loch Earn*, an iron-hulled Scottish clipper. Chaos ensued, and lifeboats quickly filled with people. Many

passengers jumped into the icy water. Anna tried to keep her children together, but the two eldest became separated in the confusion.

Just twelve minutes after the collision, a wave washed over the deck, and Anna was drawn under the water with her youngest daughters. She held on to five-year-old Bessie until her strength gave out. Her last memory was of two-year-old Tanetta in her delicate lace nightgown, torn from her grasp, getting smaller and smaller until she, too, finally disappeared. The crew of the *Loch Earn* later found Anna unconscious, floating on a wooden plank.

When the ship docked in Wales, Anna sent a telegram to Horatio that read, "Saved alone, what shall I do?" Horatio immediately sailed from New York City. "I must not lose faith," he wrote to a friend.



Four days into his voyage, the captain summoned Horatio to the foredeck. They were nearing the place where Anna's ship had gone down, taking with it the bodies of their four daughters. However, Horatio refused to look down. Instead, he gazed out across the rolling waves and up into the moonlit sky. There, he began to formulate a simple expression of his faith—a verse that would become a beloved hymn.

***When peace like a river attendeth my way,***

***When sorrows like sea billows roll,***

***Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,***

***It is well; it is well with my soul.***

Anna had a similar experience on the open sea only a few days prior. She was rescued and regained consciousness but was overwhelmed with despair and contemplated jumping back into the ocean. She wondered how life could be worth living without her beloved children. However, she heard a voice in her heart saying, "You are saved for a purpose, Anna. You have work to do."

The couple returned to Chicago, where Horatio sought support and prayers from his congregation to help him face his financial troubles. Anna gave birth to a boy and a girl, but their son, Horatio Jr., passed away from scarlet fever at the age of three. A year later, another daughter was born. Despite only two of their seven children surviving to adulthood, the Spafford's never lost hope.

In 1881, they moved their family to Jerusalem. They established the American Colony, which was not intended for proselytizing but to serve people of all backgrounds, relieving poverty, disease, and strife wherever they were found.

Seven years later, Horatio passed away. Anna could have given up, but she did not. Although her life had



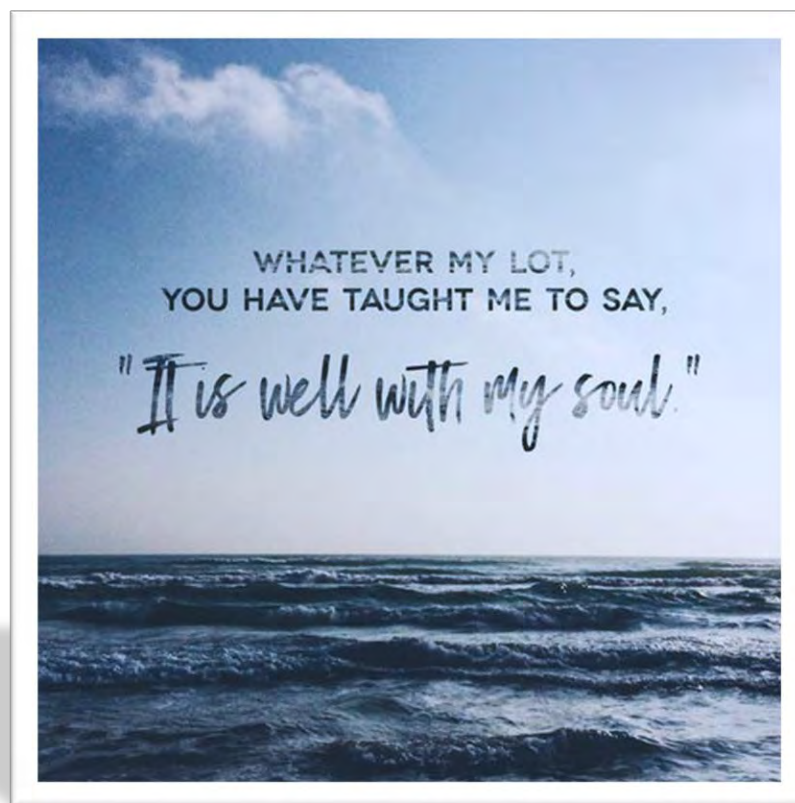
Above: Spafford Children's Centre, Jerusalem

contradictions and imperfections, she found the strength to continue the work she and her husband had started during her most profound spiritual crisis. The seed of service they planted in others bore sweet fruit, and their daughter Bertha greatly expanded their humanitarian work, rescuing those who had experienced the shipwrecks of life.

During World War I, Bertha organized soup kitchens for refugees and oversaw hospitals for wounded soldiers on all sides of the conflict. For almost 150 years, Horatio's hymn, "It is well with my soul," has lifted and inspired millions. Although most are unaware of the circumstances in which it was written, they are strengthened by its universal message. Horatio's words resonate with the hope of Easter. The human spirit can rise above tragedy because of Jesus' resurrection. Whenever we suffer our night of sorrow, His love shines even brighter into our darkness, and His peace will heal our wounded soul, for He is risen - He is risen indeed. Halleluja!

Thomas Leigh

Director of Music



# PENTECOST RECITAL



SARAH WILBY  
&  
THOMAS FLESSENKAEMPER

Flute and Piano

Sunday, 19th May, 2024 at 7 PM  
Douglas Hall, St Mary's Church, Dalmahoy

## Diary of Events: April - May 2023

Date	Times	Venue	Event
27 <sup>th</sup> April	10:00	Hall	Bookbug
19 <sup>th</sup> May	7pm	Church	Pentecost Recital Sarah Wilby & Thomas Flessenkaemper
11 <sup>th</sup> May	10:30am -3:30pm	St. Mary's Cathedral	The Big Pray Day "Let Us Pray"
25 <sup>th</sup> May	10:00	Hall	Bookbug

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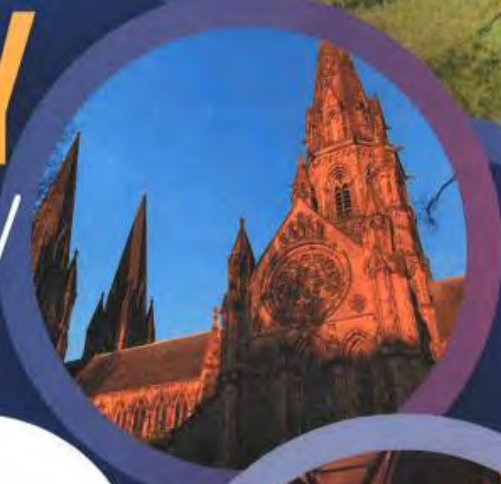
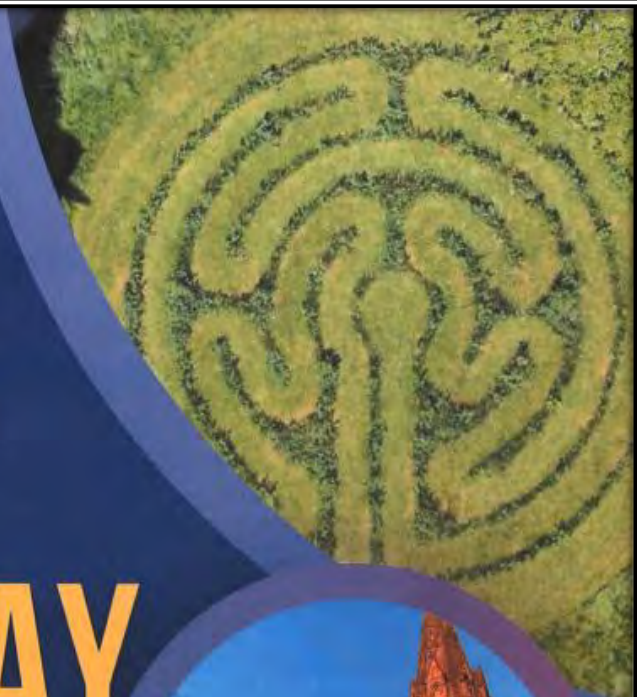




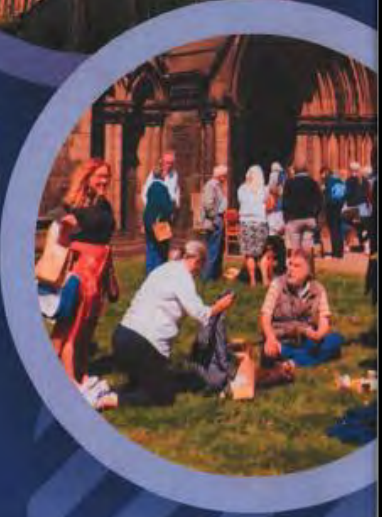
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# THE BIG DAY



*Let Us Pray!*



**SATURDAY  
11 MAY  
10:30-3:30**



-  Worship and Song
-  Prayer Workshops
-  Individual Prayer Stations

 [edinburgh.anglican.org](http://edinburgh.anglican.org)  St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh



## Recipe - Pistachio, Lemon and Raspberry Friands

### Ingredients

- 115g/4oz butter, cubed, plus extra for greasing
- 35g/1¼oz plain flour
- 115g/4oz icing sugar, sifted, plus extra to serve
- 60g/2¼ oz ground almonds
- 1 lemon, zest only
- 3 free-range egg whites
- 50g/1¾oz fresh raspberries
- 2 tbsp shelled pistachios, roughly chopped
- pinch salt



### Method

1. Preheat the oven to 200C/180C Fan/Gas 6 and grease a non-stick 6-hole muffin tin with butter.
2. Melt the butter in a saucepan over a low heat. Transfer into a large, heatproof bowl to cool completely.
3. Once cool, mix in the flour, icing sugar, ground almonds, lemon zest and a pinch of salt.
4. Whisk the egg whites in a separate bowl using an electric whisk (or in a stand mixer) until frothy. Gently fold the egg whites into the flour mixture until you have a thin batter.
5. Pour the batter into the holes in the tin, filling each about three-quarters full.
6. Put 3 raspberries into each hole, then sprinkle over the pistachios.
7. Bake for 15–20 minutes, or until golden-brown and a skewer inserted into the centre comes out clean. You can finish with a sprinkling of icing sugar if you like. These are best served warm.

[https://www.bbc.co.uk/food/recipes/pistachio\\_raspberry\\_20046](https://www.bbc.co.uk/food/recipes/pistachio_raspberry_20046)

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# Humour



## The entire Bible explained in one Facebook post.

*This guy nails it.*

### Genesis

**God:** All right, you two, don't do the one thing.

Other than that, have fun.

**Adam and Eve:** OK.

**Satan:** You should do the thing.

**Adam and Eve:** OK.

**God:** What happened!?

**Adam and Eve:** We did the thing.

**God:** Guys ...

### The rest of the Old Testament

**God:** You are my people, and you should not do the things.

**People:** We won't do the things.

**God:** Good.

**People:** We did the things.

**God:** Guys ....

### The Gospels

**Jesus:** I am the Son of God, and even though you have done the things, the Father and I still love you and want you to live. Don't do the things anymore.

**Healed people:** OK! Thank you!

**Other people:** We've never seen him do the things, but he probably does the things when no one is looking.

**Jesus:** I have never done the things.

**Other people:** We're going to put you on trial for doing the things.

**Pilate:** Did you do the things?

**Jesus:** No.

**Pilate:** He didn't do the things.

**Other people:** Kill him anyway.

**Pilate:** OK.

**Jesus:** Guys....

### Paul's letters

**People:** We did the things.

**Paul:** Jesus still loves you, and because you love Him, you have to stop doing the things.

**People:** OK.

### Paul's letters, Part II

**People:** We did the things again.

**Paul:** Guys ...

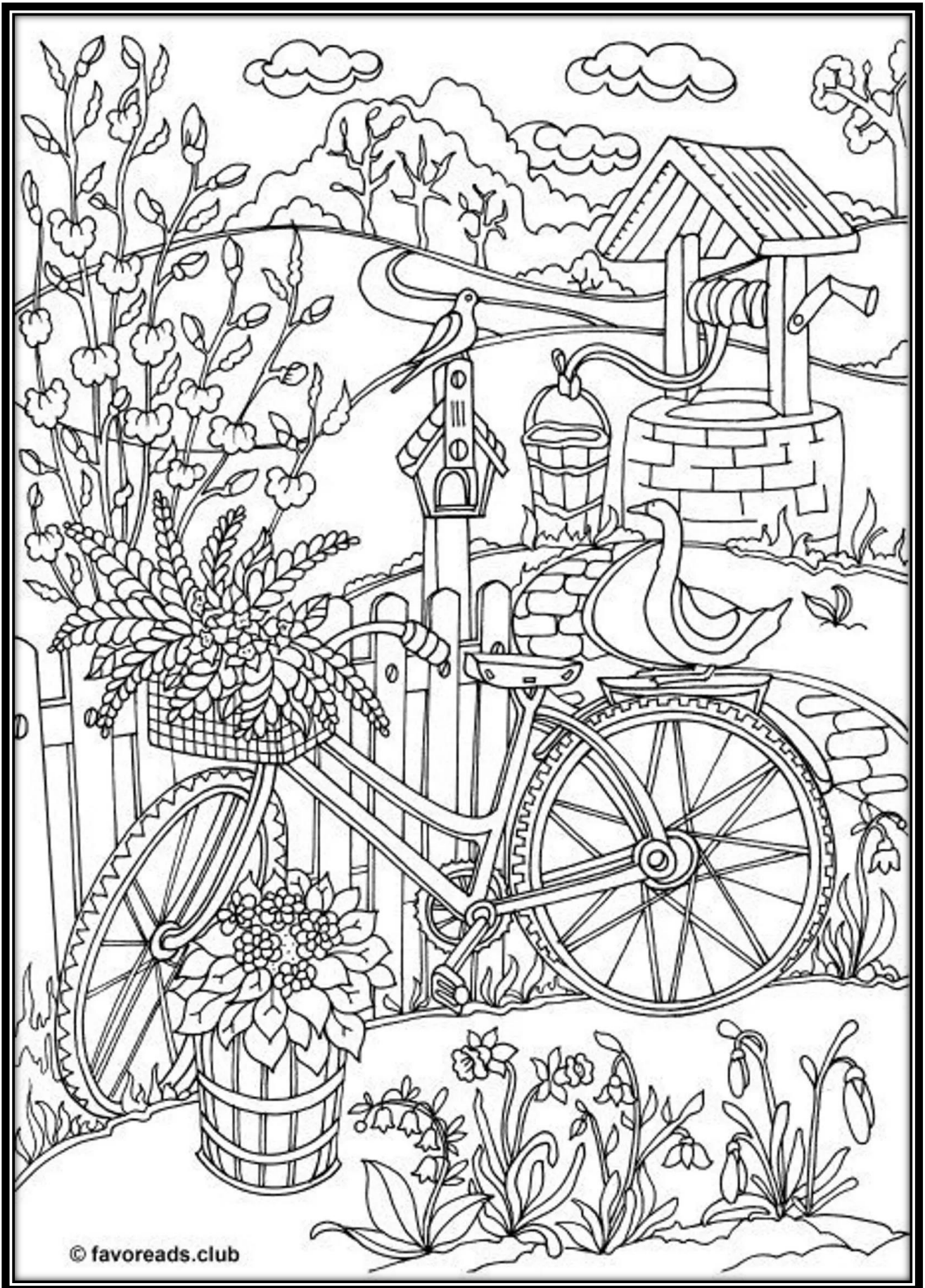
### The Revelation

**John:** When Jesus comes back, there will be no more people who do the things. In the meantime, stop doing the things.

### The end



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Wednesday	Said Eucharist	11:00 am

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

**Deadline for articles for the June – July issue  
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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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