

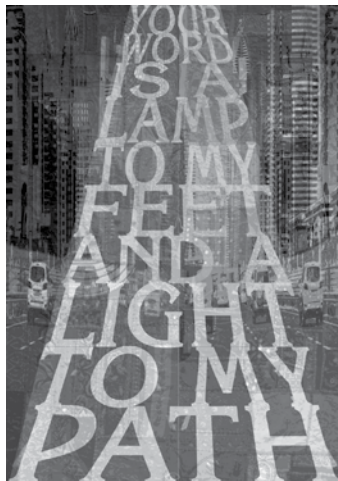
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# Pastoral Letter

October 2011

**Dear Friends,**

It seems like only last week we were preparing for the winter. Summer clothing was being put away for another year and the winter woollies looked out. Then on Wednesday the sun was high in the sky and it seemed that everyone's mood had lifted. Just when the inevitability of winter was upon us, the summer light broke into the anticipated darkness.

Within the Anglican prayer book there is a line in one of the prayers that asks God to '...scatter the darkness from our feet....'. I have always found this a particularly powerful image and petition. Most of us experience darkness in our life. From the tragic moments of disappointment to the desperate affects of a loved one's death. Darkness can envelop even the most cheerful and rob them of joy, pleasure and delight. The colour can be drained from even the strongest rainbow.

The poetic use of darkness and light in the Bible is richly conveyed when you read passages like the 23rd Psalm. The Psalmist says "...even though I walk throughout the darkest valley I will have

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no fear you are with me....your rod and staff they comfort me.....'. In Psalm 119 it reminds us that God's word is a '...lamp to my path...'

In the New Testament the references to darkness and light are again important. Jesus is seen as the light of the world and he calls upon his Church to be a 'Light' to the nation.

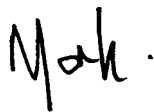
What I am hearing in these passages is the need in the darkness to believe the light will shine again. In John's gospel it proclaims the darkness has never extinguished the light. This must surely be the consolation of the gospel. That even in our darkest places God can scatter the darkness and lead us to a new place.

**Prayer:**

Living illuminating God,  
You are the light that sets the path before me,  
You are the light that warms my heart,  
You are the light that brings me into life,

In you alone I find and see revealed all that I may become.  
Amen.

Yours Mark J.



## Parish Register

### Baptisms

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*'Jesus said 'Let the children come to me, for as such is the Kingdom of heaven' . . . he placed his hand upon them and blessed them.'*

September 18 Zoe Biggans, daughter of David and Linsey  
*The Lord bless you, and keep you: the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you: the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace*

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# **Weddings**

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*'God is love and those who dwell in love dwell in God and God in them'*

We celebrated the marriage of:

June 23 Kayrene McGowan and Gavin Howie

July 01 Alison Burns and Richard Pears

# **Funerals**

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*'Jesus said 'I am the resurrection and the life . . .'*

*'Blessed are they that mourn for they shall be comforted'*

*'Jesus said 'The souls of the righteous are in the hands of God.'*

August 25 Alexander Anderson, Campsie View Nursing Home,  
Kirkintilloch

September 07 Mrs Frances Peddie, 3 Adamslie Drive, Kirkintilloch

09 Mrs Sarah Wallace, 16 Lammermoor Gardens,  
Kirkintilloch

14 Mrs Helen Ralston, 83 Hillhead Road, Kirkintilloch

22 Mrs Margaret McBurnie, Kirkintilloch

27 Alexander (Lex) Gaston, 8 Auchenreoch Holdings,  
Milton of Campsie

28 Mr J. Holbein, Flat 2, 68 Queen Street, Kirkintilloch

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# **Special Anniversaries – Silver Wedding**

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Mr & Mrs J. Kempself and Mr Mrs A McNamee celebrated their anniversary in September.

# **Special Anniversaries – Golden Wedding**

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Mr Mrs R Barr and Mr Mrs D Thomson celebrated their anniversaries in September.

We extend congratulations and best wishes from the congregation to all of the above.

# **New Members**

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## **(By Certificate of Transfer)**

Mr Calum McDonald, 8 Second Avenue, Bearsden.

We welcome Calum into St Mary's and trust he will find peace and joy in our midst. The good wishes of the congregation are sent from St Mary's.

# **Change of Address**

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Jillian and Graham Fergusson, formerly 46 Watermill Avenue, Lenzie, now residing at 7 Rutherford Drive, Woodilee Village, Lenzie.

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# The Bells of St Mary's



October	09	Paul and Charlotte Malcolm
	16	Andrew and Fraser Leishman
	23	Linda Brown and Jean Ralph
	30	Angela Montgomerie and Shona McKay
November	06	Lisa Thomson and Karen Morrison

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## Church Flowers

We wish to thank the following members who will donate flowers for the Chancel of our Church during October.

October	09	Mrs V Anderson, Mrs M Malcolm, Mrs E Cowie, Mrs E Henderson.
	16	Mrs A Pearson, Mrs D Smith, Mrs N Bain, Mrs I Devine
	23	Mrs S Burns, Mrs L Black, Mrs E Goodwin, Mr Mrs I Hamilton.
	30	Mrs E Cousin, Mrs M Wilson, Mrs J Kempself
November (Preparatory)	04	The Guild
Communion	06	Mrs D Stewart, Mrs M Lawson, Mrs I Hay, Mrs A McPhee.

The following members, whom we wish to thank for their assistance, will be responsible for distribution.

October	09/16	Mrs J McCann, Mrs J Pearson
	23/30	Mrs L Sinclair, Mrs M Wilson
November	06/13	Mrs D More, Mrs I Kennedy

## Boys' Brigade . . .

***5th Kirkintilloch Boys' Brigade has a new update to their website.***

***Please go to: [www.5thkirkintillochboysbrigade.org.uk](http://www.5thkirkintillochboysbrigade.org.uk)***

***Their Dedication Service is on Sunday 30th October, followed by a soup lunch in the Hall after Church. The Officers and Boys look forward to your support.***

# Thank You . . .

Thank you acknowledgements have been received from the following people who received Chancel Flowers during the month of September.

Mrs J Rankin, Mrs M Given, Mr Mrs D Clark, Mrs M MacRae, Mrs P Kerr, Mrs J McFarlane, Mr A MacNeill, Mr Mrs R Robertson, Mrs M McKechnie, Mr Mrs A McNamee, Mrs M Burnett, Mrs E Philip, Mr R Laing, Miss A Tassie, Mr Mrs H Lynch, Mrs C Hickey on behalf of Mrs M Montgomery.

Janice Reid thanks all who donated to the Chancel flowers during the month of September.

Rev Frank Haughton thanks all those who remembered his 96th birthday with their cards and expressions of good will. He is pleased to know that he is still remembered in St Mary's.

## **Thank you from the Thomson family**

Jenny, Agnes, John, Jennifer and all the family say a sincere thank you to all their friends in St Mary's for beautiful church flowers, lovely cards received, as well as comforting words and prayers and to all those who attended the Thanksgiving Service for Alex. Your kindness has been much appreciated by all.

Isobel Tinto thanks everyone who sent her flowers and best wishes after her recent operation.

## **Rainbows . . .**

***Rainbows, for girls aged 5 – 7 years, has now re-started on Wednesday evenings 6.30 – 7.30 pm in the mid hall. The girls are busy doing art work and learning songs for the Eco-Harvest Service on Sunday 9th October. The Unit is full at the moment, but there will be 3 places available in January 2012. If you would like to put a name down on the waiting list please 'phone Agnes Marran 776 2225 or see her in the Primary Sunday School on a Sunday morning.***

# Prayer Secretary

*Dear Friends . . .*

Did you like the sailor's version of the 23rd Psalm in last month's Parishioner? Before going to sleep I tried to make up another version but all I got was a sleepless night.

Some trees have already changed colour or even shed a few leaves so it must now be autumn. It comes round quicker every year. As I usually say at Christmas, "God bless us every one."

The following comes from page 48 of 'Lord of the evening' by Frank Topping -

In the waking light of my new day,  
With toast and marmalade  
And a cup of tea,  
What will I see?  
A hasty snack before the morning rush?  
Or will there be on my table  
Oranges from Spain,  
Leaves from India,  
Bread from the wheatfields  
Of English Downs,  
A humble breakfast or a feast?  
Lord, give me eyes to see  
In the light You shed upon the world.

**Yours Margaret.**

# St Mary's – An ECO Church

You will recall that in the April Parishioner, I advised that Churches had been invited to take positive action towards becoming an ECO Friendly Church AND to reduce their “carbon footprint” to minimize global warming. We aim to be ECO friendly.

We are required to reduce our energy consumption by 5% per year. St Mary's pumps around 120,000 kilograms of carbon gas into the atmosphere each year from gas, oil & electricity usage. If we can reduce that figure by the 5% sought, we would also have a cash saving of around £1,300 on our costs; whilst at the same time benefitting our country and our world.

So switch off unnecessary lights, use energy saving bulbs, lower that thermostat by a degree or so, cut down waste, recycle cans, bottles & jars (glass or plastic) & waste paper. Already our Fabric Committee has replaced many lights in Church & Halls, and is examining the boilers and thermostats. The Wednesday meeting is being held in the Session House to prevent having to heat the church from Tuesday morning for the short service on Wednesday mornings. If you have any other good ideas please let us know.

We can; we must lose at least that 5% by December 2011.

**Lambert Sinclair**  
**ECO Committee**

***Sunday 9th October is our Annual Harvest Festival. We are asking this year for donations of dried and non perishable produce and /or donations of money. The produce donated will go towards the nominated Glasgow charities, including Lodging House Mission, St Rollox Asylum Seekers and projects run through Castlemilk Health Centre. The donations of money will go towards the schools project in Malawi that our Fair Trade representative Fiona Leishman has been involved in. The Church will be open on the evening of Friday 7th October for donations of produce.***

# St Mary's Nursery

Gardens are constantly changing with the seasons. Our nursery garden has been an excellent resource for learning for St Mary's Nursery children. It provides opportunities to develop concentration skills, problem solving and decision making. This gives a child a greater understanding of the seasons, the weather and how food grows. It can boost child's self esteem, inspires them to become involved in gardening, encourages them to develop a greater understanding of the role they play in caring for the world around them, and to take responsibility for living and hopefully develop a long respect for nature.

To this end, St Mary's Nursery has tried to create a thriving garden , getting the children involved in digging, watering, nurturing plants, handling tools appropriately, growing own crops - even cooking and tasting them. Looking at the wildlife, fauna and flora.

We have grown tomato plants, marigolds, sunflowers, peppers, potatoes, green beans and onions this year, with various results. Last month we decided to enter our onions in the Kirkintilloch Horticultural Society. We grew 34 onions in our garden, compared their lengths and choose our best 3, entering into class 116 from sets, flat. We gained third prize. We were thrilled and delighted with this award.

The society also encouraged nursery children to grow fuchsias at home which they kindly donated to each child in our nursery. To our delight a child from the nursery gained 1st prize.

We have just planted winter pansies and winter vegetables - broccoli, carrots and lettuces to continue their interest, building on the success and involvement in their garden. Also planting hyacinths, daffodils and tulips for the spring, which, looking outside today, seems very far away!!!

**Aileen Mundy**  
**Eco – Co-ordinator**

***Youth Fellowship has started back again on Sunday evenings from 7.30pm - 9.00pm. All secondary school age children welcome. There are Games / Crafts and entertainment for all to enjoy.***

***Kirkintilloch Trefoil Guild will be meeting in St. Mary's on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 7.45pm in the mid hall after the Rainbows.***

***The Trefoil Guild is open to everyone over 26 years of age who subscribes to the Guiding way of life. We meet with other Trefoil Guild members within the County and at events at home and abroad. We support Girlguiding UK in many ways and we thrive on our Social occasions. Why not come along and join us?***



## **Listeners Circle**

The next meeting of the Listeners Circle will be on Friday 21 October at 2pm in the Session House. Everyone is welcome to come along and listen to the programme of music which has been compiled this month by Robert Dewar. You may even get a cup of tea/coffee at the interval!

## **Kirkintilloch Horticultural Society**

Kirkintilloch Horticultural Society members are very grateful to the Kirk Session and members of St. Mary's Church for the use of the Halls, which went toward the success of the Annual Flower Show held on Saturday 3rd September. The winner of the medal for the Best Fuschia in the Children's section was won by Ross Kavanah from St. Mary's Nursery. The winner of most points and the best exhibit in the Children's section was Mairi Paterson from St. Mary's Sunday School. Other Sunday School children also won small prizes. There were offerings in these sections from all over Kirkintilloch and beyond!

**Edith Dunn**



## **Summer Work Parties**

Many thanks to everyone involved in carrying out the various jobs over the summer months, especially those who spent many hours scraping and painting the boundary railings.

**David Tinto**



# Summer Time Ends

British Summer Time ends on Sunday 30th October. Please remember to put your clocks and watches BACK one hour before retiring on the Saturday evening or you will be too early for Church.

The summer may be over,  
And Winter drawing near,  
But now, it's time for meetings,  
For friendship, warmth and cheer.  
There's purple on the mountains,  
And beauty all around  
With here and there a summer rose  
Still waiting to be found.

It's time for reminiscing,  
Recalling summer days,  
For sharing hope and happy thoughts  
In many quiet ways.  
A time of relaxation,  
Of fellowship and joy,  
Creating autumn memories,  
That Winter can't destroy.



## VISITORS ARE WELCOME

***The Church office is located on the right as you enter the Church Halls. The secretary, Mrs Lynn Hay, is available in the office Monday to Friday 9.15 a.m. – 12.15 a.m. and may be the first point of contact for general enquiries. Lynn will be able to refer you to the person best suited to respond. Church office telephone and fax 0141 775 1166 or e-mail: [office.stmarys@btconnect.com](mailto:office.stmarys@btconnect.com)***

# God's Will?

When I was working, one of the most difficult topics which had to be discussed with clients was their exposure to Inheritance Tax as this is only payable on death in the majority of circumstances. One way of reducing the potential tax payable is by making a gift to a charity in your will as this is exempt from tax. The gift is received by the Charity and is also not taxable in their hands thus potentially saving 40% tax on the estate. The church is, of course, a Registered Charity and would benefit from any legacies which it receives. All of the legacy would be retained by St. Mary's provided it is the named recipient in your Will, otherwise the legacy would go to the Church of Scotland Trustees in Edinburgh.

The Church has received many legacies in the past and has been most grateful for these. As we face up to substantial expenditure being required to maintain our lovely sanctuary, I would urge you to consider making a gift in your Will, but, of course, hope that it is some considerable time before we receive it. Should anyone wish to discuss this matter further, please feel free to contact me.

Hugh Biggans  
Finance Convenor

## The Parishioner

***Copy for the November issue should be handed to Sandra Burns, sent by e-mail to [sandraburns@ntlworld.com](mailto:sandraburns@ntlworld.com) or left in the Publications pigeon hole in the Hall vestibule no later than Sunday 30 October.***

***The Publications Committee are always interested in the activities of all our Organisations, especially the young people of Church, so if you wish your voice to be heard, or have something you would like published in The Parishioner, please let the Editor know.***

***Why not go to [www.stmaryskirkintilloch.org.uk](http://www.stmaryskirkintilloch.org.uk) and have a look at our new website. If you have any news for the Church Website and would like our members to know, please e-mail [newsorintimations@stmaryskirkintilloch.org.uk](mailto:newsorintimations@stmaryskirkintilloch.org.uk)***



## Fresh n' Lo Pedal

As you will have no doubt heard from the pulpit, all 12 of our hardy cyclists managed the slightly shortened route from Glasgow Green to Murrayfield Stadium on Sunday 11th September. Some made it quicker than others it has to be said, but personally speaking it would have been rude not to have taken the cup of tea offered at Kirkliston, the cup of soup at Linlithgow or the scone at Avonbridge. Over £750 has been pledged and I suspect more money will come in. All money raised is going into the Friends of St Mary's account, previously called our Special Projects Account. This account will be used to maintain St Mary's. So I would like to thank all of my fellow travellers, Bobby, Linda, Jean, Bill, Gordon, Trevor, Mark and Stuart. Particular thanks to our younger volunteers Thomas, Ben and James. Raising funds was part of the aim, but taking on a challenge with good friends and achieving your goal was for me just as rewarding. I would hope to repeat the event next year for anyone else who may be interested. Please have a look at the photos on our website.

**Charles Hay**

# Session Report

Our first session meeting of the new Session was on Wednesday 14th September and there was plenty to talk about. Gordon Morrison provided an update on the proposals to introduce additional communion services starting next year. We are still sourcing the additional materials required such as individual glasses and once we are in a position to confirm the arrangements we will let you know.

We discussed the increasing involvement of members in areas that were traditionally the reserve of Elders, such as welcoming folks on a Sunday morning and delivering The Parishioner. This is important to us and has been a considerable benefit. I would hope we could continue to involve more members and if you are interested in helping out on a Sunday or in some other way please let me know or contact the office via our website or by phone.

We also discussed the current status of the presbytery plan and the impact this is having on our plans to carry out repairs to the church buildings and in particular the roof. We are aware the roof is past its sell by date, but wholesale replacement would cost hundreds of thousands of pounds. We have previously looked at what grant assistance would be available and how we could raise the expenditure required, but all this is a moot point until the Presbytery plan is finalised and the Presbytery are willing to sanction such expenditure. We know that people are worried that the Presbytery plan could result in the merging of congregations and the closure of churches. It is understandable that members feel a sense of loyalty and attachment to the buildings we occupy and at a recent meeting with representatives from Presbytery we sought to promote as best we can how St Mary's serves the wider community in Kirkintilloch. We need, however, to recognise that St Mary's is not defined by its buildings, but by its members and the work we do. Be it the youth organisations, the Wednesday Welcome, the Nursery or even how we distribute our harvest donations. It is by showing how we spread the good news into the community of Kirkintilloch and beyond that we help to preserve the buildings.

Finally, if you have any queries, please either speak to your Elder or use the contact facility on our website.

**Charles Hay**  
Session Clerk

# Dates for your Diary

## **Holiday Club**

This year the Holiday Club will be held from Monday 17 – Friday 21 October and the time is 10.00 a.m. – 12 noon. An invitation is extended to all Primary school age children to celebrate God through Art & Crafts and Worship.

**The annual Sunday School craft fair** will be held in the halls on 12 November from 12 noon – 4.00pm.



**COFFEE MORNING** in St Mary's Church Hall on Saturday 08 October from 10am to 12 noon. Tea/coffee, home baking, tombola, all for £1.50. Come along and help us keep the free cruises sailing.

**The Scottish Bible Society, local committee, is holding a COFFEE MORNING** on 22nd October in St Mary's Church Hall from 10.00 am to 12.30pm. There will be a baking stall, book stall, and bric-a-brac. Contributions to these stalls will be most welcome, but most of all, your presence. Tickets will be available in the church hall the previous Sunday.

**Sunday 30th October is the annual BIBLE SUNDAY**, which is being held this year in The Baptist Church, at 6.30 pm. The speaker is the Rev. George Mitchell, singer Ruth Box with the Praise Band.

***The Family Ceilidh this year is on Saturday 19 November. More information will follow.***

# When the film makers came to church

**The Rectory**  
**St. James the Least of All**

**My dear Nephew Darren**

It has all been excitement and activity here this last week, with a period drama being filmed using our church. It was remarkable how many people felt the need to drop in to church to collect magazines, check the reading rota or arrange flowers, just happening to stumble over the film stars en route. If only they were filming every week, then our brasses would be permanently gleaming, woodwork smothered in beeswax and the notice board kept in a state of perpetual tidiness.

Our Ladies Guild was thrilled to be asked to take part in a crowd scene. I saw little point in the wardrobe department taking hours fitting them out with Victorian dresses, as the result was little different from normal. The only awkward moment came after filming, when Mrs Simms was told she could now remove her bustle. She told the girl she already had.

The producer thanked me for taking the trouble for going round church before they arrived, removing all those modern conveniences that would not have been there in the nineteenth century. I hadn't the heart to tell him that nothing was any different from normal.

Lord Marchmount was thoroughly miffed that they were not also using his castle for filming, even though the producer explained with exemplary patience that they needed a nineteenth century setting, not one which looked as if the cast had just returned from the Crusades. His revenge, getting the farm staff to spread slurry in all the surrounding fields throughout filming, has apparently meant that film stars now have a clause in their contracts protecting them from rural life. The issue of whether the outbreak of salmonella poisoning in the cast had anything to do with the catering caravan being liberally coated is to be settled in the courts.

When all was finished, I thought it only right to invite the film crew and actors to the vicarage for sherry. When the producer left, I was delighted to be told he had just discovered the perfect home for filming his next project – which is about Elizabethan poverty.

**Your loving uncle, Eustace**

# Message from the Moderator

Ten years on since the attack on the Twin Towers we live in a much changed world. The old securities we once relied on now seem to have gone. For the Christian, however, to live with what is called 'Creative Insecurity' is a norm. Genesis notes that in the act of creation God's spirit moved across the waters, disturbing it. It was a sign that God was at work. So it is with us as individuals and as a society. When God is moving us forwards, inviting us to re-assess our priorities, we get disturbed. Into that state of insecurity God in Christ comes, leading us forwards to create the kind of society God wants us to share.

## Universal prayer

Lead us from death to life, from falsehood to truth.

Lead us from despair to hope, from fear to trust.

Lead us from hate to love, from war to peace.

Let peace fill our heart, our world, our universe.

## Life and Work – October 2011

A preview of some of the articles in the current issue. Why not pick up a copy of this interesting Church of Scotland magazine from the front of the Church – only £1.80.

## Faith Schools

Dr Harry Reid and the Rev Ewan Aitken discuss whether the Church of Scotland should set up its own schools. Plus The Big Question: Are faith schools important in the Scotland of today?

## An Autumn Passion

Jackie Macadam highlights a new Passion Play which will be staged in Glasgow on October 6.

## A Retro Tent of Meeting

Steve Brown describes how a 1967 VW camper is bringing a mobile 'sacred space' to communities across Scotland.

## Part of the Team

The Moderator explains why people are the Church's best resource.

# Session Visitations 2011/12

Beginners Sunday School	Alan and Gordon Sinclair
Primary Sunday School	Dorothy Stewart and Stephen McKean
Junior Sunday School	Elizabeth Walker and Alan Watson
Crèche	Hugh Biggans and Lewis Wilson
Seekers	Mary Stirling and Sandra Burns
Youth Fellowship	John Marran and Janice Reid
Ladies Bowling	David Tinto and James More
Men's Club	Alasdair McNeil and Ruth Poynton
Badminton Club	Garry Burns and Ian Hamilton
Country Dancing	Gordon Fraser and Elaine Hall
Brownies	Charles Hay and John Pears
Listeners Circle	David McPherson and Archie Morrison
Flower Circle	Jean Ralph and Robert Dewar
Shipmates	John Galt and John Thomson
Boys' Brigade	Janice Smith and Matt Malcolm
Guild	Lambert Sinclair and David Kerr
Nursery	Alice Pearson and Arthur Black
Choir	Richard Biggans and Euan Kerr
Prayer Circle	Paul Malcolm and Elizabeth Cousin
Running Club	June McCann and Sally McLelan



## The Guild

The Guild meets on Friday evenings in the Mid Hall at 7.30 p.m. They commence their new Session on 07 October. All are welcome, including gentlemen, to come along and enjoy the fellowship and listen to a varied selection of topics throughout the Session year.

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| October | 07 | Rev Mark E Johnstone              |
|         | 14 | Don Martin – 800 years as a Burgh |
|         | 21 | A Place for Hope (Project)        |
|         | 28 | Neil Cunningham and Friends       |

# The Sacrament of Holy Communion

The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated on Sunday 06 November at 11am and 6.30pm and all members are encouraged to attend either service. Preparatory Service at 7.30pm on Friday 04 will November set the scene and allow you to prepare yourself for the Communion Services on the Sunday. This Service is for everyone who attends worship and offers an opportunity to think about Communion and what it means. Communion will also be offered at the Wednesday Welcome on 10 November and, once again, an invitation is extended to all who wish to participate. To celebrate the Lord's Supper, the invitation displayed below is for you and your family to participate in the Sacrament of Holy Communion, at which everyone will be made most welcome.



*St Mary's Parish Church,  
Kirkintilloch*

*The Rev Mark Johnstone &  
Kirk Session*

*invite you to celebrate Communion on:  
Sunday, November 6 at 11.00am and 6.30pm  
Wednesday, November 9, 2011 at 11.30am*

*All will be made most welcome*

*Do this in memory of me . . . Luke 22:19*

# Crossword

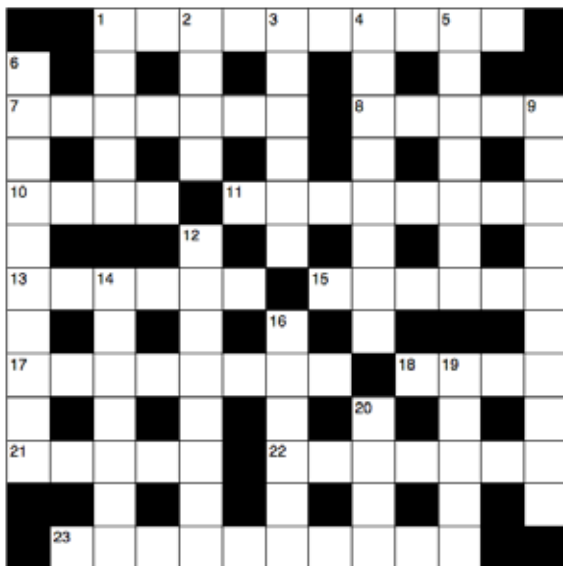
## Across

- 1 Grandson of Mered and his Judean wife (1 Chronicles 4:18) (4)
- 3 He said of Jesus, 'This man has done nothing wrong' (Luke 23:40-41) (8)
- 8 Herb with pleasantly scented roots, present in the Beloved's orchard (Song of Songs 4:13) (4)
- 9 What God brought Sarah with the birth of Isaac (Genesis 21:6) (8)
- 11 Port on the Red Sea where King Solomon built ships (1 Kings 9:26) (5,5)
- 14 Donald —, Archbishop of Canterbury 1974-80 (6)
- 15 Cereal (Ezekiel 4:9) (6)

- 17 Jesus' description of a Pharisee (Matthew 23:24) (5,5)
- 20 Not as widely used at church services nowadays as used to be the case (8)
- 21 ' — all your anxiety on him because he cares for you' (1 Peter 5:7) (4)
- 22 One of the three strands of Methodism united in 1932 (8)
- 23 'They broke bread in their homes and ate together with — and sincere hearts' (Acts 2:46) (4)

## Down

- 1 The rebuke of 3 Across, 'Don't you fear God... since you are under the same — ?' (Luke 23:40) (8)
- 2 Horse-drawn vehicle used by King Solomon (Song of Songs 3:9) (8)
- 4 Dearer (anag.) (6)
- 5 One-time editor of Punch and controversial writer and broadcaster



ANSWERS AT FOOT OF PAGE

- 1 who became a noted Christian, Malcolm — (10)
- 2 'When you sit to dine with a ruler, — well what is before you' (Proverbs 23:1) (4)
- 3 'God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both — and Christ' (Acts 2:36) (4)
- 4 One description of the inspired nature of scripture (10)
- 5 'The Son himself will be made subject to him who put everything under him, so that God may be — — —' (1 Corinthians 15:28) (3,2,3)
- 6 Recognized as valid (1 Samuel 3:20) (8)
- 7 A long A (anag.) (6)
- 8 'For God does not — favouritism' (Romans 2:11) (4)
- 9 Comes between Joel and Obadiah (4)

ACROSS: 1, Soco. 3, Criminal. 8, Nard. 9, Laughter. 11, Ezion Geber. 14, Coggan. 15, Millet. 17, Blind guide. 20, Hymnbook. 21, Cast. 22, Wesleyan. 23, Glad. DOWN: 1, Sentence. 2, Carriage. 4, Reader. 5, Mugeridge. 6, Note. 7, Lord. 10, Infallible. 12, All in all. 13, Attested. 16, Angola. 18, Show. 19, Amos.



## THE POWER OF GOD'S LOVE

A bridge needed to be built across a large, busy river so divers were sent to explore the river bed. The divers discovered a wreck of a large old sailing ship buried in the deep mud just where one of the bridge's main piers needed to be built. They used ropes and powerful tugs, but no matter what they did, the wreck would not budge.

Then an engineer had an idea: the river rises and falls with the tide twice a day so why not use the power of the whole ocean to lift the wreck? At low tide ropes were fastened to lots of barges and then they waited. As the barges rose on the ingoing tide so the ropes tightened and pulled. And slowly, the wreck was eased out of the mud. Nothing could resist the power of the rising water.

And so it is with the love of God. Nothing can resist its power or stand against it. When we would give up and say 'it is impossible', God's love is bigger than any ocean and He changes what we believe is unchangeable.

## WHAT WATER?

The answers to this Bible quiz are all to do with water...

1. The river where John the Baptist baptised Jesus? (Matthew, chapter 3)
2. The mountain where the Ark landed after the Flood? (Genesis, chapter 8)
3. Where Jesus walked on the water? (John, chapter 6)
4. Who lived by the Cherith Brook and was fed by a raven? (1 Kings 17)
5. Jonah set out from this port. (Jonah, chapter 1)
6. The river where Moses was found in a basket. (Exodus, chapter 2)
7. The island where Paul was shipwrecked. (Acts, chapter 28)



**If a whale mummy had a son and a daughter, what relation would they be?**  
Blubber and sister.



**What jungle animal shouldn't get wet?**  
A rhinocerust.



Answers: 1.Jordan 2.Ararat 3.Sea of Galilee 4.Elijah 5.Joppa 6.Nile 7.Malta



# ST MARY'S PARISH CHURCH ORGANISATIONS

DAY	ORGANISATION	LOCATION	TIME	CONTACT
Sunday	Sunday Worship	Church	11.00 a.m. – 12 noon	Rev Mark Johnstone
	Sunday School	Church Halls	ditto	Elaine Stevens / Louise Barry
	Seekers	ditto	ditto	Ken Craig
	Crèche	ditto	ditto	Dorothy Stewart
	Fairtrade	Main Hall	12 noon – 12.30 p.m.	Fiona Leishman/Leslie Baird
	Badminton			
	Beginners	ditto	4.30 p.m. – 5.30 p.m.	Trevor Patterson
	Junior	ditto	5.30 p.m. – 7.30 p.m.	Susan Wilson
	Senior	ditto	7.30 p.m. – 10.30p.m.	Trevor Patterson
Youth Fellowship	Mid Hall	7.30 p.m. – 9.30 p.m.	Lorna McCallum	
Monday	Ladies Bowling	Main Hall	1.30 p.m. – 3.30 p.m.	Cathie Devine/Bessie Cousin
	Shipmates	ditto	6.00 p.m. – 7.00 p.m.	Lindsey Campbell
	Junior & Company			
	Section Boys' Brigade	ditto	6.45p.m. – 8.30 p.m.	Iain Hill
Men's Club	Main Hall	7.30 p.m. – 10.00p.m.	Archie Smith	
Tuesday	WRVS Lunch Club	Main Hall	12 noon – 1.30 p.m.	Jane Hutchison
	Ladies Badminton	ditto	1.30 p.m. – 3.30 p.m.	Doreen More
	Junior Badminton	ditto	6.00 p.m. – 8.00 p.m.	Trevor Patterson
	Senior Badminton	ditto	8.00 p.m. – 10.30 p.m.	Susan Wilson
	Prayer Time	Session House	7.00 p.m. – 7.30 p.m.	Rev Katy Owen
	Country Dancing	Mid Hall	7.45 p.m. – 10.00 p.m.	Moir MacNeill
Wednesday	Wednesday Welcome	Session House	10.00a.m. – 11.20a.m.	Mary Stirling
	Wednesday Worship	Church	11.30 a.m. – 12 noon	Rev Mark Johnstone
	Over 50s Badminton	Main Hall	1.30 p.m. – 3.30 p.m.	
	Brownies	ditto	6.30 p.m. – 7.45 p.m.	Elizabeth Cousin
	Rainbows	ditto	6.30 p.m. – 7.30 p.m.	Agnes Marran
	Vestry Hour	Vestry	7.00 p.m. – 8.00 p.m.	Rev Mark Johnstone
				<b>Telephone Church Office</b>
Thursday	Flower Circle (alternate weeks)	Mid Hall	7.30 p.m. – 9.00 p.m.	Elizabeth Walker
	Choir	Session House	7.45 p.m. – 9.00 p.m.	David Burns
Friday	Listeners' Circle (monthly)	ditto	2.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m.	
	Guild	Mid Hall	7.30 p.m. – 9.00 p.m.	Moir MacNeill

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