

# ST MARY'S PARISH CHURCH

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## SUMMER 2015

# OUR CHURCH FAMILY

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## ***FUNERALS***

**"I am the resurrection and the life"**

19 March      William Allan

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### **FOR INFORMATION DURING VACANCY**

#### **BAPTISMS AND MARRIAGES**

During the period before a new minister is appointed please contact the Rev Arthur Barrie for baptisms and marriages.

#### **FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS**

Due to illness of the locum minister all funerals for the foreseeable future will be undertaken by local ministers on a rota basis. The Undertakers will advise.

#### **ILLNESS OR HOSPITALISATION**

It is vitally important over the next few months to use the Yellow Cards at the end of the pews if you know of anyone who requires a pastoral visit due to illness or hospitalisation. These cards can be left in the church office.

#### **Thanks from David and Alison Doyle**

David and Alison Doyle would like to thank all the folk in St Mary's who have sent cards and good wishes to them as they gradually settle into their new home, and look ahead to the promised ease of retirement.

They assure us all of their continuing thoughts and prayers in the months and years to come.



Message from  
the Session Clerk

May 2015

In the days and weeks following Mr Doyle's retiral, we have, with the church world-wide, contemplated the events of Holy Week and rejoiced in the glorious promise of Easter Day.

Our Interim Moderator The Rev Arthur Barrie conducted an inspiring Dawn Service on Easter Sunday and continued his theme at the 11.00 am service, where we celebrated the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Following the Dawn Service an excellent breakfast was provided and served by members of the "Y Zone".

As part of his commitment to his role as Interim Moderator the Rev Barrie in arranging pulpit supply for St Mary's has engaged the services of The Rev Bob Kent, formerly of St John's Church Hamilton and the Rev Alistair Jessamine formerly of Dunfermline Abbey, who will share the services over the coming months with him.

It is pleasing to note that all 3 ministers have requested that we should continue with our normal routine of services and they will adapt to suit our requirements, for example the Dawn Service, the involvement of the Junior Church on Christian Aid Sunday and the Junior Church Promotion Service. I have expressed our gratitude to all of them for their positive and helpful cooperation.

As a congregation we express our best wishes and speedy recovery to The Rev John Stevenson who had been appointed as our Locum and is now recovering following a short stay in hospital.

In other areas of our church life, the Quiz night was again well supported and tired and taxed brains enjoyed the company and the refreshments supplied by the Events Action Team and their willing band of helpers.

I would express thanks and pay tribute to the work already done by the Nominating Committee, the group who prepared the Parish Profile and those involved in the preparation and setting up of the new church Website, further details of their efforts are contained elsewhere in the magazine.

At the Session Meeting on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May congratulations were offered to Captain Stewart Maxwell, Officers and Boys of our 13<sup>th</sup> Motherwell Company of the Boys' Brigade on winning the Battalion Championship Flag, particularly significant, in this their Centenary Year, to this we add the congratulations and best wishes of the congregation.

As we, in faith, move forward in the vacancy we look forward to your continued prayerful support of all that we will try to achieve, it is only with YOUR support that our aspirations can be met.

Enjoy the Summer.

Allan P W Joyce  
Session Clerk



## THE GUILD

At the end of the session we look back on an enjoyable and interesting year of the Guild which was brought to a close with entertainment provided by the Inbetweeners.

On the Monday of Holy Week many of the members attended the Holy Week service at St Margaret's Parish Church in Muirhouse. A number of our members also participated in The Quiz night. It was a great success and the Guild teams enjoyed participating.

On Saturday 9th May we travelled south, making a brief visit over the border to Houghton Hall Garden Centre where following lunch we moved on to Gretna Gateway Shopping Village where 2 hours shopping vanished quickly. We then travelled to Dumfries where high tea was enjoyed by all in the Cairndale Hotel. Our thanks go to Jean Mitchell and Lyn Thain for organising this outing.

The Summer Rally will be held on Thursday 4th June at 7.30 pm in Blantyre Old Church, Blantyre. The speaker will be Mrs Marjorie Paton, past National Convenor.

If interested and you need transport please contact me.

Enjoy the summer and look out for more news of the Guild in the Autumn. The Guild starts back on Monday 5 October at 7.30 pm. As ever everyone will be made most welcome on that occasion or any Monday evening.

In conclusion I thank Eleanor Simpson and her Committee for leading the Guild over the last 2 years.

Myra Philip  
President

### MY NEIGHBOUR'S BIBLE

I am my neighbour's Bible;  
He reads me when we meet,  
Today he reads me in my home -  
Tomorrow in the street.

He may a relative or friend  
Or slight acquaintance be;  
He may not even know my name,  
Yet he is reading me.

Dear Christian friends and brothers,  
If we could only know  
How faithfully the world records  
Just what we say and do;

Oh, we would write our record plain  
And come in time to see  
Our worldly neighbour won to Christ  
While reading you or me.

## MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The closing meeting of the year was held on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March which was the Annual General Meeting of the Fellowship. The meeting was well supported by a good attendance of the members. After reports from the Treasurer and President, the office bearers and committee were re-elected for 2015/2016, with the exception of committee member Graham Currie who was standing down after many years of excellent service, some of them as Secretary. Once again the position of Secretary remains vacant.

President: Allan Joyce  
Vice President: Bill Taylor  
Secretary: -  
Treasurer: Robert Colquhoun  
Committee: Alex. Millar  
Bill Hannah  
John Crawford  
Peter Ferguson  
Cameron Dick  
Howard Rennie

The evening and session were brought to a fitting end when Fellowship Member Bill Simpson shared his wide range of talents providing a Musical and Magical finale to the year, which was much appreciated by all present.

At the close of another session without a Secretary I would express thanks to the members of committee for accepting responsibility throughout the year, contacting and confirming speakers and Howard for coordinating the efforts. Thanks also to Treasurer Robert Colquhoun for once again looking after the financial aspects of the Fellowship. It is again of interest to note that, at 8 of the 22 meetings held,

the speakers or entertainment came from folks who were either members of St Mary's or had strong connections with the congregation. As we prepare for next year we hope again to make use of the great wealth of talent found in this congregation. If you have something you could share with us we would be glad to hear from YOU.

We are now busy in preparation for next year's syllabus and as always at this juncture the committee are actively seeking topics and speakers for next session and would warmly welcome any helpful suggestion from the membership.

Allan Joyce  
President

### BASICS FOOD BANK (LANARKSHIRE)

Please continue to donate to this Christian Project which offers support to those who are at a crisis point in their life. It provides family and single packs of food items, non-perishables and a hygiene pack over a two-week period.

All packs are given out on a referral basis to people living in our local area.

Donations can be left in the box in the vestibule of the church or in the cupboard in the church kitchen.

## THE TUESDAY CLUB

The Tuesday Club ended the Spring session on the 5<sup>th</sup> May, with lunch in the Bentley Hotel which was enjoyed by all. It was a special birthday for Mrs Thompson and she was presented with a beautiful plant, not just for her special day, but also in recognition of her and her husband, the late Dr Thompson, as founder members of the club.

The Tuesday Club from the beginning of the year has had a wide variety of invited guest speakers from Kelvingrove Art Gallery, The Ranger Service, from North Lanarkshire Council and our own Mrs Eleanor Simpson, on Life in the Shetlands, all of whom gave excellent presentations.

A special invitation is made to all who meet the criteria of being retired and I hope after the Summer Recess, commencing on the 1st September, the forthcoming speakers will whet your appetites to attend our Club.

Sept 1st Mrs H Boyle -  
History of Dalzell  
Estate

Sept 8<sup>th</sup> Mr D Kirkcaldy -  
Erskine Hospital

Sept 15<sup>th</sup> Mrs C Harris -  
Motherwell & District  
Women's Aid

Sept 22<sup>nd</sup> Provost J Robertson -  
Shotts Highland Games

Sept 29<sup>th</sup> Margaret Sim -  
Labelling of food

Oct 6<sup>th</sup> Mr T Lawton -  
History of one of the  
many canals in Scotland

Oct 13<sup>th</sup> Mrs M McGowan -  
Aberlour Childcare  
Trust

Oct 20<sup>th</sup> Mr McCrorie -  
The MacBrayne Story

Oct 27<sup>th</sup> Miss L Bustard -  
The Botanic Gardens  
Glasgow

Nov 3<sup>rd</sup> Mr T Lawton -  
History of one of the  
canals in Scotland

Nov 10<sup>th</sup> Mrs J Stewart -  
Dreamflight

Nov 17<sup>th</sup> Mrs L McCafferty -  
St Andrews Hospice  
Airdrie

Nov 24<sup>th</sup> Mrs I Neilson -  
The Burrell Collection

Dec 1<sup>st</sup> Lunch -  
The Bentley Hotel

Christmas and New Year break  
Valerie T Craig



## The Toddler's Group

The Toddler Group continues to meet every Tuesday and Friday and provides fun and friendship for all that attend.

Our group provides social opportunities for babies, toddlers and parents to meet in a friendly atmosphere. Children learn songs - which have been ably lead by Lorna, Debbie and Joanne - how to share toys and how to socialise with others.

For adults it is a chance to talk with others about whose children are at a similar stage, not to mention a chance to enjoy the fabulous home baking which is provided by our team of 'aunties' which is lead by June Graham.

The highlights of this session have been the Pancake Tuesday event - where the children tossed pancakes at snack time and the Easter Parties where the children enjoyed an Easter egg hunt, party games and the chance of parading with their Easter bonnets.

We also recently enjoyed a 'Health Day' where a variety of fruit was added to the menu at snack time. We also talked about the importance of hand washing and the children enjoyed getting messy before learning how to wash hands properly.

For the mums we had a chance to raise some money for MacMillian Cancer while letting our hair down a little as we attended a wonderful social evening which had been arranged by and hosted by Emma Mitchell our chair person. The evening was part of The 'MacMillian Cancers Night In Campaign' and we raised a total of £150 for the charity.

We have a number of weeks left in this session which will be concluded in June following our annual trip to McKinnon Mills and our end off session night out at the Bentley Hotel which this year has been arranged by our Friday leader Karyn and looks to be another great night.

Thanks to all who have made the session the success that it has been.

### PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Please remember the ongoing work of this ministry during the summer.

If you know of anybody who may need a shawl or square, or someone who can knit, please contact Clare MacKenzie





### **6thA Motherwell Rainbows**

The Rainbows have been working hard and having fun this session. They recently all achieved their Roundabout Global Adventure Badge. For this they had to complete 4 challenges in which they learned about other countries.

The girls enjoyed attending the Thinking Day Service at St Mary's Church. For Mother's Day the girls made fun foam photo frames and entertained their parents and guardians with a special Mother's Day song.



### **6thB Brownies - Monday Night**

Brownies started off 2015 working towards their World Traveller Badge and Hostess Badge, the culmination of their work for hostess being a Mother's Day Tea on 9<sup>th</sup> March. In between working on both these badges Brownies have also celebrated Burns Night and Thinking Day and our last night before Easter was spent making Easter bonnets.

In March, 7 Brownies made their Promise and we were delighted to welcome Alice Kelly, Emma & Lucy Carr, Isla & Jessica Donnelly, Laura Watson & Lucy Fleming into the Pack.

We are now working on our summer programme which included crafts and a camp night. We would like to thank Mr Maxwell for arranging a tent in the Avon Hall so the girls could experience a "taste of the outdoors"- they also enjoyed some toasted marshmallows dipped in chocolate!

Sports Night was the order of the night on 18<sup>th</sup> May following which we said goodbye to 3 of our senior Brownies who will be 10 between now and September. They have now decided to join Guides after the summer holidays and our best wishes go to Jenna Martin, Charlotte Hemmings and Emily Thomson. We hope they enjoy Guides as much as they enjoyed coming on a Monday evening to Brownies.

Our final evening on 1<sup>st</sup> June will be a "Movie night" when everyone has to come dressed as their favourite movie character!

Lastly, our thanks to Mrs Calder and Mrs Sharp (Church Elders) for giving up their time during the session to help with our parties and events; it is much appreciated.

We have had a busy session and it is now time for everyone to have some "time off" but we will return on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> August at 6.30 pm in the Cameron Hall in time to get organised for our yearly Pack Holiday which will take place at Gowanpark in the Clyde Valley from 11-13 September.

## Brownie Centenary

North Lanarkshire Council recognised the Centenary of the Brownies by providing a lunch for Brownie Guiders at the Alona Hotel on Sunday 15th May. A number of Motherwell Brownie Guiders were able to attend this event hosted by Depute Provost Jean Jones.

## 6th and 6thA Guides

A few girls from both Guide units working on the final stages of the Baden Powell Challenge Award attended the County Baden Powell Adventure which was a residential event in the Garden House at Netherurd in April. The girls had a fabulous time meeting other guides working on this award from around the county.

They took part in a variety of challenges over the weekend. This began with the Great BP Bake Off. The girls had to design their own apron and make a chef's hat. This was followed by baking cupcakes, decorating them to their own design and baking other tray bakes.

Outdoor challenges came in the form of taking part in archery and using the zip wire - a thrilling and exciting activity to challenge even the bravest. The zip wire is 160 metres long and zips over the canoe pond.

On Saturday night a celebration dinner was held with the girls meeting young county guiders taking part in a county event. This was followed by watching a dvd and a mocktail party.

On Sunday crafts were completed. This was followed by a presentation on opportunities available to young women in Guiding - leadership, international guiding, and other exciting opportunities.



In preparation for their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze expedition 7 of our young women recently spent a day walking in the Pentland Hills, experiencing relying on map and compass to navigate in the hills. They can be seen making new friends in the picture above.

The ladies of Motherwell Trefoil Guild, some of whom are also members of St Mary's, had a trip to the borders at the beginning of May visiting Peebles and then Netherurd House for High Tea. Netherurd House is the Scottish Guiding Activity Centre. In the garden there was a small memorial plaque with the following verse:

Count your garden by the flowers  
Never by the leaves that fall  
Count your days by golden hours  
Don't remember clouds at all  
Count your night by stars not shadows  
Count your years with smiles not tears  
Count your blessings not your troubles  
Count your age by friends not years

## Championship Flag Winners!



13 <sup>th</sup> Motherwell Boys' Brigade Company St Mary's Parish Church, Avon Street, Motherwell	
	
Motherwell, Bellahill & District Battalion <b>CHAMPIONSHIP FLAG WINNERS 2015</b>	
<u>Competition Results:</u>	
Bible Knowledge	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Squad Drill	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Restricted Drill	3 <sup>rd</sup>
First Aid	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Senior Football	1 <sup>st</sup> equal
Junior Football	1 <sup>st</sup> equal
Athletics	1 <sup>st</sup>
Swimming Gala	1 <sup>st</sup>
Quiz	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Physical Challenge	1 <sup>st</sup>
<u>Individual Awards:</u>	
4 Bronze Duke of Edinburgh	
3 Presidents Badges	
5 Queen's Badges	
2 Officers gaining KGV award	

### END OF SESSION EVENTS

The Senior boys enjoyed the final night of their programme at Scotkart in Cambuslang while the Junior boys had a 'choose whatever you want to do' night at the church accompanied by lots of pizza!

Our final parade night at church was the company sports night and presentation of awards where the boys are recognised for all their hard work throughout the session.

This year our Junior Sports Champion was Callum Warnock and our Senior Sports Champion was Jack Kelly.

We also present 2 awards in recognition of boys who have made a particular contribution during the session or set an example to the other boys. This year the Officers' Endeavour award was presented to Robert Kerr for balancing his sporting pursuits with his commitment to the BB and the Captain's Commendation was

presented to Gavin McLaughlan for his outstanding participation in the Bible Knowledge class.

### BATTALION REVIEW & FLAG CHAMPIONSHIP

The annual Battalion Review took place on Friday 08 May in the Kings Centre and boys, officers, parents and friends of the Battalion enjoyed an evening of BB display items and presentations of individual awards and battalion competition trophies.

At 13<sup>th</sup> we have had a very successful year in the competitions - 5 first places, 2 runners up and 3 third places! This all resulted in us coming out top in the Battalion to win the Championship Flag.

Lewis Mitchell is pictured receiving the Flag from the inspirational guest of honour, LCpl JJ Chalmers of the Royal Marines Commando.

While it is nice to have success as a Company it is particularly pleasing to see boys within the company achieve special individual awards.

## PRESIDENT'S BADGES

We had 3 of our senior boys achieve their President's Badge this year: Calum Lingie, Christopher Egan and Jack Kelly.

This is the second highest award in the BB and involves completing the discovery badge programme in 5 key areas: Adventure, Community, Leadership, Interest and Physical.

## QUEEN'S BADGES

The Queen's Badge is the highest award in the Boy's Brigade and requires the young men to make some demanding commitments during the course of the programme.

Stuart Buchanan, Craig Connacher, Lewis Mitchell, Andrew Scott and James Swinburne are all Sergeants in the Company and are all worthy recipients of the Queen's Badge. All 5 young men have given a great deal of time both to the company in their leadership roles and also to the community over the course of the last year. They have all developed through the process and have had an impact in each of the areas where they have worked.

Completing the Queen's Badge programme is not just about getting the award (although it is a proud moment for us all!) and I am sure that these outstanding young men will see it as the foundation for even greater things.

The officers of 13<sup>th</sup> congratulate the 5 young men on their achievements and wish them all the best for the future!

## COMING UP....

We are returning to our favourite campsite at Badaguish outside Aviemore and are looking forward to going away as soon as the schools break up from Sat 27 June - Wed 1 July. **36** boys are currently signed up to go and it looks to be another great camp in the making!

We will have excellent facilities including our campsite, indoor catering, dining and living areas and even a floodlit 5-a-side football pitch! The programme will be the usual mix of activities, sports, challenges and not enough sleep!

## THANK YOU!

I would like to say a big thank you to everyone who has supported the Company over the last session.

To the officers in each of the sections who put in a great effort every week to provide an exciting and fun programme of events, to the parents who support their sons involvement and to the congregation for its support collectively and as individuals - thank you!

Captain Stewart Maxwell

### Dates for the Diary

27 June - 1 July - BB Summer Camp

Fri 2 October - First night back for Company Section.

## 13<sup>th</sup> Motherwell Boys' Brigade Company

St Mary's Parish Church, Avon Street, Motherwell



# ANCHORS



Our big Anchor Boys Section on the last night of the session

### END OF FUN FILLED SESSION FOR ANCHOR BOYS

The Avon hall is filled each Friday with some 36 energetic boys. The evenings consist of games stories and crafts and the boys have been working on their 'team player skills' this session.

The leaders, Gordon Murray and Alison Miller have a varied programme for the session and the boys have enjoyed many themed nights. The final project this session was to look at the BB badge and the boys all made and painted a clay anchor.

At the closing parents evening Mr Murray commented on the boys efforts and congratulated them on their team work. Squad 3 won the Best Squad award, a culmination of team game points throughout the session.

Then, in year groups the boys were presented with their service badges and achievement badges.

The current P3 boys also received a certificate of promotion as they move onto the Junior Section.

Captain Maxwell ended the evening by thanking the staff team; Gordon Murray, Alison Miller, Ross Allan, Elaine Neilson, Sean Crawford, Greg Weir and Jamie Anderson for their efforts and enthusiasm during the session.

He commented that his own little Anchor Boy had had a great year and always returned home on a Friday hot, sweaty and full of stories of the fun at Anchors!

It has been an excellent year for the Anchor Section - here's to session 2015/2016!

# Junior Church

## **Easter fun...**

The Children in our Junior Church enjoyed many Easter activities over the past few weeks. On Palm Sunday they all entered church carrying palm branches and took part in the service by performing their Easter songs.

On Easter Sunday, with glorious sunshine outside, the children headed to the church grounds to take part in an egg hunt. After that the children enjoyed making an Easter basket and filling it with chocolate eggs. Unfortunately our large egg prizes melted in the sun!! (Much to the amusement of the children!!)

Our Kids Zone children were very busy in the halls making an Easter garden to take home, and then taking part in an egg decorating competition. Anna Kelly was the winning designer with her very pink egg!

The children also had a very special treat, as Christopher Graham brought along his newly hatched chicks.

Following the busy morning of activities the children shared in an Easter Picnic. Pictures of all our Easter events can be seen on the church website.

## **Christian Aid Sunday...**

On Sunday 12th May all our Zones took part in our Christian Aid Service. Our Junior Church paraded into church wearing red and carrying Christian Aid balloons and name flags, made by one of our team members Lesley Shearer.

Following the singing the children headed to the halls to take part in many Christian Aid Activities. Following the morning service over 100 friends in the congregation joined together for a lunch, raising almost £400.

## **Sunday 17th May...**

On Sunday 17th May our Zones took part in a very messy and very busy morning organised by CAST. The children had a chance to experiment with water filters, design their own fair trade chocolate wrapper, make a healthy snack, make milk shakes as they learned of the difference a cow can make to a village, designed their own houses not to mention meeting the hens! Each child left the hall with a bag full of treats and crafts. This special morning, to raise awareness of Christian Aid, also helped to raise money for this very worthy cause. Well done to our very enthusiastic CAST team. A super morning with lots of fun!

## End of Session...

On Sunday 21st June our Junior Church Zones will be taking part in our worship. A number of our children will be promoted from the Kids Zone and Mini Zone. Every Junior Church member will also receive a certificate in church.

## Our Junior Church team...

At the end of another busy and fun filled session the teachers and helpers are ready to enjoy a summer break. We are very fortunate to have a large team of willing, energetic and enthusiastic teachers who week by week, prepare, organise and deliver exciting and creative lessons to our children. Our thanks to them all for their work each week.

## Summer Sundays...

During the school summer holidays our children are invited to attend church with their families. The children will have an opportunity to meet informally for Summer Sundays. Jillian Fleming and Lorraine Fleck will arrange for the children to meet in the Avon Hall. Weather permitting the children will head to the park, or have a dvd, games or craft morning. This will be supervised by the leaders and parents.

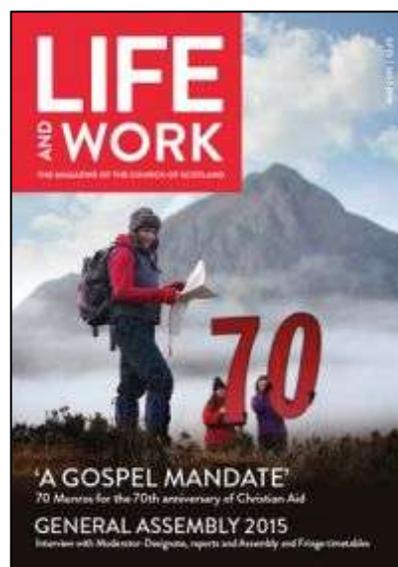
Enjoy the holidays..... let's hope we get some sunshine! A postcard will arrive in early August with our new session details.

Karen Maxwell  
Junior Church Co-ordinator

## LIFE AND WORK SUBSCRIPTION

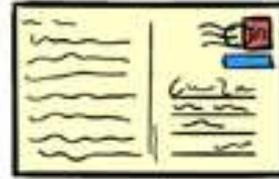
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Though firmly rooted in the affairs of the Kirk, it also aims to cover a broad range of subjects of interest to church-goers across the spectrum from international affairs and British political and social issues to science, ethics and the arts. Each monthly issue includes a forum for views on current social and moral issues, a monthly meditation and regular articles on the spiritual side of life, reviews of the latest books, videos and Christian resources, and regular features on the Church worldwide.



Set up a subscription by contacting Elizabeth Calder, our church distributor.

**The cost is £2.20 per month (minimum subscription of 4 months).**



## Postcard Challenge

Over the next few Sundays our friends in the congregation - YOU - may be away on a Summer break and we want to find out where you have been.

The Junior Church invites you to take part in our **Postcard Challenge**. Everyone will receive a label with the church address at the end of our Promotion Sunday.

What we challenge you to do is to stick it on a postcard and tell us where you've been!

Maybe a day trip to Edinburgh

Visiting family in Aberdeen

Enjoying a weekend in Crieff

Or somewhere exotic like Florida.....please let us know.

We hope that this will help you to keep our Junior Church in mind and in your prayers as you travel near and far over the next month.

**Who knows we may even have a prize for the most interesting or farthest travelled card.**

So please get posting - and take part in our Postcard Challenge!



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## UPDATE

Christian Aid Week in 2015 began shortly after the news of the earthquake in Nepal and its terrible consequences. As our children were bringing their red balloons into church on May 10<sup>th</sup>, Christian Aid was already enabling its partners in Nepal to provide medical care, blankets, tarpaulins, food, and water purification tablets to some of the worst affected areas.

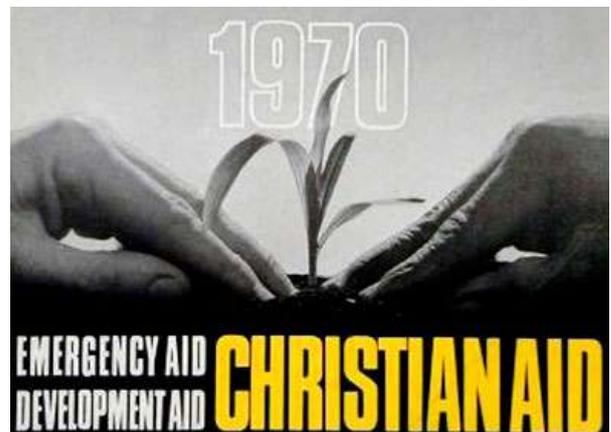
Our own fundraising began that Sunday with lunch after the morning service served up by our young Christian Aid Support Team, led by Hazel Graham. Soup and fellowship were enjoyed as money was raised for Christian Aid. Our band of collectors then prepared to set out on the house-to-house collection throughout the week.

Christian Aid week closed, on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup>, with the children of the Junior Church enjoying a Messy Day with a Christian Aid theme and Bill Taylor taking part in the 'Long March' in Strathclyde Park as our official representative.

Support for Christian Aid will continue for some weeks yet through retiring offerings.

Many thanks to everyone who has contributed to the effort and energy St Mary's has put into our recent fundraising for those in desperate need.

Margaret MacGregor



## ST MARY'S TEAM QUIZ 101

At the start of the evening we celebrated 50 years of service to St Mary's Kirk Session with the presentation of Long Service Certificates to 4 elders who were originally ordained to the eldership in 1965 - a happy milestone in the life of St Mary's.

The Church of Scotland in its wisdom only provides elders with Long Service Certificates for 30 years - so Lisa Mossman one of our new elders designed and produced our very own St Mary's 50 Year Long Service Certificate for elders which was presented to Alisdair Blackwood, Robert Colquhoun, Graham Currie and Allan Joyce by our Clerk to the Board of some 22 years Howard Rennie.

The Quiz Master for the evening was Alan "THE VOICE" Joyce suitably attired in tartan trews for the evening - ably assisted by that cunning compiler of the Quizzical Quiz Stuart "RAMBO" Reid.

The questions came out fast and furious with the laughter ringing out long and loud - until the halftime interval arrived to give everyone a break - and time to enjoy the sumptuous home baking prepared by the Quiz Action Team - the shortbread and pineapple cakes were really tasty - as was everything.

At the interval The McBroons Team serial winners of the trophy were awarded a Team Quiz Centenary Certificate and advised that next year they would not be allowed to wear glasses during quiz question time - a suitable handicap.

Onto the second half with the pressure building up and all 26 teams vying for supremacy - in the background the markers were finding it all too much to handle as the backstage computer started to heat up - but the day was saved by the tried and true method of adding up with paper and pencil - slow but sure.

The drama continued right up until the end with a tie break for third place being required - with cool as a cucumber - Captain Bill Taylor delivering the goods to ensure that Bill Hannah, Tom Knox and Graham McNay received prizes and a trophy for the first time in quiz history - well done "Still Game Again".

The Guild entered 3 Ladies Teams with a view to capturing one of the trophy's on display - however the end result was that one team "The Go Getters" were outright winner of the wooden spoon - the ladies captained by Ellen Currie shall remain nameless.

The Munro family team captained by Douglas aided and abetted by the Walker family came a close second to the eventual winners - were deeply disappointed and said that they would be back next year to contest for the cup.

This year's winners were Jacks' Boys an emergency services team captained by Captain Jack McLuckie assisted by his son one of two policemen and a late entry fireman in the form of Robert Neilson - who burned up the opposition.

St Mary's Centenary Cup has a new name on the trophy - but the main thing about the evening was that everyone who took part had a very enjoyable time - and as one person was heard to say at the end of the evening - when is the next St Mary's Quiz Night?

Ending on a historical or is it hysterical note - the campaign to BRING BACK BILL was not a success and a relieved Bill Simpson is now joined by John Carswell in happy retirement from team quiz duties - they can both look forward to quieter quiz nights in the future.

The St Mary's Quiz 101 raised in excess of £250 which has been passed over to the organisers of our St Mary's Summer Club to help with their Youth Work.

A VOTE OF THANKS TO THE ACTION TEAM AND ALL WHO ATTENDED FOR MAKING THE EVENING SO ENJOYABLE - HERE'S TO NEXT YEAR !!!

# St Mary's Summer Club is back!

The ever popular summer club will be held every morning from **Monday 27<sup>th</sup>** until **Friday 31<sup>st</sup> July**.

The usual mix of games, crafts, music and drama will entertain children of 3 years and upwards.

Our theme this year is **Animal-Mania** and we are looking for adult and teenage helpers to help and share in the fun. If you are available to come along on any of these dates please contact:

Hazel Graham  
or  
Jennifer Bradshaw



# FLOWER LIST

## JUNE

7 Mrs E M Barr  
14 Mrs L Thain  
21 Mrs M Bimbi  
Mrs M Graham  
28 Mrs M Jarvie  
Mrs F Hannah  
Mrs E Blackwood

## JULY

5 Mrs Kennedy  
12 Miss L Clarkson  
Mrs F Shearer  
19 Mrs Galloway  
Mrs Pritchard  
Mrs M Graham  
Mrs N Patrick  
26 -

## AUGUST

2 Miss J Moffat  
Mrs A Ford  
9 Mrs M Dick  
Mrs J Paterson  
16 Mrs G Neil  
Miss I Elrick  
Miss J Pettigrew  
23 Mrs M Crawford  
Mrs L O'Neil  
Mrs M Roberts  
Mrs B Hamilton  
Mrs H Brown  
30 Mrs J Crawford



June Graham - Flower Convener

## FORTHCOMING SERVICES



June	14	11.00 am	Sacrament of Holy Communion
June	21	11.00 am	Junior Church: End of Session Service
September	13	11.00 am	Sacrament of Holy Communion

