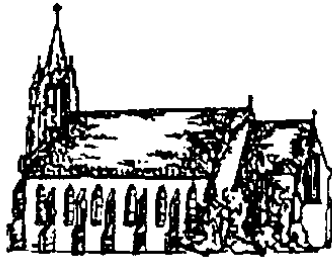


Saint James



Cruden Bay

Saint Mary



Ellon



**February 2017**

***WE SEEK TO BE CHURCHES FILLED WITH GOD'S LOVE,  
GIVING IT AWAY TO OTHERS***

**Saint Mary's and Saint James's are congregations of the Scottish Episcopal Church, the Scottish part of the worldwide Anglican Communion, which includes the Churches of England, Ireland, Wales, the Episcopal Church of the USA, and the Anglican Church of Canada as well as churches in most countries of the world.**

**However, even more important than that, we are members of God's family and all members of that family, from whichever denomination (or none), are welcome to worship with us. We try to welcome everyone in a non-judgmental way. Our congregations seek to develop the ministry of everyone, allowing people to find what God is asking of them and the gifts that he is giving to them.**

*The usual Sunday worship times are -*

*8-30am Early Eucharist in Saint Mary's*

*9-30am The Eucharist in Saint James's*

*11-0am The Eucharist in Saint Mary's*

During term-time, there is *Whizz Kids* in Saint Mary's Hall at 11am, with a crèche for younger children.

There are celebrations of the Eucharist each Wednesday at 10-0am at Saint Mary's. Other services as announced in Church. The Sacrament is reserved in both Saint Mary's and Saint James's.

**OUR PARISH PRAYER**

*Father, pour out your Spirit upon us and grant us a new vision of your glory, a new experience of your power, a new faithfulness to your word and a new consecration to your service, that your love may grow among us and your kingdom come: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*

## **In this month's magazine:-**

❖ Community News - Are you involved in Community Events in our area involving church members, which will be of interest to our readers in Cruden Bay and Ellon? Let us know about them!

❖ Mothers' Union

❖ Aberdeen Cyrenians

❖ Come and meet the Bishop

❖ Shrove Tuesday Party

❖ The Role of the Vestry

❖ All our usual features:-

➤ Diary of weekly church services and events

➤ Bible Quiz

➤ Recent events in both churches

# **MOTHERS' UNION**

*Carole Fox writes:*

At the time of this magazine going to print, our MU members will be holding their Annual Business Meeting, and I shall be reporting on the past year's activities. 2016 was a year when once again we had some very interesting speakers at our monthly Tuesday afternoon meetings. We also organised two special services for members of Ellon's Resource Centre, and another service for sheltered housing residents. At the MU hour sessions held monthly on a Saturday morning, we had times of prayer, meditation and discussion.

We continued sending filled toiletry bags to Grampian Women's Aid and, more recently, "welcome packs" for newcomers to the refuge. Our branch also sent £650 to the MU's "Big Summer Appeal" which was in aid of transport for MU workers in far-flung parts of the world. (Thanks again to Chris Crosley, whose open-house day, with morning coffee and afternoon tea, helped to raise much of that). On the social side - a very enjoyable lunch was held at the Buchan Hotel on 4th October.

On Tuesday, 7th February, there will be a meeting in Saint Mary's hall at 1.45 p.m. to share ideas on planning this year's programme, so I look forward to seeing as many members as possible (and anyone else interested) on that date.

## **Aberdeen Cyrenians**

*David Crosley writes:*

A very big 'THANK YOU' for all the donations that have been given for Aberdeen Cyrenians over the last few months. Not only of food, but of many items of clothing and bedding which have been very gratefully received. In addition, the receipts for the church Christmas card in Saint Mary's amounted to £200 which helps keep the organisation alive.

The long term needs of those whom the Cyrenians help ALL of the time are unlikely to disappear quickly, and in the light of the continuing fall

in the fortunes of the oil industry and related businesses, I do not see the needs of food banks etc. declining. I am therefore asking that you continue to support our efforts to deliver as much food / clothing to Cyrenians each week as possible for as long as we can.

Please do keep donating – It really is most appreciated.

## **The Role of the Vestry**

*Mandy Davis writes:*

The Vestry holds meetings roughly every two months. A wide variety of subjects come under discussion: ongoing maintenance inside and outside the church, the hall and the rectory; stewardship and funding; outreach; Children, Families and Young People, initiatives in worship, appointments, including that of the Rector, and representing the views of the congregation.

The minutes of these meetings are displayed on the noticeboard in the hall shortly after each meeting, for all to read. A précis of the content of meetings will also be distributed to the congregation after each meeting. Questions about what is contained in the minutes can also be directed to any member of the vestry.

You elect the Vestry and they represent you. At Saint Mary's Annual Business Meeting to be held on March 7th, there could be four vacancies for the Vestry. Any communicant church member can be elected to the Vestry. Do you think this is something you could do for Saint Mary's at this time of change? Please consider using your valuable skills and experiences by serving on the Vestry - fresh views and opinions matter to St Mary's – you can make a difference!

If you think you could serve St Mary's in this important way, please ask someone to nominate you, or speak to any member of the Clergy or Vestry. If you think you know someone else who would like to be involved in this way, please encourage them to seriously consider serving too.

You can make a difference! Your Vestry needs you!

# COME AND MEET THE BISHOP



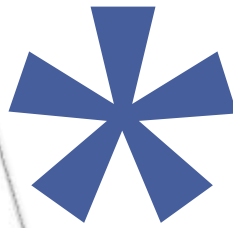
Everybody is welcome to come along to Saint Mary's Hall on  
**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm**  
to meet with Bishop Mark Strange who is appointed as  
Acting Bishop of Aberdeen & Orkney during the vacancy  
following the retirement of Bishop Bob.

Bishop Mark will be delighted to answer individual questions in an  
informal setting with refreshments served, when you may also  
wish to ask questions of your Vestry.

This will be followed by the Annual Business Meeting of  
Saint-Mary-on-the-Rock, when you will have the opportunity to  
select new members of the Vestry to serve you and Saint Mary's.

# Shrove Tuesday Party

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup>  
February



Fun and games  
for all ages!

St Mary's Hall

7 - 9 pm



**SAINT MARY-ON-THE-ROCK – ELLON  
AND  
SAINT JAMES’S - CRUDEN BAY**

**CALENDAR OF SERVICES AND EVENTS:**

**FEBRUARY 2017**

**Usual Sunday services are:**

8.30am	Early Eucharist in Saint Mary’s
9.30am	Eucharist in Saint James’
11.00am	The Eucharist in Saint Mary’s

Holy Communion is held every Wednesday at 10-0am in Saint Mary’s Hall.

Saint Mary’s Music & Praise Group meets at 7-30pm every Thursday during term time in Saint Mary’s Hall.

*Book and Traidcraft shop open in Saint Mary’s Hall on Sundays at 12.15pm and on Wednesdays at 10.45am*

*Please note that certain services/events can be subject to change:*

- Please check with the Weekly Notice Sheet
- OR check the website: [www.stmarystjames.org.uk](http://www.stmarystjames.org.uk)
- OR Contact the Parish Office on 01358 720366

**IN ADDITION:**

**Wednesday, 1st FEBRUARY – Brigid, Abbess of Kildare**

*Usual service plus*

11.15am – Wednesday Fellowship Group

1.00-3.30pm – CREATE!



### **Thursday, 2nd FEBRUARY**

2.00pm Saint Mary's Prayer Group meet in the Chapel in Saint Mary's Hall.

7.30pm Music & Praise in Saint Mary's Hall.

### **Friday, 3rd FEBRUARY**

11.00am Service at Slater Court – Ellon.

### **Saturday, 4th FEBRUARY**

7.30am Saint Mary's Men's Breakfast in the hall.

### **Sunday, 5th FEBRUARY, 2017 - EPIPHANY 5**

*Usual services*

### **Wednesday, 8th FEBRUARY**

*Usual service plus*

12noon Saint Mary's Lunch Club in the hall.

### **Thursday, 9th FEBRUARY**

2.00pm Saint Mary's Prayer Group meet in the Chapel in Saint Mary's Hall.

7.30pm Music & Praise in Saint Mary's Hall.

### **Sunday, 12th FEBRUARY, 2017 – EPIPHANY 6**

*Usual services*

### **Monday, 13th FEBRUARY**

11.00am Julian Meeting in Saint Mary's Hall.

### **Tuesday, 14th FEBRUARY**

7.00pm Saint Mary's Film Night in the hall.

### **Wednesday, 15th FEBRUARY - Sigfrid, 1045, Thomas Bray, 1730**

*Usual service plus*

11.15am Wednesday Fellowship Group

1.00-3.30pm – CREATE!

### **Thursday, 16th FEBRUARY**

2.00pm Saint Mary's Prayer Group meet in the Chapel in Saint Mary's Hall.

7.30pm Music & Praise in Saint Mary's Hall.

### **Friday, 17th FEBRUARY**

10-11.15am Mainly Music resumes in Saint Mary's Hall today.

10.30am Service at Bonnyton House – Ellon.

### **Saturday, 18th FEBRUARY**

11.15am Mothers' Union Hour in Saint Mary's Hall.

### **Sunday, 19th FEBRUARY – EPIPHANY 7**

*Usual services*

### **Wednesday, 22nd FEBRUARY**

*Usual service plus*

11.15am Wednesday Fellowship Group in Saint Mary's Hall.

### **Thursday, 23rd FEBRUARY**

2.00pm Saint Mary's Prayer Group meet in the Chapel in Saint Mary's Hall.

7.30pm Music & Praise in Saint Mary's Hall.

### **Friday, 24th FEBRUARY**

10-11.15am Mainly Music in Saint Mary's Hall.

11.30am Service at Ythanvale – Ellon.

### **Sunday, 26th FEBRUARY – THE TRANSFIGURATION**

*Usual services plus a "Stall in the Hall" follows the 11am Eucharist in Saint Mary's.*

### **Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February**

7 – 9pm Shrove Tuesday Party in Saint Mary's hall

# Answers to “About the Birth of Jesus” Bible Quiz

*Bertha Dawson writes:*

- 1 Jesus will be called ‘**The Lord our Righteousness**’ *Jeremiah 23.6*
- 2 The birthplace of the ‘ruler over Israel’ was **Bethlehem** *Micah 5.2*
- 3 **Isaiah** foretold the coming of Jesus *Isaiah 9.6-7*
- 4 The angel **Gabriel** foretold Jesus’ birth *Luke 1.26-38*
- 5 Isaiah said Jesus would be called **Immanuel** *Isaiah 7.14*
- 6 King **Herod** ruled Judea at the time of Jesus’ birth *Matthew 2.1*
- 7 The name ‘Jesus’ means **Saviour** *Matthew 1.21*
- 8 **Mary** was the mother of Jesus *Matthew 1.18-25*
- 9 **Shepherds** were Jesus’ first visitors *Luke 2.8-20*
- 10 The Magi presented gifts of **gold, frankincense and myrrh** to the baby Jesus *Matthew 2.1-11*

## “Mountains of the Bible” Quiz

- 1 God gave Moses the Ten Commandments on this mountain
- 2 After the great flood, the Ark came to rest on this mountain
- 3 Abraham’s son was nearly sacrificed on this mountain
- 4 On this mountain God met with Moses in the burning bush
- 5 On this mountain Elijah defeated the prophets of Baal
- 6 King Saul died on this mountain after a final clash with the Philistines
- 7 On this mountain Moses died
- 8 Jesus preached His last sermon to His disciples on this mountain
- 9 Aaron died on the top of this mountain
- 10 Jesus took three of his disciples to a high mountain. What significant event took place there?

*Answers in next magazine*

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