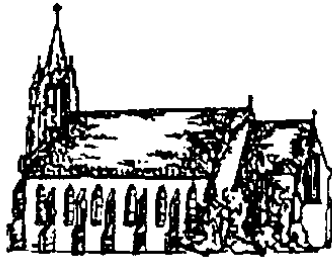


Saint James



Cruden Bay

Saint Mary



Ellon



June 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!

❖ Thoughts at Forvie

❖ Mothers' Union

❖ Calling All Bakers

❖ Summer of Hope

❖ Interim Rector's Letter

❖ All our usual features:-

- Diary of weekly church services and events
- Bible Quiz
- Recent events in both churches

Interim Rector's Letter

Richard O'Sullivan writes:

I once had a picture drawn from the 'Peanuts' cartoon. It showed Snoopy the dog lying on top of his kennel where he was often given to thinking lofty thoughts about life and the universe. In this particular case Snoopy is lying out on a beautiful sunny day and his thought bubble reads: "it is good to rest with God for a while". This seems to me a fairly good description of what we do during the summer months. We do not take a break from our religion but we try and relax a little and take life more easily. During the summer we do take a rest but let it be a rest with, not from, God.

The month of June brings the schools and colleges to the end of the academic year. The month of July heralds the start of the summer season and, we hope, long, hot days. Everyone feels better in the good weather and we can enjoy outdoor pursuits. It is also lovely to see the flowers in bloom and our gardens looking at their best.

Summer is traditionally the holiday season and many people will be going away for a break. If you are going on holiday - do have a good time and return home safely. Church activities also take a break at this time and so there is not much on the calendar for the next while. Whatever you do over the summer: remember that God is always with you with his love, blessing and his comforting care.

Yours, in Christ
Richard

Thoughts at Forvie

Joy Hardy writes:

I was walking recently at Forvie, a place I visit frequently for exercise, but which often turns into a time of meditation. I have been going there for years and there is always something different to see, hear or feel. It is, for me, a very beautiful and spiritual place.

On this particular day the Haar had rolled in so that, as I walked along the beach, I could see only a few yards around me - no sea, only the edge of the

dunes, and not the point where a path leads back inland. I could hear the sea and I knew where I wanted to go, so I kept on walking.

It occurred to me that this is how I frequently feel on my spiritual journey. Anne Bronte expresses this so well in her poem "The Doubter's Prayer".

Eternal Power, of earth and air.
Unseen, yet seen in all around,
Remote, but dwelling everywhere,
Though silent, heard in every sound

If e'er thine ear in mercy bent,
When wretched mortals cried to Thee,
And if, indeed, Thy Son was sent,
To save lost sinners such as me.

Then hear me now, while kneeling here,
I lift to Thee my heart and eye,
And all my soul ascends in prayer,
Oh, give me faith - give me faith, I cry.

Without some glimmering in my heart,
I could not raise this fervent prayer,
But, oh! A stronger light impart,
And in Thy mercy fix it there.

While faith is with me, I am blest,
It turns my darkest night to day,
But while I clasp, it to my breast,
I often feel it slip away.

Then, cold and dark, my spirit sinks,
To see my light of life depart,
And every fiend of Hell, methinks,
Enjoys the anguish of my heart.

What shall I do, if all my love,
My hopes, my toil, are cast away,
And if there be no God above,
To hear and bless me when I pray.

If this be vain delusion all,
If death be an eternal sleep,
And none can hear my secret call,
Or see the silent tears I weep.

Oh, help me God! For though alone
Canst my distracted soul relieve,
Forsake it not: it is thine own,
Though weak, yet longing to believe.

Oh, drive these cruel doubts away,
And make me know that Thou art God!
A faith that shines by night and day,
Will lighten every earthly load.

If I believe that Jesus died,
And waking, rose to reign above,
Then surely Sorrow, Sin and Pride,
Must yield to Peace and Hope and Love.

And all the blessed words He said
Will strength and holy joy impart,
A shield of safety o'er my head,
A spring of comfort in my heart.

Mothers' Union

Carole Fox writes:

On 6th June at 1.45 p.m. in the hall, the speaker at our meeting will be Lena North. Lena is manager of Ellon Resource Centre and will be telling us about the work that goes on there. Our Saturday morning MU Hour will be in the hall at 11.15 a.m. on 17th June.

Looking ahead to July, the Crosleys are once again making their home available for a fund-raising event on the 4th. Morning coffees and afternoon teas will be served at 66 Snipe Street, Ellon, organised by Chris, to whom we give many thanks.

Calling all bakers!

Beryl Mason writes:

Do you enjoy baking? Could your light touch lighten the load at church events? Would you like to be part of a team which provides refreshments – cakes, pastries or savoury items – for events at Saint Mary's?

Saint Mary's need you! Please consider using your gifts in this way – the more people on the team, the less the load.



If you would like to be part of the team, please come and speak to me.



Thanks,
Beryl.

SAINT MARY-ON-THE-ROCK - ELLON AND SAINT JAMES'S - CRUDEN BAY

CALENDAR OF SERVICES AND EVENTS:

JUNE 2017

Usual Sunday services are:

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|---------|---------------------------------|
| 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
- OR Contact the Parish Office on 01358 720366

IN ADDITION:

Thursday, 1st JUNE

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

Friday, 2nd JUNE

10.00-11.15am Mainly Music in Saint Mary's Hall.

11.00am Service at Slater Court – Ellon.

Saturday, 3rd JUNE

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

Sunday, 4th JUNE – PENTECOST

Usual services plus

6.00pm Evening Prayer & Meditation in Saint Mary's Hall.

Tuesday, 6th JUNE

1.45pm Mothers' Union meeting in Saint Mary's Hall

Wednesday, 7th JUNE

Usual service plus

11.15am Wednesday Fellowship Group meets in the hall.

1.00-3.30pm CREATE! in Saint Mary's Hall.

Thursday, 8th JUNE

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

Friday, 9th JUNE

10.00-11.15am Mainly Music in Saint Mary's Hall.

Sunday, 11th JUNE – TRINITY SUNDAY

Usual services

Tuesday 15th June

7.00pm Saint Mary's Film Club

Wednesday, 14th JUNE – Richard Baxter, 1691

Usual service plus

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

Thursday, 15th JUNE

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

Friday, 16th JUNE

10.30am Service at Bonnyton House – Ellon.

4.00-6.30pm Mainly Music Get Together in Saint Mary's Hall.

Saturday, 17th JUNE

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

Sunday, 18th JUNE – TRINITY 1

Usual services

Wednesday, 21st JUNE

Usual service plus

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

1.00-3.30pm CREATE! Saint Mary's Hall.

Thursday, 22nd JUNE

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

Friday, 23rd JUNE

10-11.15am Mainly Music in Saint Mary's Hall (Last one for the summer)

Sunday, 25th JUNE – TRINITY 2

Usual services plus a Stall in the Hall follows the 11am service.

Tuesday, 27th JUNE

7.30pm Saint Mary's Vestry meets in the hall.

Wednesday, 28th JUNE – Irenaeus, Bishop of Lyons, c.200

Usual service plus

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

1.00-3.00pm Craft Group in Saint Mary's Hall.

Thursday, 29th JUNE

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

7.30pm Saint Mary's Men's Group - Tollbooth

Friday, 30th JUNE

11.30am Service at Ythanvale – Ellon.

1.30pm Wedding at Saint Mary's.

4.00pm Memorial Service for Ewith Plant in Saint Mary's.

SUMMER OF HOPE

You are invited to our Summer of Hope event.
Enjoy morning coffee or afternoon tea in great
company with good food to raise funds for families
and communities around the world.

Where: 66 Snipe Street, Ellon, AB41 9FW

When: Tuesday 4th July 2017

Time: Morning Coffee: 10.30 – 12.30
Afternoon Tea: 14.00 – 16.00

**ALL ARE WELCOME & PLEASE
DO BRING A FRIEND**

**Make hope shine
this summer**

Mothers' UNION
Christian care for families



Reg charity no 240531



Answers to “Who is Jesus” Bible Quiz

Bertha Dawson writes:

- 1 “Immanuel” means **God with us** *Matthew 1.23*
- 2 John the Baptist called Jesus “**the Lamb of God**” *John 1.29*
- 3 **Peter** recognised Jesus to be “the Christ the son of the living God”
Matthew 16.16
- 4 Jesus said “I am the **Bread** of Life. He who comes to me will never **go hungry**, and he who **believes** in me will never **be thirsty**” *John 6.35*
- 5 Many **were amazed** when they heard Jesus teach in the synagogue
Mark 6.1
- 6 Jesus said “For even the Son of Man did not come to be **served** but to **serve**, and to give His **life** as a **ransom** for many” *Mark 10.45*
- 7 Jesus promised **rest** to those who came to Him wearied and burdened
Matthew 11.28
- 8 Jesus said “I am the **Light** of the World” *John 8.12*
- 9 Jesus used **parables** to explain His teachings *Matthew 13.34*
- 10 Jesus said “the Son of Man has come to **seek and to save** what was lost
Luke 19.10

“Anagrams” Bible Quiz

- 1 HANAMO – Samson’s father
- 2 MAJIEM – Job’s eldest daughter
- 3 LATINHAP – one of Jacob’s sons
- 4 RAMMII – Moses’ sister
- 5 MSOALB – son of King David
- 6 INCEEU – Timothy’s mother
- 7 ENALAHINT – one of Jesus’ disciples
- 8 HILLEAD – Samson’s betrayer
- 9 SONSIEUM – Philemon’s runaway slave
- 10 HAMATR – Lazarus’ sister

Answers in next month’s magazine

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