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Church Lessons



To help you prepare for or reflect further on a service,
here are the readings for the coming season

22 September	Trinity 17	Amos 8: 4-7 1.Timothy 2:1-7 Luke 16: 1-13
29 September	Trinity 18 Michael and All Angels	Genesis 28: 10-17 Revelation 12: 7-12 John 1: 47-end
6 October 11.15 am	Trinity 19	TBA
13 October 11.15 am	Trinity 20	2.Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c 2.Timothy 2: 8-15 Luke 17: 11-19
20 October 11.15 am	Trinity 21	Genesis 32: 22-31 2.Timothy 3: 14-4:5 Luke 18: 1-8
27 October 11.15 am	Trinity 22 Bible Sunday	Jeremiah 14:7-10,19-end 2.Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 Luke 18: 9-14

You can always find the details of lessons on our website at
www.stmarychurchaberfoyle.org.uk



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St. Andrew's Leny Road, Callander	St. Mary's Main Street, Aberfoyle
<p>Holy Communion Every Sunday, 10.00am</p> <p><i>1st Sunday in the month: Holy Communion according to Book of Common Prayer (BCP)</i></p> <p>Midweek service in church</p> <p>BCP Holy Communion every Wednesday, 10.00am</p>	<p>Holy Communion Every Sunday, 11.15am</p> <p>Balfon BCP Holy Communion 3rd Sunday in the month, 8.00am St. Anthony's RC Church, Balfon</p> <p>Killearn Holy Communion 1st Wednesday in the month, 11.30am Killearn Kirk Session Room</p>



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St Mary's Library

Don't forget that St Mary's now has a very extensive and wonderful library of books and other articles. This is in the Church Room.

This should be resource for study and research and has a good range of material about Christianity and Christian living.

We recommend a browse and even (dare we suggest) a borrow!

But please don't be like one of the 'Borrowers' Just make a note in the book provided when you take something out. And don't forget to bring it back !

Our Editors recommend books by Karen Armstrong and Steven Chalke, to cite but two examples.

Please make use of this facility all of which has been donated generously by members of the congregation.



The Magazine

The Editors thank all those who have contributed to this edition.

They are very hopeful that someone will step forward to take on the role of producing and editing this magazine.

Please get in touch with either Mark or Barbara if you can help.



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Recipe Corner

Peasant in a Veil (an Apple Pudding)

Ingredients

2lb cooking apples
8 oz Breadcrumbs
3 lbs Castor sugar
3 oz Butter

First stew the apples with 1 table spoon of syrup and lemon juice.

Then melt the butter in a baking tray. Mix the sugar and breadcrumbs and mix into the melted butter. Cook until crisp. Let everything cool. Puree the apple and put in to a bowl layered with the bread crumbs. Finish with whipped cream and top with grated chocolate.

By Carol Seymour

Sounds delicious but very bad for you.



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From the Rector

The last few months...

Possibly the proudest grandparents ever, Val and George Willis, were in attendance as Lucie, their first granddaughter was christened at St Marys in June.

The warm days of the summer have encouraged a number of holiday makers to visit our churches. Some faces were familiar from previous years whilst two couples have been with us for the whole summer. Well done to the COG group at Aberfoyle for keeping the church open on Tuesday afternoons throughout the summer. The Manchester Church Lads and Girls Brigade attended St Mary's for the Annual Camp Service at the end of July. Their stay coincided with the only week of rain over the summer. The customary parade march from the camp with instruments on Sunday morning had therefore to be abandoned. Later in the week the band performed in Callander Town Square, but alas was rewarded with a further soaking. A good time though was had by all. Please pray for the wonderful work of this organisation especially the dedication of its officers.

A number attended the opening of Carol and Mark Seymour's garden at Arnprior which is always a testament to their perpetual enthusiasm and hard work. Meanwhile at St Andrews Roger Bradley has by degrees tamed the former wilderness to the rear of St Andrews as well as edging and weeding the front garden. It is a vast improvement: thank you Roger. Alas, the famed cedar tree is not at its best presently and we are grateful to the Baillie-Hamilton family for their interest in its maintenance and preservation.

St Mary's hosted the Feis Fhoirt Ceilidh Trail Concert in July. This involved talented local young musicians playing Scottish traditional music. Another concert in the series is scheduled for the 4th October thanks to the endeavours of the organizing



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committee.

Two notable birthdays occurred over the summer. Moira Pywell's mother Mary McKillop celebrated her hundredth birthday in style at the Dreadnought Hotel in the presence of family and friends. Her Majesty's telegram of congratulation was passed around the tables. Not many centurions are away from their beds after midnight but Mary proved an exception. Billie Bates of Balfron has just enjoyed her 94th birthday.

St Andrews mourns the passing of two notable members of its congregation. Tony Ffinch's face was familiar throughout the locality as an extremely able local councillor. Chris Martin of the Callander Youth Project admirably organised the music and amplification at Tony's Memorial service where every seat was filled. Harry Denholm in later years served the SEC as a distinguished Chancellor of Glasgow Diocese under two Bishops. Latterly he was a Vestry member and an administrator of the chalice at St Andrews. Our prayers and condolences are extended to their respective families. Jackie Pester and Bob Palmer were members of Callander Kirk congregation, but greatly respected at St Andrews. Their passing has left large gaps in our community.

After months of chaos and dust, St Andrews is returning to normal after extensive repair. The church itself closed this time last year with renovations extending into the spring. By this time the dry rot had attacked the west end of the Hall and thus after Easter the hall was evacuated for repair. In the meantime the organ was reinstalled and tuned. With a new coat of paint on the walls and varnish on the floor, the Hall recently reopened. The Vestry



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October Diary

4th October 7.30 pm	Concert at St Mary's Flutes en Route
5th October 10 am—4 pm	St Mary's Autumn Extravanza
6th October	Preacher at St Mary's Rt Rev John Crook
6th October 1 pm—4 pm	St Mary's Autumn Extravanza
11th October 7.30 pm	Harvest Supper at St Andrews
24th October	Bishop David Chillingworth visits St Mary's to review Mission action Plan
	4 pm Presentation by Loch Lomond & Trossachs National Park For all congregation
	6 pm Bishop David meeting with St Mary's Vestry
27th October	Bishop David Celebrant & Preacher at St Mary's



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St Mary's Concert 4th October

flutes
en route



Pushing the boundaries of the flute quartet, Flutes en Route will present an exciting programme of music including 'Fl(ut)ing' by Scottish composer Rory Boyle. Alongside this brilliant commission, be prepared to hear some familiar music in ways you never have before!

Tickets £10 per person from

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From the Rector (contd)

records their gratitude to all who have rallied round throughout this somewhat traumatic period.

The Linkage as a whole has benefitted immensely from the services of James Gardner in so many ways. We are proud of his achievements not least in his chosen career in pre school education. We wish him well as he starts a University Course this autumn.

Thanks to Hilary Gunkel, an enjoyable Linkage trip was organised to St Conan's Church Loch Awe side and Ben Cruachan in August. The former in particular opened many eyes with its unique style of architecture.

A dark horse emerged over the summer. Our excellent organist Jean Sykes was indisposed for two Sundays and Barbara Carruthers sat at the organ stool with aplomb.

A busy autumn now beckons and details of all events will appear in the Weekly Bulletin. Please let Mark Seymour or Richard know of anyone not on our mailing list.

Richard Grosse
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St Mary's—Mission Action - News

The Diocesan Casting the Net project at St Mary's has now been in progress for some eighteen months. At its outset, the Vestry drew up a plan known the Mission Action Plan outlining its aims for the future. The Bishop customarily visits those parishes involved at about this point of the project to discuss the Plan and its progress both with the congregation and Vestry.

A few months ago, I won a tee-shirt in a competition. Unfortunately there was no choice of size: it is something like an XXXL and thus rather envelops me. Casting the Net is of course designed for all types and sizes of parish from city churches with large congregations to a rural parish such as ourselves. The knack of making Casting the Net successful is to see that the Mission Action Plan perfectly fits the needs of the area it serves.

What then are the needs of Aberfoyle and its environs? As locals we think we know but probably a good deal is also overlooked.

The Bishop will come to the parish on the afternoon of the 24th October. He hopes to meet both the Vestry and as many members of the congregation as possible. A representative of the National Park has kindly agreed to come and give a presentation about our area to stimulate thought.

The final detail of the day has yet to be finalised, but as Rector I need your support on that day. Could Aberfoyle congregation please hold the late afternoon and early evening free as a matter of priority? More detail of times etc will be announced the Weekly Bulletin and Pew Sheet.



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devoted life together. So she left Dollar to be married in January 1951 and she and Archer moved to Balfron after the wedding.

Billie taught for 17 years after she was married, as a peripatetic Primary Art teacher in Killearn and Fintry.

Archer died in 1978 when Mary was 24. Billie has many happy memories of their time with him and quotes "God gave us memories, so that we could have Roses in December".

Billie was brought up in the Church of Scotland, and Mary was christened there. But Archer had been an Episcopalian in Newlands in Glasgow. When he died, his funeral was taken by Rev. John Crook who came to visit Billie. Billie had become disappointed by the Church of Scotland. She felt "out of kilter" with it. And In 1979 she joined St. Mary's in Aberfoyle and has been there ever since.

One of the most important things in Billie's life is her great connection with Cornwall. Her parents had their honeymoon there and after that, as a family, they visited Cornwall regularly. Billie's widowed sister moved there.

Billie's family has been and is very important to her and she is in touch with many of the members of it. The family of St. Mary's is also very important to her and she is a faithful and committed member, very seldom, if ever, missing a service. We are fortunate to be able to welcome her.

For all of her life, Billie has loved painting and drawing, especially drawing; and her beautiful portraits, flower studies and landscapes are proof of that. Many people are the proud owners of a work by Billie Bates.

Billie is a founder member of Stirling NADFAS and lover of Scrabble!

We celebrate her.



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Williamena Margaret Young was born in Alloa on 4th September, 1919. The fourth of four children having two sisters and one brother. So she has just celebrated her 94th Birthday !

At the very start of my interview with her Billie explained that after a serious illness in infancy she was told, in error, as a young child that she was not expected to develop either mentally or physically - she maintained she was determined to prove the young doctor wrong!

After Alloa Primary she was schooled at Dollar Academy for 6 years where she enjoyed playing hockey among other things, gaining her 1st XI colours in spite of having to wear quarter inch thick glasses because of her extreme short sightedness (inherited from her infancy illness).

On leaving school she went to the College of Art in Edinburgh to study drawing and painting. Four years later, in 1943, she gained her DA and subsequently qualified in teaching by gaining a teaching certificate from Moray House.

In 1943 she was called for interview to Elgin and was appointed to three schools - two Junior Secondarys and one Senior Secondary. However before she went to Elgin she entered a painting for the Annual Exhibition at the Royal Scottish Academy - a painting of daffodils on a window sill in the rain, called April Showers, and was absolutely delighted and amazed to find she had sold it and received £30 in payment! That felt like a fortune!!

She taught in Elgin, Leith and then at Alloa Academy. Her semi-lifelong problems with her eyesight were cured by a cataract operation with implanted lenses giving longer sight and improved enjoyment of colour.

Then a vacancy came up at Dollar Academy. "I couldn't wait to get back", she says "I loved it". She was there for two years.

At a later time she met Archer who was in the R.N.V.R. and who became her husband. She met him via a cousin. Archer was widowed and both Billie and he realised they had a second opportunity to make a



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News from St Andrews

St Andrews Rag Bag Collections

The latest rag bag collection raised £152 for our church funds. A huge thank you to all who contributed. Since we have started collecting we have raised a total of £696.50!

Collection of items is on-going, and since the Church is operational again, members of the congregation are asked to leave donations in the collection box located at the back of the Church behind the wooden screen.

A reminder that Rag Bag accepts all textile items in any condition, including clothing, shoes, belts, bags, towels, bedding. Exceptions are duvets and pillows.

Thank you to all who have contributed.

Ros Cameron



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From Margie Stephen

While i have been trying to come to terms with living on my own it has become apparent to me that a lot of people in our congregation are also battling with problems such as chronic ill health. Carers are struggling with new responsibilities, and many others are being challenged in various ways with work difficulties etc.

However, quite by chance I recently came across a brilliant book by John Pritchard now Bishop of Oxford ,on prayer. This is a subject St Mary's dipped into during Lent this year. The book was written in 2002 and has been reprinted no less than 5 times. By a stroke of luck our ex Treasurer, Nick Cooke, has sanctioned the purchase of several copies for our church library. You might like to see it for yourselves. It covers a host of different suggestions such as using Music and the Arts, how to soak in silence, and yes even how to pray in church!! As the author observes, we need to use our imagination/ creativity in prayer. Might this help us make contact with a culture that is fast forgetting the Christian Story.

I think this book could help us all on our Spiritual Journey.

Margie Stephen



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Harvest Time

Autumn Extravaganza

Harvest Festival Sunday falls this year on the 6th October with the Supper the Friday following—11th October at St Andrews.

St Mary's will mark the occasion with an extravaganza festival. Opening with a concert on the Friday evening, on the Saturday and Sunday the church will be open for viewing a Flower Festival with a seasonal theme. Teas, coffees, cakes, and light lunches on both days.

The Right Reverend John Crook Rector of the Linkage between 1978 and 1987 will be the Sunday preacher.

The concert at St Mary's is being given by Flutes en Route. Michael Tumelty of the Herald has written:
"Flutes en Route are Scotland's foremost Flute Quartet."
They are winners of the RSMAD Govenors Chamber Music Prize.

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