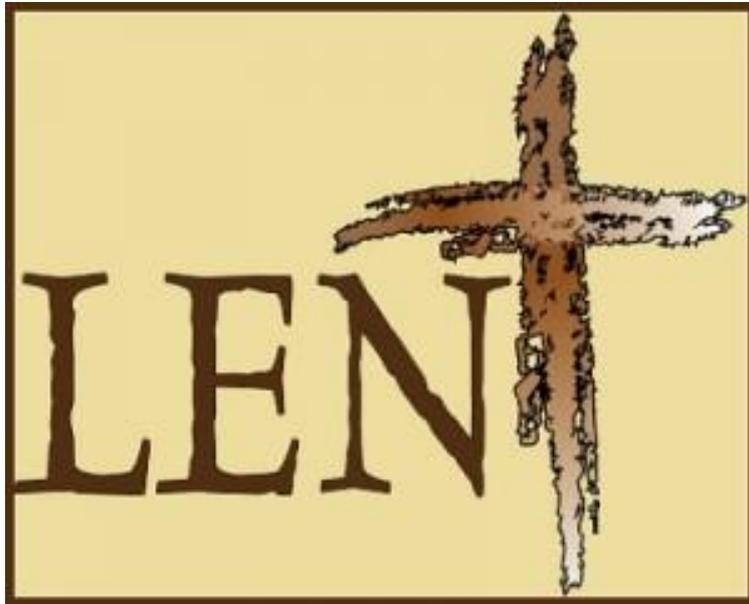


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# **ST MARTIN'S MAGAZINE**



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**ST MARTIN'S SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
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Following the A.G.M on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> October, the members of the Vestry are now:

Lizz Fashion, Betty Gallagher, Ann Gibb, Ellen Reid, Joyce Stevenson and Iain Turnbull. There is one vacancy to be filled and someone can be co-opted at a later date.

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Material for the **next edition** should reach me ***no later than Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2015.*** You can also e-mail me at [ann.gibb@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:ann.gibb@blueyonder.co.uk)

**Donations towards the cost of producing the Magazine would be greatly appreciated. A tin has been placed at the back of the Church for this purpose but can also be given or sent to the Treasurer.**

*February/March 2015*

## **THE SEASON THAT WE FIND HARD**

By the time you read this, Lent will soon be upon us (or will already have arrived). It's perhaps the most solemn season of the Christian year. For it's a time when we follow the footsteps of Jesus into the desert so that we can reflect upon our lives before God and seek his will.

And, of course, it leads straight to the events of Holy Week, Good Friday and Easter. We live always in the light of the cross and of the resurrection, and Lent offers us the opportunity to reflect on this truth. It gives us a chance to ask God to enable us to examine our lives and to ask him to reorient us afresh towards his Son.

To the world around us, however, Lent carries little meaning or significance. If non-churchgoers think of it at all, they imagine that it's matter of giving up something trivial for a few weeks prior to going back to the forbidden item with a vengeance.

But we need to beware of falling into this way of thinking. Lent is a serious season for a good reason: it invites us to be honest with ourselves and with God. Are there habits and thoughts we need to change? Almost certainly. Then let's use Lent as an opportunity to dig deep and ask God to help us do so. He won't refuse.

But how? This where the Lenten discipline of self-reflection and personal prayer comes in. From the beginning, the Christian Church has encouraged its members to take time regularly to pray not just on Sundays in church, or on other days when services are held, but daily.

These personal prayers don't have to be long-winded or even to last a long time. They can be simple words and thoughts offered to God in the quietness of our own homes on behalf of other people and ourselves. "Lord, please remember so-and-so" or "Lord, please help me as I struggle with such-and-such" will do.

And if you're not exactly sure what to say or how to say it, then simply think of whoever or whatever is on your heart and tell God that you'd like him to accept these thoughts as prayers. Believe me, he'll be delighted to do so.

What's more, if – like most of us – you don't always find praying easy, it's worth remembering that we are not alone when we pray. Jesus prays with us, through us and for us to the Father. It's as if he is standing alongside us and inhabiting our words as we think and speak them, however hesitantly.

Finally, to make the most of Lent, don't forget to come to the weekday Lenten services, starting on February 18<sup>th</sup> with our Ash Wednesday 7.00pm Eucharist at St John the Baptist. You'll find the details of others through Lent elsewhere in this magazine. It'll be great to see you there.

With warmest good wishes for a spiritually fruitful Lenten season,

**Francis Bridger**  
**Interim Rector**

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR PARISH LIFE

### FUNDRAISING

#### **Christmas Coffee Morning:**

Our Christmas Coffee Morning was held on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> November and the grand total of £813.77 was raised. This includes a donation from a group which uses the Hall and from the Tuesday morning Tea Fund. A big 'thank you' is due to everyone who worked so hard to make it a great success and for the donations received.



#### **Prize Bingo**

**The Prize Bingo** re-started on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January and we welcomed old friends and some newcomers. Please put the following dates in your Diary and if you can join us for a friendly, sociable afternoon you would be made very welcome. **February 25<sup>th</sup> & March 25<sup>th</sup>.**

*Ann Gibb*

#### **Bonus Ball**

Congratulations to the following Winners of the Bonus Ball –

<b>November</b>		<b>December</b>		<b>January</b>	
<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	No 14 M Mitchell	<b>6<sup>th</sup></b>	No 08 J Duncan	<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	No 24 Rollover
<b>8<sup>th</sup></b>	No 01 Rollover	<b>13<sup>th</sup></b>	No 36 Rollover	<b>10<sup>th</sup></b>	No 39 M Lawrie
<b>15<sup>th</sup></b>	No 40 B Gallagher	<b>20<sup>th</sup></b>	No 28 J Duncan	<b>17<sup>th</sup></b>	No 04 S Duncan
<b>22<sup>nd</sup></b>	No 26 I Dailly	<b>27<sup>th</sup></b>	No 49 Rollover	<b>24<sup>th</sup></b>	No 17 E Reid
<b>29<sup>th</sup></b>	No 17 E Reid				

If you would like to participate or take an extra number, please speak to Anne Duncan or Irene Dailly. As you can see from the 'Rollovers' there are some numbers available. Thank you to Anne Duncan for collecting the money and distributing the winnings. This is a very important 'regular' fundraiser for Church Funds.

#### **Hall**

The Hall is being used by several Groups on a regular basis. However, there are spaces in the Diary for new groups or 'one off' bookings. Do you know of anyone looking for the use of a hall? If so, please speak to Irene Dailly, who can give you information about availability and charges.

## **OUR GIVING TO OTHERS**

### **Starter Packs:**

We continue to be a regular supporter of Starter Packs and your giving is greatly appreciated. I deliver goods to them approx twice a month so please leave any items in the crate in the Baptistry. Thank you.

*Ann Gibb*

### **St Salvador's Foodbank:**

We also continue to collect dry food items for this worthwhile cause. Irene (ably assisted by David Hood) delivered a full crate to St Salvador's the Sunday before Christmas. They were delighted with it and thankful for our generosity. The box for the regular collection of non-perishable foodstuffs remains in the Baptistry and donations would be welcome. Thank you.

*Ann Gibb*

### **Pasture Valley Orphanage:**

We continue to get Newsletters from Michelle McCubbin regarding the 'happenings' at Pasture Valley. For his Christmas gift, I sent our boy a football top, various toiletries and a pack of black pens. Michelle e-mailed me a photograph of him with his gifts and this can be seen on the Pasture Valley Noticeboard at the back of the Church. Thank you for your continued support.

*Ann Gibb*

### **S.E.C.M.A. (LINKS)**

I attended the Annual meeting where we discussed the events for 2015. Details are:

**February 25<sup>th</sup> – Lunch**, with Speaker (Pat Miller who recently returned from a Diocesan visit to Swaziland) at St Mary Magdalene's 12 noon. There will also be a Bring & Buy stall.

**May** (date to be confirmed) – A Musical afternoon with Bring and Buy

**August** (date to be confirmed) - Quiet Day, possibly at Montrose

**October** (date to be confirmed) – Musical Afternoon with Ferryport Fiddlers, possibly Invergowrie.

*Ann Gibb*

### **PARISH REGISTER:**

**Baptisms** –

**Marriages** –

**Funerals** – Ellen Dixon  
Pat Clark

## **Joint Charges News**

### **Walking Group:**

The Walking Group continues and a list of proposed walks are posted and announced in Church. If you would like to know more, please contact our own Kay Black or Tricia Paton (St John the Baptist), tel 01382 803382/e-mail [triciapaton1@virginmedia.com](mailto:triciapaton1@virginmedia.com), who will be delighted to hear from you.

## FOOD FOR THOUGHT.....

**Kindness** is language we all understand. Even the blind can see it and the deaf can hear it. (Mother Teresa)

**Faith** – It doesn't make things easy. It makes them possible!

**The best** and most beautiful things of this world can't be seen or touched. They must be felt by the heart.

**Faith** means that you have peace even when you don't have all the answers.

**God** looks not to the quantity of the gift but to the quality of the giver.

**God** makes a promise. **Faith** believes it. **Hope** anticipates it. **Patience** quietly awaits it.

A Sunday School teacher decided to have her young class memorize one of the most quoted passages in the Bible – Psalm 23. She gave the youngsters a month to learn the verse. Little Bobby was excited about the task, but he just couldn't remember the Psalm. After much practice, he could barely get past the first line. On the day that the children were scheduled to recite Psalm 23 in front of the congregation, Bobby was so nervous. When it was his turn, he stepped up to the microphone and said proudly, "The Lord is my shepherd . . . and that's all I need to know!"

## HUMOUROUS

A mother took her three-year-old daughter to church for the first time. The church lights were lowered, and then the choir came down the aisle, carrying lighted candles. All was quiet until the little one started to sing in a loud voice, "Happy Birthday to you, happy birthday to you...."

Attending a wedding for the first time, a little girl whispered to her mother, "Why is the bride dressed in white?" "Because white is the colour of happiness and today is the happiest day of her life," her mother tried to explain, keeping it simple. The child thought about this for a moment, then said, "So, why's the groom wearing black?"

A three-year-old boy went with his dad to see a litter of kittens. On returning home, he breathlessly informed his mother, "There were two boy kittens and two girl kittens." "How did you know?" his mother asked. "Daddy picked them up and looked underneath," he replied. "I think it's printed on the bottom."

## CHILDREN'S CORNER

***'Suffer the little children to come to me.....'***

Unfortunately, we have no children attending our Sunday School at the moment. However, Ellen is still willing to lead the Sunday School, if we can get some children to come along. Do you know of anyone?

### CO-INCIDENCES

I recently took a weekend trip to Pitlochry to see a musical. On the first day, we set out to buy a newspaper and heard the sound of bagpipes and realised it was coming from a procession going along the main street. Being curious, we joined the procession and found out it was going to the local distillery to meet up with Santa! (We did debate, as O.A.Ps, whether or not we should be there but were assured that it was ok!) We duly arrived at our destination and enjoyed meeting Santa who had his **real** reindeer with him.

On the way back, we encountered a 'persuasive' lady standing by a "Church Open – Coffee" sign, so we went into the Church, which I then realised was an Episcopal Church. We were welcomed by the lady Minister (who was part of a husband and wife 'acting pastors' team) and she mentioned that her husband had spent some time in Dundee. After coffee and mince pie (and making some home-baking purchases) we met her husband, William Hogg, only to discover that not only had he spent time in Dundee, but had actually been there on a six-week placement as part of his training and where??? - **St Martin's with Joe Morrow!!**

And we only went out for a morning paper...!

**Kay Black**

### Pat Clark

*It is with sadness that we note the passing of Pat Clark, an active and loyal member of St Martin's. Pat and her late husband Harry, were long term, regular attendees at the 11am Sunday morning service. Following the death of Harry, Pat continued this tradition for some time, but latterly attended the Tuesday morning service only until her failing health prohibited even this. However, Helen (our Asst Priest) visited her at St Ronan's where she would receive her Holy Communion and enjoyed many chats about 'old times'. Pat had a number of interests. She loved flowers, her garden and the art of Floral Arranging for which she attended classes. She told me that she would regularly wander along to Balgay Park with a carrier bag looking for greenery for her displays. (We would laugh about that as we didn't know if it was strictly legal!) For many years, she and the late Alex Watson were responsible for the beautiful floral displays in Church, excelling themselves at Christmas and Easter. On Alex's passing, I was 'persuaded' to try my hand at this and Pat very willingly (and with great patience) took me through the basics, which I have found very useful and is one of the things for which I will never forget her. Pat also helped out at the various fundraising Coffee Mornings and Fayres and her home baking was always in great demand. Add to this, her love of Scottish Country Dancing and meeting friends for days out etc, she certainly lived life to the full. Pat's greatest love, however, was Harry and her family. She was immensely proud of her children and grandchildren and their achievements, and enjoyed nothing better than cooking and baking for the regular visits they made to her. Pat is missed by all her friends at St Martin's and it was a pleasure to know this lovely lady who will not be forgotten. We hold her loved ones in our thoughts and prayers. May she Rest in Peace.*

**Ann Gibb**

**SERVICES FOR FEBRUARY AND MARCH**

**Tuesdays**                    *10.00am Holy Communion followed by Tea and Rolls.*

**Sundays**                    *10.30am This Service continues to alternate between the St Martin's and St John the Baptist buildings and is the ONLY Sunday Morning Service.*

**The Sunday Timetable is as follows:**

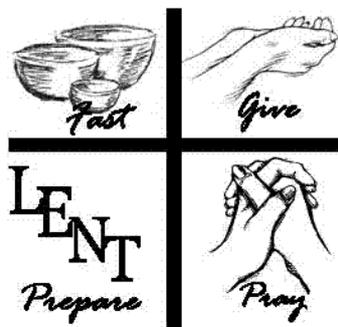
**FEBRUARY**

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Sung Eucharist</b>	<b>St Martin's</b>
	<b>8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Sung Eucharist</b>	<b>St John the Baptist</b>
	<b>15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Sung Eucharist</b>	<b>St Martin's</b>
	<b>18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>7.00pm</b>	<b>IMPOSITION OF ASHES AT ST JOHN THE BAPTIST</b>	
	<b>22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Sung Eucharist</b>	<b>St John the Baptist</b>

**MARCH**

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Sung Eucharist</b>	<b>St Martin's</b>
	<b>8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Sung Eucharist</b>	<b>St John the Baptist</b>
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During the season of Lent, there will be a Service of 'Stations of the Cross and Compline' at 7.00pm at St Martin's.



**PLEASE NOTE:** The venue for Sunday Services may be subject to change and notification of this will be given in Church. **EVENSONG** details will also be announced.

Services for Holy week and Easter will be announced in a 'Special Edition' Easter Magazine.

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## **READINGS**

### **FEBRUARY**

**1<sup>st</sup>**

Dt 18.15-20

Ps 111

1 C 8.1-13

Mk 1.21-28

**8<sup>th</sup>**

Is 40.21-31

Ps 147.1-12

1 C 9.16-23

Mk 1.29-39

**15<sup>th</sup>**

2 Kg 2.1-12

Ps 50.1-6

2 C 4.3-6

Mk 9.2-9

**22<sup>nd</sup>**

Gen 9.8-17

Ps 25.1-9

1 P 3.18-22

Mk 1.9-15

### **MARCH**

**1<sup>st</sup>**

Gen 17.1-7,15-16

Ps 22.22-30

Ro 4.13-25

Mk 8.31-38 *or* Mk 9.2-9

**8<sup>th</sup>**

Ex 20.1-17

Ps 19

1 C 1.18-25

Jn 2.13-22

**15<sup>th</sup>**

Nu 21.4-9

Ps 107.1-3,17-22

Eph 2.1-10

Jn 3.14-21

**22<sup>nd</sup>**

Jer 31.31-34

Ps 51.1-13 *or* 119.9-16

Heb 5.5-10

Jn 12.20-33

**29<sup>th</sup>**

Is 50.4-9a

Ps 31.9-16

Phil 2.5-11

Mk 14.1-15.47

*or* Mk 15.1-39(40-47)

