

ST MARY'S NEWS



Welcome to **February's** newsletter. If you have any ideas and suggestions for the monthly newsletter, please talk to any member of the Vestry or contact Fiona.

THE VESTRY: WHO WE ARE

Rector Mark-Aaron Tisdale
Graeme Stirling (Treasurer)
Elaine Hammersley (Lay Representative)
David Rowe (Property Convener)
Sue Rowe
Jean McGuinness
Alistair Speid
Louise Speid
Karen Finlay
Fiona Walthall (Secretary)

****CLOSURE OF QUEEN STREET DUE TO GAS REPLACEMENT WORKS****

Please see below the most recent message from Councillor Craig Duncan advising of the above works.

“Subject: Notification of major gas replacement works to our gas network Queen Street area, Broughty Ferry 27 January 2025 Update

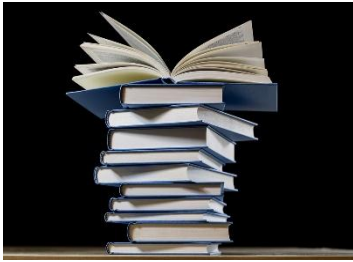
Dear Councillors,

Our project in Broughty Ferry is progressing well and in the New Year we continued our work in Queen Street.

From Monday 27 January, a road closure will be in place at the 4-way junction with Church Street, meaning there will be no through road. This closure is to be in place for approximately 2 weeks.

When work has been completed at this junction, work will move along the road and be working between the junctions with Church Street and Fort Street for approximately 3 weeks. The road will be closed between the 2 junctions, with access maintained only for residents.

Local diversion routes will be in place during both road closures, with everything to minimise disruption.



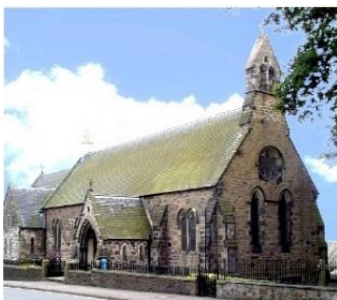
BOOK AND READING DISCUSSION GROUP

Lawrence is once again inviting members, plus new participants to join him in 'Willows Café', Brook Street, Broughty Ferry on Monday 17 February at 2.30pm. The book under discussion will be '**Orbital**' by Samantha Harvey.

The novel, which won the 2024 Booker Prize, is told over the course of 24 hours, and follows six astronauts and cosmonauts from Japan, the United States, Britain, Italy, and Russia, four men and two women, aboard the International Space Station as they orbit Earth. In addition to detailing the official duties and tasks of the astronauts aboard the spacecraft, the novel also features their reflections about humanity and subjects including the existence and nature of God, the meaning of life, and existential threats such as climate change. Each chapter of the novel covers a single 90-minute orbit around Earth, with 16 orbits in the 24 hours.

KNIT AND NATTER AND COSY WEDNESDAYS

Next knitting project: For our next project, knitters and crocheters are invited to pick up the patterns for either **hats for farmers** or **twiddle muffs for people with dementia** which are two projects the **Mothers' Union** are promoting. Thank you to Christine Berry for providing the patterns which are in a folder at the back of church. Twiddle muffs are thick, colourful, sensory therapy tools, which have bits and bobs attached to the inside and outside, designed to provide stimulation. Mostly used for patients with dementia, they are known to keep restless hands occupied, calm and warm.



DIOCESE OF BRECHIN SPRING SYNOD: SATURDAY 1 MARCH 2025

St Mary's will once again host this annual event from 0930 – 1400, during which we will welcome approximately 60 people from various charges within the diocese.

NEWSPAPERS WANTED

The SSPCA, Petterden is urgently needing unwanted newspapers for their small animal bedding. Should you have a pile of unwanted newspapers and are wanting rid of them, please let Fiona know and she'll either uplift from your home or please leave in the church by the baskets. Many thanks.



SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE LUNCH

On Tuesday 4 March 2025 at 1230 for 1300, there will be a light buffet pancake lunch to which you are warmly invited, and you are welcome to provide a topping or filling of your choice. To assist with catering, please sign up on the noticeboard or ask someone to do that on your behalf.



ST MARY'S SPRING CRAFT FAYRE

Our Spring Craft fayre will be taking place on Saturday 17 May 2024 between 1000 and 1400. Although, planning is still in the early stages, donations for the tombola are needed as it's hugely popular!! If you have any unwanted or unneeded Christmas gifts, etc, we would be delighted to accept them. Please bring them to church or if you want them uplifted, please let, Fiona Walthall know.

ST MARY'S SINGERS



Calling all singers! Iain is looking for singers to join in 2025. If interested, please have a chat with him.

ST MARY'S PASTORAL CARE TEAM

The Scottish Episcopal Church emphasizes a shared ministry model, meaning pastoral care is not just the responsibility of the clergy but involves trained lay members as well. In St Mary's, the pastoral care team work under the guidance of the Rector, Mark-Aaron, ensuring care is offered in a structured and compassionate manner. The goal is to reflect Christ's love by serving and caring for others within the St Mary's church family. Supporting

the Rector in Pastoral Work, the Team assists the Rector by extending pastoral care where needed.

- Acting as a bridge between clergy and congregation members, ensuring concerns and needs are communicated effectively.
- Helping newcomers integrate into church life and helping them feel connected and cared for in the church community.
- Assisting clergy in offering comfort and prayer during times of grief.
- Ensuring those who are unable to attend church still feel part of the church community.
- Offering prayer, listening, and encouragement to those facing challenges such as illness, bereavement, or personal struggles.
- Supporting individual congregational members in their faith journey and helping them feel connected to the church.

Their work reflects St Mary's commitment to compassion, inclusivity, and community care. Members of the Team, along with the Rector, at present are:

Sue Rowe,
Elaine Hammersley,
Ruth Toy and
Enza Gibson.

You may be contacted by one of them to arrange a pastoral visit.

****ST MARY'S CIRCLE OF PRAYER****

A reminder to the Prayer Companions, that we will meet in St Mary's on Tuesday 18th February at 11am. Please enter the date in your diaries if you are able to attend.

Thank you.

FEBRUARY ROTA

Date	Reader	Intercessor	Welcomer
2 Feb	Dennis	Enza	DGR & Alison
Evensong	Enza		Jennifer
9 Feb	Enid	Elaine	Louise & Alistair
16 Feb	Nicola	Lis	Derek & Marion
23 Feb	Helen	Chris	Helen & Graeme

ST MARY'S FOODBANK DONATIONS



Alison Gordon is seeking donations of the items below for Dundee's foodbank. There are 2 baskets on the right handside of the door to the

church for donations. Thank you.

Our foodbank provides three days of nutritionally balanced, non-perishable food.

[The Trussell Trust](#) has worked with nutritionists to ensure food parcels contains sufficient nutrition for at least three days worth of healthy, balanced meals for individuals and families.

A typical food parcel includes:

- Breakfast cereals
- Soup
- Pasta
- Rice
- Pasta sauce
- Tinned beans
- Tinned meat
- Tinned vegetables
- Tinned fruit
- Tea or coffee
- Sugar
- Biscuits
- Snacks

Urgently needed items:

- Soap (Bars)
- Tinned Soup
- UHT Milk
- Tinned meals
- Tinned fish
- Shower Gel

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2025

Date & Time	Event	Notes
February		
Sun 2 Feb 1700	Evensong	
Mon 3 Feb 1900	DSO Rehearsals	St Mary's Church
Fri 14 Feb	Valentines Day	
Mon 17 Feb 1900	DSO Rehearsals	St Mary's Church
Sat 22 Feb 0930	Men's Breakfast	Mark-Aaron organises
Mon 24 Feb 1900	DSO Rehearsals	St Mary's Church
March		
Sat 1 Mar 1000	Diocesan Spring Synod	St Mary's hosts
Sun 2 Mar 1700	Evensong	
Mon 3 Mar 1900	DSO Rehearsals	St Mary's Church
Tue 4 Mar 1300	Shrove Tue (Pancake Day)	Social Committee: please sign up
Wed 5 Mar	Ash Wednesday	
Thu 6 Mar 1830	Vestry Meeting	St Mary's Church
Mon 17 Mar	St Patrick's Day	
Mon 17 Mar 1900	DSO Rehearsals	St Mary's Church
Sat 29 Mar 0930	Men's Breakfast	Mark-Aaron organises
Apr		
Sun 6 Apr 1700	Evensong	
Sun 13 Apr	Palm Sun	
Thu 17 Apr 1830	Maundy Thu Supper	Bring & share: please sign up
Fri 18 Apr	Good Fri	
Sun 20 Apr	Easter Sun	
Mon 21 Apr	Easter Mon	
Wed 23 Apr	St George's Day	
Sat 26 Apr 0930	Men's Breakfast	Mark-Aaron organises
May		
Sun 4 May 1700	Evensong	
Thu 9 May 1830	Vestry Meeting	St Mary's Church
Fri 16 May 1630	Prep for Craft Fayre	Fiona organises
Sat 17 May 1000	Spring Craft Fayre	Fiona organises
Sat 31 May 0930	Men's Breakfast	Mark-Aaron organises
June		
TBA	Teddy Bear Parachute Drop	
August		
Thu 14 Aug 1830	Vestry Meeting	St Mary's Church
October		

Thu 9 Oct 1830	Vestry Meeting	St Mary's Church
Fri 18 Oct 1630	Prep for Craft Fayre	Fiona organises
Sat 19 Oct 1000	Autumn Craft Fayre	Fiona organises
Sun 27 Oct	British Summer time ends	
Fri 31 Oct	Hallowe'en	
November		
Fri 1 Nov	All Saints' Day	
Sat 2 Nov 1900	Hypercoaster Concert	
Tue 5 Nov	Guy Fawkes Night	
Mon 5 Nov 1000	Blood Transfusion Service	St Mary's Church
Sun 9 Nov	Remembrance Sunday	
Thu 13 Nov 1830	Vestry Meeting	St Mary's Church
Sat 29 Nov 0930	Men's Breakfast	Mark-Aaron organises
Sat 29 Nov 1900	Hypercoaster Concert	
Sat 30 Nov	St Andrew's Day	
Sun 30 Nov 1230	AGM	St Mary's Church
December		
Sun 1 Dec	First Sunday of Advent	
Wed 12 Dec 1130	K&N Quiz & Light Buffet Lunch	Jean & Fiona host: please sign up
Thu 25 Dec	Christmas Day	
Fri 26 Dec	Boxing Day	