

# ST MARY'S NEWS



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

## THE VESTRY: WHO WE ARE

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

## KNIT & NATTER GROUP AND COSY SPACES

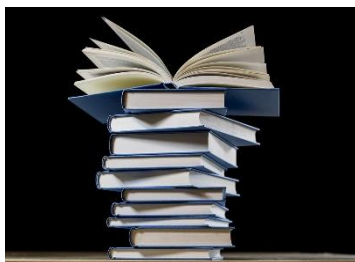
A message from Jean,

*'A huge thank you to all the St Mary's knitters who created 95 Christmas angels this year. Some were given away to the residents of Ballumbie Court care home during the Christmas carol visit, many were distributed around "the Ferry" to shops, passers-by, local police officer, people waiting at the bus-stop etc and a couple were given to our friends at the nursery for their tree. All were very gratefully received and people are often surprised that we do not expect anything in return! In another example of Christmas spirit and generosity we were given some lovely biscuits which had been hand-decorated by the children from the nursery to accompany our teas and coffees on a Wednesday morning.*

*Thanks again to everyone who knitted. In January, we will decide on our next knitting project.'*



St Mary's will reopen for Knit & Natter and Cosy spaces on Wed 8 January 2025 after the Christmas break, once again providing a warm, welcoming and friendly place for company, chat, activities and warm refreshments.



## 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 6 January at 2.30 in Willows.

The book under discussion is '**The Poisonwood Bible**' by Barbara Kingsolver - a best-selling novel about a missionary family, the Pricers, who in 1959 move from the U.S. state of Georgia to the village of Kilanga in the Belgian Congo. The book is narrated by the wife of the missionary and each of his four daughters as they adapt to African village life and the political turmoil that overtakes the country in the 1960s. The book was nominated for the Pulitzer Prize in 1999.

## ST MARY'S CONVIVIAL LUNCH CLUB

Our next lunch will take place once again in the Milton House Hotel at **1215 on Saturday 15 February 2025**. If you are interested in attending, please add your name to the list placed on the noticeboard or ask someone to do that on your behalf. If you need a lift, please let Fiona know.



### ST MARY'S SINGERS

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

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2025

Date & Time	Event	Notes
<b>January</b>		
Sun 5 Jan 1700	Evensong	
Mon 6 Jan	Epiphany	
Mon 6 Jan 1900	DSO Rehearsals	St Mary's Church
Thu 9 Jan 1830	Vestry Meeting	St Mary's Church/ZOOM
Sat 25 Jan 0930	Men's Breakfast	Mark-Aaron organises
<b>Sun 26 Jan 1230</b>	<b>EGM/AGM</b>	<b>St Mary's Church</b>
Mon 27 Jan 1900	DSO Rehearsals	St Mary's Church
<b>February</b>		
Sun 2 Feb 1700	Evensong	
Mon 3 Feb 1900	DSO Rehearsals	St Mary's Church
Fri 14 Feb	Valentines Day	
Sat 15 Feb 1215	Convivial Lunch	Fiona organises: please sign up
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
<b>March</b>		
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
<b>Apr</b>		
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
<b>May</b>		
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
<b>June</b>		
Sat 7 Jun 1215	Convivial Lunch	Fiona organises: please sign up
TBA	Teddy Bear Parachute Drop	
<b>August</b>		
Thu 14 Aug 1830	Vestry Meeting	St Mary's Church
<b>October</b>		
Thu 9 Oct 1830	Vestry Meeting	St Mary's Church
Sat 11 Oct 1215	Convivial Lunch	Fiona organises: please sign up
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	
<b>November</b>		
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
<b>December</b>		
Sun 1 Dec	First Sunday of Advent	
Wed 12 Dec 1130	K&N Quiz & Buffet Lunch	Jean & Fiona host: please sign up
Thu 25 Dec	Christmas Day	
Fri 26 Dec	Boxing Day	