

ST MARY'S NEWS



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

THE VESTRY: WHO WE ARE

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

Spring Craft Fayre at St Mary's Church, Broughty Ferry on Saturday 18 May 2024 from 1000 to 1400

Our first ever Spring Craft Fayre is drawing ever closer, and planning continues apace as almost all the tables are sold. Many more for donations of any kind for the raffle and tombola are needed: unwanted Christmas presents, bottles of wine and spirits, boxes of chocolate, smellies, etc. Please bring them to church or if you want them uplifted, please let Fiona Walthall know.

CHRISTIAN AID COFFEE MORNING



The Broughty Ferry Churches Group is holding a Coffee Morning for Christian Aid in the New Kirk Hall on **Saturday 11 May from 1000 to 1200**. Please let Rosemary, Enza or Reverend Mark-Aaron know if you can help serve refreshments. Donations of tray bakes and small cakes will be greatly appreciated.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES 2024-25

VESTRY MEETINGS AND THE AGM	
Thursday 1 February 2024	Thursday 1 August 2024
Thursday 11 April 2024	Thursday 19 September 2024
Thursday 30 May 2024	Sunday 24 November 2024: AGM
Thursday 1 August 2024	Thursday 12 December 2024

NOTABLE DATES FOR 2024	
Easter Sunday 31 March	All Saints' Day Friday 1 November
St George's Day Tuesday 23 April (England)	Guy Fawkes Night Tuesday 5 November
Ascension Day Thursday 9 May	Remembrance Sunday 10 November
St Mary's Spring Craft Fayre Saturday 18 May	All Saints' Day Friday 1 November
Pentecost Sunday 19 May	Guy Fawkes Night Tuesday 5 November
Trinity Sunday 26 May	Remembrance Sunday 10 November
Father's Day Sunday 16 June	St Andrew's Day Saturday 30 November (Scotland)
British Summer time ends Sunday 27 October	First Sunday of Advent Sunday 1 December
Hallowe'en Thursday 31 October	Christmas Day Wednesday 25 December

ST MARY'S NEW WEBSITE

We are in the early stages of building a new church website which will present who we are and what we do more effectively than the current website. All members of the congregation are encouraged to have a look at

www.smbfsec.com

and feedback to Jean McGuinness either in person or by email jeanamcguinness@btinternet.com

What to think about: is all the information you would expect to see included on the site? Is there anything missing, incorrect or in the wrong place? Would somebody who doesn't know St Mary's, find the key information about us?

Please bear in mind it is a ***work in progress***, so some pages are incomplete, and the content is still to be written. Some images have yet to be added or changed and all text can still be added to and amended.

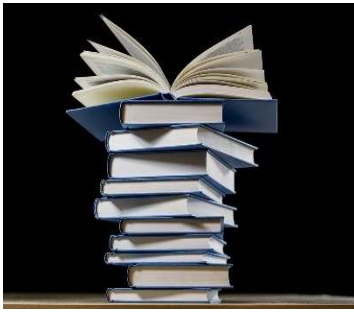
All suggestions gratefully received and if anybody would like to volunteer to write some content, that would be wonderful!

KNIT & KNATTER GROUP

The K&N group continues to meet on Wednesday mornings after communion at approximately 1115. New members are always welcome.

On Wednesday 1 May, the Church will close earlier at 1215.





BOOK AND READING DISCUSSION GROUP


The Book Group will be meeting again on Thursday 23 May at 2.30pm in Willows Café, Brook Street, Broughty Ferry. New members are most welcome. The book under discussion will be 'Slow Horses by Mike Herron.

The *Slough House* books follow a group of MI5 spies who've been relegated to a shabby, dead-end office because they've each made serious, career-ending mistake. They've been written off as useless, but the truth is that many are much more competent than their assignment might suggest. This first entry in the series introduces us to the characters in *Slough House* – the place where failed spies go to run out the clock on their careers. For the most part, they do low-stakes busy work with no real significance. That all changes when a young man is abducted, and his kidnappers threaten to broadcast his beheading live on the internet. The slow horses see connections between the case and what they've been observing; a perfect opportunity to try and redeem themselves.

BOOKHOUSE LITERARY EVENTS IN ST MARY'S

THE BOOKHOUSE

Author Event Schedule 2024





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MAR

DOUG JOHNSTONE


SCIENCE FICTION





MARION TODD AND LYNNE MCEWAN

SCOTTISH CRIME



10


MAY


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MAY

VICTORIA MACKENZIE


HISTORICAL FICTION





KATE FOSTER AND ELIZABETH MACNEAL

HISTORICAL FICTION




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JUN

All events are held in St Marys Church, 164 Queen Street, Broughty Ferry, Dundee

An Independent, Family-run business. The Bookhouse, 41 Gray Street, Broughty Ferry, Dundee

Scan the code for more info/tickets or visit The Bookhouse



Further details www.thebookhousebroughtyferry.co.uk/pages/future-events

The Bookhouse, operating in the Ferry, has been hosting Book launches and talks with Scottish Authors for the past year at St. Mary's. Of the next line-up of 4 bookings, on 31st May at 7:30pm will showcase a debut novel about Margery Kempe and Julian of Norwich fictionally meeting; evidently, this one-year-old book has won numerous English, Irish and Scottish awards already.

Normally, one of Bookhouse staff interview the authors; but, due to its religious nature, Mark-Aaron has been asked to conduct the interview with Victoria Mackenzie. Tickets are £5 and include a glass of something and we hope that you will find the chat interesting and revealing.

OLD AND REDUNDANT SPECTACLES, GLASSES AND EYEWEAR



Do you have any old and redundant prescription glasses, spectacles or eyewear (reading and dark lenses) that are tucked away in a drawer or hidden somewhere in a cupboard of no longer a useful purpose? If you have, then please bring them to St Mary's and put them in the box provided, as Fiona will take them down to Irvines, Optometrists and Opticians, Gray Street Broughty Ferry where they will be collected and sent off to a third world country. Cases and boxes are not required.

ST MARY'S AND FAIRTRADE

St Mary's has long been associated with Fairtrade and has been serving Fairtrade and Carbon Neutral Coffee for a considerable period of time, although this hasn't extended to Fairtrade tea and snacks which will be rectified in the future.

Dundee City Council has recently celebrated their 20th anniversary of being a Fairtrade City and our Diocese is committed to the Fairtrade principles and it is hoped that St. Mary's revisits those principles as well as the Carbon Neutral initiative, particularly considering the Provincial Net Zero 2030 commitments to which we are obliged to comply.

The Rector will be inviting Mary Popple, Chair from True Origins (<https://www.trueorigin.org.uk/>) to talk to us, in a few months, about Fairtrade etc. More details to follow in due course.



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EASTER CHICKS AND BUNNIES' GIVEAWAY

The K&N ladies once again excelled themselves this year by knitting over 102 Easter chicks and bunnies which were filled with either a Cadbury's mini egg or Lindt chocolate balls.

These were given away to the local folk in the 'Ferry. During the most appalling weather, we ventured forth, giving the chicks and bunnies to local businesses and people who were so grateful and taken aback by the generous gesture.

Everyone from the bus driver and people waiting at the bus stop, the Honda dealership staff, Wallace's Vets reception and medical staff, Smile dental staff, the lads in the tyre fitting depot, and people in other local businesses and charities cheered up no end!!

A heartfelt 'big thank you' goes to the knitters together with the generosity of those who bought the eggs for this annual project.



PLASTIC FREE BROUGHTY FERRY

Beach Clean 2024 Dates

7th January	7th July
4th February	4th August
3rd March	1st September
7th April	6th October
5th May	3rd November
2nd June	1st December

The meeting place is opposite the tennis court (Near the Glass Pavilion restaurant) Until further notice.

Gloves, pickers and bags provided - Everyone is Welcome !

OH, I DO LIKE TO BE BESIDE THE SEASIDE!

The calendar for the Broughty Ferry Beach Clean dates is on the poster advertised.

If any members of St Mary's would like to volunteer to help at the next Beach Clean, it takes place on Sunday 5 May at 1100.

BOTANIC GARDEN ANNUAL PLANT SALE DAY & GARDEN OPEN

The Botanic Garden is holding their annual Plant Sale Day on Saturday 25 May from 1100 to 1500. Lots of stalls with family activities focusing on the science of plants and the environment and a small plant sale run by the Friends of the Garden.

OPEN GARDEN

Garden open at St Brides Cottage (Alison and Donald Gordon) under Scotland's Garden Scheme (SGS). Saturday and Sunday 15-16 June, 1-5pm. Proceeds to SGS and Diabetes UK.



PENTECOST SUNDAY SONGS OF PRAISE AND CELEBRATION

A service will be held at St Margaret's Barnhill on Sunday 19 May at 1830. This Pentecost gathering will be an opportunity to celebrate 50 years of shared witness and service offered by the Broughty Ferry Churches Group with the service in the form of "Songs of Praise". Church members are encouraged to submit a favourite song or hymn for inclusion in the service, with perhaps a short comment, explaining their choice and its significance to them.

Please submit your choices to Rosemary, Enza or Rev Mark-Aaron before Sunday 4 May.

RAISING AWARENESS OF DOMESTIC ABUSE

A pilot session for Brechin Diocese is to be held in **St Mary's at 1400 on Saturday 25 May.**

Encouraged by Bishop Andrew, Mrs Isabelle Pottinger from the Scottish Mothers' Union Domestic Abuse Committee will give an illustrated talk on this important topic so often hidden from sight. Clergy, safe-guarding officers and any other interested parties from all the charges in the Diocese have been urged to attend. Representatives from Dundee Women's Aid have been invited to join us. The talk will be followed by questions, discussions and refreshments.

As St Mary's is hosting this event, we hope that our church members will be keen to show their support.

SUNDAY ROTAS FOR MAY

05-May-24	Easter 6	Reader	Intercessor	Welcomers
White	HCs	AG	EH	DR
	Evensong	HM		MR
09-May-24	Ascension Day			
White	HCs	HM	Rector or EG	HM & DGR
12-May-24	Easter 7			
White	HCs	FW	CD	MR & FW
19-May-24	The Day of Pentecost			
Red	HCs	RS	Rector	RS & GS
26-May-24	Trinity Sunday			
White	HCs	GS	RT	L & AS

ST MARY'S CONVIVIAL LUNCH CLUB

Our next lunch will take place once again in the Milton House Hotel at 1215 on Saturday 8 June 2024. 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.



..... AND FINALLY

OPENING

Castle Green – Broughty Ferry

Join us on Monday 6th May 2024 from 11am on Castle Green to celebrate the completion of the NCN 1 Broughty Ferry to Monifieth active travel project!

A ribbon-cutting ceremony will take place at midday, followed by refreshments by Braw Tea Café.

Come and enjoy cycling activities with the Dundee Cycle Hub:

- Try one of many odd balls or adaptive bikes
- Test yourself on the Bike Skills Track
- Get your bike checked with Dr Bike

Find out who won the competition to name the new bronze Dolphins, one of seven new artworks installed along the route.

Learn how to spot dolphins with St Andrews University experts or to make one with the artist, Fanny Lam Christie.

We hope to see you there



Learn more about the project on our website:

broughtyferryactivetravel.com

