

ST MARY'S NEWS



Welcome to **April's** newsletter. If you have any ideas 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 (H&S and Buildings Manager)
 Sue Rowe
 Jean McGuinness
 Fiona Walthall (Secretary)

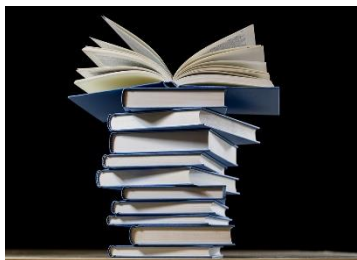
APRIL SUNDAY MORNINGS ROTA

07-Apr-24	<i>Reader</i>	<i>Intercessor</i>	<i>Welcomers</i>	Preaching	Presiding	Assisting
White	HM	SR	HM & MR	SR	SR	LT
14-Apr-24						
White	FW	CD	LS & AS	M-A+	M-A+	RT
21-Apr-24						
White	RS	LT	DR & RS		M-A+	EG
28-Apr-24						
White	GS	RT	GS & AG	M-A+	M-A+	LT

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



BOOK AND READING DISCUSSION GROUP

The Book Group will be meeting again on Thursday 4 April at 2.30pm in Willows Café, Brook Street, Broughty Ferry. New members are most welcome. The book under discussion will be Matthew Kneale's, '**English Passengers**'. This presents the diverse and often conflicting perspectives of a remarkable cast of characters—including British convicts, government officials, missionaries who impose their European standards and self-serving rules on the native population, aboriginal Tasmanians caught in a desperate struggle for survival, and members of a bizarre expedition searching for the Garden of Eden. The narrative begins in 1857, as Captain Iliam Quillian Kewley of the Sincerity, thwarted in his plans to smuggle tobacco and brandy into England, is forced to put his boat up for charter. He soon finds himself bound for the Pacific, carrying not only his well-hidden contraband but also the Reverend Geoffrey Wilson, an eccentric vicar out to prove that the Biblical Garden of Eden lies in the heart of Tasmania; Dr. Thomas Potter, an arrogant scientist developing a revolutionary and sinister theory about the races of mankind; and Timothy Renshaw, a diffident young botanist. Each man offers a highly personalized record of the high seas adventures and internecine feuds that mark the voyage.

BOOKHOUSE LITERARY EVENTS IN ST MARY'S

THE BOOKHOUSE

Author Event Schedule 2024




29
MAR

**DOUG
JOHNSTONE**
SCIENCE FICTION





**MARION TODD AND
LYNNE MCEWAN**
SCOTTISH CRIME




10
MAY

31
MAY

**VICTORIA
MACKENZIE**
HISTORICAL FICTION






**KATE FOSTER AND
ELIZABETH MACNEAL**
HISTORICAL FICTION



20
JUN

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

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



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

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



**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 closer, therefore planning continues apace as almost all the tables are sold, except 2! Many more for donations of any kind for the raffle and tombola are needed: unwanted Christmas presents, bottles of wine, boxes of chocolate, smellies, etc. Please bring them to church or if you want them uplifted, please let Fiona Walthall know.



KNIT AND KNATTER GROUP

The K&N group will continue on Wednesday mornings after communion at approximately 1115.

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. Please let Rosemary Stirling or Reverend Mark-Aaron know if you can help serve refreshments. Donations of tray bakes and small cakes are required to be served along with the refreshments.



VOCATIONS SUNDAY

The College of Bishops confirmed that the 4th Sunday after Easter would be kept as 'Vocations Sunday' in the Scottish Episcopal Church which falls on Sunday 21 April and is a day when we are invited to think about God's calling to us, to consider what 'calling' means for us, and how we may best use our gifts and talents in God's service. We all have a vocation as Christians to follow Jesus, to proclaim the gospel and to make God's love known to all. We each have different abilities, gifts and talents that enable us to fulfil different ministries in the church. It's important to remember that the word 'vocation' simply means calling as every one of us has a calling and a distinct vocation. From the youngest to the oldest, from the most confident to the least, we can only answer God's call if we have listened for his voice. Are we listening?

However young or old we are, none of us are the finished product. We are all works in progress. We're constantly learning new things about ourselves. Could God be calling you to a new thing? Our calling can often come from a sense of inner conviction and discernment. And it can come through the encouragement and affirmation of others. Each of our vocations contribute to our Christian life together. Our Christian communities can only grow and thrive when every member offers their contribution to the well-being of the whole.

Whatever form this takes, and all vocations are equally important, whether as a welcomer, intercessor, scripture reader, worship leader, coffee maker, deacon, priest, lay reader, we need to be assured that we are where God wants us to be. And we must constantly listen for the voice of God calling us to new things. As you begin to recognise how God has been leading you to this point; you recognise the gifts and skills that you have been blessed with, and how these can be offered for God's Church. Do you have that persistent sense that God might be calling you to offer your God given talents and skills to serve as a lay intercessor, a welcomer, flower arranger, prayer companion, visitor, etc. or perhaps an ordained person?

St Mary's is asking for people to join the intercessor, the reader, the welcomer, and the server lists to name a few. All training will be given as needed.

From Isaiah we ask: "Is it I, Lord?". Are we willing to respond: "Here am I Lord, send me."?