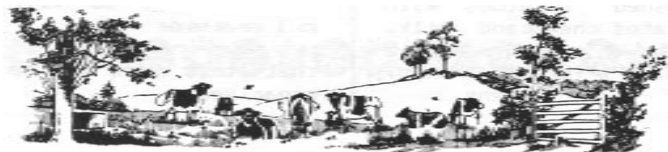
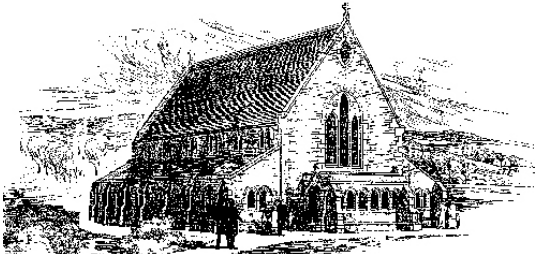




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Sharing the joy of Christ's love with all





SERVICES & EVENTS
Kalender Feb. / March 2013

Sundays 9.00 am *Eucharist (not Feb.)* 11.00am *(Sung) Eucharist (Alt. Rites Feb.)*
There is no Sunday School /Mini Mungo Club at present, but children are always welcome at our services.
Story cards and Children's Communion Books are always available.

Wednesdays in the Lady Chapel 10.00 am *Eucharist*

Holy Week 2013

Monday - 7.00pm Eucharist followed by Stations of the Cross.

Tuesday - No services.

Wednesday - 10.00am Eucharist (followed by Stations if desired.)

Holy Thursday - 6.00pm NB time Sung Eucharist followed by Vigil.

Good Friday - 9.00am Stations of the Cross, followed by Ecumenical Walk of Witness.
2.00pm Good Friday Liturgy.

Holy Saturday The Vigil - Lighting of Paschal Candles, Re-renewal of Batismal Promises,
Service of Light. (Time to be decided depending on sunset!)



Easter Day 9.00am + 11.00am
The Eucharists.

The Holy (Maundy) Thursday Liturgy requires the presence of a priest, so I have to preside at St. Mungo's and then go to St. Michael's for 8.00pm.

If you include the Washing of the Feet, would someone take responsibility for organizing it and speak to me about what is required? Thank you.

Monday's and Good Friday's Stations of the Cross will be at St. Mungo's for both churches because your Stations have been so lovingly depicted that they should be used.

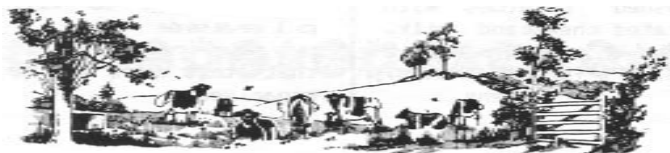
Please remember that Holy Week is one of the most important times in the Christian Calendar. The best way of witnessing to its importance is to attend as many of the liturgies as possible - and invite interested friends if you can.

Readers and Intercessors Rota: February / March 2013

9 am Eucharist Reader (RCL Year C)	11 am Sung Eucharist Reader (RCL, Year C)	Intercessor
3rd February N/A 4th Sunday after Epiphany (Green)	Iain 1970 Liturgy Jeremiah 1.4-10 Psalm 71.1-6 1 Corinthians 13.1-13 Luke 4.21-30	Pat B.
10th February N/A Sunday before Lent	Pauline 1982 Liturgy Exodus 34.29-35 Psalm 99 2 Corinthians 3.12 - 4.2 Luke 9.28b -36	Fiona W
17th February N/A 1st Sunday of Lent	Jean B. 1970 Liturgy Deuteronomy 26.1-11 Psalm 91.1-2, 9-16 Romans 10.8b-13 Luke 4.1-13	Jim M
24th February N/A 2nd Sunday of Lent	Iain 1982 Liturgy Genesis 15.1-12, 17-18 Psalm 27 Philippians 3.17 - 4.1 Luke 13.31-35	Pauline
3rd March Peter 3rd Sunday of Lent	Jim M Isaiah 55.1-9 Psalm 63.1-8 1 Corinthians 10.1-13 Luke 13.1-9	Iain
10th March John S. 4th Sunday of Lent (Mothering Sunday)	Pauline Joshua 5.9-12 Psalm 32 2 Corinthians 5.16-21 Luke 15.1-3, 11b-32	Pat B
17th March Celebrant 5th Sunday of Lent	Jean B. Isaiah 43.16-21 Psalm 126 Philippians 3.4b-14 John 12. 1-8	Fiona W
24th March John S. Palm Sunday (Red or violet)	Jock S-P Isaiah 50.4-9a Psalm 31.9-16 Philippians 2.5-11 Luke 23.1-49	Pauline
31st March Celebrant Easter Day (White)	Iain Isaiah 65.17-25 Psalm 118.1-2, 14-24 Acts 10.34-43 Luke 24.1-12	Jim M

13th February Ash Wednesday 10:00 Eucharist

24th - 30th March Holy Week See Services inside front cover



From David Cook, Interim Priest-in-Charge

Dear Friends,

One of my daughters works as a volunteer at the Glasgow City Mission. She was telling me yesterday that the numbers of clients attending the Mission's drop-in services in an evening have risen markedly in the last few months - up to 150 per evening now. She also says that the number of food-parcels being handed out has increased a lot, and many of these are going to families. In the case of families, despite what the politicians and the gutter-press would have us believe, the big majority have at least one member working. So they are not 'scroungers' or 'lazy skivers', but their income is not nearly enough to cover the increasing costs of food, power, heating, travel to work, etc.

These are the people in whom the political and economic 'movers-&-shakers' of 21st Century Britain have no interest. M.r Cameron's 'Big Society' was going to help them, but the help was not going to come from the Government or the welfare system; it was going to come from the charitable sector, including the Christian Churches. Well, the jury is still out on this one, but it looks more and more as if the woes created by the economic recession and government-imposed austerity measures are causing a far, far greater demand than 'Big Society' charitable works can cope with.

Nevertheless, we are still called to try

and do our part, which St. Mungo's folk are doing by supporting the work of the Glasgow City Mission, by delivering the Christmas parcels so generously made up by the Guides who use our hall, and by supporting the numerous charities which I know you help. Whatever we do to help is but a drop in the ocean, but as the old woman said, Every little bit helps. (I won't give you the context, but it is nothing to do with Tesco!) The charitable work of every congregation, Mothers' Union branch, youth group, Guide/Scout troop, is important because it adds up. And if one of these groups has to drop out, then the practical work of 'loving our neighbour' is diminished.

Which brings me round to saying that for these reasons, let alone the worship of Almighty God, it is essential for St. Mungo's to continue as a living and active community of Christians. But a church cannot stay viable and alive if insufficient people attend its services or give financial support. Which is why it is your major responsibility, as members of St. Mungo's, to ensure that your church remains viable and alive.

Vestry members, and Pauline and I, are, therefore, rather worried that, even with only with only one Sunday service at present, worshipping numbers are sometimes quite low. Gaynor our Treasurer has also warned us that income from giving has declined noticeably.

And I have to say that we were very disappointed at the poor attendance for the Annual General Meeting, which has meant we had to adjourn, and then call a second part of the AGM.

What I am saying is that, if we want St. Mungo's to continue to be a viable and active church community, and to continue to make its contribution to the religious life of the Vale, and also to be able to help, even in a small way, the increasing number of folk who cannot cope on their own as the economic situation worsens, then we must make

that special effort to be in church on a Sunday morning and to be as generous as possible in our financial support for our church.

We may feel like saying that we really just want St. Mungo's to keep ticking over 'until it sees me out', and then it doesn't matter any more. But that is overlooking the fact that God still has an important work for our church to do - if only we will just make ourselves available to Him.

God Bless you all. *David Cook.*

VESTRY NOTES

It was disappointing that we did not have enough communicant members of St Mungo's to provide a quorum for the AGM on 2nd December 2012 and had to adjourn the meeting until January 2013. This meant that we were unable to send a copy of the accounts to the Diocese by the required date.

There was a great congregation for the service of Nine Lessons and Carols on 23rd December and extra copies of the service sheet had to be printed. We were very pleased to have the Guides and their families there along with a number of visitors. The Guides had made hampers with candles and goodies which they presented to St Mungo's. These were distributed to people who have not been well recently and were received with great delight.

Progress continues on the renovation of the Rectory. Some windows have been replaced, a new kitchen and bathroom fitted. There is some essential electrical upgrading work to be undertaken and complete redecoration inside and out. The vestry will meet with the Dean within the next few weeks to discuss an advertisement for a new Priest (subject to the Bishop's approval).

I am pleased to report that the adjourned AGM was completed today 20th January 2013. Jean Brown and Jim Biddulph stood down from the vestry as they have completed three years service for which we thank them very much. Andrew Baxter

and Rachel Tough were elected to serve three years. The congregation discussed the vacancy and offered advice to the vestry in regards to discussion with the Dean.

Stewart Murdoch has decided to take a well earned retirement from his position as Priest's Warden – one which he has held for more years than he cares to remember!!

The vestry will miss his presence, knowledge and quiet, thoughtful advice. Thanks to Stewart and Jessie for all their devoted work for St Mungo's over so many years and we know that their inspirational support will continue.

We look forward to the Pastoral Visit of Bishop Gregor on Sunday 17th February and hope that as many St Mungo's people as possible attend the Eucharist at 11am. It is planned to have a Lent Lunch after the service.

GROWTH STRATEGY UPDATE

We have now reached Stage 3 in our Mission Action Plan to encourage Growth at St Mungo's.

Two strands will be addressed initially:

1. Worship, prayer and spirituality by means of:

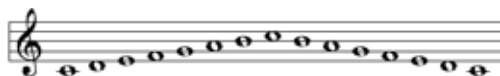
- Establishing a regular prayer group
- Establishing a circle of prayer for use of all church members whether they are in church or elsewhere
- Investigating the possibilities of Lent/Advent discussion groups
- In the medium term we will consider the possibilities of introducing a regular family service and ask if residents of local care/nursing homes would welcome services.
- In the longer term we would like to make changes to the Lady Chapel to make it into a warm, comfortable and quiet space for small services etc. and will work to establish how this may be accomplished and funded.

2. Welcome, integration and numerical growth by means of:

- Removing trees which are over-shadowing the church to make it more open and visible to the community
- Improving the weekly service sheet
- Making sure that the noticeboards are up to date and informative

- Investigating the possibility of establishing a monthly lunch club to provide companionship and opportunity to get to know people better
- Considering holding vestry social events
- Considering the possibilities of having banners to display details of events/services

You may have noticed that some of these have been achieved in part but there is quite a way to go and lots of opportunity to contribute to the process. If St Mungo's is to survive and thrive we need to grow, not just in numbers but in depth of love and commitment to Christ, to one another and to the community.



Monthly Rota for February into April

Sidesmen/women Rota

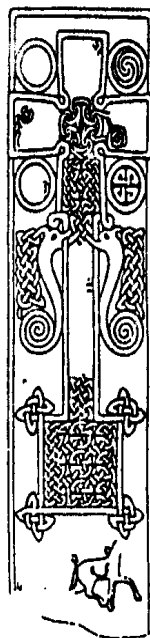
Alicia S.	Feb. 10th and Mar. 17th
Tom and Ian M.	Feb. 17th and Mar. 24th
Jean Brown	Feb. 24th and Mar. 31st
Tom and Ian M.	Mar. 3rd and Apr. 7th
Bob McL	Feb. 3rd and Mar. 10th

Cleaning Rota

Fiona and Jean	March 3rd
Lynnette	March 10th
Eveline	March 17th
Finella and Jean	Feb. 3rd and March 24th
Iona and Mary	Feb. 10th and March 31st
Margaret and Robert	Feb. 17th and April 7th
Rachel and Iain	Feb 24th

Flowers

FS	February 3rd
J M	February 10th and April 7th



No flowers from February 17th till 31st March