

# Holytown Parish Church

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## Welcome!

Welcome along to your new look Church Newsletter!

I hope that you will enjoy reading your newsletter and you will bear with me whilst I find my feet in putting it all together. Just remember, this truly is **your** newsletter so please get in touch with me with articles you would like included and feedback on what you have read.

Please let me know what you would like to see included going forward by speaking to me in Church or by contacting me at;

[holytownpsnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:holytownpsnewsletter@gmail.com)

I hope to build on the great work which Margaret has done over the years and keep you all up to date on the many goings on of the Church and the good work it does in the community.

Happy reading!

Lucy



### Spring Fayre

Everything you need to know about the Spring Fayre this May.



### Children's Corner

A little space for the little members of the congregation!



### Much Ado About Dover

Andy Ramsay shares his thoughts on his recent trip to Dover.

## A Note from the Minister...

With the appearance of the snowdrops in the garden I have been driven to a spot of Spring-cleaning!

I am also determined the Christmas tree is not going back into the cupboard until the cupboard is cleared out because there is evidence of little visitors having come to visit the manse in that cupboard - so in the hall the tree will stay until the cupboard is cleared out!

Anyway, needing to be brave enough to go into that cupboard I decided to start instead with a few drawers and cupboards and my study, which always seems to need constant spring-cleaning.

So while tidying out my study I came across a pile of cards I had kept and inside one was a piece of white card and on it was written meticulously in gold pen the following words:

"My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going. I do not see the road ahead of me. I cannot know for certain where it will end. Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think that I am following your will does not mean that I am actually doing so. But I believe that the desire to please you does in fact please you. And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing. I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire. And I know that if I do this you will lead me by the right road though I may know nothing about it. Therefore will I trust you always though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death. I will not fear, for you are ever with me, and you will never leave me to face my perils alone."

These are the words of Thomas Merton penned in his 'Thoughts in Solitude'.

However, to me these were and are still very precious, special and meaningful words - words which evoke wonderful memories of someone no longer with us; someone who accompanied me throughout the whole time I was trying to discern if God really wanted me - if he really was calling me to leave behind my teaching career and become a Minister of Word and Sacrament; someone whose encouragement saw me through the whole discernment process and beyond - into my University life, my church placements and here in my first charge; someone who had great faith that I was actually doing the right thing by answering God's call.

Yet, I think these words are for everyone, for every occasion and every time of life. For many the time we do not know where we are going - we can't always see the road ahead - we think we are doing the right thing - the thing that is pleasing to God - we hope we are because we want to do God's will - but sometimes we question ourselves.

However, if we do as these words say and trust always in God; fear not for he is with us always and believe he will not let us



face anything alone - then he will lead us on the right road and in the right direction.

These are precious words, special words and words worth remembering particularly at the start of a new year but not just then and not just when we are doubting either or when we feel in peril - but words worth remembering always trust God and let him show you the way.

Blessings

Caryl

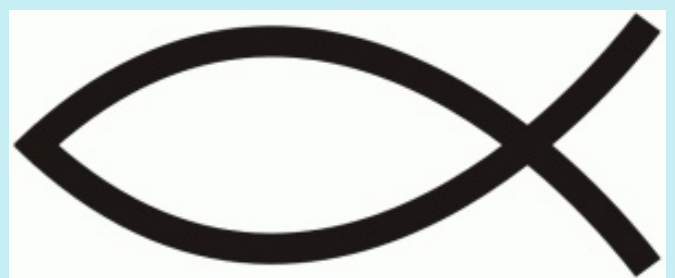
## Church Holiday

You may remember in our September issue I was inviting you to let me know if you would be interested in a church holiday together. Well at that time I got a few names and a few more have spoken to me since then.

Now I would just like to remind everyone once again and ask that if you might be interested in a wee trip away for about three days then do let me know as soon as possible – this is for couples and singles – the more the merrier.

We can then have a wee night together to discuss where and when we would like to go and what we might like to do while we are there!

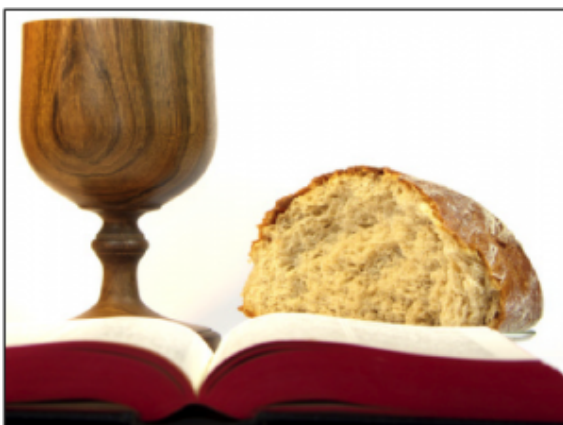
Caryl



## Exploring Church Membership

It is some time now since we have held an 'Exploring Church Membership Class' with a view to people becoming new members of our church fellowship. If you would be interested in taking part in such a class then please do speak to me and we can arrange a time to meet.

Caryl



***You are invited to share in Communion  
on Sunday 5th March, 2017  
at Holytown Parish Church.***



## Spring Fayre - Saturday 13th May 2017

The Spring Fayre will be held on Saturday 13th May, 2017 from 11am til 2pm. Last year's fayre was a great success and we hope that this year's will be even better!

Unfortunately, due to a lack of people baking for the fayre, there will be no 'Cake and Candy' stall this year. We usually have sixteen to twenty bakers but last year this number was down to seven. We are therefore appealing to those who are able, to dust off the mixing bowl and whisk from the back of the cupboard and bake something for the tea room. From humble scones to cakes which wouldn't look out of place on the Great British Bake Off, all contributions are welcome. Please speak to Isa Hinshelwood if you are able to help out.

This year the stalls will include; The Tea Room (*The Guild*), Burger and Hot Dog stand (*K Bell & June*), Unwanted Gifts (*Girls Brigade*), Yellow-Themed Stall (*Snr Girls Brigade*), Games (*Boys Brigade*), Fancy Goods & Home Knits (*B McKenzie & B Reid*), Silent Auction (*G Kyle & T Stewart*), Lucky Dips (*N McCartney & S Reid*), Jewellery (*Amanda Brown*) and Face Painting (*TBA*). Tablet will also be on sale.

The committee have asked that you hand in any unwanted gifts and gift bags. The hall will be open at 6pm on the night before the fayre in order to set up the stalls and receive goods for sale. It will again open from 9:30am on the morning of the fayre to continue preparations.

***Tea tickets for the fayre cost £2.50 and quiz sheets, which can be bought from any session or board member, cost £1.***

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The committee is comprised of; L Baillie, K Bell, I Hinshelwood, I Houston, B Jenkins, M McNeil, S Reid, T Stewart and S McCartney (Treasurer).



## Thank You!

*If you have a message of thanks you would like to share with the congregation, please let me know and I can include it in a future edition.*

Cathie Docherty would like to thank everyone for the cards, flowers and gifts which she received following her operation. Cathie would like you to know that they are very much appreciated!

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I would like to thank everyone most sincerely for the gifts I received when I retired as Magazine Editor. The certificate, signed by the Moderator of the General Assembly, thrilled me. The voucher will soon be put to good use when I use it to pay part of the cost of a holiday to Garve. This will be a new experience for me as I have never before travelled with David Urquhart Travel. I also love the pen set. Your kindness was really overwhelming.

When the magazine was introduced away back in January 1957 it was quite a revolution as so few of the churches round about had one. On one occasion, while preparing the material for printing, it was good that dogs, even big dogs, did not worry me. A friend of the minister arrived with a wolfhound. Quickly Dr Richmond warned me, "Don't speak to the dog in English. He only understands German". I had to resurrect some German from my school days to make friends with this enormous dog.

Geordie Gilchrist gave all of us a really good laugh on one occasion when he called at the Manse. He told Dr Richmond that the difference between him and his predecessor, Rev James McLeman was, "Mr McLeman was a Baptist but you are a Christian".

Once again, my sincere thanks to all of you. I do appreciate your kindness.

Margaret P Milne

## Sunday Readers

5th March	David Shaw
12th March	Margaret Milne
19th March	Jim Smith
26th March	Kirsty Shaw

2nd April	Paula Spiers
9th April	Christine Bell
16th April	Glen Baillie
23rd April	Betty Reid
30th April	Graham Kyle

7th May	Ian Houston
14th May	Kirsty Shaw
21st May	Margaret Milne
28th May	David Shaw

4th June	Jim Smith
11th June	Glen Baillie
18th June	Graham Kyle
25th June	David Paterson

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**"Spring flowers are in blossom all over. The whole world's a choir - and singing! Spring warblers are filling the forest with sweet arpeggios. Lilacs are exuberantly purple and perfumed, and cherry trees fragrant with blossoms. Oh, get up, dear friend, my fair and beautiful lover - come to me!"**

Song of Solomon, 2:12-13



## Social Committee / Friends of Holytown

May McNeil

Thank you to all who supported the events of the Social Committee during 2016. You will see from our funds that we have been making some progress on our fundraising and we thank you for your support. We are continuing our efforts with the Smartie tubes. Please feel free to uplift your Smartie tube(s) from the vestibule of the Church and return it when you can.

*Be a 'SMARTIE' and fill a tube with 20p pieces!*

*We've given you these Smarties to eat,  
But the empty tube you must keep,  
20p pieces are what you need to find,  
Ask friends and family, they won't mind,  
Fill up your tube right to the top,  
Return in 4 weeks for our fundraising pot!*



Please find below a statement of the funds raised between March to December 2016 by the Friends of Holytown;

Smarties	1,320.00
Donations	50.00
Social Evening	700.00
Scottish Night	350.00
<b><u>TOTAL</u></b>	<b><u>£2,420.00</u></b>

So far in 2017, £90 has already been raised from the Smartie tube collection!

### SHINE Youth Music Theatre

Children of Eden – Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> – Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2017 at Motherwell Concert Hall (Preferred date is Friday 17<sup>th</sup>)

Retelling the story of the creation through the great flood and Noah's Ark. Watch the story unfold as the cast of 130 perform this incredibly powerful story and present one of their most spectacular productions ever. For those interested, please add your name to the sheet at the front of the vestibule or contact [may.mcneil1965@gmail.com](mailto:may.mcneil1965@gmail.com). Tickets cost £16.00.

# Heart & Soul

It is our intention to run a bus to Heart & Soul 2017. The Event takes place on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May in Princess Street Gardens, Edinburgh. Our minister will host a joint service at Holytown Church that day and thereafter a bus will take those interested to the event. Some of us who have attended before can highly recommend it. There is an opportunity for you to visit the capital, stroll through the gardens at the many stalls with exhibitions on the life of the Church. Listen to live music and enjoy the Fellowship. The event is suitable for all age groups and we would encourage you all to attend. There will be a small charge, simply to cover the cost of the coach.

## *What is Heart and Soul?*

In 2011, The Church of Scotland decided that not enough was done to celebrate the life and work of the church, with those who very much keep it alive and working – the members, volunteers, ministers, and congregations alike! It was then that we hosted our first public celebration in Princes Street Gardens, called "Roll Away the Stone".

With live music, arts, exhibitions, and a massed open-air worship in the gardens' Ross theatre, the event proved itself successful in bringing our church family together.

It was in 2012, that Heart and Soul became the new incarnation of Roll Away the Stone, and has stuck with us each year since – building on the vibrant atmosphere every time.

As ever, Heart and Soul 2017 promises an exciting programme for all ages; with even more live music and performances on either of our "main stages", more energy and fun in our children and youth zones, and an even greater worship experience – all with Jesus at the centre.

We hope you can join us on Sunday 21st May.

If you have any questions about Heart and Soul or any of the others matters for the Friends of Holytown, please contact May McNeil.

## Flower List

Thank you to those who have already provided flowers to decorate the church so far this year. There are still a few vacant Sundays available should anyone wish to place flowers in the church.

March 5th	A Taylor
March 12th	I McNally
March 19th	B McKenzie
March 26th	C Docherty
April 2nd	C Dunns
April 9th	L Baillie
April 16th	L Reid
April 23rd	C Bell
April 30th	C Menzies
May 7th	D Paterson
May 14th	I Hinshelwood
May 21st	U Smith
May 28th	N McPherson



# The Guild

Christine Duns

The Guild meets every Wednesday in the Michael Sherry Centre at 7:15pm. The session begins in October and runs through to March.

Our first guest of the session was our minister, Caryl, who rededicated our Guild. A great night of fellowship was enjoyed and we thank Caryl for this.

The theme of the guild this year is 'Joy' and we certainly have had many variations of that from the speakers we have had - we had a poet; a lady from The House of Colour who educated us on colours and moods; a lady from the Moira Anderson Centre who spoke to us on how the foundation was set up; a visit from Helen Bryden and her husband who spoke to us about The Salvation Army; a local lad, a park ranger, who came along and showed us slides and spoke to us about local wildlife.

Our very own Stewart McNeil came along with his cousin Jim on Burns Night - they played their guitars and sang Burns' songs and spun a few yarns and we had a lovely evening. At Christmas we had another local man, Peter Gardner and his fellow musicians. Again, a lovely evening was had by all.

We had a talk from a Street Pastor working in Glasgow and a lady from Christian Aid talking about the 'Caring for Mother Earth' in Bolivia project. The Guild supports this charity and their aim is to raise £100,000 over three years.

The Historical Society also came along and spoke to us about the villages of Holytown and New Stevenson in earlier years. Many of the Guild could relate to many of the pictures shown and a trip down memory lane was relived.

The evenings are always enjoyable and the speakers are very much welcomed and appreciated. A lovely cup of tea is always provided and I am sure if you come along you would enjoy the evening.

So the invitation is open to both men and women - please come along and join us in fellowship. We would be delighted to welcome you!





## Fellowship Group

The Fellowship Group meets on a Thursday afternoon from 1.30pm to 3.30pm in the Church Hall where folks can enjoy Indoor Bowling, a variety of games, the odd quiz and some good music if called for. Chit chat is always to the fore. Tea and biscuits and sometimes cake is provided.

Normally we have around twelve people that attend but we are keen to add a few more to our group.

Please come along and meet with us on Thursdays at 1:30pm. If you have any queries, please contact Bill Jenkins.

## Boys Brigade

All sections of the Boys Brigade recently had a visit from the RLNI where they were shown slides and videos showing the work of their volunteers carrying out their work helping others.

As part of the presentation, they showed the boys some interesting links between the Boys Brigade and the RNLI.

The boys will be doing a sponsored walk soon and the money raised will be presented to the RNLI at a later date at an event in Millport.

Some of our Junior Section boys have recently taken part in the battalion's 'potted sports' competition held in Bellshill West Parish Church Hall. This is an annual event that the boys have done well in recently. Well done boys and good luck with this year's competition!

## OVER TO YOU!

What would you like to see in this newsletter? Do you have something to share with the congregation that you would like to include in the next edition? Please speak to me if you have any queries - after all, this is your newsletter.

**Please note that the deadline for the Summer Edition of the newsletter is Wednesday 10th May 2017.**

*Lucy*

## WOULD YOU LIKE TO RECEIVE YOUR NEWSLETTER VIA EMAIL?

You will always have the option to read a hard copy of the newsletter. However, if you would prefer to receive your copy via email, please let me know either by telling me in Church or via: [holytownpsnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:holytownpsnewsletter@gmail.com)

This may also prove a good way for people who do not stay locally to keep in touch with the work of the church so please encourage such people to get in touch!

If you receive your newsletter by email and decide you prefer to receive a hard copy, you can be easily unsubscribed.

## Stand up, Stand up for JESUS

Stewart McNeil

I've quite a few favourite hymns that we don't hear so much these days. One is 'I'm not ashamed to own my Lord or to defend his cause'. Another is the rousing 'Stand up, stand up for Jesus' and another is 'Who is on the Lord's side?'. Among other things I guess they are statements; for when you sing hymns such as these, you are making it clear to anyone who knows you exactly what camp you are in. These hymns are an opportunity to sing out and tell God that we are in his team and that we are not afraid or embarrassed to say so.

Despite my rapidly advancing years, I am one of the many who access Facebook on a daily basis. For those who don't know what this is, it is a facility for keeping in contact with people, it can be an alternative form of news provider, it can provide opportunities to buy goods and services and it is a medium where all this and other things beside may be shared. It can be accessed via a mobile telephone, a tablet or a computer. The information can be in the form of words only, words supported by pictures or video clips or sound clips. I suppose the same caution should be urged while being the recipients from this source as the caution we are learning to deploy when dealing with data/information/news from internationally recognised corporations like the BBC, ITV and CNN. There's hardly a day passes without hearing people talking about the spin broadcasters, journalists and politicians can deploy when sharing news or information. When the same news is received from a variety of different sources without varying much, maybe we can be a little more confident in its accuracy. Based on this assumption, I believe pieces of news I have heard on Facebook and from other written sources (Barnabas Fund) about Christians being tortured because of their faith, young Christians being subjected to horrific types of punishment rather than betraying their brothers and sisters in Christ, Christian minorities being persecuted. These are situations we rarely (if ever) hear about from our main news providers. How can this be? When I hear about situations like this I wonder how I would behave or respond if I lived in parts of the world where these anti-Christian practices are a frequent occurrence. I would love to say I would be brave and confess my beliefs and do exactly what many of these folks have already done but, in honesty I cannot be 100% sure that I would if I was in their position.

A few players in the American football league recently decided they would not stand during the national anthem. They claim to have made this decision to highlight and protest about alleged racism within their sport. Their actions were subsequently copied by a small but significant number of other players. These protests attracted quite a reaction from the public. Some believed they had a point to make and should be allowed to protest in the manner they chose. Others took the view that they were being extremely disrespectful to their country (the same country that was providing them with riches beyond the imagination of the normal working man). In this example I'm not sure who was right and if the action taken was a legitimate one but they took it anyway. There have been consequences. Some players have been sacked, some have been sent to Coventry by team mates. Some have stood by their decision while others have apologised for taking this action.

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In the part of the world in which we live, we have the freedom to make protests. In other parts of the world, this freedom does not exist. So I guess if we choose not to stand up for what we believe due to fear, protest, confidence or any other reason, whether we feel we are right or whether we are less than 100% sure, it is still our decision and we have to stand by it.

We are fortunate to have a forgiving Lord. Were it not so, Mary Magdalene would not have featured in his earthly ministry, Peter would not have been forgiven for his denial, Thomas would not have been forgiven for the doubts he had and the criminal who was crucified with him would not have benefitted from the promise of being in paradise with the risen Lord.

### Out of the Mouths

While taking a routine vandalism report at an elementary school, I was interrupted by a little girl about 6 years old. Looking up and down at my uniform, she asked, 'are you a policeman?' 'Yes' I answered and continued writing the report. 'My mummy said if I ever needed help I should ask the Police. Is that right?' 'Yes, that's right', I told her. 'Well then', she said as she extended her foot towards me, 'would you please tie my shoe lace?'

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It was the end of the day when I parked my police van in front of the station. As I gathered my equipment, my Police dog was barking and I saw a little boy staring in at me. 'Is that a dog you've got in the back of your van?', he asked. 'It certainly is' I replied. Puzzled, the boy looked at me and then towards the back of the van. Finally he said, 'what did he do?'

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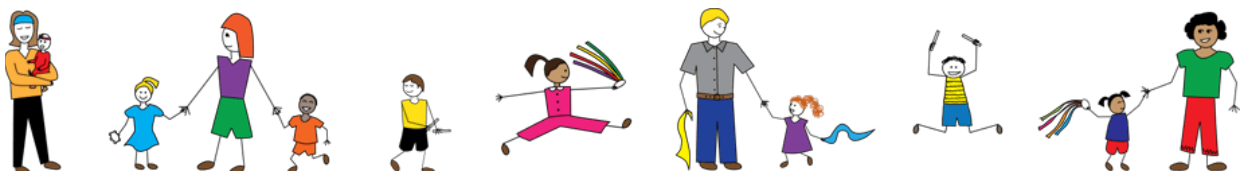
While working for an organisation that delivers lunches to elderly folks who find it difficult to get out and about, I used to take my 4 year old daughter on my afternoon visits. She was intrigued by the various aids and appliances of old age, particularly the walking aids and the wheelchairs. One day I found her staring at a set of false teeth soaking in a glass. As I braced myself for the inevitable barrage of questions, she merely turned and whispered, 'the tooth fairy isn't going to believe this!!!!'

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A little girl was watching her parents dress for a party. When she saw her dad was wearing his tuxedo she warned, 'Daddy, you shouldn't wear that suit'. 'And why not darling?' 'You know that when you wear that suit, you always have a sore head the following morning'.

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A little girl had just finished her first week at Primary School. 'I'm just wasting my time', she told her mother. 'I can't read, I can't write and they won't even let me talk!'



## Much Ado About Dover

Andrew Ramsay

When most people think about Dover the first thing that pops into the mind is usually the ferry to France. Being a busy ferry port is the town's claim to fame. When I started a new job I knew that I would be based in Dover for a few weeks training. My thoughts of Dover were 'great nothing in Dover other than ferries and lorries'. I had visions of a rough sea port, full of drunken sailors, pirates and mermaids....ok maybe not mermaids, not little ones anyway. However, there is a lot more to this ancient port than meets the (Birds)eye.

Before we get to the hidden treasures of this town it is worth giving a little background. I've known about Dover for many years due to my keen interest in history, mainly the Second World War, in which this town played a major role. The town, which has been settled since stone-age times, has been upgraded continually by such esteemed people as the Saxons, Normans and Romans. Its position, a mere 20 miles from France, has made it strategically important throughout its history. The town has always lived under the threat of invasion. The Spanish, French and Germans have all had it in their sights. This explains some of its dominant features which can still be seen today.

As I was working during the day, I got to look around my new 'home' by going out running in the mornings (well I'm not sure it's running, more like a kind of plod). For any early rising locals, the sight of a 6,2", 16 and a half stone Scot coming lumbering out the sea fog must have made them believe that an invasion had finally begun!

The town is a mix of old and new; multi-coloured town houses and high rise flats which seems a bit odd. The fact is this town was severely bombed by Hitler's Luftwaffe and much of the town devastated. At war end the country was bankrupted and cheap social housing was usually built on bomb-damaged ground. The town is built mainly along the narrow valley of the river Dour. The main harbour is massive, although sadly empty. The eastern end is dominated by the ferry terminal and the inner harbour has a busy marina filled with boats and yachts of all shapes and sizes. I'm sure this is a vibrant place in the summer, not that I would know what summer looks like! The cliffs at both sides support two of Dover's most spectacular features.

On the east side atop the magnificent white cliffs stands Dover castle. This is the largest castle in England, a huge place that stands guard over the straits of Dover and keeps a watchful gaze towards the sea. At night spotlights shine towards it and it is magnificent to see its grey walls, illuminated even more by the white cliffs bellow. There are tunnels under the castle that had been hollowed out during WW2 to act as a hospital barracks and command centre. Admiral Sir Bertram Ramsey (No relation) coordinated operation 'Dynamo', or more commonly known as the miracle of Dunkirk' from these tunnels. It amazed me to think of all the small boats bringing back our defeated army from France onto the very beaches and piers that I ran along. I thought about all the boats in the modern marina - I wouldn't fancy the voyage their predecessors had to make in 1940. There are monuments dotted along the sea front, a poignant reminder to all of their sacrifice.



On the eastern cliff there is another fort, not as spectacular as the castle. It was built during the Napoleonic wars as added defences to the town. Strangely the artillery was pointed in land to protect the castle from a cunning rear attack. There is Samphire Hoe park, created by the debris (all 4.9 million tons) of chalk excavated during the digging of the Channel Tunnel. This is a space for wildlife and recreation and is accessed via an underground tunnel. There are archaeological sites of Roman bath house and bronze age ships.

Possibly my favourite place in Dover is the 'St Mary the Virgin' Church based in the middle of town. Its steeple is square at the bottom and round half way up, a bit different from what we see back home and I think that is why I like it. It has been here in some form for over 800 years. For me that's why there is something special about churches - although the world around us changes, they have stood the test of time and have been the one constant in towns all over the country and beyond. It is lit up at night and is completely stunning. I have a wee pause there in the mornings to read the sign at the front - even though it's dark in the morning I always feel it lightens up after I have passed it. There is something comforting about a church I think, especially when you are away from home and your family.

One final place, and a place that means a lot to me, is the Battle of Britain memorial based on top of the white cliffs at the wonderfully named Capel-le-Ferne, just outside Dover. This is a reminder of the fierce air battle that was fought over these very cliffs during 1940 to 1941. The Royal Air Force and the German Luftwaffe battled it out for what would surely mean the defeat of Britain. The memorial is a giant propeller built into the ground and in the middle there is a large stone pilot. Sitting hunched and tired, waiting for the call, once again, to take to the sky for his defiant and determined defence of the country. There is a large wall of remembrance, with the names of the thousands of young men and women, from all over the world who laid down their lives in this our most desperate hour.

The legendary Spitfire and my own favourite, the hurricane, stand ready next to the visitor centre. There is a statue of a little dog, looking out faithfully over the channel, waiting for a master that will never return. Maybe this is the saddest memorial of all, portraying the innocent victims of war.

I still have some time in Dover to explore more of what this town has to offer, and I will learn not to be so quick to judge in future. In memory of the towns gallant efforts in keeping Britain safe and the pilots of the RAF, the words of Winston Churchill;

*“Never in the field of human conflict, has so much been owed, by so many, to so few”.*





## Financial Statement

### Financial statement as at 05/02/17

#### General Income

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Freewill offering	1,863.00	2,405.42
Plate	560.00	625.60
Standing Orders	1,060.00	640.00
Hall lets	482.00	30.00
Funerals	360.00	510.00
Donations	410.00	150.00
Magazines	130.00	0.00
<b><u>Total General income</u></b>	<b><u>£4,770.03</u></b>	<b><u>£4,361.02</u></b>

<b><u>Fabric Fund</u></b>	<b><u>£117.60</u></b>	<b><u>£104.10</u></b>
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<b><u>Total Income</u></b>	<b><u>£4,887.63</u></b>	<b><u>£4,465.12</u></b>
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#### General Expenditure

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Ministries & Mission	0.00	0.00
Presbytery dues	0.00	0.00
Insurance	356.13	389.18
Minister's expenses	0.00	0.00
Pulpit supply	0.00	0.00
Electricity	138.00	122.00
Gas	828.22	0.00
Telephone	0.00	0.00
Broadband	133.80	122.60
Council Tax	158.00	158.00
Organist/Church officer fees	50.00	0.00
Spill the Beans literature	0.00	20.00
<b><u>Total General expenditure</u></b>	<b><u>£1,664.15</u></b>	<b><u>£815.78</u></b>

#### Fabric Fund

Floor covering for Manse	387.13	0.00
Floodlight	126.01	0.00
<b><u>Total Fabric expenditure</u></b>	<b><u>£513.14</u></b>	<b><u>£0.00</u></b>

<b><u>Total Expenditure</u></b>	<b><u>£2,177.29</u></b>	<b><u>£815.78</u></b>
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## Parish Register

### Funerals

2016

#### *August*

Robert Penman  
Irene McLatchie

#### *September*

Sheila Mitchell

#### *October*

Joseph Laurie  
Jean Miller

#### *November*

Agnes Small  
Christopher Biggam

#### *December*

James Campbell  
Louisa McNab

2017

#### *January*

James Adamson  
Codee Anne Hillen  
Margaret Russell  
Mary Smith  
Isabel Keegans

### Baptisms

2016

Charlie MacLean-Steele  
Rebecca Margaret Brown  
Rocco Dalziel Brown  
Jack Graham Galloway  
Zara Laird  
Jay Andrew Ramsay  
Amber Lauren Ramsay  
Ethan James Creaney

### Weddings

2016

Freda Marshall and Ross Wilson  
Stacey Quinn and David Wilkinson



*“Life doesn’t always go our way. But one thing we know and can stand upon. Jesus has burst open the gates of LIFE. So we look ahead with great joy. The Story of God is one of hope, promise and life eternal”. - Anusha Atukorala*

## Children's Corner

This is the space for the younger members of the congregation (although I suspect a few 'big kids' might enjoy it too)... Kids, let me know what you would like to see in this space! In this edition, we have a picture to colour in and a wordsearch.



(Taken from [www.whatmommydoes.com](http://www.whatmommydoes.com))

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