St. Mary's Scottish Episcopal Church, Broughty Ferry



30 March 2025_{CE}



Lent 4 / Mothering Sunday [Purple]

Hymns: GA-327, GR-725, OF-739, & SE-136

The Collect

Almighty God, grant that we, who are weighed down by our sins, may be relieved and encouraged by your grace; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. **Amen**!

The Old Testament Reading | Samuel |.20 - 28

In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, "I have asked him of the LORD." The man Elkanah and all his household went up to offer to the LORD the yearly sacrifice, and to pay his vow. But Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband, "As soon as the child is weaned, I will bring him, that he may appear in the presence of the LORD, and remain there forever; I will offer him as a Nazirite for all time." Her husband Elkanah said to her, "Do what seems best to you, wait until you have weaned him; only—may the LORD establish his word." So the woman remained and nursed her son, until she weaned him. When she had weaned him, she took him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine. She brought him to the house of the LORD at Shiloh; and the child was young. Then they slaughtered the bull, and they brought the child to Eli. And she said, "Oh, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who was standing here in your presence, praying to the LORD. For this child I prayed; and the LORD has granted me the petition that I made to him. Therefore I have lent him to the LORD; as long as he lives, he is given to the LORD." She left him there for the LORD.

The Epistle Reading Colossians 3.12 - 17

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

The Gospel Reading John 19.25 - 27

Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son." Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

Please hold the following members in your personal prayers:

David Stanley, Val Nicolson, & all on the mend; and for the souls of Sheila Mudie (RIP) & Bill Berry (RIP).

Notices

- † When others book our church, we need at least one of us to be present at the event as overwatch [for insurance purposes], to signpost to our amenities & exits, as well as to open & close the building. Dave & Sue are looking for more volunteers for this. Can you help?
- † St. Mary's is recruiting for: 1) A F/T Vestry Secretary & 2) a Deputy Property Convener;
- † St. Mary's is soon to run Confirmation Classes [Ask the Rector for more information.];
- † Bible Study: Tuesday 1st of April and 8th of April 1300hrs & 1900hrs;
- † St. Mary's Singers Calling all singers! Please speak to lain about joining in 2025ce; &
- † Website https://www.smbfsec.com/ : Facebook https://www.facebook.com/stmarysbroughtyferry