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What's in a Name?

Greetings this Easter season. We have journeyed through Lent and Holy Week to the Cross where at the empty tomb we recall Jesus' words to his faithful follower.

He simply says her name; 'Mary!'

Here we have moved from a general narration of what happened on that first day of the week, how the disciples had discovered the empty tomb - the stone rolled away... the linen wrappings... the disciples returning to their homes.

Then... Mary's story. We become witnesses to the deep grief and suffering of another, as she weeps outside the tomb. The despair and confusion of not knowing. It is in the midst of this Jesus appears.

Our attention is drawn to this intimate scene and nothing else matters but these two characters. She mistakes Jesus for the gardener at first until he says her name... 'Mary'.

How powerful is the use of a name.

How intimate it is to be known by name... not just a throw away sentence, not a shallow means of identification but a deep knowing of what our name signifies. "What is in a name?" asks Shakespeare. "A rose by any other name would smell as sweet."

Maybe so... but a name as we know it, holds so much. It holds memory and we can learn and be inspired by the names of others... their lives, their faith... their love... and in turn live differently.

When Jesus says "Mary", she is known. This deep knowing, this encounter with Jesus, changes her. She moves from weeping and confusion at the tomb back into the world... sharing with others the news that she has seen the Lord.

We can easily keep this Resurrection story general and on the level of a 'happily ever after' tale, where the good guy triumphs over the odds in the end and all is well with the world... it is a great story after all.

But, what will really change us, and in turn, change the world, is when we allow ourselves to hear our names being called by the risen Jesus... who knows us to the very core... who comes to us in our grief and confusion.

When we are changed by this knowing, our eyes can turn back to the world, where we too can share ourselves and our stories with others... understanding grief and pain, but also the hope that comes from being known by Jesus, who understood, took into himself the weight of a dark sinful world on the cross and who defeated death through this loving act.

So, what a celebration... this Easter season we move from darkness and weeping to light and rejoicing... from death to life. The God who knows us by name was dead but is now alive.

Christ is risen! Alleluia, alleluia!

He is risen indeed. Alleluia, alleluia!

Reverend Kirrilee Reid
All Saints, Glencarse

Spring is sprung! New life is all around us.

Praise is infectious.

*Let the praise of God be continually in our mouths and in our hearts and
let us infect one another with praise.*



**St Paul's Cathedral
Lunchtime Concerts
Saturdays at 1pm**

9 April 2016

MATTHEW McALLISTER : GUITAR

23 April 2016

JOSEPH FLEETWOOD : PIANO

Tickets available at the door.
Adults: £5—Students: £3
Accompanied school children: Free
Coffee/tea served after
each concert.



**Modern Day Slavery
Prevent Human Trafficking -
Protect Human Rights
Dundee Presbytery Conference
Tuesday, 13 April 2016 at 7pm**
Steeple Church, Nethergate, Dundee
An evening of films, presentations and
discussions held by Dr Pam Cairns

**Tayside Organists' Society
A Celebration of
Choral Evensong**

Tuesday, 26 April at 7.30pm
St Mary Magdalene's Church
Dudhope Crescent Road, Dundee



With the augmented choir of
St Mary Magdalene's Church
Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis
A Herbert Brewer Versicles and responses
William Smith
Anthem 'O Thou the Central Orb' Charles Wood
Refreshments and Retiring Collection
All welcome.

St Martin Prize Bingo

Wednesday, 27 April at 1.30pm

Admission 50p

Includes refreshments and free raffle



**Spring Coffee Morning
St James' Stonehaven Church Hall
Saturday, 9 April 2016**

10am until 11.30am

Book, raffle, cake and candy, knitting and
tombola stalls.

All welcome.

**Hustings
Holyrood Elections
Dundee East Constituency
Thursday, 21 April 2016
7.00 – 9.00pm
St. Ninian's Church
Kingsway East, Dundee
All welcome.**

**St Ternan's Muchall
Quiz Night
Saturday, 23 April 2016 at 7pm**

Skateraw Hall, Newtonhill

Admission: £5.00

(includes refreshments)

BYOB

Spirit of Discovery Ceilidh

**Saturday, 16 July 2016
7.30-10pm**

**St Mary Magdalene
Dudhope Crescent Road, Dundee**

**Cost £3 which includes
stovies and a drink**

Ceilidh Band Fiddles Aloud

Tickets available from the
Diocesan Office 01382 562244
office@brechin.anglican.org

All welcome.

Spirit of Discovery

Our Diocese is hosting a three way Diocesan visit from 15-25 July 2016.

The young people, 5 from each Diocese (Brechin – Iowa – Swaziland), are going to be staying in the University of Abertay accommodation in Victoria Road. We have to provide hospitality and the planning group felt it would be a good idea to involve as much of the Diocese as possible.

There will be a Ceilidh and opportunity to host some of the young people in your churches but we would also ask for help in feeding them.

We are appealing for donations of breakfast cereal, jam, marmalade, honey, nutella, etc. Sugar, tea, coffee, hot chocolate, biscuits, baking, cheese, crisps, bottled water and juice (breakfast juice or other) and/or donations of money to buy staples like bread and milk.

If these could be gathered in your churches. Please contact contact Canon Fay Lamont who will arrange for the supplies to be taken to the accommodation. Telephone: 01382 453818 or 07931222092)