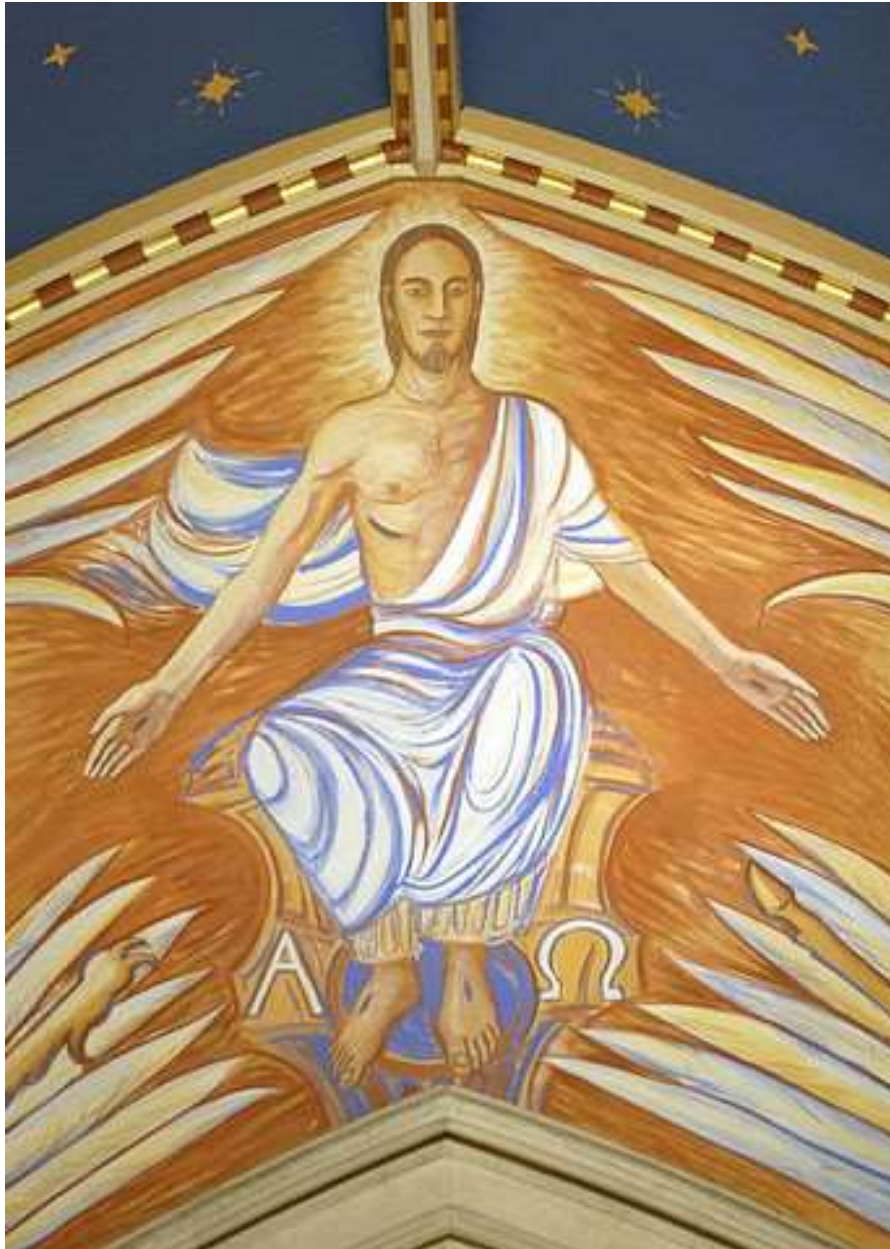


# *Welcome*



*St Mary's Cathedral, Glasgow*  
open, inclusive, welcoming

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# **A Welcome from the Provost**

This congregation has a task – to proclaim the unconditional love of God to the people of Glasgow. Here in this place people have gathered for over a hundred years to witness in many varied ways to our experience of knowing and being loved by God.

We aspire to being a community which is open, inclusive and welcoming.

## **Open**

The congregation here is a gathered community, each person attracted by different things. Some are attracted by the excellence of our music, some by the practical spirituality that we teach, and some by the open community of folk who meet week by week in our varied services. The hope is that we are becoming an ever more open group of people. A distinctive feature of our life is an openness to new ideas and we enjoy being challenged spiritually in fresh ways.

## **Inclusive**

We are young, we are old. We are from different cultures and countries. We are straight, we are gay. Some are single, some are married, some are partnered, some are single again. We are men and we are women. Some live alone, some live with others. We have different abilities. We have different understandings of the truth. We have all kinds of different reasons for choosing to make this our spiritual home.

## **Welcoming**

My own experience of this church is that it is a vibrant and diverse group of people who have found a welcome in this place. All the rich resources of the Christian tradition are shared here by modern people who enjoy being together.

Whether it is being caught up in the richness of worshipping with hundreds of others or meeting God in a quiet corner of a peaceful church, you are welcome here.

God is with us, and all are welcome in this place.

KELVIN HOLDSWORTH  
*Provost of St Mary's Cathedral*

# Worshipping at St Mary's

Everyone, young and old, is welcome to receive the bread and wine at communion in this church.

## Sunday services

**8.30 am Eucharist** (1970 Scottish Liturgy) A short service with no music lasting about 30-40 minutes.

**10.30 am Sung Eucharist** (1982 Scottish Liturgy) This is our principal Sunday service, with full choir, organ, and sermon. Children are welcome. There is a quiet space with audio feed available for parents and infants as needed; Young Church activities take place in the Synod Hall for part of the service.

**6.30 pm Choral Evensong** – a high standard of choral music complements the traditional service of Evensong. During Lent and on other occasions there may be a sermon or address.

**8 pm – monthly – The Open Silence** – an hour of shared silence for thought, prayer and meditation.

## Weekday services

**Daily 9.30 am**

**Morning Prayer** in the Oratory (see Cathedral plan)

**Eucharist** on Saints' Days and Festivals (as announced)

**Thursdays 11 am**

**Eucharist** (1970 Scottish Liturgy).

Following this service coffee is served in the hall

## Music at St Mary's

Music is an important part of worship at the Cathedral. Contact **Frikki Walker**, Director of Music, for information about the Cathedral Choir (adults and trebles), concerts and other musical events.

email: [music@thecathedral.org.uk](mailto:music@thecathedral.org.uk)

phone: 0141 959 4434 or 0141 339 6691

## Cathedral Groups and Activities

Details are listed in the Sunday notices (see also the Groups section on the Cathedral website [www.thecathedral.org.uk](http://www.thecathedral.org.uk)). Where no contact details are shown, contact the office by on email [office@thecathedral.org.uk](mailto:office@thecathedral.org.uk) or call 0141 339 6691. They include:

**Bellringers** – contact Margaret Williams ([m.williams51@btinternet.com](mailto:m.williams51@btinternet.com))

**Book Group** – monthly meeting to discuss works of contemporary fiction.

**Compline** – monthly community sung service of late night prayer.

**The God Factor** – for enquirers and those rethinking their faith.

**Justice and Aid network** – contributing to the creation of a more just and equitable world through learning, prayer and action.

**LGBT network** – for lesbian, gay, bisexual & transgender people at St Mary's and supporters.

**The Needle Arts Group** – Knitting, sewing, bring along your own project, meets monthly.

**Poetry Group** – monthly poetry reading.

**The Open Silence** – an hour of shared silence, twice monthly, in the Cathedral.

**School of Spirituality** – a series of 'one-off' sessions covering a wide variety of aspects of practical spirituality.

**St Mary's @ the movies**

**Students@St Mary's**

**Volunteer Tea Run** – for the homeless in Glasgow.

## About the Cathedral

The **Cathedral** was built as a church in 1871 by Sir George Gilbert Scott and has been the Episcopal Cathedral to the Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway since 1907. A £3.5 million restoration project was completed in 2002. You can find leaflets offering a self-guided tour and details of the history of the building, the murals by Gwyneth Leech, the stained glass and the organ on the table at the back of the church.

The **Synod Hall** adjoining the north of the main building is used by various groups during the week. Tea & coffee are served here and at the back of the church after the 10.30 am service on Sunday.

The Cathedral and hall are **available for hire** for events, concerts and exhibitions. Information is available from the office.

The **Cathedral Office** is housed in the ground floor of a new building in 3 Napiershall Street immediately behind the east end of Cathedral.

The Cathedral **website** ([www.thecathedral.org.uk](http://www.thecathedral.org.uk)) has details of upcoming services and events. Sermons are posted in video format on this site. Details of the music lists are also published there.

**News from St Mary's:** Current and archived news can be found on the Cathedral website under the 'Contact' section. A form is also available to sign up for the newsletter.

## How to help

St Mary's Cathedral depends almost entirely on **volunteers** in every area of its life. To find out more about opportunities to volunteer, email [viceprovost@thecathedral.org.uk](mailto:viceprovost@thecathedral.org.uk)

It costs **£725 per day** to maintain the life and mission of St Mary's Cathedral. With no external funding we are almost entirely dependant on benefactors and regular givers. For information about giving, pledging and bequests email [snap43@gmail.com](mailto:snap43@gmail.com) or leave a message for Andrew on 0141 334 8115.

## **Special Events**

For information about weddings, civil partnership blessings, baptisms and funeral services, contact the office.

The clergy are also available for one to one conversations, confessions, and house blessings.

### **Our mission**

St Mary's strives to offer:

- A ministry which is affirming, inclusive and non-judgmental
- Liturgical worship of a high standard
- Engagement in social concerns
- A commitment to links with other churches and faith communities.
- A focal point for artistic energy and vision
- A place of spiritual calm and inspiration as well as spiritual excitement and challenge.

**We hope you will find this church a place of openness, warmth and help.**

