

*Saint Mary's
Episcopal Cathedral*

Diocese of Glasgow & Galloway

ANNUAL REPORT

(Year to 30th September 2008)

ST MARY'S EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL
2007/2008 ANNUAL REPORT

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ACHIEVEMENTS & PERFORMANCE

St Mary's continues to be a place that combines the dual roles of busy city church with that of being the gathering place for the Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway.

Weekly worship continues to be the principle focus of the congregation. Alongside this, there are numerous diverse activities that enhance the life of the city of Glasgow.

St Mary's is a place of a great deal of music making, which is of a very high standard. This is experienced both in weekly worship and in concerts and other events. The development of a new treble line in the choir has provided a new and exciting opportunity for young people. During the year, Frikki Walker, the Director of Music has been awarded an Associateship of the Royal School of Church Music. This award is bestowed for achievements in church music or liturgy of national significance, or for important musical or liturgical work within the RSCM and is a major achievement for a key member of the Cathedral staff.

Musicians from St Mary's have continued to play a part in the worshipping life of the nation through broadcasts on BBC Radio 4 and BBC Radio 2.

The year that is past has been one of considerable turmoil in the world wide Anglican Communion. Two significant visits to St Mary's were made during the summer by important voices within the global Anglican Conversation. The Most Rev Fred Hiltz, the Canadian Primate preached here just before the Lambeth Conference. On the last day of that conference, the Rt Rev Gene Robinson preached to a large congregation. This visit also resulted in a great deal of positive publicity in the press, both in Scotland and further afield.

The website has been upgraded and most sermons are now videoed and put online.

During the year, the first blessing of a Civil Partnership took place in St Mary's. This service enjoyed both the formal support of the Bishop, Clergy and Vestry but also the informal and invaluable support of both choir members and servers.

A major piece of ecumenical collaboration resulted in an exhibition by local churches of art works on the theme of *Stations of Grace* which was seen by hundreds of local people. On the same weekend, a Big Sing led by John Bell and James Macmillan once again saw the church very full and busy.

The building is used almost every day of the year for worship.

The congregation continues to grow and attract new members. Pastoral care, high quality worship, social engagement and spiritual challenge are the day to day work of the church. The achievements and performance of a church are difficult to measure as they consist in many small acts of kindness and friendship as well as large spectacular formal occasions.

St Mary's remains, in the words of its mission statement, a place of spiritual calm and inspiration as well as spiritual excitement and challenge.

*Kelvin Holdsworth
Provost and Rector*

SERVERS

The Cathedral currently has 8 servers who regularly serve at the Sunday 10.30am Sung Eucharist. We are very much looking forward to welcoming some new recruits in the next few weeks. David Kenvyn also continues to assist the clergy by serving at the 8.30am Said Eucharist. A server also acts as Crucifer each Sunday for Choral Evensong.

As usual, we have been involved in all the usual Christmas, Holy Week and Easter services as well as assisting Sunday by Sunday. The beginning of August saw us serving for the visit of Bishop Gene Robinson. This was a truly memorable occasion, with an incredible atmosphere. We have also served at several Diocesan services – Choral Evensongs, the Celebration of Authorised Ministry Service in June and services to celebrate our centenary as the Cathedral church of the diocese.

If anyone thinks that they might be interested in becoming a server, please speak to Kelvin or myself for more information. No experience is necessary as full training will be given.

I would like to thank David Kenvyn for all his hard work assisting me in the Sacristy, and all the clergy and other Cathedral staff for their help and support.

Lastly, a big thank you to all the servers for their dedication, enthusiasm and friendship.

*Kathryn Elwis
Sacristan*

THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE ADULTS

I submit this report to the AGM in accordance with the Child Protection Policy of the Scottish Episcopal Church.

I was appointed Child Protection Co-ordinator by the vestry in 1999 after my references had been checked and approved by the Bishop.. In 2006 my remit was extended to include the protection of vulnerable adults and in March 2007 I was re-appointed to my position by the vestry. I have completed CRBS form 2 and obtained a signatory code. I am supported in my position by The Provincial Child Protection Co-ordinator Dr Daphne Audsley and the Diocesan Child Protection Officer Brian Woodburn.

I ensure that all people who started working with children and young people after January 1st 03 have applied for Disclosure and have completed the necessary forms which are kept on file. I have, and use, a copy of the Child Protection Handbook. I know the phone numbers of the local social work and police departments dealing with child protection issues.

I appreciate the continuing support of the vestry, the clergy and the congregation and thank all those who work with the children young adults and vulnerable adults within the cathedral.

*Anne P. Jones
Co-ordinator for the Protection of Children and Vulnerable Adults
October 6th 2007*

CATHEDRAL KIDS 2008 REPORT

There are currently thirteen children between 3-11 years on the CK register. We meet during the 10.30am service in the Synod Hall and join the Cathedral congregation during the Offertory hymn.

We use the Living Stones teaching course, which is based on the lectionary, and suggests various activities and interesting approaches to follow. After a short Act of Worship we divide into two groups, Pebbles (3-6 years) and Rocks (7-11 years). We have also set up an activities table for the under-threes, which we hope will help them progress happily into the Pebbles Group.

During the year the Cathedral Kids have helped to make window decorations for the Cathedral at Christmas and have planted an Easter Garden. We have also been allocated wall space in the Synod Hall for seasonal friezes and artwork.

It was unfortunate that our annual Barbeque at Mugdock Park this year had to be cancelled as Roger and Kate Mackenzie were unable to manage the date we had booked and we also found out that a large (and noisy) pop music festival had been arranged on the same day. Next year's BBQ, however, has already been booked and will take place on Sunday 14th June at Mugdock. More details nearer the time.

Our Christmas Party this year will take place on Monday 22nd December from 5pm-7pm.

Catriona Craig and Veronica Colin head up the team of six CK leaders. We should like to thank everyone for their enthusiasm, hard work and reliable support.

We do need more CK Leaders to help us with this important and rewarding part of St Mary's ministry. Please contact either Catriona or Veronica if you would like to offer your time and talents. We should be happy to explain what's involved.

*Catriona Craig
Veronica Colin*

TREASURER'S REPORT & ANNUAL ACCOUNTS TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2008

The final accounts for a Cathedral year consist of a *Balance Sheet* at 30 September, a *Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA)* for the year ending 30 September, plus, currently three, pages of notes which add detail to the broad entries found in the Balance Sheet and the SOFA. The layout of the accounts is prepared to comply with the *Statement of Recommended Practice (2005)* for UK Charities as recommended by the Office of the Scottish Charities Regulator (OSCR). All Scottish based charities now have to operate under the scrutiny of OSCR; in addition we are annually scrutinised by auditors and occasionally scrutinised by HMRC.

A major factor that bedevils a simple reading of the Cathedral's accounts is the existence of separate General and Restoration Funds. The Restoration Fund was established as a mechanism to control and protect funds devoted specifically to the restoration of the Cathedral fabric. The restoration work is now complete but the fund owes the Diocese a substantial loan which is currently scheduled to be paid off by 2023! The terms of this loan were definitely advantageous when taken out and represented a serious commitment to the restoration by the Diocese.

The *Balance Sheet* lists the assets and liabilities of the Cathedral separated into the two funds mentioned above and compares them with the values for the previous year. It is useful to note separately the changes in the Restoration Fund and the General Fund.

There is a reduction in the deficit in the Restoration Fund of £26168 of which £7495 derives from the Cathedral Support grant provided by the Diocese to the Cathedral; the total Cathedral Support Grant is £12027.50 the difference of £4532.50 being the interest on the loan. In practice this sum of money exactly matches the scheduled repayment of the Restoration loan and no monies change hands. The remaining income to the Restoration fund comes mainly from letting activities, especially the mobile phone mast which has no associated costs and Synod Hall and Cathedral letting which does have some associated costs. These costs are not quantifiable and are borne by the General Fund.

There is a reduction in the General Fund of £49308; £36960 arises from a loss of value in our investments in the Scottish Episcopal Church Unit Trust Pool (SEC UTP) and the remaining loss of £12348 is the difference between income and expenditure in the General Fund.

The fixed assets are divided into three categories: Tangible Assets (properties owned by the Cathedral for its use, listed at cost price); Investments (now listed at market value); and Investment Property (the flat at 5 Napiershall Street).

Note 1 shows the cost price of the one remaining Tangible Assets. Note 2 shows the Cathedral's investments in unit trusts and investment property. Note 3 shows the net incoming resources from the Statement of Financial Activities added to the Capital Funds to give the position on 30 September 2008. Note 4 shows the very few debtors we have at this year end. Note 5 shows creditors.

The *Statement of Financial Activities* shows what came in and what went out during the year, with Notes 6 to 15 providing analysis. This format shows whether income is voluntary, from fund-raising, from investment, or from charitable activities. Similarly, expenditure is divided between the cost of generating funds and charitable activities, which has been further subdivided. The Statement shows total income at £200,507 (down from £210,801 last year), and total expenditure at £186,687 (up from £178,160 last year), giving net incoming resources of £13,820 (down from £32,640 last year and £64,120 the preceding year). The fact that the balance is still positive is not a source of rejoicing. The breakdown between General Account (loss of £12348) and the Restoration Account (reduction of deficit by £26168) is a more realistic way of expressing our situation.

Note 6 shows Voluntary Income. Our core income comes, of course, from the generosity of our members who pledge. This year pledged income has increased yet again but our overall

income is down due to no receipt of legacies, this being a significant factor in the previous two years. Note 7 shows income from letting which is significantly down due to the departure of the Montessori School. I would note in passing that the benefits of the Montessori School letting the Synod Hall were of course nowhere near the gross income figures as expenses particularly for heating and cleaning were significant. Note 8 shows capital investment income and flat letting income; capital investment receipts will very likely decrease significantly in the coming year due to the sharp decline in deposit interest rates. Note 9 shows income from charitable activities; this is dominated by the Cathedral Support Grant. I have shown this as income to the General Fund only to make the point that the Support Grant exists irrespective of the Restoration Fund loan. The Cathedral receives a further £1330 in grants from the Diocese. Note 10 shows some minor fund-raising costs.

Note 11 shows the costs of keeping the Cathedral open - the cost of heating and lighting has gone up again by around 20% during the year. Note 12 shows the costs of our use of the building.

Note 13 shows the costs of running the Cathedral office, with staff costs analysed in Note 14. Finally, Note 15 shows the funds we have received and disbursed for Away Giving; there is a significant creditor element in Away Giving as the level of Away Giving can only be established after the end of the financial year.

Roger Mackenzie, Treasurer
November 2008

THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF SAINT MARY THE VIRGIN							
300 Great Western Road, Glasgow G4 9JB							
<i>Registered charity number SCO 06225</i>							
STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS							
BALANCE SHEET							
at 30 September 2008							
			2,008			2007	
		£	£	£	£	£	£
		Unrestricted Funds	Restoration Fund	Combined Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Restoration Fund	Combined Funds
FIXED ASSETS							
Tangible Assets	note 1	96,000	0	96,000	96,000	0	96,000
Investment Assets	note 2						
Investments		168,713	0	168,713	79,942	0	79,942
Investment Property		306,898	0	306,898	306,898	0	306,898
CURRENT ASSETS							
Debtors	note 4	1,039	25	1,064	3,103	325	3,428
Cash at bank and in hand		325,958	7,279	333,237	447,878	4,446	452,323
Total current assets		326,997	7,304	334,301	450,981	4,771	455,751
Less creditors due within one year	note 5	(4,853)	(150)	(5,003)	(6,550)	(497)	(7,047)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		322,144	7,154	329,298	444,431	4,273	448,704
NET ASSETS		893,755	7,154	900,909	927,271.00	4,273.19	931,544.19
FUNDS							
Capital accounts	note 3	851,809	(94,483)	757,326	901,116	(120,651)	780,466
(Debtors)/creditors due over 1 year		41,947	101,637	143,583	26,155	124,924	151,079
		893,755	7,154	900,909	927,271	4,273	931,544

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS						
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES						
for the year ended 30 September 2008						
			2008		2007	
			£	£	£	£
			Unrestricted Funds	Restoration Fund	Combined Funds	Combined Funds
INCOMING RESOURCES						
Incoming resources from generated funds						
	Voluntary income	note 6	126,505	2,783	129,288	133,216
	Activities for generating funds	note 7	3,366	15,026	18,392	34,226
	Investment income	note 8	31,559	1,183	32,741	25,562
	Incoming resources from charitable activities	note 9	2,880	12,028	14,907	15,898
	Other incoming resources		5,134	45	5,179	1,898
	Total incoming resources		£169,443	£31,064	£200,507	£210,801
RESOURCES EXPENDED						
Costs of generating funds						
	Fundraising trading: cost of goods sold	note 10	1,466	363	1,830	11,235
	Investment management costs		1,208	0	1,208	1,139
Charitable Activities						
	- Diocesan Quota		15,178	0	15,178	13,243
	- Fabric	note 11	44,221	4,532	48,754	44,697
	- Church activities	note 12	14,431	0	14,431	6,980
	- Office	note 13	5,885	0	5,885	11,437
	- Staff	note 14	93,179	0	93,179	84,259
	- Away Giving	note 15	5,008	0	5,008	4,831
	Governance Costs: Remuneration of Auditor		0	0	0	0
	Transfer to realised investment gain reserve		0	0	0	0
	Other material expenditure		1,214	0	1,214	339
	Total resources expended		£181,791	£4,896	£186,687	£178,160
	Net incoming resources		(£12,348)	£26,168	£13,820	£32,640
TRANSFERS						
	Gross transfers between funds		0	0	0	0
	Net Incoming Resources before Other Recognised Gains/Losses		(£12,348)	£26,168	£13,820	£32,640
OTHER RECOGNISED GAINS/LOSSES						
	Gains/Losses on revaluation of fixed assets for Church use		0	0	0	370,735
	Gains/Losses on revaluation or disposal of investment assets		(36,960)	0	(36,960)	108
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS						
	Total funds brought forward		901,116	(120,651)	780,466	376,982
	Total funds carried forward		£851,809	(£94,483)	£757,326	£780,466

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS						
NOTES TO ACCOUNTS						
at 30 September 2008						
Note 1	Tangible Assets					
	Property			2,008	2,007	
	3 Napiershall Street			96,000	96,000	
				96,000	96,000	
Note 2	Investments			2,008	2,007	
	Unit Trusts	Holding	Cost	Market Value	Market Value	
	SEC Unit Trust Pool		£	£	£	
	Valuation at 30 September 2007/2006	6,449	44,837	79,942	78,089	
	ADD: Additions to investments at cost	11,539	125,731	125,731.34	1,745	
	LESS: Disposals at market value	0	0	0	0	
	Add/Deduct: Net Gain/Loss on revaluation	0	0	-36,960	108	
	Valuation at 30 September 2008/2007	17,988	170,569	168,713	79,942	
	Gain (Loss) on investment asset			88,771	1,853.18	
	Property - 5 Napiershall Street					
	Acquisition cost of property, September 2006		306,898	306,898	306,898	
Note 3	Capital Funds					
		At			At	
		1 October	Consol-	Transfers	Surplus/	
		2,007	idation		(deficit)	
					for year	
					At	
					30 September	
					2,008	
	Clergy Residences	65,718	0	0	0	65,718
	General Fund	464,663	0	0	-49,308	415,356
	realisation of 45 Rowallan Gardens	370,735	0	0	0	370,735
	Restoration Fund	-120,651	0	0	26,168	-94,483
	Total Capital Funds	780,466	0	0	-23,140	757,326
	Total General Fund	901,116	0	0	-49,308	851,809
	Restoration Fund	-120,651	0	0	26,168	-94,483

Note 4	Debtors	2008			2007		
		Unrestricted	Restoration	Combined	Unrestricted	Restoration	Combined
		Funds	Fund	Funds	Funds	Fund	Funds
	£	£	£	£	£	£	
	Choir CD	646	25	671	646	0	646
	Other	393	0	393	1,457	325	1,782
		£1,039	£25	£1,064	£2,103	£325	£2,428
Note 5	Creditors						
		Unrestricted	Restoration	Combined	Unrestricted	Restoration	Combined
		Funds	Fund	Funds	Funds	Fund	Funds
		£	£	£	£	£	£
	Trade creditors	0	0	0	5,227	497	5,724
	Away giving	3,456	0	3,456	768	0	768
	Other	1,397	0	1,397	555	0	555
		£4,853	£0	£4,853	£6,550	£497	£7,047
Note 6	Voluntary income						
	Pledges	76,521	2,030	78,551	66,266	2,140	68,406
	Gift Aid	12,504	0	12,504	6,609	0	6,609
	Income tax	20,299	573	20,872	20,505	604	21,109
	Cash collections	11,720	0	11,720	9,620	0	9,620
	Donations	4,521	180	4,701	12,799	430	13,229
	Legacies	0	0	0	14,243	0	14,243
	Web income	890	0	890	0	0	890
		£126,455	£2,783	£129,238	£130,043	£3,174	£133,216
Note 7	Activities for Generating Funds						
	Concerts, recitals	0	200	200	0	111	111
	Other events	2,837	100	2,937	23	1,400	1,423
	Souvenirs	529	0	529	347	0	347
	Letting of non-investment property	0	14,726	14,726	0	32,345	32,345
		£3,366	£15,026	£18,392	£370	£33,856	£34,226
Note 8	Investment income						
	Interest on account	16	5	22	32	825	857
	Investment receipts	24,935	1,177	26,112	18,613	0	18,613
	War loan	4	0	4	4	0	4
	Income from flat	6,603	0	6,603	6,087	0	6,087
		£31,559	£1,183	£32,741	£24,737	£825	£25,562
Note 9	Incoming Resources from Charitable Activities						
	Magazine	0	0	0	245	0	245
	Traidcraft	1,549	0	1,549	1,782	0	1,782
	Grants from Diocese - Youth work	0	0	0	0	0	0
	- Cathedral Support Grant	12,028	0	12,028	12,028	0	12,028
	- Hospital Fees	580	0	580	1,094	0	1,094
	- Travel Grant	750	0	750	750	0	750
		£14,907	£0	£14,907	£15,898	£0	£15,898
Note 10	Fundraising Trading: costs of goods						
	Magazine	0	0	0	956	0	956
	Traidcraft	1,282	0	1,282	1,804	0	1,804
	Souvenirs	0	0	0	150	0	150
	'Inspires'	184	0	184	400	0	400
	Costs of letting non-investment property	0	363	363	0	7,424	7,424
	Events - Concerts, recitals	0	0	0	0	0	0
	- Other events	0	0	0	0	501	501
		£1,466	£363	£1,830	£3,310	£7,925	£11,235
Note 11	Fabric						
	Insurance	13,251	0	13,251	12,608	0	12,608
	Heat, light	13,305	0	13,305	11,004	0	11,004
	Water rates	1,037	0	1,037	223	0	223
	Cleaning	3,600	0	3,600	2,803	0	2,803
	Repairs	2,970	0	2,970	13,309	0	13,309
	Capital Purchases	8,756	0	8,756	0	0	0
	Restoration Works	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Loan interest	0	4,532	4,532	0	4,751	4,751
		£42,919	£4,532	£47,451	£ 39,946	£ 4,751	£ 44,697
Note 12	Church Activities						
	Service to altar	1,291	0	1,291	1,285	0	1,285
	Music/Choirs	7,415	0	7,415	2,169	0	2,169
	Flowers	498	0	498	505	0	505
	General expenses	5,227	0	5,227	3,021	0	3,021
		£14,431	£0	£14,431	£6,980	£0	£6,980

Note 13 Office	2008			2007		
	Unrestricted	Restoration	Combined	Unrestricted	Restoration	Combined
	Funds	Fund	Funds	Funds	Fund	Funds
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Premises	1,702	0	1,702	1,739	0	1,739
Printing and stationery	2,592	0	2,592	8,265	0	8,265
Telephone and postage	1,591	0	1,591	1,434	0	1,434
	£5,885	£0	£5,885	£11,437	£0	£11,437
Note 14 Staff						
Office staff	10,207	0	10,207	11,468	0	11,468
Organists	23,158	0	23,158	22,833	0	22,833
Clergy Stipends	35,888	0	35,888	26,708	0	26,708
Clergy Pensions	8,138	0	8,138	7,315	0	7,315
Clergy Expenses and Travel	381	0	381	1,191	0	1,191
Staff Development	800	0	800	641	0	641
Accommodation Allowance	14,108	0	14,108	14,102	0	14,102
	£92,681	£0	£92,681	£84,259	£0	£84,259
Staff costs, including trustees remuneration -				2008	2007	
Stipends and Salaries				74,005	67,506	
Employers' National Insurance				6,117	5,692	
Pension Costs				10,040	9,195	
				£90,162	£82,394	
The Provost is full time, the Assistant Priest is half-time, the office post and two music posts are part-time.						
Remuneration paid to one Trustee, the Provost						
Remuneration				35,388	33,704	
Pension Costs				5,426	5,988	
Expenses				306	1,191	
				£41,120	£40,884	
The remuneration is an enhanced SEC Stipend plus accommodation payments approved by the Vestry.						

Note 15 Away Giving	2008			2007		
	Unrestricted	Restoration	Combined	Unrestricted	Restoration	Combined
	Funds	Fund	Funds	Funds	Fund	Funds
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Receipts						
Coffee Money	983	0	983	890	0	890
Bishop's Lent Appeal	0	0	0	444	0	444
Funeral Collections	881	0	881	862	0	862
Medical Aid for Palestinians	0	0	0	495	0	495
Ordination Collection	0	0	0	484	0	484
Tear Fund	0	0	0	71	0	71
West End ACTS Group	0	0	0	857	0	857
	£1,864	£0	£1,864	£4,104	£0	£4,104
Grants						
Alzheimers Scotland	149	0	149	0	0	0
Betason Oncology	723	0	723	0	0	0
Glasgow Tea Run	0	0	0	43	0	43
Diocesan Project, Byumba	1,485	0	1,485	1,342	0	1,342
Medical Aid for Palestinians	0	0	0	1,890	0	1,890
Sophia Mission School, Burma	1,485	0	1,485	1,342	0	1,342
Wells for India	1,485	0	1,485	1,342	0	1,342
Bishop's Lent Appeal	0	0	0	542	0	542
Miscellaneous	1,535	0	1,535	879	0	879
	£6,863	£0	£6,863	£7,379	£0	£7,379
Net grants	£4,999	£0	£4,999	£3,275	£0	£3,275

CAMAS 08: 12-18 July 2008

This year's annual trip the Iona Community's eco-outdoor activity centre on Mull, was another success. Although this year's group was not as big in numbers as previous years', it comprised largely younger participants from a wider variety of backgrounds including an asylum seeker from Kenya, a single parent family from St John's Dumfries and 2 young members from St Silas.

Thanks must be conveyed to Madiha Gemie from St John's Dumfries, Kate Mooney, Ken Taylor and Margaret Dawson for helping in the logistics of accompanying the group to Oban and back a week later.

For the first time since the first Camas venture in 2002, funds were sought to support specific aspects of the trip and Suet would like to thank the Province for funding the place for the asylum seeker, the Diocese for enabling the single parent family to participate and the Vestry of the Cathedral for providing funds to enable the group to meet Diocesan Child Protection Policy requirements for chaperoning. Thanks also go the Hon Treasurer for his help with the accounting.

The focus for this year's week was the John Muir Trust Award and during the week the group had to participate in a number of activities on the theme of wilderness. Each member of the group was given a log book and had to complete several activities, at the end of which a presentation ceremony was held and all participants received a certificate.

A week at Camas is much more than exploring the wilderness and a week's holiday, It is also about developing as a person by being with others and through the activities, being open and accepting of others and learning how to live in community without the trappings of modern day life. To have time and space to think and be.

Suet is hoping to organise another trip to Camas in summer 2009 and is the process of gaining some possible dates – so watch this space!!!

However, there is a week at Camas for folk involved in eco-congregation activities – 9-15 May 2009. For more information contact Iona Community bookings on 01681 700 404 or go to www.iona.org.uk.

A picture paints a thousand words – so here's a few which are sure to convey much more of a sense of the group's experience.

Suet-Lin Teo & Claire Johnson





CATHEDRAL MUSIC REPORT

The Cathedral Choir

I continue to be amazed at, and honoured by, the commitment and dedication of our Cathedral Choir as they continue to be as busy as ever.

Once again the choir has fulfilled its role leading the music for our worship, not only in the weekly round of Sunday services, but an ever-increasing number of special services, including a Requiem, Diocesan services, Choral Masses on feast-days, funerals, weddings, Carol Services, and more.

The choir's broadcasting schedule also continues on apace, as once again they have featured on editions of R4s *Daily Service* and *Sunday Worship*, as well as R2s *Sunday Half-Hour*. In fact you can hear them as the featured choir on the latter programme on Sunday 30th November. The BBC have also used a variety of previously recorded tracks of ours through the year.

Two other recent highlights included the Centenary Concert, which included Vivaldi's Gloria, accompanied by St Mary's Festival Orchestra and soloists entirely from the choir. The money raised from the sale of tickets for this has gone towards the ongoing task of re-robing the choir. Another highlight was the West End ACTS All Saints Service and Big Sing with James MacMillan and John Bell. Both of these events drew a large and appreciative audience.

As I say every year, the transience of the congregation is reflected in the membership of the choir, and I am grateful to all who have contributed to the choir's work this year, in whatever capacity, and at whatever level.

I am delighted that, amongst our new choristers this year, we have gained quite a number of younger voices in the adult section of the choir. This is partly due to our connections with various other establishments, such as the RSAMD, the High School of Glasgow and the RSNO Junior Chorus. Word is also getting out that we are the best place to be to gain experience for those who wish to apply for University Choral Scholarships.

The Trebles' section continued its development this year. We now have 16 girls and boys. They have played their part in morning and evening services throughout the year, featured on their first live broadcast of Morning Worship and have featured on two editions of Sunday Half Hour, the second of which will be broadcast on Sunday 30th November at 8.30 pm.

They marked their first anniversary with day trip to visit Mary King's Close in Edinburgh, and by singing Evensong in St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh on Saturday 25th October.

Celebrations continued the next morning here at home with singing at the Sung Eucharist for us here the following day.

Many of the choristers have gained their Light and Dark Blue RSCM awards, and we now have a small group preparing for their first national award, the Bronze award.

We need now to look into recruiting some more, so if you know, or know of, any potential choristers, do let me know. The work is hard, the rewards are priceless, and we have quite a lot of fun, too!

Thanks to the generosity of a member of the congregation the Trebles are now fully robed, and looking very smart. This is one of the reasons we have started to update the adult choristers robes, too.

I must express huge thanks to various choir parents whose commitment and help with the running of the trebles is simply invaluable.

I am also very grateful to those who help in various ways with the running of the adult choir, in particular, Gail Smith who looks after all the choir's robes, and Andrew Colin who continues to run the choir library.

Whilst in thanking mood, I would also like to express my thanks to my wife, Christine, who is not only a constant support, but is also an invaluable help with so many aspects of the choir; not just her beautiful voice, but with organisational things, help with the Trebles, photocopying, helping with the library, looking after our new choristers and recently quite a lot of conducting!

The Music Staff

There have been some changes in the music staff.

Oliver Rundell, our Assistant Organist, has left to pursue an increasingly busy career with Scottish Opera and Opera North. We shall miss his wit, his musicianship and his unflappability. We have been truly blessed to have had an Organist of Olly's calibre on our staff for so long, and I daresay, we will see him again helping out from time to time. Meanwhile, we wish him well in his always excellent musical endeavours, and we are deeply grateful to him for all he has given us at St Mary's.

Kirsty Traynor our Organ Scholar last session, has also finished her year with us, and has moved to Edinburgh University, where she is studying for a B.Mus. degree. We wish her well in her studies, and look forward to seeing her on her occasional forays back to the West!

At the time of writing, the position of Organ Scholar remains vacant.

However, our new Assistant Organist is Peter Yardley-Jones. Peter is reading for a music degree at Glasgow University, and for the last two years was Organ Scholar to the Chapel there. He is studying the organ with Kevin Bowyer and John Butt, and is already proving to be a great asset to our music department. You can find out more about him on his web-site: www.peteryardleyjones.com As Peter is combining his post with us with that of organist at Houston and Kilellan Kirk, his main remit will be to accompany Choral Evensong and special services.

St Mary's is a great place for young musicians to learn their trade. To that end we have made a new appointment this year, that of the St Mary's Choir-training Scholarship. This we have awarded to Matthew Todd, a student of singing at the RSAMD, who studies with Iain Paton. Matthew came to us from Corstorphine Church and has already run his own choirs. He has started to help me out with the trebles, and you will see him conducting the choir every now and then on Sundays.

These scholarships are appointed only for a year at a time, and simply because a member of our congregation donates the money required for them each year. Whilst this is of course, fabulously generous, and we are deeply grateful, the time is perhaps approaching when we need to look into how to fund these valuable training posts on a more permanent basis.

Centenary Composing Competition

In an attempt to have a Communion Setting that could be ours, we set up the Centenary Composing Competition, offering a money prize for the winner. We advertised this in the national press, the national music press, in all the Universities, Music Colleges and Musical institutions in the UK. We were honoured that John Bell and James MacMillan agreed to be our judges, and we waited for the entries to pour in! There were only seventeen entries, a very disappointing response. They were of varying quality, but none actually fulfilled what we required, so we unanimously agreed to make no award. Instead, I have commissioned a young composer called David Bednall to write us one. Again this has been made possible by a generous donation from a member of St Mary's. David is hoping to have his work complete by next Easter.

Use of Instruments in Worship

As you will be aware, I occasionally call upon instrumentalists to enrich our music in worship. I am aware that I usually ask members for the choir to play for me. This is just because I know them, and see them regularly. I am keen to discover other members of our church who play, and would like to offer to support our music and contribute to our worship in this way. Sometimes I require solo instruments, sometimes small combinations, and occasionally a small orchestra. The spur is usually music that accompanies the choir, or the congregation's singing, but I would also like to develop the use of purely instrumental music before and after services. If you play an instrument, and would be interested in playing in any of these capacities, please come and talk to me.

The Cathedral as a venue

The cathedral continues to host annual services for a variety of outside organisations, and an increasing amount of weddings, funerals and memorial services. In addition to these, it remains a popular concert venue, particularly as part of the West End Festival.

This year, with an increasing work-load organising and training the trebles, it has proved difficult for me to continue to put in the energy and hours I have previously allocated for this aspect of the Cathedral's life.

One of the problems associated with this is the availability (or not!) of people to open the church, receive the artists, be there to attend to requests, clear up and lock up afterwards. It can be a great burden if it devolves on the same people time and time again. However, we are currently working on a plan to regularise this situation and compile a list of volunteers. Until then, no further bookings have been or will be taken.

Thank you to all of you have supported events in the cathedral.

Plans

The choir continues to explore new repertoire, and continues on apace with its important mission of broadcasts.

We are also hoping to complete the renewal of the choir's robes during this coming year.

I am still hoping to record another CD of the choir, and I have also had many requests to record a second CD of Organ Music. These are dependent on the availability of the requisite time, energy and money!

I would like to develop the trebles section further, to incorporate differing levels of training for each age group, and continue to recruit new members.

There is a small possibility this year that we might take the choir away for Cathedral weekend next Summer.

I have already referred to my wish to develop further, too, the use of instruments in church.

Thank you

We are grateful to all our musicians for the hours and hours they spend in preparation and execution of our wonderful musical tradition here at St Mary's. I consider it a privilege to have a choir who so enjoy what they do, and who are so dedicated and willing to accept new challenges.

However, we couldn't do it without the huge support we receive from our clergy and, as always, you, the congregation.

A huge thank you to you all.

Friðrik Walker
Organist and Director of Music

STEWARDS

This year we have seen a very welcome increase in the number of stewards. We have a faithful band of four stewards for the 8.30 service, eighteen stewards for the 10.30 service and nine for the 6.30 service. We also have a number of others who are willing to step in when we are short or for special occasions. Stewarding is a great way to get involved in the life of Saint Mary's and to get to know others in the congregation. I encourage anyone who is looking for a way in to join us.

This is my final report to the A.G.M. as stewards' co-ordinator. My four year term of duty comes to an end at the completion of the current rota at the end of January 2009.

I would like to thank everyone who has stewarded over the last four years. Your dedication and enthusiasm make a huge contribution to the work of The Cathedral and to our desire to be a place where all are welcomed. You have also made the job of stewards' co-ordinator a pleasure. I thank you all for your support.

*Jinty Stewart
Convener of Stewards*

BELLRINGERS

I am pleased to report that bellringing at St Mary's Cathedral has continued to flourish this year. We have rung the bells for all the Sunday evening services and Festivals, some weddings and for the morning service on a few occasions. Some of our ringers also rang handbells during the Advent service. We have attempted several peals and quarter peals. This included a quarter peal of Glasgow Surprise Major. Our ringers continue to support meetings of the Scottish Association of Change Ringers, winning the St Andrew's Shield at the striking competition. We have hosted some of the Association's Advanced practices.

We have welcomed several parties of visiting bellringers and had our own outing in April. This was centred on Beverley, Yorkshire. We enjoyed a weekend of ringing at several different towers, ably organised by Mike Harrison.

Unfortunately we have said goodbye to four members of our band during this year. Joan Kemp retired to Oban, Matthew Hetherington and Jessie MacLeod completed their studies and left Glasgow to take up jobs elsewhere and Michael Harrison returned to USA on completion of his period of work here. Our practice night continues to be Tuesday and we would be delighted to welcome any members of the congregation who would like to see what bellringing involves.

Work on the sound control on the west side of the tower has been completed. The clappers of bells 5 and 6 will require some attention and also a programme for replacement of the ropes has been put in place.

*Margaret Williams
Secretary, St Mary's Cathedral Glasgow Society of Change Ringers*

LGBT GROUP

During the year, a new LGBT group was formed.

LGBT stands for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender. The group meets approximately once a month. Most meetings are discussion meetings. Meetings have included discussion of the Anglican Communion, being gay and spiritual, looking for gay positive religious texts, bible study and looking at artworks representing Christ. The group were pleased to welcome the Most Rev Idris Jones to a meeting in the summer and were grateful to him to taking the time to meet just before he went to the Lambeth Conferences. In addition to discussion style meetings, the group uses an online social network to keep in touch and also meets for social occasions, such as a trip to the Ceilidh of the Glasgay festival.

The group benefits from being a mixed group of women and men of widely differing ages. New members are welcome.

*Kelvin Holdsworth
Provost and Rector*

KNITTING GROUP

This new group met for the first time on the evening of Monday, 10th November. It will be continuing – from December '08 to March '09 – on the second Monday of each month from 7.30 to 9.30 pm, currently in the Meeting Room, which is next to the Synod Hall door. The purpose of the group is to provide a social network for knitters in the congregation, who should bring their own knitting project along. Tea and coffee will be available. New members are welcome. Contact person: Anne Halliburton: tel: 0141 946 5426.

*Anne Halliburton
November 2008*

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting, held on Sunday November 25th 2007

Chair:

The Very Rev Kelvin Holdsworth, Rector and Provost of St Mary's Cathedral

Treasurer:

Roger Mackenzie

Secretary:

Andrew Colin

Present:

Julie Aghanya, Susan Anthony, Pam Barrowman, Reg Bartlett, Elizabeth Black, Margaret Brown, Peggy Brown, David Burness, Veronica Colin, Doreen Dawson, Joyce Dippie, Peggy Downes, Ivan Draper, Muriel Draper, Diane Elliott, Robert Elliott, Kathryn Elwis, Frank Ewing, Karen Ewing, Kevin Francis, Charles Fraser, Sandra Fraser, Simon Freebairn-Smith, Joyce Freemantle, Greta-Mary Hair, Anne Halliburton, Ian Halliburton, Andrew Heatlie, Michael Hitchman, Melissa Holloway, Paul Holloway, Christina Hughes, Tony Hughes, Jean Inch, Hazel Jolly, David Kenvyn, Margaret Kitson, Terry Lillie, Kit Lindsay, Stewart MacFarlane, Catherine MacKenzie, Franny Mawditt, Robert Mawditt, Brian McAllister, David McFadyen, Caroline McKillop, Lisa McLeman, Migeun Park, Bernard Porter, Margaret Porter, John Riches, Beth Routledge, Ken Shaw, Sheila Shaw, Gail Smith, Gordon Smith, Robert Smith, Jinty Stewart Margaret Taylor, Anissa Tonberg, Frikki Walker, Margaret Williams

1. Opening Prayers and Memorial for the Departed

The Provost led the opening prayers. The meeting prayed for the souls of members of the Congregation who had died in the previous year:

Joyce Banks, David Brown, Veronica Latham, Pam MacLeod
Hilda Mitchell, Derek Wellington, Patricia Wellington

2. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from:

Anne Bartlett, Roger Edwards, Sharon Francis, John Gerrard, Nicola Graham, Barbara Gronn, Peter Gronn, Anne Jones, Jim McKillop, Isobel McNaughton, Alan Richmond, Pam Richmond, Elspeth Waine, Ken Waine, Mimi White, Steven White

3. Acceptance of AGM Minutes of 26 November 2006

Stewart MacFarlane pointed out an inaccuracy in the minutes: The original reference to “OFCS” in the minutes of the AGM of November 21st 2005, which had been (incorrectly) corrected to “OSCF” in Minute 3, should actually be “OSCR”.

Ian Halliburton proposed that with this amendment the minutes be accepted as a correct record of the AGM in 2006, and *Margaret Brown* seconded this motion. The motion was passed *nem. con.*

4. Vestry Report by the Lay Representative

Pamela Barrowman, the Lay Representative, presented her report.

In the report, Pamela paid tribute to various members of the Clergy team and the Vestry.

- The Rev. Shona Lillie’s contribution to the Cathedral was much appreciated. Pamela singled out the work which made the Open Day such a great success.
- The Cathedral has acquired a new Treasurer. The previous Treasurer, Roger Edwards, had taken a particularly heavy load since he had to manage the difficulties caused by the vacancy, and also re-cast the accounts in the new formats specified by OSCR. There was now the prospect of considerably less work!
- Tony Hughes and his group looked after the heating system.
- Margaret Brown’s group looked after Human Relations. This included Health and Safety considerations as well as cleaning. We had now employed a cleaning agency, but Margaret was still putting a great deal of time into these matters.

Among other items, Pamela mentioned that:

- The final interment in the Memorial Garden would take place on November 30th
- The new car parking arrangements were working extremely well. There was now always room for people with special needs, or those working in the Cathedral, to park.
- Lansdowne Church is caught up in the revue taking place among local Presbyterian churches, but we remain on very good terms with their people.
- The new printer acquired by the Cathedral Office has made documentation much easier. It is proposed to make the *Magnificat Monthly* news-sheet just that – i.e., monthly.

Kelvin thanked all members of the Vestry for their various contributions to the life of the Cathedral.

5. Treasurer’s Report and Acceptance of Accounts

The Treasurer, Roger Mackenzie, spoke briefly to his report, which had been circulated previously. He thanked the previous Treasurer, Roger Edwards, for his work in re-casting the accounts to conform to the new OSCR standard.

Stewart MacFarlane made several comments:

Stewart: Last year's OSCR report was not submitted until three months after the due date. Did OSCR impose any penalty on the Cathedral?

Roger: No.

Stewart: Is your report the same as the one to be submitted to OSCR this year?

Roger: No. The OSCR report for this year was drafted well in advance so that it could be checked by the Auditor in good time.

Stewart: We appreciate the work you are doing.

Roger: We are due for an OSCR visitation in a few weeks' time.

David Kenvyn proposed that the accounts be accepted, with thanks to Roger. This was seconded by *Stewart MacFarlane* and passed *nem con*.

6. Appointment of Auditor

The auditor for the current year is *Ernie Turner* of BDO Stoy Hayward. *Roger Mackenzie* proposed that his appointment should continue next year. This motion was seconded by *Gail Smith* and passed *nem con*.

7. Elections

The following elections were made unopposed:

As Lay Representative to the Diocesan Synod: *Pamela Barrowman*

To the Vestry: *Reg. Bartlett*
Paul Holloway
Anissa Tonberg

The posts of Alternate Lay Representative to the Diocesan Synod and the Representative on the Diocesan North Regional Council remain vacant, and can be filled by co-option.

8. Other Reports

Frikki Walker spoke to the Music Report. He singled out the recent formation of the Trebles. Special thanks were due to three people:

First, to *Anne Jones*, who had been hugely helpful with meeting the requirements under the Child Safety legislation.

Second, to *Christine Walker*, who as manager of the RSCM Trebles contributed a great deal of relevant advice and experience.

Finally to *Peggy Brown*, whose generosity had made the venture possible. He felt that the Trebles would be a living and loving memorial to her late husband David Brown.

The report was accepted with acclamation and prolonged clapping.

All other reports had been previously circulated and were taken as read.

9. Rector's Report

It is common for the Rector of a congregation to say a few words at an AGM about the state of the congregation.

Over the course of the last year, the congregation has changed as it always does. The rapid turnover of people in this part of the city and in this congregation is still something that I am getting used to. One of the joys of being here is that you get to meet new interesting people constantly.

During the course of the last year, the numbers of people whom we are in touch with has been growing, the number of people at worship has been growing and the number of members on the books has gone up. These are all positive indicators that the congregation is lively.

One of the things I have done personally in the last year is to take steps to get fitter. You can always get a bit fitter, a bit slimmer and a bit healthier and I've been doing pretty well. The point that I've got to is that I'm healthier than I was, but I've got a bit to go yet before I get to the point where I want to be.

It is the same with the congregation in many ways. When I came here, I would have described the congregation as being quite vulnerable after a number of difficult years. I'd say it was more healthy now. I'd also say that there is a bit to go yet before we get to the kind of state of health and well-being and confidence that I would like us to have.

You change as a group of people constantly. If you are to go on growing in health and confidence then that means some changes in our common life together. As more people join us, members of your clergy team get pulled in different directions. You are the busiest church I've ever worked in. There is the danger that you run your clergy ragged trying to keep up.

Most churches at the moment are declining in numbers and have their own problems. We do not. Our problems are the best problems a congregation can have in the world:

- how do we communicate
- how do we fit all our groups into our buildings
- how can we give coffee to everyone after the service
- how do we distribute the communion to rising numbers of people
- how can we go on putting on even more concerts and public events without a verger,
- how do the clergy get done what more and more people are expecting of them,
- how do we sit the number of people in the choir
- how do we look after so many new children safely
- how do we cope with growth?

These are the questions that I think about a lot. To be honest, there are not many resources in the Scottish Episcopal Church to help congregations like ours. We are rich and blessed

and sometimes it is hard to cope with how blessed we are. This is the context of the time that is ahead of us. To become the church that we hope we can be. To become the church that God is calling us to be.

There is no job I would rather do. I ask you to give the Clergy and the Vestry all the support you can in the coming year. We are all in this together and it would be inappropriate to close without giving thanks to God for one another and I ask you to stand now so that we can do that before the blessing.

10. Closing Prayers

The meeting ended with prayers

Andrew Colin (Secretary to the Vestry)

AGENDA

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 12 noon Sunday 23 November 2008

- 1 Opening Prayers and Memorial for the Departed
- 2 Apologies for absence (*Please indicate on the paper that will be circulated for that purpose*)
- 3 Acceptance of AGM Minutes of 25 November 2007
- 4 Vestry Report by the Lay Representative
- 5 Treasurer's Report & Acceptance of Accounts (pages 7 – 12)
- 6 Appointment of Auditor
- 7 Elections:
 - a) Lay Representative
 - b) Alternate Lay Representative
 - c) North East Regional Council Representative
 - d) Vestry Member
- 8 Other Reports (*all taken as read*)
- 9 Mission 21
- 10 Questions arising from reports
- 11 Notice of Canon 35 Application

The panelling in the North West Corner of the Cathedral has been dismantled in order to investigate a report of dry rot. It was originally installed as a fitting background for the baptismal font, which used to be in that corner. However, the font was moved during the last restoration, and it is now proposed to restore the area to its original form - that is, the same as the other corner at the back of the Cathedral. There should be no permanent impact on arrangements for our youngest members. Work such as this requires diocesan approval. This notice is an invitation to

members of the congregation to consider this application. Questions and comments are encouraged and should be submitted to the Vestry Secretary, Andrew Colin.

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Closing Prayers

