



ST MARY'S MAGAZINE ADVENT 2017

RECTOR'S REFLECTIONS (Bob's Bit)

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid! Do not be discouraged! For the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go.

Joshua 1. 9

These words were spoken by the Lord to Joshua after the death of Moses. Joshua had been Moses' second in command and was now being invited to lead the Israelites into the promised land. The Lord encourages him with the promise of his continuing presence. The Lord had already told him, 'Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go. Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful.'

Joshua 1. 7-8

We too can enjoy this support from our reading of the Bible and from the continuing presence in our lives of our Lord Jesus Christ through the indwelling Holy Spirit.

Joshua was beginning a new chapter in his life of service. In St Mary's we too have begun a new chapter. In time for the start of the new church year we have returned to the refurbished St Mary's. Please come and delight in our beautiful building restored to its former glory!

At the first Christmas God opened a new chapter by sending his Son, Jesus, to restore us into fellowship with him. We shall be celebrating his first coming at a variety of services. Please join us!

Tristan beavers away in St Mary's



Tristan Sikorsky came to St Mary's on 15 November to prepare for his Beaver's Faith Badge. Tristan had a tour of the church and spotted in the Mitchell window a fleur-de-lis, the symbol of Scouts and Beavers. Tristan listened to the story of the Good Samaritan and wrote a prayer.

Advent Carol Service in St Ninian's Cathedral

Sunday 10 December at 6.30pm

Christmas Services in St Mary's

Sunday 17 December at 10.00am: Carol Service

Sunday 24 December at 10.00am: Sung Eucharist

Sunday 24 December at 4.00 pm: Christingle Service

Sunday 24 December at 11.30pm: Midnight Eucharist

Monday 25 December at 10.00am: Christmas Day Eucharist

Last Year's Carol Singing around the town

