

THE PARISHES OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST AND ST MARY MAGDALENE

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WELCOME!

If you are visiting, are new to the area, or just live here, you are most welcome in our sister parishes.

If you are new to the parish or area, please make yourself known to Fr Jock by email or on the phone and ask for details of how to register on the parishes' roll.



Twenty-fifth Sunday of the Year 19 September 2021

The Book of Wisdom 2:12.17-20;

Mark 9:30-37;

James 3:16-4:3;

“If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.” [...] “Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.”

(Drawing by Maximino Cerezo Barredo, CMF, Spanish Catholic priest and liberation theologian, as well as an artist known for his murals)

An Appeal from the Society of St Vincent De Paul

Mary Iannarelli, President, writes: ‘Our SVdeP conference is called *St John and St Mary Magdalene's Conference (Edinburgh East)*. Our group consists of people from different backgrounds, who bring many skills to the group. Prior to the pandemic it was usual practice for conference members to make home visits in pairs and we always strive to work in an unobtrusive, non-judgmental and practical way. We are contacted by those who may be dealing with a crisis in their life, be it bereavement, illness, loss of employment or changes in family circumstances. In the past we have supported others to access entitlements, liaised with utility companies, medical and dental services, council departments and immigration services. Sometimes the support is short term but some of our work is long term, supporting others who may feel socially isolated or marginalised. We also have strong relationships with local schools, donating Scotmid vouchers at Christmas time and supporting families to access school residential experiences for their children. None of the above could be carried out without the very generous donations from parishioners and friends. We are extremely grateful for their continued support especially during these difficult times. *We are in desperate need now of new members as several of our group have given many years of excellent service and now, in their later years of life, would welcome input from new members. If you feel that you would like to find out more about our work, with a view to becoming a member of our conference please contact a member of the parishes' team, in the first instance. Should you feel that we could help you in any way please phone the parishes' house in the first instance 0131 669 5447.*’ You can read the whole appeal on our website

<https://www.stjohnsportobello.co.uk/news-events/society-of-st-vincent-de-paul-svdp>

EXCITING NEWS OF THREE GRANTS FOR THE WORK ON ST JOHN'S TOWER – SEE FINAL PAGE OF THE NEWSLETTER (*and many many thanks to those who worked so hard, generously and effectively to prepare our grant applications – a most demanding and time-consuming task*).

...The draw for this month's Tower Tombola Prize takes place after this Sunday's 9.30am Mass... The prize will be £282.50....and £847.50 will go to the Tower Fund.

The next Healing Mass (with the Sacrament of the Sick) will take place next Monday - 27 September – at 2.30pm at St John's.

The Season of Creation – a new 'season' initiated a few years ago by Pope Francis – began on Wednesday 1 September and will continue till 4 October - the Feast of St Francis of Assisi

A Scottish Laity Network Initiative: A Faith Based Challenge to COP26 with Fr Seán McDonagh - this Thursday, 23 September - 7.00-9.00pm on Zoom

Fr Seán, a Columban priest, has a long history of being an eco-activist and has written many books and articles that have all contributed to a deeper understanding of what is happening to our 'common home' and the need to take radical action. He also contributed to the research for 'Laudato Si'. This is a wonderful opportunity to come together, as women and men of faith, to discern the action needed at COP26.



You can register at: <https://forms.gle/WVAr5CN362v7VdYJA>
The final section of the evening will be in Breakout Rooms and these will be based on Diocese and, if requested parish. (If you would like to meet as a Parish Group and ask you to indicate that on the Registration Form.)

This Week

Saturday 18 September

2.00pm – St John's – **Wedding of Marie McGarrol and Martin Rennie**
6.30pm – St John's – **Vigil Mass** – livestreamed

Sunday 19 September

9.30am – St John's – **Mass** – livestreamed
11.00am – Prayer Room – **Mass** – pre-recorded, streamed on YouTube
11.15am – St Mary Magdalene's – **Mass**

Monday 20 September

10.00am – St John's - **Mass** – livestreamed
7-8.15pm – **Zoom Meeting – Gospel Sharing and Reflection – Open to All**
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88382535372?pwd=RWRmeTZhZDhIOWxGY1VCSXZXQmh4Zz09>

Tuesday 21 September – FEAST OF ST MATTHEW

4.30pm – Skype – **PEP Meeting**
7.00pm – Prayer Room – **Mass** – livestreamed

Wednesday 22 September10.00am – St John’s – **Mass** – livestreamed11.30am – Mortonhall Crematorium – **Funeral Service for Keith Barclay****Thursday 23 September**9.15pm – St Mary Magdalene’s – **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**10.00am – St May Magdalene’s – **Mass** – livestreamed**Friday 24 September**9.15pm – St John’s – **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**10.00am – St John’s – **Mass** with P7 - new beginnings– livestreamed10.35am (straight after Mass) – St John’s - **Rosary at Our Lady’s Altar****Saturday 25 September**6.30pm – St John’s – **Vigil Mass** - livestreamed**Sunday 26 September**9.30am – St John’s – **Mass with baptism of Kasey Kane Smith**– livestreamed11.00am – Prayer Room – **Mass** – pre-recorded, streamed on YouTube11.15am – St Mary Magdalene’s – **Mass****IN THE COMING WEEKS****Monday 27 September - 2.30pm – Healing Mass (with the Sacrament of the Sick)****Monday 4 October – St John’s – Requiem Mass for Moira McConville****Tuesday 5 October – Requiem Mass for Evelyn Oldershaw****From Archbishop Leo’s Weekly ‘Ad Clerum’ –****Clergy changes**

- Fr George Suszko has been called away by his superiors to work in the USA. He will leave the diocese around 15 October 2021;
- Fr James Cadman, from the Philippines, is appointed administrator to Hawick-Jedburgh-Kelso, effective 15 October;
- Fr Michael Adebajo is returning home at the request of his bishop to take up a new office in his home diocese;
- Fr Peter Owolabi, also from Nigeria, will replace Fr Michael as administrator in Blackburn & Stoneyburn, effective 28 September.

Dementia: Hope on a Difficult Journey

An event for those supporting friends or family with dementia will be held at the Gillis Centre, Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, from 2-4pm on Saturday 6 November. A talk will be led by Dr Adrian Treloar, and there will be a chance to share experiences before a time of prayer in St Margaret’s Chapel, onsite. Light refreshments will be served.. The event is organised by the Archdiocesan Marriage & Families Commission. To register please visit bit.ly/DementiaEvent2021

Courses at Gillis Centre

Applications are about to close for courses run by St Mary’s University at the Gillis Centre Campus in Edinburgh. Why not improve your knowledge of the Catholic Faith with an MA in Theology? Teachers are invited to register now for MA Education courses as part of their continuing professional development. These are: Catholic School Leadership; Leading Innovation and Change; Pedagogy; Religious Education. Watch testimonies from students on the Archdiocesan YouTube channel (bit.ly/ArchYouTube). All details at www.stmarys.ac.uk/edinburgh

Safeguarding Webinar

The Bishops of Scotland invite clergy, religious, church employees and volunteers across Scotland to a national safeguarding webinar at 11am on Saturday 2 October. It will be a chance to find out more about the safeguarding document In Gods Image v2 and reflect upon on its implications for your safeguarding role. The link to register is: bit.ly/3gQRdPu. In God's Image V2 can be found at www.bcos.org.uk/Safeguarding

NOTICE BOARD

Children Sacramental Preparation

Arlene Lauder writes: 'The parishes Sacramental Preparation of P3 and P4 children will resume shortly. If your child is in primary 3 or primary 4 (or has not yet celebrated First Reconciliation or First Holy Communion) and DOES NOT attend St John's primary school, please get in touch. We run a parish-based programme which prepares children for the celebration of the Sacraments in both St Mary Magdalene's and St John's churches. To register your child/children or to have a chat about what is involved please contact Arlene Lauder (Sacramental Coordinator) on 07950880833 or by email on lauder.82@btinternet.com or speak to Father Jock at any time.



AN INITIATIVE FROM THE EDINBURGH JESUIT CENTRE - SOME SYNOD SCENARIOS

(Views of the Synod Process from Rome & Liverpool)

'Pope Francis has called for a 'Synodal Church' that listens, learns and shares mission. Synodality is a word that we may not have encountered too often but it simply means 'to walk together' and this was a vital component of the early Church. The Catholic Church in Scotland is scheduled to begin the Synodal process in October; so why not join us at the Edinburgh Jesuit Centre this September to get a view of how this might look at grass-root level in different parts of the world. We are delighted to announce our final two speakers:

- **Tuesday 21 September** - 7.30pm - Zoom & Facebook Live - 'A View from Rome' - Sr Nathalie Becquart (Under Secretary to the Vatican Synod of Bishops)
- **Tuesday 28 September** - 7.30pm - Zoom & Facebook Live 'A View from Liverpool' - Fr Philip Inch (Synod Moderator for the 2020 Synod in Liverpool)

Zoom Login Information - Join us on Zoom by following the link below.
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2365092814>

We shall also be streaming to Facebook Live (just type Edinburgh Jesuit Centre into Facebook.)

Among The Rubble (Week of Prayer for Peace in Palestine and Israel)

Compassionate God,
In our minds, we pray among the rubble,
the unholy mess of demolitions
In the land that we call Holy.

In our hearts we hold
families who have lost their homes,
children who have seen their schools destroyed,
communities which no longer have a clinic.
We pray for them as they weep for all that's lost.
We pray that they will not lose hope.

And we pray, too, for
the men who drive the bulldozers,
soldiers who beat back protesters,
politicians who sign the orders –
aware that such actions destroy their humanity.

Bless those who campaign against injustice;
bless the patient rebuilders;
bless those who hope against hope
that peace with justice will prevail
in the land that we call Holy.

Amen

(Jan Sutch Pickard, September 2021)



Many thanks from the Moyes Family for the £460 raised for the ICU at the Royal Infirmary in the leaving collection at Rob Moyes' Requiem Mass last month.

...and from Fr Jim Walls out in Rome – 'The Iona to Lindisfarne pilgrimage raised in excess of £21,000 which has now been lodged in St Maria Skobtsova House of Hospitality in Calais... thank you for supporting some of the most vulnerable people in Europe – and may I ask you to continue your prayerful support of the volunteers and migrants of MSH... May God bless you all abundantly.'

<p><i>Please pray for those who have died recently:</i></p> <p>Margaret Cunningham (from the USA - sister of Bill Cunningham)</p> <p>Moira McConville</p> <p>Keith Barclay</p> <p>Mary Shipsey</p> <p>Mary Stevens</p> <p><i>Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur around this time:</i></p> <p>Brian Carr</p> <p>Neil and Margaret Griffin</p> <p>Gerry Wynne</p> <p>Daphne de Freitas</p> <p>Elizabeth Mackail</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Anniversaries:</i></p> <p><u>St John's</u></p> <p>Sept.18: Nicole D DiBiasi (1999); James Robertson (1999); Norrie Lamb (1996); Leonardo Politi (1989); Mary Reading (1979); Robert Harrop (1976); John Adair; Annie Hanlon;</p> <p>Sept.19: Ellen McEvoy (2019); Peter Murray (2015); Catherine Tesoro (2012); Williamina Brockman (1997); Mary Elizabeth Bryant; John Quigley;</p> <p>Sept.20: Charles Doherty (2008); Thomas Walker (2000); Robert Forbes (1997); Greta Davies (1996); Sam Cunningham (1993); Thomas D'Arcy (1985); Joe Davies (1974); Sophia Gollooly (1968);</p> <p>Sept.21: Helen Parry (1992); Eileen McCarthy (1989); James Tunley (1943); Roseanna & Patrick Lynch (1917); Mary Phair; James Syme;</p> <p>Sept.22: Joseph Phair (2010); Rena Quigley (1992); John P Laydon (1988); Josephine Kempton (1984); Rena Fusco (1982);</p> <p>Sept.23: Katie Randall (2017); John McCue (2012); James & Mary Boyle;</p> <p>Sept.24: Peter McDonald (2012); Robert Munro (2000); Annie K O'Neill (2000); Josephine Ross (1991); Molly Tracy;</p> <p><u>St Mary Magdalene's</u></p> <p>Sept.19: Roseanne Redmond (2018); Sarah Davidson (2004); George Grieve (1995);</p> <p>Sept.21: Margaret Gray (2005); Barbara Greenan (1969);</p> <p>Sept.22: Elizabeth Mackaill (2020);</p>
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<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Please pray for those Parishioners who are sick:</i></p> <p>St. John's: Josie Tilley, Catherine Walker, John Freeman, John Waugh, May Thomson, Sheila and George Service, Margaret Campbell, Ann Dobie, Kim O'Neill, Frank Logan, Sheelagh Dobson, Ernie Moran, Bob Kelly, Jean Bonnar, Mike Iannarelli, Chloe Sutherland, Norah Bruce, Patricia Lawler, Celia Stone, Ruth Viso, Mary Grady, Pauli Walker, Anna Butler, May Flynn, Vincent Knowles, John Cregan, young Saoirse Golden, John Whyte, Frances Cunningham, David Reid, Charlotte McGregor, Betty Dougal, Anne Thomson, Eileen Brown, Mike Noonan, Sarah McManus, Mike Burns, Sr Jennifer Lindsay, Maureen Low, Mary Slight, Rose Thornton, Kitty Dykes, Norman Telfer, Alf MacNamara, Maureen Lawrie, Kathie Gallagher, Erin Corbett, Roz Byers, Marie Angela Crolla and Lorraine Syme.</p> <p>St Mary Magdalene's:</p> <p>Mary Cole, Denis Davidson, Chris English, Jacqueline Marinello, Andrew Farmer, Ray Donnelly, Sam Burns, Clive Davis, Isobel Phillips, Margaret Duffy, Maria Scott Jnr, Louise Gorman, Ann Dockrell, John Newall, Michael McPhillips, Bridget Malone, Charles Malcolm, Margaret Ryan, Jacqueline Hannan, Julie Keegan, Rose McKay, Laurie Wallace, Annie Watson, David O'Donnell, Andrew Banks, Jude Ferguson, and Mary and James Muir.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Please pray for sick friends and relatives of our Parishioners:</i></p> <p>Baby Percy Keiran McShane, Colin Sandham, Finny Paterson, Drew Shiels, Lewis White, George Lewis, Baby Alfie McDevitt, Rachel Kennedy, Gordon Marron, Una Johnston, Dawn Clarke, William Kinsley, Katie Mc Anenny, John Kellagher, Murdo Tait, Niamh McDougall, Joy Allan, Colin Raasch, Annie Ross, Christopher MacKinnon, Audrey Burgess, Jaroslav Icina, Annabelle Cervantes, Emily Buchanan, Ann Thorp, baby Josh Simpson, Helen McCann, Rhoda Tumboli, Dani Miniette., Peter Millar, Nan Doig, Leo Stone, Sr May Lewis, Joan Murray Hamilton, Sr Margaret Mary, Billy McPhillips, Jean Nelson, Margaret Anne Marton, Betty Blyth, Lauren Fitzpatrick, Fr Christy Fox, Joe Greenan, Michael Igoe, Robert Shaw, baby Kinsley McMillan, John Walsh, Margaret and Victoria Roddam, John Williams, Clare Richardson, Karen MacKay, Laura Anderson, Gloria Crolla, Richard Reid, James O'Rourke, Tommy Muir, Janice Todd, James Shepherd, Peter Hanley, Jennifer Kay, Ranier Carpo, Marie Baird, Andrew Franklin, Frank Palmer, Paul Henderson, Ellen Green, Andrew Preston, Jamie Mitchell, Eunice Macdonald, Peter Bromley, Kathleen Cawley, Misia Jack, Hannah Muldoon, Emma Bromet, Edward Caulfield, Igor Rekowski, Diana Hibbert, Joan Brooks, Mary Turnbull, Stuart Falconer, and young Ray Donovan Syme</p>
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Thank You!

Offertory Collections – 12 September 2021

St Mary Magdalene	St John the Evangelist
£350.59 total including Offertory of £90.59 and Gift Aid of £260.00	£ 1325.01 total including Offertory of £148.61, Gift Aid of £242.40 and £934.00 Online Donations

A REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL FOR THE 25th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (Mark 9: 30-37)

(The author of these reflections is a friend of Fr Jock living in Northumberland)

Most of us remember ‘Mock Exams’ from our school days. They were useful, for pupil and teacher alike, as preparation for public exams – a useful indicator of weaknesses and strengths. They are still a feature of the educational system today. The teacher can see, if the whole year group has struggled with a particular question, that more teaching is needed in that area. Individual pupils can see where they stand, where they are weak, where they are strong. The daily examination of conscience some of us were brought up on is, if you like, a daily ‘mock exam’. That journey inwards means that we take a detailed look at who we are, what we stand for, and, equally importantly, **who** we stand for. Our whole life is a journey of self-discovery, where we learn more and more about the nature of God, and learn about ourselves.

Part of our daily ‘mock exam’ means a recognition of mistakes. As a drinking alcoholic, I was only too ready to hide from my failings and shortcomings. My shame, embarrassment and regret fuelled the addiction, blotting out memory and numbing conscience. The insanity that is alcoholism meant that instead of addressing weakness and seeking professional help, I preferred to bury my head, hide, and pretend there was nothing to see. I was an absolute mess but to my eternal gratitude I was surrounded, supported, and encouraged by those who saw not a bad person doing bad things, but rather a good person making stupid mistakes. They did not write me off and in sobriety, I can repent of those mistakes – and, equally importantly, Thank God, on a daily basis, for their generosity and support. Recognition of past mistakes is good for humility. *Blessed are the humble, for they shall inherit the earth.* (Matt 5:15)

In this weekend’s Gospel passage. Mark speaks of Jesus’ need for privacy. He is continuing to make his way through Galilee and to work with the disciples; He *did not want anyone to know (where they were going), because he was instructing his disciples...* Those humble men had much to learn, a whole new lifestyle to adapt to, tests to be faced and to be overcome. It’s a tall order, and they need this time away with Him. They were drawn to him with all their prejudices, misconceptions, doubts and fears, all of their past mistakes and disappointments, as well as their hopes for the future. They had left family and friends behind. Now they need to renew themselves, to make that journey deep into their inner self. They need all the help He can give them.

This week has presented two different characters that compel us to face up to some home truths. Nicki Minaj (I hadn’t heard of her either!) is a Trinidadian Rap Star who has a huge following on social media – attracting some 22 million, mainly young, followers. She stands accused of acting totally irresponsibly by posting a message to her fans, suggesting that the Covid vaccination was harmful to all who took it. Health Experts and political leaders were up in arms: ‘*Young people are impressionable,*’ they cried: ‘They must be protected from this sort of harmful content.’ In contrast, Shamima Begum needs no introduction. Politicians and media alike, make no allowance for her impressionable age at the time of her grooming by ISIS. To a (wo)man they cry: *She should be punished.* Even at 15 she was above the age of criminal responsibility. The public, whoever they may be, maintain that she should not be allowed back into the UK; arguing that she joined ISIS willingly, and **must** have known what she was doing. They claim that she has made her bed; now she should lie on it; she doesn’t deserve a second chance.

We cannot have it both ways and I think that Jesus would want you and I to explain where **we** stand on the subject. Are we with the ‘public’ or are we on the side of Jesus and his Gospel? We don’t know how long was the period of formation alluded to in this weekend’s Gospel. It will have involved much soul searching, and ideas and prejudices will have been challenged. Jesus believed in the disciples and in their potential, but they needed his encouragement and to be nurtured by Him. They have an exam to prepare for, they are about to be exposed to public scrutiny and they will have to give witness to their new-found conviction. They are, if you like, being prepared for their public exam, and Jesus is taking them through their ‘mocks’. Our own mocks, our daily examination of who we are, of where we stand with Jesus, is essential preparation for our Final Exam when we stand in the privacy of God’s judgement seat.

FINDING THE HIDDEN TREASURE by Benignus O'Rourke

Chapter 36 – The Fruitful Vine



When Jesus spoke of himself on the night before he died as the true vine in his Father's vineyard, he promised to abide with us and to nourish us. He told his disciples: *'I am the vine, and you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty'* (**John 15:5**).

In our time of silent waiting, we are allowing the sap, the life that flows in the vine, to flow through the branches. We are not seeking union with God. We already have that. Our task is to remain close to him and enjoy that union. *'It is not that God comes to us, as if he were absent,'* Augustine reminds us, *'or even*

that we "go" to him. God is always present to us but we, like blind people, do not have the eyes to see him.'

In order to see God, we have to enter a new relationship with him, enter into a new place. *'It was in my inmost heart,'* wrote Augustine, *'it was there, Lord, that you made me begin to love you, and you made me glad at heart'* (**Confessions 9.4**). The awareness of our union with the life-giving vine, the unknown sweetness that we find in our inmost heart, is not achieved without a struggle. It is a struggle between our surface self, the person on show to the world, and our deeper self.

It is what Paul, in one of his letters to the Christians in Rome, describes as the split between our spiritual and our unspiritual self. It is the conflict between the ego and what he calls *'my true self'*.

Thomas Merton (OCSO, American cloistered monk, theologian and poet) wrote that the aim of being still before God is *'to set free the divine light which is mysteriously present and shining in each of us, although it is enveloped in an insidious web of the psyche's weaving.'* This divine light is trapped in a web which our unspiritual self - to use Paul's words - weaves around it. If we are to release that light and let it shine, we have to free it from the tangled web we have wrapped it in. In the struggle to discard the shell that life has created, or we have created, grace is working gently if painfully, inviting our true self to emerge from the womb into the fullness of life.

Our hours of prayer open us up to our deeper self. In that stillness we find the true self - created in God's image - that life's cares and sorrows and sins can never destroy. We discover, like Augustine, that we are waking with a new vision. Our priorities are changing. Our fears are assuaged, and our anxieties lessened.

We shall also find, as promised, that we have everything within us for our spiritual journey: the source of life, the wisdom we need.

*Deep down we find our basic sanity and basic goodness.
We discover our own deepest self.*

UPDATE ON ST JOHN'S TOWER...AND EXCITING NEWS ABOUT GRANTS

Gary Zoltie, Chair of St John's Finance Council, writes: 'There have been a couple of timing issues to the project due to both delays in fully erecting the scaffolding and a shortage of availability of qualified stonemasons. However we appear to be back on track now and work is able to continue to a higher level on the tower.



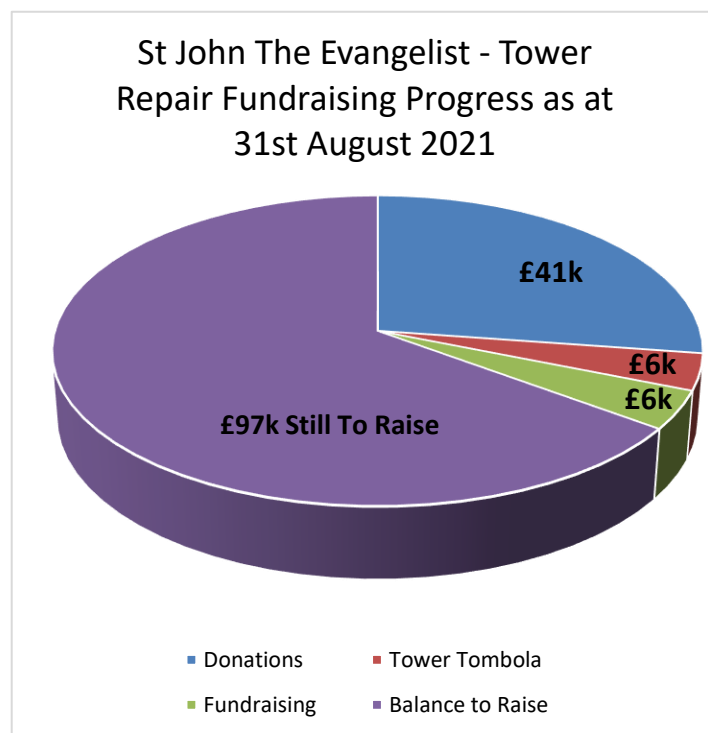
In terms of contract expenditure, we have paid out £130,596 to LTM the contractor and Adams Napier the surveyors, who are project managing the project for us, and we have reclaimed VAT of £9,412 so there has been a net expenditure of £121,184 and we are therefore around 35% of the way through the project budget of £352,000.

We are very happy and excited to announce that we have secured three different grants to support us with the project costs. We will receive just under £160,000 from Historic Environment Scotland, £30,000 from a Cornerstone grant from the National Churches Trust and a further £10,000 from The Wolfson Trust. This totals

£200,000 of grant income which we did not budget for. **This means that we will not have to borrow any funds from the Archdiocese** apart from possible bridging finance to cover short term cashflow deficits.

Having said that, whilst we will end the project with no debt, our bank account reserves will have been drained so the focus of our fundraising moves from repaying the loan to building our bank account level back to a reasonable level of buffer in the event of other unexpected maintenance costs.

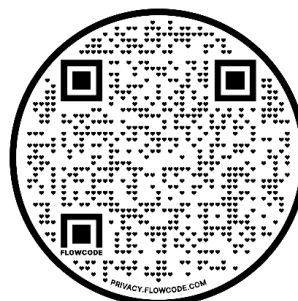
It is possible to donate to the Tower Fund via Apple Pay, Google Pay as well as with credit / debit cards.



Donations of any value can be single or recurring. There is also a Gift Aid option on the donations page for taxpayers, increasing any donation by 25%.

The URL links and its associated QR code are included here for your information. Please share them with family and friends! The URL links are available on the parish website and Facebook page. Look out for the QR code around the perimeter of the church building!

<https://tinyurl.com/STJTOWER>
<https://www.stjohnsportobello.co.uk/>



You can still donate by placing cash in an envelope and dropping off at the Parish house or by bank transfer to sort code 80-46-53, account number 10765768, account name St Johns Church. In both cases, please mark as "Tower Fund". Alternatively, why not give the **Tower Tombola** a go. For a monthly payment of £10 you have a chance to win over £250.