

## Worship

Our worship is rich and varied. Within our churches you can experience a variety of liturgical and musical styles. We cherish both our historic prayer book and our new liturgical texts, but at the heart of our worship lies the regular celebration of the Eucharist. Through the sharing of bread and wine we remember the death and resurrection of Jesus, and that through Him and His sacrifice we are cleansed of our sins.

Although we are a small church (in Scotland) we are not, however, inward looking. We are constantly looking to share our faith with others and to discover new and exciting ways of being faithful to the Gospel.

As members of the Anglican Communion we are fully involved in the world wide church, working closely with all other churches and faith groups and are constantly seeking to forge new and deeper relationships with people of faith both in Scotland and throughout the wider world.



## ST MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Newport on Tay

Charity No SC003380

### HISTORY

The architect of the church was Major Thomas Martin Cappon, and the estimated cost was £1000. It was built within budget!

The foundation stone was laid in 1886 and the church was consecrated on 29<sup>th</sup> April 1887.

Originally the walls were decorated with paintings, but these were covered over when the oak panelling in the chancel was installed, in 1921. There was also a painting of Christ seated on his heavenly throne on the east wall reredos. See accompanying photo of the church as it looked originally.

ORGAN The organ was built in 1903/04 by Mr John Miller, organ builder, Dundee, and cost £266/0/11, with an additional £5 for "special pipes" The organ was originally water powered, but this was replaced by an electric blower in 1949. The last major refurbishment was in 1999, and it is maintained in tip top condition. We occasionally hold organ recitals.

PULPIT The octagonal pulpit is made from Scots oak with a wax finish, and was erected in 1934

ROOD SCREEN AND FIGURES The Rood Screen, also Scots oak, was erected in 1937 to celebrate the church's Jubilee. The rood figures were added and dedicated in 1940. They were carved by Mr W Lamb of Montrose and, unusually, depict Christ as beardless.

STAINED GLASS WINDOWS The stained glass windows were variously installed between 1887 and 1950, the most recent being the magnificent west window. Two of the other windows are from the Charles Eamer Kempe studio. Look for the wheatsheaf with the black tower in the corner of the windows.

FONT The stone font was given in 1894, and the carved oak cover was added in 1929.

LECTERN. The brass lectern dates from 1904

Please light a candle if you wish, and sign the visitors' book.

You are very welcome to join us at any of our services. Sung Eucharist is celebrated here every Sunday at 10.45am. Other services are advertised.

If you wish to speak to the Rector, the contact details are on the outside notice board.

### **A Brief Introduction to the Scottish Episcopal Church**

The Scottish Episcopal Church is a welcoming and inclusive Church that traces its origins back to the beginnings of Christianity in Scotland. The church is "Scottish" because it traces its history back to St Ninian and the early Christian communities of 400AD, and "Episcopal" because the church order includes bishops as well as priests, deacons and lay ministers. We are part of the world-wide Anglican Communion - a family of some 70 million Christians in more than 160 countries.

The Church is organised into seven historic dioceses which cover the whole of Scotland, our diocese is the See of St Andrews, Dunkeld and Dunblane. Each area is under the pastoral care of a bishop, who together with the clergy and people of the diocese, seeks to be faithful to the teachings of Jesus Christ and to respond to the spiritual needs and practical concerns of the community.



Arms of the Diocese