

ST MARGARET'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

TAYPORT

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	<u>Reader</u>	<u>Readings</u>
Sun 4 Sept	Liz Johnson	Exodus 12: 1 – 14; Romans 13: 8 – 14; (<i>Matthew 18: 15 – 20</i>)
Sun 11 Sept	Alan Waddell	Exodus 14: 19 – 31; Romans 14: 1 – 12; (<i>Matthew 18: 21 – 35</i>)
Sun 18 Sept	Margaret Gray	Deut 26: 1 – 11; Philippians 4: 4 – 9; (<i>Matthew 6: 25 – 33</i>)
Sun 25 Sept	Paul McGhee	Exodus 17: 1 – 7; Philippians 2: 1 – 13; (<i>Matthew 21: 23 – 32</i>)
Sun 2 Oct	Liz Johnson	Exodus 20: 1 – 4, 7 – 9, 12 – 20; Philippians 3: 4b – 14; (<i>Matthew 21: 33 – 46</i>)

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Prayer for the Month

A prayer attributed to Saint Columba. Beautifully poetic, it expresses simple trust in God's guidance and protection. This doesn't mean, of course, that we are in anyway exempt from life's traumas and tragedies but we have the assurance that nothing finally will separate us from God's love.

Alone with none but thee, my God,
I journey on my way;
What need I fear when thou art near,
Oh King of night and day?
More safe am I within thy hand
Than if a host did round me stand.

A Prayer for our Children

Dear God, knowing you are with me when I am sad is like knowing that the sun is only hidden behind the clouds. Amen.

Something to make you smile

A little boy was overheard praying: "Lord, if you can't make me a better boy, don't worry about it. I'm having a real good time like I am."



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From your Rector

Dear Friends

I have just returned from a trip to Norway during which I spent time with many people I have not seen for more than 30 years. What a wonderful opportunity this turned out to be, to 'go down memory lane' and catching up sharing each others stories and in many cases having the opportunity to meet new members of families. Flying back to Scotland yesterday morning, I had time to reflect, go back over the conversations and consider how all of our lives have been and continue to be shaped by the people we know and love. Also occasions that draw together families and close friends highlight the interconnectedness of us all; our lives and relationships interwoven on many levels – physically, emotionally and spiritually. This weekend we were all drawn together by two young people who were making their lifetime commitment to each other in marriage and each one of us, as guests, shared that experience together. Each one of us knew them in different contexts but we all shared in their special day – very powerful stuff when you think about it!

A powerful piece of news to share – Bishop David's Lent Appeal this year for the Arunima Hospice in Calcutta raised almost £4000 from the congregations in this diocese, £250 of which came from us. When we consider that each of our £1 goes a very long way in that country so much good work will be supported and a difference made to many lives as a result – a wonderful example of Christians reaching out to their neighbours.

Finally a story of real community spirit – we thought that our Afternoon Tea we held last Wednesday might not be as busy as usual as the Servite residents were holding a social afternoon. However, thanks to a timely conversation between a member of our congregation and one of the lady residents the seed was sown that they might like to change their date and they did! Consequently, we had a good turnout and a very convivial afternoon. Thanks to everyone who helped in any way to make it such a success –and – we raised approximately £200.

With love and prayers, Christine

From our Service Registers

This month can we please remember in our prayers those whose anniversary of death falls at this time:- Margaret Stuart Philip and Frances Connor.

September Events

Friday 23 to Monday 26 Sept 11.00am to 5.00pm each day. Art Exhibition in the Auld Kirk. Paintings and craft tables. St Margaret's is taking one of these so volunteers are needed. More information from Dr Christine Barker.

Sat 24 Sept Ceilidh in the Blyth Hall in aid of "Help for Heroes". Tickets from Julie McGhee.

Sun 2 Oct Church outing, after Church, following in the footsteps of St Margaret to Dunfermline Abbey and High Tea of the way home. More information in early September.

September Services Diary

Every Wednesday	Midday Prayers (15 mins) in Church (not Wed 14 Sept)
Sun 4 Sept 10.30am	Pentecost 12 - Family Eucharist followed by tea/coffee in the hall
Sun 11 Sept 10.30am	Pentecost 13 - Family Eucharist followed by tea/coffee in the hall
Sun 18 Sept 10.30am	Harvest Festival - Family Eucharist followed by tea/coffee in the hall
Sun 25 Sept 10.30am	Pentecost 14 - Family Eucharist followed by tea/coffee in the hall. Blessing of Last Supper Wall Hanging.
Sun 2 Oct 10.30am	Pentecost 15 - Family Eucharist followed by tea/coffee in the hall.

September Rotas

Reception

Sun 4 Sept	Janette Turvey
Sun 11 Sept	Margaret Redpath
Sun 18 Sept	Christine Barker
Sun 25 Sept	Alex Cook
Sun 2 Oct	Janette Turvey

Offering

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