

	<b><u>Reader</u></b>	<b><u>Readings</u></b>
Sun 2 Oct	Liz Johnson	Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20 Philippians 3: 4b-14; <i>(Matthew 21: 33 - 46)</i>
Sun 9 Oct	Alan Waddell	Exodus 32: 1 - 14; Philippians 4: 1 - 9; <i>(Matthew 22: 1 - 14)</i>
Sun 16 Oct	Margaret Gray	Exodus 33: 12 - 23; 1 Thessalonians 1: 1 - 10; <i>(Matthew 22: 15 - 22)</i>
Sun 23 Oct	Paul McGhee	Deuteronomy 34: 1 - 12; 1 Thessalonians 2: 1 - 8; <i>(Matthew 22 - 34 - 46)</i>
Sun 30 Oct	Liz Johnson	Revelations 7: 9 - 17; 1 John 3: 1 - 3; <i>(Matthew 5: 1 - 12)</i>
Sun 6 Nov	Alan Waddell	Joshua 24: 1-3a, 14-25; 1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18; <i>(Matthew 25: 1 - 13)</i>

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### **Bullet points from Vestry Meeting on Sunday 11 September**

- The bus outing to Dunfermline will be on Sunday 2 October followed by high tea.
- Matthew McNicol has agreed to develop the Church website by adding tabs, links and additional information. He will demonstrate to any interested parties how it all works.
- School children and hall users will be invited to participate in St Margaret's 115th patronal festival on Wednesday 16 November. Volunteers are needed to assist with the planning of this event.
- Some easy-to-sing liturgy will gradually be introduced into the music for Sunday services.
- The date of the next Vestry meeting is Sunday 23 October. Items on the agenda will include the date of the AGM and details of Christmas services.

### **Prayer of the Month**

Steer the ship of my life, good Lord, to your quiet harbour,  
Where I can be safe from the storms of sin and conflict.  
Show me the course that I should steer.  
Renew in me the gift of discernment,  
So that I can always see the right path in which I should go.  
And give me the strength and courage to choose the right course  
Even when the sea is rough and the waves are high,  
Knowing that through enduring hardship and danger  
We shall find comfort and peace.

*A prayer from St Basil of Caesarea (330 - 379) that is as valid today as it was  
when it was written more than 1600 years ago!*

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### **From your Rector**

Dear Friends

I have a book that I sometimes dip into to spark ideas off for my sermons – it is entitled 'Living Stones' which, when you think about it, we all are – living stones of the Church, generation by generation, stewards during our lifetime.

As we approach the 115<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the building of our lovely little church I have been thinking about the 'living stones' who were responsible for its building and the drawing together of the first members and those who have kept 'witness' here in this community over the years

We are planning a special day to celebrate our anniversary on the feast day of St Margaret which falls on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November. Plans are still on the drawing board but during the early evening we will have our patronal Eucharist and will follow this with a wine and nibbles evening to which we intend to invite representatives of the different groups that use our hall. Without their patronage we would struggle to maintain our Christian witness here in this community.

Before these celebrations some of us will be following in the footsteps of Saint Margaret when we make our church outing to Dunfermline to visit the Abbey and Abbot House on the afternoon of Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October. I was ordained into the priesthood on Margaret's feast day in 2008 and am very much looking forward to finding out more about this exceptional woman who as a queen and later a saint has made a huge impact on the religious, cultural and historical landscape of Scotland and for whom our church is dedicated. A truly remarkable 'living stone' whose legacy lives on and on.

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: Jim Henderson and Miss Peter.

### **Book Group**

A number of people, some from within St Margaret's and from other churches, have expressed an interest in reading at home then coming together to discuss the book 'In the shadow of the Galilean' by Gerd Theissen - a book that one reviewer said "brings alive the culture and people around Jesus". If you are interested in taking part, please let me know, copies are available from Amazon if you wish to have your own copy, alternatively I should be able to borrow some.

### **October Events**

- Sun 2 Oct Church outing, after Church, following in the footsteps of St Margaret to Dunfermline Abbey and high tea on the way home.  
Sat 8 Oct 10.00am to 11.30am TOP's Coffee morning in the Gregory Hall.

### **October Services Diary**

- Every Wednesday Midday Prayers (15mins) in Church will resume on Wednesday 19 October.  
Sun 2 Oct 10.30am Pentecost 16 - Family Eucharist followed by tea/coffee in the hall  
Sun 9 Oct 10.30am Pentecost 17 - Family Eucharist followed by tea/coffee in the hall  
Sun 16 Oct 10.30am Pentecost 18 - Family Eucharist followed by tea/coffee in the hall  
Sun 23 Oct 10.30am Pentecost 19 - Family Eucharist followed by tea/coffee in the hall  
Sun 30 Oct 10.30am Feast of All Saints - Family Eucharist followed by tea/coffee in the hall  
Sun 6 Nov 10.30am Third Sunday before Advent - Family Eucharist followed by tea/coffee in the hall

### **October Rotas**

#### **Reception**

#### **Offering**

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| Sun 2 Oct  | Janette Turvey   | Alex Cook        |
| Sun 9 Oct  | Christine Barker | Margaret Redpath |
| Sun 16 Oct | Alex Cook        | Janette Turvey   |
| Sun 23 Oct | Janette Turvey   | Liz Johnson      |
| Sun 30 Oct | Christine Barker | Alex Cook        |
| Sun 6 Nov  | Alex Cook        | Janette Turvey   |

**Please arrange to swap with someone if unavailable for the allocated date**

### **A Prayer for our Children**

Dear God, I just feel good knowing that you are everywhere. Amen