

# ST MARGARET'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

## TAYPORT

### ‡ NEWSLETTER - FEBRUARY 2012 ‡

<b>Reader</b>	<b>Readings</b>
Sun 5 Feb Margaret Gray	Isaiah 40: 21 – 31; 1 Corinthians 9: 16 – 23; (Mark 1: 29 – 39)
Sun 12 Feb Liz Johnson	Hosea 2: 14 – 20; 2 Corinthians 3: 1b – 6; (Mark 2: 13 – 22)
Sun 19 Feb Alan Waddell	2 Kings 2: 1 – 12; 2 Corinthians 4: 3 – 6; (Mark 9: 2 – 9)
Wed 22 Feb (	Isaiah 58: 1 – 12; 2 Corinthians 5: 20b – 6: 10; (John 8: 1 – 11)
Sun 26 Feb Margaret Gray	Genesis 9: 8 – 17; 1 Peter 3: 18 – 22; (Mark 1: 9 – 15)
Sun 4 Mar Liz Johnson (	Genesis 17: 1 – 7, 15 – 16; Romans 4: 13 – 25; (Mark 8: 31 – 38)

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### **Faith in Action**

The Church in Society Committee of the Scottish Episcopal Church, the United Reformed Church Synod of Scotland and the Methodist Church in Scotland has produced a 'Faith in Action' Calendar for 2012. Copies of the monthly leaflets will be available in church. The leaflets give suggestions for prayer and projects with the focus in February beginning on 'Wellbeing'.

### **A Prayer to take us into Lent**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise him, all creatures here below,  
Praise him above ye heavenly host,  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

(from the hymn written by Thomas Ken 1637 - 1710)

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

Father God, You made me, You love me, You look after me. Thank you God.



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## **From your Rector**

Dear Friends,

Well, we are working our way through winter, the days are lengthening and we haven't had the snow that wreaked havoc last year, and the year before. Something to be thankful for even though there are many other challenges that each of us face in our lives!

Being thankful and counting blessings, along with smiling and reliving happy memories were found to make people happier according to a recent survey of happiness! So I have decided that during the coming season of Lent which starts mid February I will count my blessings each day as one of my Lent disciplines. Traditionally during this season people 'give things up' – chocolate for me...but it is also a good discipline to 'take something up', perhaps taking some extra time to read through parts of the bible, or making a commitment to doing something for others that we wouldn't normally do. My 'taking up' will be a daily reflection and giving thanks for the blessings that God has given me this past year and I will note them down and bring them to church on Easter Day with a financial offering that I will put towards the Bishop's Lent Appeal, details of which we should receive soon. If anyone would like to do something similar I will leave copies in church of the form that I will be using. The blessings that we note will be known only to the person who noted them and to God and a financial offering is not necessary.

With love & prayers, Christine

## **From our Service Registers**

This month can we please remember in our prayers those whose anniversary of death falls at this time: F Bart, Charlie Cooper (funeral 4 Feb 2010), John Ramsay, May Philips and Margaret Hardman.

## **Licensing of Margaret Gray**

On Sunday 22 January St Margaret's was delighted to welcome Bishop David to license Margaret as Lay Reader at St Margaret's and it was lovely to see a full church for this important occasion. As Bishop David remarked, it was particularly good to have so many children there. As many of you know, Margaret plays an active role not only in our church but also in the life of Tayport, where she is particularly involved with children's groups. The Bishop spoke of Margaret's ministry being not just for St Margaret's but also for the whole of the community and we look forward to supporting her in this ministry.

## **February Events**

Sun 12 Feb 2.30 - 4.00 Valentine Afternoon Tea - after the resounding success last year we are having another this year.

Lent is earlier this year with Ash Wednesday being 22 February so we won't be having our pancake party with our Valentine Afternoon Tea only 10 days earlier.

Fri 2 Mar 2.00pm World Day of Prayer to be held at the United Free Church.

## **February Services Diary**

Every Wednesday Midday Prayers (15mins) in Church and during Lent we will be having short Meditations as well as prayer at midday.

Sun 5 Feb 10.30am 3rd Sun before Lent. Family Eucharist followed by tea/ coffee in the hall. Preacher Rev Richard Clements, Chaplain at RAF Leuchars

Sun 12 Feb 10.30am 2nd Sun before Lent. Family Eucharist followed by tea/ coffee in the hall.

Sun 19 Feb 10.30am Sun before Lent. Family Eucharist followed by tea/ coffee in the hall.

Wed 22 Feb 6.00pm Ash Wednesday Eucharist

Sun 26 Feb 10.30am 1st Sun of Lent. Family Eucharist followed by tea/ coffee in the hall.

Sun 4 Mar 10.30am 2nd Sun of Lent. Family Eucharist followed by tea/ coffee in the hall.

## **Reading Group**

A number of people have 'signed up' and we will be reading Gerd Theissen 'In the shadow of the Galilean' in our own time during February and early March and then meet on a couple of evenings to share comments and insights. It is still not too late to join in and I would be happy to purchase a copy from Amazon on your behalf if you would like a copy or even borrow a copy if that was your wish.

## **February Rotas**

	<b><u>Reception</u></b>	<b><u>Offering</u></b>
Sun 5 Feb	Janette Turvey	Liz Johnson
Sun 12 Feb	Christine Barker	Janette Turvey
Sun 19 Feb	Margaret Redpath	Liz Johnson
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