

St Margaret's Church News

July/August 2015



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Welcome to the new St Margaret's Website

We hope that you find something of interest to you and please feel free to contact us for more information.

I have been minister at St. Margaret's for over 7 years and both myself and my family love being in Dunfermline and especially in St. Margaret's - a place where we share faith, each other's lives and laugh a lot together.

Please pray for us as we seek to bring the Christian Gospel to our parish of just over 7,000 people. If you live locally why not come along one Sunday Morning - there are no strings attached - just an opportunity to be in a place of worship and perhaps hear something that will make a difference to your life.

Would you like the minister to contact you just to chat? Why not email me or phone! I am always happy to be of help or assistance or just to offer a listening ear.

God Bless You

Iain Greenshields

Teaching

At St Margaret's the [Sunday Services](#) are recorded so that you can listen to them at home. Click on [Audio](#) from the main menu, where you can choose from edited recordings, listen to the latest Service or browse our [Teaching Series](#).

Each Sunday, the Minister will highlight a passage or a subject from the Bible in his sermon. During the following week, you are encouraged to explore this theme for yourself, through 5 short but searching daily [Bible Studies](#).

For those who want to explore further, Rev Greenshields has included his [Teaching Notes](#) on some of the themes covered.

To access these Teaching resources, click on [Teaching](#) from the main menu above.

This Week at St Margaret's

Wednesday 1st July

10:00 [Swingnastics](#)
10:00 [Ladies' Badminton](#)
18:15 [Brownies](#)
18:30 [Minister's Vestry Time](#)
19:00 [Bible Study Group](#)
19:15 [Guides](#)

Thursday 2nd July

09:00 [CAFE](#)
10:00 [Time of Worship](#)
19:15 [Guides](#)

Sunday 5th July

10:00 [MORNING WORSHIP](#)
10:00 [Sunday Club & creche](#)
11:45 [Halbeath Monthly Service](#)

Tuesday 7th July

11:00 [Nibble & Natter](#)

Church Life



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From the Minister

Rev Dr I M Greenshields

As we launch our new website, let me tell you a story about computers...

There were three computers, endowed equally by their makers with processing power, memory and storage.

But Satan corrupted each operating system with the sly installation of spyware, browser hijackers and security holes, until there was much wailing and gnashing of teeth by the operators.

The Maker, in His mercy, sent down His Spirit to the despairing computers. The Spirit appeared to each in the form of a System Update to close the security holes and shore up the despairing software. It asked the question of each PC: "Do you want to run System Update?", and offered a checkbox saying "Always Trust the Maker."

The first PC, fearing yet another infection, quickly closed the Update window and never used the checkbox saying, "Always Trust the Maker." Within hours, the spyware already on it called out to legions of viruses and malware until the system shut down completely and there was wailing and gnashing of teeth by the operator.

The second PC accepted the update, but was too frightened to check the "Always Trust the Maker" box. It sighed with relief as the Spirit cleaned its systems and saved it from the worst of the demons. And it walked away with a false sense of security that it would be protected from future onslaughts. Within the month, spyware and malware crept back into the second PC and, before it could cry out to the Maker, it, too crashed.

The third PC gratefully accepted the update and, like the second, it received the merciful update from its Maker and began to feel much better; however the third PC, in faith, checked the "Always Trust the Maker" box every day. And then, as days and weeks went by, it functioned well and was daily renewed.

Before long, the third PC was becoming famous among all its kind for having the fewest problems, for working the fastest and for never seeming to worry when others crashed around it.

To those who asked, the third PC had only this advice:

"Always trust the Maker."

God bless you,

Iain

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Hello!

You will have noticed the different front cover of the magazine in this edition. This is in fact the Home Page for the new website for St Margaret's – I hope you like it – I certainly think it looks really good and is a welcoming introduction to the site. Still work to be done, of course, especially in the area of the different organisations within St Margaret's being involved in keeping everyone up to date on their activities. Thanks are due to Morna Thomson and her husband John who have put in a lot of hours to get the site to this stage.

You cannot help but notice the changes that have been taking place both in the Church and around the outside. The different groups have indeed been busy, and the entrance to the church and the toilets have taken on an amazing "facelift" and the garden is quite unrecognisable to what it was and really brightens up our surroundings. Thanks due to those who have put in a great amount of effort to "make a difference".

You will notice that this is a much simpler edition of the magazine. Unfortunately, this is due to the fact that the person who has done the "artwork" for the magazine has finally decided to "hang up his pen and ink"!! We are indebted to Ian Hamilton for all the work he has done to help produce the magazine. Ian has put in a lot of time and effort and I am indeed very sorry to lose his support and much valued contribution during all the time I have been editor.

Hope you are enjoying the summer weather could have been better to date – but as I compose this I have been informed that Scotland is due to a "heatwave" during the end of July – so don't put the sun cream away just yet!!

Ross Kerr,

Editor.



J.A.M. Club

As ever, we have all been "busy bees" and lots of interesting things have been happening in the weeks since we celebrated Easter. Regular readers will recall that £235 was raised at our Easter Fayre. Some of this money was used to buy a 6m parachute for use at games time. It is a fantastic resource which is already bringing the boys and girls lots of fun. The remaining money was divided between our two groups; we very much wanted the children to have a say in how the money should be spent.

When the earthquakes took place in Nepal, everyone at J.A.M. Club was shocked and upset by the great suffering shown on TV and in newspapers. At J.A.M. Club we showed the children footage of the aid work being done by UNICEF in Nepal. It really brought home the Christian message... love one another as Jesus loves us.

The older boys and girls have decided to use their money as a "seed fund" which will allow them to make their money grow. (Future fundraising event as yet to be decided!) The younger children decided to donate £50 of their money to the UNICEF children's emergency fund. This provided 5 families with clean water kits. We, as leaders, feel very proud of the young people who have shown such care and compassion for others.

It is gratifying, for those of us who work with the children, to see really meaningful relationships developing within the group. We are now at the exciting stage where some youngsters are really thinking about what it means to be a Christian. Many have told us that they pray when they are troubled or upset. We hope to encourage and support the children by introducing them to a variety of approaches in how to pray.

So....the fruits of the spirit are alive and well at JAM Club! If you would like to see visual evidence of our activities, please take a look at our noticeboard in the Rita Elder hall. Or, better still, why not come along to one of our meetings? (Sunday evenings, during school terms, 5.45-7.15pm) You would be made very welcome!

Blessings from everyone at St Margaret's JAM Club x





AFTERNOON TEA

A Special Treat

Why not come along and join these happy ladies at the next AFTERNOON TEA which is being held in the church on Tuesday 21st July. Tickets are available from all the FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE.

GO ON – GIVE YOURSELF A TREAT!! (Ed)

Interview with 101 year-old Hattie MacDonald

(Hope this makes you smile!)



Reporter: Can you give us some health tips for reaching the age of 101?

Hattie: For better digestion, I drink beer.

In the case of appetite loss, I drink white wine.

For low blood pressure, I drink red wine.

In the case of high blood pressure, I drink Scotch.

And when I have a cold, I drink Schnapps.

Reporter: When do you drink water?

Hattie: I've never been that sick!!

(Many thanks to our Treasurer for passing on this article to us!)

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Please find below a list of members of each or the new committees set up with the start of the new Unitary Constitution

FELLOWSHIP

- Irene Cunningham (Chair)
- June McAleece
- Ann Prentice
- Audrey McArthur
- Isobel Gillespie
- Janet Gresty
- Etta Pratt
- Nancy Bowie
- Margaret Hynd

FINANCE

- Moira Watson (Treasurer and Chair)
- Audrey McArthur
- Vera Wilson
- Sarah Richards
- Val Evans
- Frank Moyes
- Alan Prentice

PROPERTY

- Walter Bowie (Chair)
- Rev Iain Greenshields
- Jim Colville
- Manuel Giraldes
- Sandy Pitblado
- Sarah Richards
- Jim Grieve
- Tom McIntosh
- Etta Pratt
- Janet Gresty
- Walter Faichney
- John McLean
- David Clark

COMMUNICATION AND OUTREACH

- Ross Kerr (Chair)
- Rev Iain Greenshields
- John Thomson
- Diane Hynd

COMMUNICATION AND OUTREACH COMMITTEE REPORT

It has been a busy time since the last report – mainly with progressing the plans as laid out in the last report.

- Good to report that the Church website is now up and running with a brand new front page (as shown as the front page of this edition of the magazine). You can now access the website by going to www.stmargscos.org.uk
- Still a lot of work to be done on the content and it is hoped that the different organisations will contribute to the website. Many thanks to Morna Thomson for her hard work in pulling this together – ably assisted by her husband John!
- The information board which will give details of spending by Church of Scotland, Presbytery and St Margaret's is being worked on, along with a "Who's Who" set of photographs.
- The Sunday "Taxi Service" now has volunteers to work on a rota and the next step is to ascertain who in the congregation would be prepared to be the "taxis" on a Sunday morning. Once we know that we have interested people for this, we can then go out to offer the service to people who would find this of help.
- Delighted to report that "NATTER AND NIBBLE" group is in fact up and running and meet on a Tuesday between 11am and 2pm and bring their own food for a simple lunch! Anyone who wants information on this should contact Catherine McCulloch on 01383 734463.
- Advance notice that the BIBLE WORLD event will take place at St Margaret's between 16th-23rd April 2016 and it is hoped to attract children and indeed parents, as there will be day/evening sessions dedicated to adults. Pupils from Commercial, Carnegie and Touch Primary Schools will attend the event, as will 1st and 2nd year pupils from Woodmill. Those who have visited this event elsewhere have acclaimed it as being an exciting experience.

LOTS TO DO!

Ross Kerr

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Members of Finance Committee:

Moira Watson (Treasurer and Chair) - Audrey McArthur - Vera Wilson –
Sarah Richards - Val Evans - Frank Moyes - Alan Prentice

Hello Everyone

I hope you are all as delighted and impressed by the changes taking place in our Church and its surroundings as I am. This is mainly down to the hard work and vision of a small number of our members. Much of this work has to be paid for from our funds, naturally, but a great deal has been made possible due to the generosity of a good many people and the willingness of others to “muck in” and give of their time and talents.

I am happy to report that we are still “keeping our heads above the water” financially and I hope that we can continue with the work that has been started and fulfill our goal of becoming a welcoming centre for our parish and the wider community – creating an attractive place for everyone to enjoy and use to its full potential. Once the refurbishment that has been embarked upon is finished we will have to turn our attention to another important area which is our church roof. As some of you may be aware, we have water ingress at various points and that will have to be dealt with. This will not be an inexpensive undertaking but we will do our best to use our financial resources to best advantage.

The challenge we face can be dealt with if we all support one another in whichever way we can. Financial support is obviously a part of that, but I feel time and talents shared can also achieve a great deal and bring us together in a very meaningful way.

Along with all the other committees we will continue to do our best for the good of our church, our membership and all of those people who potentially could become part of our family here at St Margaret's.

Please make use of the Black Post Box on the upper landing outside the Rita Elder Hall. We would appreciate any ideas, comments or suggestions you care to make and will do our best to deal with everything you send us as soon as possible.

I hope you all have a very enjoyable summer,

Moira

Pastoral Care Committee Report

Jim Adamson and Joan Eadie (co-convenors)

The new Pastoral Care Committee first met on 24th March 2015. The Pastoral Roll was updated and committee members assigned to visit those members of the congregation on the new Roll. Committee members contributed information, currently known to them, regarding the needs of members on the Pastoral Care Roll. The needs of recently-bereaved members were discussed and it was agreed to give further thought and consideration to ways in which we might offer support. We also discussed how we might extend the support given by the Pastoral Care Committee, members being asked to consider this and suggest ideas at our next meeting, on 26th May.

On this date, committee members reported on the visits which had taken place since our last meeting. It was pleasing to note that visits had been very well received and greatly appreciated. Members displayed considerable interest in the life and work of St Margaret's church even though they were unfortunately unable to attend services.

Proposals for the future development of the Pastoral Care Committee were considered.

- One idea raised was to trial a **"Playlist for Life"** intervention with one family. This is basically creating a compilation CD of a dementia sufferer's favourite music. Research has shown that this can greatly enhance their life and their relationship with loved ones.
- Another idea put forward was to create a very practical service. We are calling it, **"Have Light bulb, Will Travel!"** This **bright** idea is intended to support members who need help with, e.g. climbing a ladder to change home light bulbs....or generally assist with small, essential tasks. The Minister has agreed with the idea in principle and we will endeavour to take this project forward in due course.

As you can see, a lot of thought and consideration has been given to this area of our Church's life and work. We seek to support those folks who are unable to attend church for a variety of reasons, and ensure they know that they matter and are valued members of our church family.

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

- The **Treasure Hunt** that was advertised in the magazine last time had to be cancelled due to lack of interest. However there was enough interest for us to take this forward to another date but this time to invite other churches to be involved. Hopefully this would be later in the summer.

(Wow – an inter-church treasure hunt – that should bring out the devil in some of us!!! Ed!!)

- The **Flower and Banner Festival** will take place in October and full details will be published once everything is finally decided. Watch out for information in the weekly Order of Service and the next edition of the magazine.
- The first **“Afternoon Tea”** took place in June and was a great success. 36 people attended and really did enjoy themselves. See information on the next date elsewhere in the magazine.

(Go on – spoil yourselves!! Ed)

- It would be really good if people in the congregation could give us some suggestions and ideas as to what type of fundraising activities could be held – and also, are there any social activities that would bring the congregation together for a bit of “fun time”?! Do please approach any of the committee (see list of committee members elsewhere in the magazine) to give them your thoughts, and remember – anything will be considered!!
- **The celebration of St Margaret's being at Touch for 40 years** is still the focus of the group and hopefully you will soon see signs of this around the church.

Etta's Charities and World Mission News

DUNFERMLINE FOODBANK UPDATE

Thank you once again for the contributions to the Foodbank – 84.8kgs of food has been donated from St Margaret's Church this period.

Thanks for your assistance and to everyone who contributes, the Foodbank Team are grateful for all donations.

STAMPS – ongoing collection

Thanks for all the donations of used stamps. They are being recycled by the **CHAS** charity at the Kinross Stamp Shop.

World Mission has also issued an appeal for stamps. This is to support the **Church of Scotland HIV Programme**, enabling our partner churches to respond to the challenge of HIV in their communities. They support 29 projects in 17 countries, including Scotland. Over 35 million people worldwide are living with HIV. If you wish your stamps to go to this appeal, please see the poster on the board in the Rita Elder Hall for guidance and more information on the 2015 stamp appeal, or I can arrange to send them on for you.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 2015

Thanks to everyone who attended the coffee morning and/or gave donations a sum of £218 was raised. A letter was received thanking everyone for their support for helping to ensure the success of Christian Aid Week this year, where the anticipation was to raise over £1.5 million in Scotland.

NEWS SNIPPETS FROM THE WORLD MISSION COUNCIL

The June/July edition features:

The Church of Scotland in the World: Ian Alexander invites you to embark on a faith journey with the world church. For the WMC today, it's about being friends. It is about the whole Church of Scotland, in Scotland and beyond, remembering that it is not just a small isolated entity on the outer reaches of Europe, but is an integral and active part of the worldwide church of Jesus Christ, working around the globe to share the good news.

Prayer Focus Twinning: Twinning is about friendship and partnership in a common cause – to deepen faith and mission among the people of God. It brings together people across great distances

and differences, both internationally and within Scotland. The Church of Scotland twinning programme has been running for 13 years now, and is growing stronger and stronger. Congregations and presbyteries are learning that by developing a twinning relationship with a partner church overseas, they can strengthen and deepen their own faith, as well as expanding their mission to the community in which they are placed in Scotland.

Freedom to the Prisoner: Pakistan Religious freedom and escape migration are hot topics in 2015, as people across the world are grappling with how to live harmoniously with people of different faiths and cultures. For Christians living in minority situations such as Pakistan this is an ever present reality.

Mucho blah blah: Cuba. Carol Finlay tells us about getting to know the people of the Presbyterian Reformed Church of Cuba

Twinning with Nigeria: United with Christ, in love, spirit and purpose. David Wishart tells us about Corsock and Kirkpatrick Durham Parish Church's recent twinning visit to Amarsari, Nigeria.

Sight to the Blind: Zambia In December 2013, Polwarth Parish Church began a two-year commitment to two projects in Zambia organised through their link with their Mission Partners at the UCZ University College in Zambia. The first was to raise awareness of the plight of Albinos in Zambia who face stigmatisation and discrimination, and who also suffer from the rigors of the sun, which leads to skin cancer and eye problems. The second project was to support a foster carer who acts as an advocate for the Albino Foundation in Zambia, but also fosters and cares for over 18 children in her home.

The full stories and more can be found in the World Mission Council magazine for June/July and can be downloaded at www.churchofscotland.org.uk or I can give you a paper copy.

Etta Pratt

Dates for Your Diary

The following few pages all cover important information on activities taking place within St Margaret's over the period of this magazine and beyond

COMMUNION

The Kirk Session invite you to Communion

on

Sunday 20th September 2015

at

10am and 7.15pm

Communion Duty

Session Clerk: Ritchie Campbell

Senior Elder: Walter Faichney

Mrs E Pratt

Mrs M Ellis

Mrs J McAleece

Mrs I Cunningham

J Adamson

I Telfer

D Clark

J Colville

Reserve: J McLean

MEN'S BREAKFAST DISCUSSION GROUP 2015-16

Held monthly on a Saturday morning: 8.30am for cooked breakfast (£3) and/or following discussions, finishing 10.30am

2015

19th September *"Confession (or Reconciliation)"*

Discussion led by Dr John Wilson, Consultant Gastroenterologist, Victoria Hospital; member of St Columba's RC Church, Cupar.

10th October *"Getting to grip with God's word: the inductive Bible study technique"*

Discussion led by Ian Bartholomew, Precept Ministries, Limekilns

14th November *"Street Pastors – a form of radical evangelism"*

Discussion led by Moss Barclay, Chairman, Dunfermline Street Pastors.

12th December *"Can the Moderator of the General Assembly 'make a difference' during his/her year in office?"*

Discussion led by Right Rev John Chalmers, Moderator in 2014-15

(This is a joint meeting with Fossoway & Cleish Men's Group)

2016

20th Feb 2016 *"How should we respond to unexpected violence and tragedy in our communities and wider society?"*

Discussion led by Rev Colin McIntosh, formerly minister at Dunblane Cathedral.

12th March *"Role of the Chaplain in today's armed forces."*

Discussion led by Rev Dr Peter Mills, formerly Chaplain-in-Chief, RAF; now Minister, Largoward with St Monans.

9th April *"What can we do as Christians, as a church, to reach out and help the homeless and disadvantaged?"*

Discussion led by Pauline Hoey, Gillespie Memorial Church.

7th May *"How can we successfully attract young people to the Christian faith?"*

Discussion led by Pastor Jimmy Dowds, The Vine Church, Dunfermline

For more info, contact Gordon Brown on 01577 840248

ST MARGARET'S NEWS

All items for the SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER edition of the Church News Magazine should be with ROSS KERR no later than SUNDAY 23rd AUGUST. Either send the items by email to

rosskerr@me.com

or hand into 75 Scotland Drive, Dunfermline, or give to Ross at Church.

I would please ask for updates from each of the committees and any interesting information or articles from any of the congregation.

THANK YOU

SWINGNASTICS

Swingnastics starts back on WEDNESDAY 9th SEPTEMBER at 10am. I look forward to welcoming our team of ladies and also anyone who would like to join us for light exercise to music, plenty of laughter and a cuppa.

Catherine

01383 734463

SUNDAY TEA & COFFEE ROTA

02-Aug	Mrs McCulloch	Mrs Gray	Mrs Maureen Hynd
09-Aug	Mrs Cunningham	Mrs McAleece	Mrs Chapman
16-Aug	Mrs McArthur	Mrs Robertson	Mrs Grieve
23-Aug	Mrs Bowie	Mrs McEwen	Mrs Gillespie
30-Aug	Mrs McIntosh	Mrs Moultrie	Mrs Evans
		Mr & Mrs Kemp-	
06-Sep	Mrs Prentice	McKinnon	Mrs Telfer
13-Sep	Mrs Wilson	Mrs Gray	Mrs Pratt
20-Sep	Mrs McCulloch	Mrs Todd	Mrs Smith
27-Sep	Mrs Brown	Mrs Stevens	Mrs Chapman

FINLAY'S FAMILY FUNDAY & FAYRE

in memory of

FINLAY BENNET

Of Touch Primary School, who died suddenly from Meningitis last year, aged just 8 years old, Finlay's Family Fun Day is being held

at

St Margaret's Church, Touch

on

SATURDAY 22nd AUGUST

**FACE PAINTING - TOMBOLA - HOOK-A-DUCK - JEWELLERY-
CARDS - HOME MADE SWEETS - TEA & COFFEE- CAKES &
BISCUITS - PLAY YOUR CARDS RIGHT-
AND MUCH MORE!**

Proceeds to Meningitis Now, Yorkhill Children's Hospital, Ronald MacDonald Houses and the World Wildlife Fund

FLOWER CALENDAR 2015

Date	Donor	Tel No	Arranger	Tel No
28-Jun	Etta Pratt	731525	Marion Aitken	735996
05-Jul	Margaret Ellis	727565	Margaret Ellis	727565
12-Jul	Flower Fund		Nancy Bowie	737779
19-Jul	Mr and Mrs T McIntosh	726342	Marjory McIntosh	726342
26-Jul	Flower Fund		Audrey McArthur	728128
02-Aug	Christine Gordon	729630	June McAleece	824992
09-Aug	Marion Aitken	735996	Marion Aitken	735996
16-Aug	Jean Todd/Jean Stothart	JS726948	Jean Todd	724953
23-Aug	Mr and Mrs T McIntosh	726342	Marjory McIntosh	726342
30-Aug	Flower Fund		Coleen Watson	721285
06-Sep	Pam Moultrie	622329	Marion Aitken	735996
13-Sep	Maureen Grant	725493	Nancy Bowie	737779
20-Sep	Margaret Orr	737080	Audrey McArthur	728128
27-Sep	Mr and Mrs Short	725119	June McAleece	724992
04-Oct	Lorraine Stevenson	721075	Marjory McIntosh	726342
11-Oct	May Turner	726216	Coleen Watson	721285
18-Oct	Audrey McArthur	728128	Audrey McArthur	728128
25-Oct	Vera Wilson	720250	Marion Aitken	735996
01-Nov	Mr and Mrs W Bowie	737779	Nancy Bowie	737779
08-Nov	J Strang/Moira Watson	7766295705	Audrey McArthur	728128
15-Nov	Guild		Marion Aitken	735996
22-Nov	Mr and Mrs J Cunningham	731947	June McAleece	724992
29-Nov	Mr and Mrs F Moyes	738341	Marjory McIntosh	726342
06-Dec	Flower Fund		Coleen Watson	721285
13-Dec	Merva Brown	721661	Merva Brown	721661
20-Dec	Jean Todd	724953	Jean Todd	724953

CALENDAR FOR DELIVERY OF FLOWERS

5th July – 27th December 2015

Please feel free to change with any member of the team if the date selected is not suitable.

05-Jul	Catherine Gray	732849
12-Jul	Manuel Giraldes	07817904591
19-Jul	Keith and Morag Hamilton	724036
26-Jul	Marion Smith	726510
02-Aug	Eleanor Loudon	721256
09-Aug	Syd Foxley	725178
16-Aug	Ross and Janet Kerr	726663
23-Aug	Audrey McArthur	728128
	Merva Brown	721661
30-Aug	Walter and Nancy Bowie	737779
06-Sep	David Clark	734484
13-Sep	Janet Gresty	728104
20-Sep	Jim and Fiona Grieve	831614
27-Sep	Maureen Chapman	725049
04-Oct	Margaret Hynd	721314
11-Oct	Rachel Wilson	734696
18-Oct	Christine Hunter	721802
25-Oct	Jim and Linda Adamson	727719
01-Nov	Isobel Gillespie	720199
08-Nov	Bobbie and Norrie Kemp-McKinnon	733922
15-Nov	Ian Hamilton	738123
22-Nov	Sheila McIntyre	735352
29-Nov	John and May Rogers	720809
06-Dec	John and Sheila McLean	726919
13-Dec	John and Diane Hynd	739341
20-Dec	Val Evans	727557
27-Dec	Pam Moultrie	622329

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ST MARGARET'S DOOR DUTY ROTA

05-Jul	Ian Telfer S Foxley Mrs V Evans	Mrs M Brown Mrs M Chapman Mrs J Gresty
12-Jul	Ross Kerr Mrs D Hynd Mrs M Hamilton	Mrs C Gray K Hamilton Mrs C McCulloch
19-Jul	Mrs M McIntosh Mrs M Watson Mrs A Wilson	T McIntosh Mrs V Wilson Mrs M Aitken
26-Jul	J Colville Mrs A McArthur J Eadie	Jack Anderson D Clark Mrs J Eadie
02-Aug	Mrs I Cunningham Mrs I Gillespie Mrs F Grieve	Mrs J McAleece Mrs M Ellis Mrs J Grieve
09-Aug	W Bowie J Adamson Ian Hamilton	Mrs N Bowie Mrs L Adamson Mrs M Hynd
16-Aug	J McLean M Gordon Mrs E Pratt	Miss L Millar Frank Moyes Mrs S Richards
23-Aug	I Telfer S Foxley John Strang	Mrs M Brown Mrs M Chapman Mrs V Evans
30-Aug	Ross Kerr Mrs D Hynd K Hamilton	Mrs J Gresty Mrs C Gray Mrs M Hamilton
06-Sep	Mrs M McIntosh Mrs M Watson Mrs V Wilson	T McIntosh Mrs C McCulloch Mrs A Wilson
13-Sep	J Colville Mrs A McArthur Dave Clark	Mrs M Aitken J Anderson Mrs M Ellis
20-Sep	Mrs I Cunningham Mrs I Gillespie J Grieve Mrs J Eadie	Mrs J McAleece Mrs F Grieve J Eadie Ian Hamilton
27-Sep	W Bowie J Adamson Mrs M Hynd	Mrs N Bowie Mrs L Adamson Miss L Millar

SNIPPETS

FUNERALS

Anyone organising a funeral through St Margaret's Church can now make use of a catering service within the premises of the Church Halls.

For further information please contact:

IRENE CUNNINGHAM

01383 731947

PLEASE HELP

Volunteers, both young and elderly, are needed to help clear the chairs after the Services each week. Anyone who can help please stay behind until the church is cleared.

PASTORAL CARE GROUP VISITS

The Team Districts are now up and running. If there is anyone who would like a visit from one of the Pastoral Care Group or indeed who thinks someone else would benefit from a visit, then please ring

Jim Adamson on 727719 or Joan Eadie on 721922

CREDIT UNION

Why don't you save for any holidays or special occasions by joining our Credit Union? Interest rates are very good and there is the chance to borrow at lower rates.

Open during our Café on Thursdays

“THANK YOU”

SLIMMING WORLD

The Church members who currently attend the Slimming World Groups will know that their consultant, Graeme, has reluctantly had to relinquish his position on medical advice. I would put on record Graeme's sincere thanks to the Kirk Session and Church members for making us so welcome at St Margaret's. The groups were recently awarded FLAGSHIP status, signifying the number one group in Dunfermline, and the second only in Fife. The two groups now total over 130 members and have achieved an incredible weight loss well in excess of 350 stones!

On a personal note, Graeme's mum and myself have enjoyed working in the background to ensure the members received the best possible service and attention. Both groups will be under a new consultant and I know all involved will continue to have an excellent relationship with St Margaret's.

Many thanks

David Crosbie

(Ed's note – I am sure we would all want to pass on our good wishes to Graeme.)

GIFT AID

A HUGE THANK YOU TO everyone who gives a donation to St Margaret's –

Whether it is weekly, monthly, annually; whether it is Lily's 20 pences, Christmas gifts, flowers, plants for our new garden, etc, etc. We have recovered £4,040 for Gift Aid for the period 1st Jan-5th April. For the last three years we have also been able to claim £5,000 for donations made by non-taxpayers. This increases our total by £1,250. If anyone still requires a postcard for the year to 5th April 2015, for tax purposes, please see me at church or phone 01383 728128.

Many of our members now find it more convenient to make their donation by standing order. Details required are Bank of Scotland code 80 06 55 account 00720119.

Thank you all

Audrey McArthur

ORGANISATIONS

The Guild - Meet on the Second & Fourth Monday of the month at 7.15pm in the Rita Elder Hall – contact Margaret Hynd on 01383 721314

Bowling Fellowship - Meet every second Monday in the main hall at 6.45pm. Contact Tom MacIntosh on 01383 726342

Women's Fellowship - Meet from October to April on the first & third Wednesday of the month at 2.00pm in the Rita Elder Hall. It's a small group and newcomers will be made very welcome. Contact Mrs Helen Bell on 01383 725753

Swingnastics – Meet from September to May every Wednesday in the Rita Elder Hall at 10.00am Contact Catherine McCulloch on 01383 734463

The Craft Group - Meet on Thursdays in the Rita Elder Hall at 2.00pm. Contact Audrey McArthur on 01383 728128

Banner Group - Meet on Thursdays in the Rita Elder Hall at 2pm Contact June McAleece on 01383 724992

Ladies Badminton - Meet for social Badminton every Wednesday at 10.00am - 12 noon in the Church Main Hall. Contact Cherry O'Sullivan on 01383 720594

Men's Breakfast Group - Meet monthly on Saturdays from September - May at 8.30am. Contact Gordon Brown on 01577 840248

YOUTH

Sunday Club & Crèche - Meet in the Church at 10.00am on Sundays during Morning Service. Contact - Helen Webber on 01383 736486

JAM (Jesus And Me) CLUB –Meet Sundays in term time at 5.45pm - 7.15pm (or 8pm for Seniors). Contact Linda Adamson on 01383 727719

GUIDES

Rainbows - Meet every Tuesday in the Rita Elder Hall at 6.15pm - 7.30pm Contact Ann Laird on 01383 727515

Brownies – 2nd Dunfermline Pack meet on Wednesdays in the Downstairs Hall 6.15pm - 7.45pm. Contact Susan Guild on 01383 727167

2nd Dunfermline Guides meet on Wednesdays in the Rita Elder Hall at 7.15pm - 9.15pm. Contact Margaret Moyes on 01383 623428 or 07403778879.

2A Dunfermline Guides meet on Thursdays in the Rita Elder Hall at 7.15pm - 9.15pm. Contact Marion Anderson on 07762 366424

BEAVERS - CUB SCOUTS - SCOUTS - EXPLORER SCOUTS

Meet in **the Scouts H.Q. Carron Grove**

Contact Keith Strachan on 01383 735399.

Beavers - Mondays 6.30pm - 7.45pm

Cubs - Tuesdays 7.00pm - 8.30pm

Scouts - Wednesdays 7.30pm - 9.30pm

Explorer Scouts - Thursdays 7.00pm - 9.00pm

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