

St Margaret's Church News

September/October 2015



A view of the new St Margaret's Community Garden

“One is nearer to God’s heart in a garden
Than anywhere else on earth”

(Dorothy Gurney, 1858)

in this issue

See Garden Report and other articles

on

Celebrating 40 Years in Touch

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From the Minister

Rev Dr I M Greenshields

Can you forgive easily? Our natural instinct is self-protection and when we've been hurt or injured, we are rarely full of mercy, grace and understanding.

Forgiveness is often difficult to do, but so necessary. The Bible offers us clear insight and answers for many of the questions we might have about forgiveness. We are instructed to forgive as the Lord forgave us in **Colossians 3:13**- *"Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you"*. And it's not a one-off act, Jesus answers Peter in **Matthew 18:21-22** when he asks *"Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother when he sins against me? Up to seven times?"* Jesus answered, *"I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times"*. Jesus leaves us in no doubt that while forgiveness may not be easy for us, it is not a one-time choice and effectively we must live in a permanent state of forgiveness. Jesus knew that even though we forgive, the memory of that hurt is still there and we need to free ourselves from the bitterness and resentment of the hurt. Forgiveness is important to Jesus: He forgave his persecutors on the cross, and against this example we must continue forgiving until the matter is settled in our heart.

Since forgiveness goes against our nature, we must forgive by faith, out of obedience to Jesus - whether we feel like it or not. We may really want revenge and retribution, but that is not our choice. However, forgiveness is often a slow, painful process. The good news is that when we do forgive, the Lord sets our hearts free from the anger, bitterness, resentment and hurt that previously imprisoned us. We are the ones who suffer most when we choose not to forgive.

The best reason to forgive is because Jesus commanded us. The Bible is clear that if we don't forgive, neither will we be forgiven. **Matthew in 6:14-16 tells us that**, *"if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins."* We also forgive so that our prayers will not be hindered.

Mark in 11:25 tells us, “And when you stand praying, if you hold anything against anyone, forgive him, so that your Father in heaven may forgive you your sins.”

There is much to forgive. Outside of our personal issues, the news reports modern atrocities and persecution daily. We are also looking back at past conflicts as anniversaries of events of the world wars are remembered. Eva Kor explains at the trial of **former Auschwitz guard Oskar Groening why she has forgiven her persecutors under much criticism from family and the public:**

“As long as we understand my forgiveness, that the victim has a right to be free, you cannot be free from what was done to you unless you remove from your shoulder the daily burden of pain and anger and forgive the Nazis – not because they deserve it, but because I deserve it.”

We forgive out of obedience to the Lord. It is a choice, a decision we make. As we forgive we discover that the command is in place for our own good, and we will receive the reward of our forgiveness – freedom.

God bless you,

Iain



NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Hello!

Another change to the front cover of our magazine this month – makes a change and I was particularly keen to highlight the magnificent work that our gardening team have done around the Church grounds. The flower beds next to Touch School are really quite outstanding and I cannot help but notice that as people come down that way, they always stop to have a look at the flowers and chat away. Those people are not always members of St. Margaret's – the great thing about it is that our neighbours in the community are included and have commented on how much the gardens have cheered up the area. You will remember what this space looked like just a few months ago and it is quite remarkable the change that has taken place over such a short time. As well as brightening up our front page this month, I hope those involved will take this as a very small thank you for the work and effort gone into what we now have. **WELL DONE FOLKS!**

Elsewhere in the magazine there is information of magazine contributions for November/December and January/ February. Please take note of this – is really is important. Please also read how the Christmas Edition is going to be delivered throughout the Parish and start to think how you can become involved.

It is hoped that shortly we will be asking representatives of all our organisations to come along to a meeting to find out how they can become actively involved with the Church website. The plan(!) is that organisations will have their own page on the website and be able to update it themselves – ie they will have an access code to their own particular page. Morna is working on this at the moment and once I am comfortable that we are ready to cope with this I will be in touch.

Summer has gone (was it ever here) and the Autumn approaches (let's hope that we do not go straight to winter!) with all the glorious colours and the taking in of the harvests. If someone could explain to me where this year has gone to I really would appreciate it! I think each year passes quicker than the last and this one has certainly flown past.

You all take care – and remember that you are not alone!

Ross Kerr



"ON MY OWN."

by St Margaret's Reader

Gordon Brown

I have taken a 'year out' to pursue my own very personal 'bucket list' and eight months on, I am well through it.

A bucket list should contain a number of experiences or achievements that a person hopes to have or accomplish during their life time. The concept has its origins in the phrase 'kick the bucket' and was popularised by the 2007 film 'The Bucket List' starring Jack Nicholson and Morgan Freeman (worth watching!)

My wife, Helen, and I have many different tastes. Because of that I have found myself going off 'on my own' to experience or achieve some of the things on my bucket list. One such was a six day trip travelling slowly up the west coast of Harris & Lewis.

I know the Western Isles quite well from my days in fisheries management. I was quite often on the islands, but they were business trips where one flew in and flew out again quickly. Now, I wanted time to explore the remote Atlantic side of the Harris and Lewis. I also wanted to see how I would get along 'on my own' in these remote places.

I went in late April. The weather was generally very good, ranging from beautiful warm, sunny days, to very strong winds, and latterly heavy snow on the way back. I B&B'd at three places – **Seilebost in Harris**, surrounded by magnificent white beaches and overlooking the Island of Taransay (where the TV programme 'Castaway' with the likes of Ben Fogle was filmed.) From there I moved up to **Callanish** in the south of Lewis where, from my bedroom window, I could see the haunting Callanish Stones. My final stop was at **Ness** up in the very north, at the **Butt of Lewis** where I stayed at the old Decca radio communications building. My D, B&B here was exceptional. The accommodation was homely and comfy, the home made meals 'to die for', and to top it all, I will long remember our host playing Gershwin and other jazz and blues songs on a grand piano while we dined!

But how did I feel in these remote places – 'on my own'? At Callanish there was no radio or TV. In other parts, no mobile phone signal and nobody else around.

Throughout this 'year out' I have kept a journal. The extracts below best reflect how I felt and coped on my own –

"It is very strange to be on my own. With no particular agenda in these remote parts – I am just wandering, exploring – and it is challenging. It would be easy to feel melancholy at times. Easy to lose confidence and withdraw - but I won't. In fact, being on my own, I find myself talking to almost everyone I meet. Not something I would normally do if Helen [my wife] or some other friend was with me. So I don't actually feel on my own at all. Everyone is friendly.

There is a 'quiet', a 'silence' here that doesn't exist at home, where even on a quiet day, there always seems to be a distant background noise. Here there is no noise whatsoever most of the time.

It is a time, an environment, in which to listen to one's inner self. It is a time of quiet when I can really listen to and think about my emotions. In the hurly burly of everyday life we all too often fail to heed our emotions, how we feel, and that is a loss. We also fail to find the time to be still and listen for the Spirit of God, speaking to our inner being.

Being on my own, even if only for this short time, has also brought home to me how I must take decisions on my own. As a couple, or a group, one shares one's thoughts and ideas about how to proceed or what to do next. We seek endorsement or dismissal. We 'agree' a course of action. On one's own we have to decide for ourselves.

I think I'm apt to 'dither'. But we can't have that. So I push myself into deciding – where to eat, what to buy (if anything), which way to go and so on. And it feels good. Even in these little ways it makes me feel more decisive. I need to cultivate a – 'get on with it' mentality!

Sadly, the only time I did feel 'on my own' on the islands was when I attended a Sunday morning service. I won't name the church or its location. But like many of the island churches there was a large congregation – but apart from a brief 'Good morning' at the front door, not a soul spoke to me. I felt invisible. I felt 'on my own' for the first time. It was another lesson. We must always be ready to really welcome any visitors into our church and congregation and find out what brings them to us. It is so important.

Ever since my trip to Harris & Lewis I have been continuing to guard against 'dithering'. And so has Helen. To help us, we now have on our kitchen door a new, professionally printed sign which says – *"Just get on with it..."* It is another of the lessons from this 'year out' and from the experience of being - 'on my own'.

J.A.M. Club News

The final sessions of J.A.M. Club, before the school summer holidays, were busy times for us! We all enjoyed planting geraniums in colourful ceramic pots, which we had decorated. The older members made unusual boxes and these were filled with delicious Edinburgh Rock sweets. These items were made to be sold as a further effort towards providing help to needy families in Nepal, following the terrible earthquakes. We are happy to report that the sum of £30 was raised at the Thursday Cafe.....making a total of £80 sent to the charity UNICEF. We received a lovely letter from UNICEF, thanking us for providing money which is being used to make a real difference to people in Nepal. J.A.M. Club would like to thank everyone who supported this fundraising event.

Our final meeting began with a time of worship which was led by Iain. It was wonderful to share this special time in church with the children who are learning that participating in a service can be a lovely experience.

Following this, we had an outdoor scavenger hunt. The children enjoyed searching for various items in the beautiful evening sunshine. We went on to play fun games and have very welcome cool drinks with tasty snacks to end our time together. It was hard to believe that we had reached the end of another year of J.A.M. Club meetings!

We feel we have been truly blessed as we currently have 40 children on our register. We never know, from week to week, how many boys and girls will appear. However, we do try to ensure that each child who comes is made to feel special and valued. If you know any child who would like to join us, please encourage him/her to come along on term-time Sunday evenings....

5.45pm-7.15pm (Primary 1-7)

5.45pm-8.00pm (S1-2)

Love and blessings from everyone in St Margaret's J.A.M. Club



CHEROKEE RITE OF PASSAGE...

His father takes him into the forest, blindfolds him and leaves him alone. He is required to sit on a stump the whole night and not remove the blindfold until the rays of the morning sun shine through it. He cannot cry out for help to anyone.

Once he survives the night, he is a **MAN**.

He cannot tell the other boys of this experience, because each lad must come into manhood on his own.

The boy is naturally terrified. He can hear all kinds of noises. Wild beasts must surely be all around him. Maybe even some human might do him harm.

The wind blew the grass and earth and shook his stump but he sat stoically, never removing the blindfold. It would be the only way he could become a man!

Finally, after a horrific night the sun appeared and he removed his blindfold. It was then that he discovered his father sitting on the stump next to him.

He had been at watch the entire night, protecting his son from harm.

We often think that we are facing life on our own when in fact our Father is never more than a breath away. Jesus promised, "I am with you always, even to the end of the age." This is a promise that He keeps no matter what our circumstances.

We, too, are never alone. Even when we will not acknowledge that we know it. **GOD** is always watching over us, sitting on the stump beside us. When trouble comes, all that we have to do, is reach out to Him!

If you liked this story, pass it on. If not, you took off your blindfold BEFORE dawn.

Moral of the story: Just because you can't see GOD, It doesn't mean that He is not there.

"For we should all walk our lives by FAITH, not by sight."



(Ed's note – many thanks to the editor of 39th Fife Scouts Group Magazine for allowing me to copy this piece.)

NEWS FROM THE COMMITTEES

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

PROPERTY COMMITTEE REPORT

- The decoration of the Vestibule Landing and Staircase is now complete. The Partition in the church has been cleaned and painted – a great improvement.
- The passageway leading to the Lower Hall will be decorated within the next month. Shelving will be installed in the store room in the Lower Hall, after a very successful de-cluttering programme.
- In the kitchen area, necessary short term improvements will be made – but the Property Committee is considering the feasibility of refurbishment.
- The central heating system is being upgraded to present day standards which will include a new control box and digital clocks. This will ensure that the Church buildings will be heated more economically.
- Regarding the premises at the rear of the Church, it is planned to clean and paint the Flower Room, Disabled Toilet and the Store room.
- The roof of the church has been inspected by a surveyor and a report regarding the condition is expected shortly.

August 2015

ED's NOTE

I am sure that everyone would agree that all this work has certainly improved the profile of St. Margaret's and made it an even more welcoming Church and we are indebted to everyone who has helped with the work in making those improvements.

St Margaret's Parish Church Community Garden – August 2015

When the Garden Team was first asked to create a garden from what existed then, to what we have now achieved, has been described as simply miraculous. In March, I approached several members of our Church congregation to ask if they would be prepared to help with this project and a team was formed. All volunteers played a major part in planning and developing the area. Not only is the church benefiting from the floral displays but also this area of Touch community really appreciates what has been achieved, judging by the positive comments received from the people passing by when we are working on the garden.

It has been challenging at times and I wondered when we encountered a problem how could it be resolved. The strength of praying certainly helped and it was amazing how problems were overcome. The Memorial bed has also been established and is a welcomed addition to the garden.

The Team would like to thank the people who have given us support by either donating plants, money or a helping hand with the establishment and maintenance. This is an ongoing project and your continued support would be most welcome to help with the upkeep of the borders and garden areas around the Church.

The garden team comprises of the following personnel and if you would like to discuss any aspects of the gardens around the Church, please feel free to speak to anyone in the group.

Tom McIntosh
Marjory McIntosh
Robert Grant
Walter Bowie
Nancy Bowie
David Clark

(ED's NOTE ~

I think you will all agree that the garden is looking great and really cheered the surrounding area up. Not only does this brighten up our own grounds but also very much the community. The team often receive positive comments from our neighbours when they are working in the garden and really when you consider what the space looked like just a few months ago the transformation is just wonderful. Sure you would all want to thank this team for all their very hard work.)

COMMUNICATION AND OUTREACH COMMITTEE REPORT

St. Margaret's Website

Confirming again that the website for St. Margaret's is now available to visit – and it is well worth a visit. We now are posting a copy of the church magazine on the website and in fact it looks just a tad brighter as we are able to have any photographs produced in colour on the website whereas other than two main photographs the paper copy tends to be in black and white. Website address is

www.stmargscos.org.uk

Again work is in progress with the site to open it up to organisations but as they say “one step at a time”!!

Information Board

You will have noticed the information board on display in the vestibule as you enter the church. This is being used currently by the Fellowship Committee to display photographs and articles depicting our 40th Anniversary at Touch. Thanks to all those who have contributed and I know the Fellowship Committee are keen to have even more! Once this is finished the same board will be used to give information on how Church of Scotland, Dunfermline Presbytery and St. Margaret's spend the money they raise so you all will have a better insight into the workings of the Church.

Sunday Taxi Service

Update on this is that we have volunteers to act as “taxis” on a Sunday but only one name of a person wanting to make use of the service. However it is likely that some folks have been on holiday and not picked up on this yet so we will return to advertising this in a couple of weeks' time – and I am hopeful that as Elders go round their districts with communion information they will ask appropriate people in their districts if they would like use of the service. However anyone in the congregation that knows of someone (perhaps not having been able to come to Church for a while) who would happily make use of the service - do please let us know and fill in the sheet that is still sitting on the table in the vestibule.

Church Magazine – November/December

Everyone should note that there will NOT be a “normal” edition of the magazine for the months of NOVEMBER & DECEMBER. This is because a very special smaller type Christmas good wishes/ information giving version is being prepared for distribution around the whole of the Parish. Iain is working on this and is extremely keen that we embrace and reach out to every household within our Parish and deliver one of these special Christmas editions, knock on the door, introduce ourselves as being from St. Margaret's and wishing them a Happy Christmas. For this of course we need volunteers to call on households and very shortly a list of all the streets within our Parish will be available for members of the congregation to select which street(s) they would deliver to. As this edition will include information such as Christmas service dates and times then we would probably want these delivered within the first couple of weeks of December – so a lot of work to be done to achieve that target. Iain will be announcing when the street forms are available but please give this some thought beforehand and think of what streets you feel you could cover – we do need ALL the streets in the Parish visited.

Church Magazine - January/February

The January/February edition of the magazine will return to its usual format. All contributions for that edition should be with Ross Kerr no later than SUNDAY 13th DECEMBER. These contributions can be sent to Ross by e mail on rosskerr@me.com handed in to 75 Scotland Drive, Dunfermline or given to Ross at Church. This means that there will have been quite a gap between this edition of the magazine and the one for the start of the year – so I am expecting a really good selection of contributions with a lot of news and what groups got up to over the Christmas period!

Ross Kerr

Outreach & Communication Committee Chair

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

- The treasure Hunt that was advertised in the magazine last time has to be cancelled due to lack of interest. However we have decided to this in the Spring, possibly inviting other Churches to be involved.
- **The Flower and Banner Festival** will take place from **Thursday 29 October till Saturday 31st Oct.** The Church will be open from 10am till 4pm. Café as normally on the Thursday and Teas and Coffees Friday and Saturday.
- The **Afternoon Teas** have been concluded for this year and we have donated **£740** to Church Funds. There was a real relaxed atmosphere and it was good to see The Rita Hall full.
- The **Christmas Fayre** is going to be on the 21st November.
- We are going to have a **Quiz** possibly on the 30th November and invite the other churches to it. We shall be selling tickets for it and refreshments are being served on the night.
- We have **photos** on the screens in the foyer and we would like more if by any chance you have more.
- **The celebration of St Margaret being at Touch for 40 years** is still the focus for the group.

ED's NOTE

Isn't the banner shown opposite absolutely marvellous? We are indeed fortunate to have such a talented group of ladies who produce such wonderful pieces of art.



The Millennium Banner

Etta's Charities and World Mission News

DUNFERMLINE FOODBANK UPDATE

Thank you once again for the contributions to the Foodbank: 67.7kgs of food has been donated from St Margaret's Church this period.

Thanks to everyone who contributes either cash or food, the Foodbank team are grateful for all donations. There is now a blue box on the top landing next to the Rita Elder Hall for contributions.

Items urgently needed are: juices (either long life or diluting), sponge puddings, mashed potato, sugar, non-food items such as washing up liquid, soap powder, gents deodorant and shaving foam.

STAMPS – ongoing collection

Thanks for all the donations of used stamps, they are being recycled by 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 about the 2015 stamp appeal, or I can arrange to send them on for you.

NEWS SNIPPETS FROM THE WORLD MISSION COUNCIL

The August/September edition features:

Human Trafficking: A Global Phenomena

Human trafficking is a form of modern day slavery in which people, most often women and girls, are forced, threatened, coerced or deceived for the purposes of labour exploitation, commercial sex exploitation and domestic servitude. It is a complex problem which affects almost every country in the world. Sub-Sahara Africa has the highest percentage of child trafficking in the world. Our partner, the Church of Central Africa Presbyterian (CCAP) Synod of Livingstonia says that human trafficking is a serious problem in Malawi, particularly in rural areas where there is extreme poverty, with people being trafficked internally in the country and across borders. The problem of human trafficking has been growing in Nepal, largely due to poverty, and it is feared that this will become worse following the recent earthquake.

Prayer Focus

World Week of Peace for Palestine and Israel 20-26 September 2015

‘God has broken down the dividing walls’

Every year the Palestine Ecumenical Forum of the World Council of Churches invites Christians all over the world to join together for a week of advocacy and action in support of a just peace for all in Palestine and Israel. The theme for 2015 is ‘God has broken down the dividing walls’.

Serving the Immigrant

The work of the Waldensian Church

While he was at the General Assembly, Massimo Long spoke to WM about the Waldensian Church's work with immigrants in Turin, Sicily and Lampedusa. How long the church has been working with immigrants, what life is like for immigrants in Italy, why it is important for the church to be involved in this work with immigrants. Extracted from full article in the magazine.

Things that happened at The General Assembly

2015 was a great year for World Mission at the General Assembly. We welcomed wonderful delegates from across the world, met with many of you and had a blast at Heart & Soul!

- The Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Ghana invited the Presbyterian Church of South Sudan to their General Assembly to look at how they can help South Sudan.
- Wilson McKinlay, Benbecula, Uist, said: 'We have been twinned with Jerusha, PCEA for four years and it has been a remarkable journey. We have been humbled by the generosity we have received and they credit us for giving them the most precious thing they have – the Bible.'
- Rev Ram Kuma Budhathoki from Nepal and Rev Ibrahim Nseir from Syria were interviewed by BBC Radio Scotland to talk about the situation in their countries.

The StARS of Cairo, Egypt

World Mission Council member Maureen Jack tells us about the amazing work being done with refugees in Egypt.

Over the years people have come to Egypt seeking refuge from conflict in countries such as Eritrea, Ethiopia, Iraq, Somalia, South Sudan and Sudan. Recently there has been a huge influx from Syria. Currently there are about 500,000 refugees in Egypt.

Working to support refugees is St Andrew's Refugee Services (StARS, www.stars-egypt.org), which operate out of St Andrew's United Church in Cairo. The church was established by the Church of Scotland, and dedicated in 1909 by the then Moderator. It is a member church of our partner the Synod of the Nile, and Rev Kirsten Fryer is its Lutheran Pastor. StARS has its own Board, but is very much part of the church's ministry.

StARS' core services for refugees include education, psycho-social services, and legal services. See magazine for the full article.

Wha gwan?" "How y'dooin?"

Twinning with Jamaica

Mairi Main from Crown Church Inverness tells us about a recent visit from their twinned congregation, North Street United Church, Jamaica.

The partnership between Crown Church Inverness and North Street United Church, Kingston, Jamaica began in 2007 when a group from Crown visited Kingston. Eight

years later and with one further visit to Kingston, we have just said a fond farewell to our third group of Jamaican visitors to Inverness. Each time, we are left greatly enriched. From the full article in the magazine.

Upcoming Conferences

World Mission Resources Day 12th September, Bridge of Allan Parish

Church; time 10.00 am to 3.30pm.

Register by contacting agrahame@churchofscotland.org.uk or call Audrey Grahame on 0131 225 5722

Speakers, workshops, resources and market place

Admission Free

The full stories and more can be found in the World Mission council magazine for August/September and can be downloaded from www.churchofscotland.org.uk or I can give you a paper copy.

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Etta Pratt

COMMUNION

The Kirk Session invite you to Communion

at

10 am and 7.15 pm

on

Sunday 20th September 2015

Session Clerk: Ritchie Campbell

Senior Elder: Walter Faichney

Mrs E Pratt

Mrs M Ellis

Mrs J McAleese

R. Kerr

J Adamson

I Telfer

D Clark

J Colville

Reserve: J McLean

Sunday 15th November 2015

Session Clerk: Ritchie Campbell

Senior Elder: Millar Gordon

Mrs. M. Aitken

Mrs. A. Prentice

Mrs. M. Hynd

Mrs. S. Richards

Mrs. I. Cunningham

A. Prentice

I. Hamilton

T. McIntosh

Reserve: S. Foxley



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

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

CRAFT GROUP

The Craft Group will restart on 1st October, 2015, at 2 pm. New members would be very welcome. Any queries please phone Audrey on 728128 or Rena on 722263.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

A warm welcome to all ladies. Our first meeting is Wednesday 7th October, 2015 at 2 pm. Please come and join us – our first speaker is Rev. Muriel Willoughby. Any queries please phone Helen on 725753.

TEA & COFFEE ROTA

SEP

6	Mrs Prentice	Mr & Mrs Kemp-McKinnon	Mrs Telfer
13	Mrs Wilson	Mrs Gray	Mrs Pratt
20	Mrs McCulloch	Mrs Todd	Mrs Smith
27	Mrs Brown	Mrs Stevens	Mrs Chapman

OCT

4	Mrs McCulloch	Mrs Grieve	Mrs Scoon
11	Mrs. Cunningham	Mrs Gillespie	Mrs McAleece
18	Mrs Bowie	Mrs Margaret Hynd	Mrs Maureen Hynd
25	Mrs McArthur	Mr & Mrs Kemp- McKinnon	Mrs. Moultrie

NOV

1	Mrs McIntosh	Mrs. McEwen	Mrs Pratt
8	Mrs Prentice	Mrs. Gray	Mrs Smith
15	Mrs Brown	Mrs Chapman & Mrs Robertson	Mrs Stevens
22	Mrs McCulloch	Mrs Maureen Hynd	Mrs Evans
29	Mrs Wilson	Mrs Todd	Mrs Telfer

We welcome Mrs Margaret Scoon to our team and we thank her for volunteering.

FLOWER CALENDAR Sep/Oct 2015

Date	Donor	Tel No	Arranger	Tel No
6 th Sep	Pam Moultrie	622329	Marion Aitken	735996
13 th Sep	Maureen Grant	725493	Nancy Bowie	737779
20 th Sep	Margaret Orr	737080	Audrey McArthur	728128
27 th Sep	Mr and Mrs Short	725119	June McAleece	724992
04 th Oct	Lorraine Stevenson	721075	Marjory McIntosh	726342
11 th Oct	May Turner	726216	Coleen Watson	721285
18 th Oct	Audrey McArthur	728128	Audrey McArthur	728128
25 th Oct	Vera Wilson	720250	Marion Aitken	735996
1 st Nov	Mr and Mrs W Bowie	737779	Nancy Bowie	737779

CALENDAR FOR DELIVERY OF FLOWERS_Sep/Oct 2015

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

6 th Sep	David Clark	734484
13 th Sep	Janet Gresty	728104
20 th Sep	Jim and Fiona Grieve	831614
27 th Sep	Maureen Chapman	725049
04 th Oct	Margaret Hynd	721314
11 th Oct	Rachel Wilson	734696
18 th Oct	Christine Hunter	721802
25 th Oct	Jim and Linda Adamson	727719

SUNDAY DUTY ROTA September/October 2015

6th September	Mrs M McIntosh Mrs M Watson Mrs V Wilson	T McIntosh Mrs C McCulloch Mrs A Wilson
13th September	J Colville Mrs A McArthur Dave Clark	Mrs M Aitken J Anderson Mrs M Ellis
20th September	Mrs I Cunningham Mrs I Gillespie J Grieve Mrs J Eadie	Mrs J McAleece Mrs F Grieve J Eadie Ian Hamilton
27th September	W Bowie J Adamson Mrs M Hynd	Mrs N Bowie Mrs L Adamson Miss L Millar
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11th October	Ian Telfer Mrs J Gresty Mrs V Evans	Mrs M Brown Mrs M Chapman
18th October	Ross Kerr Mrs D Hynd Mrs M Hamilton	Mrs C Gray Keith Hamilton Mrs C McCulloch
25th October	Mrs M McIntosh M Watson Mrs M Aitken	Mrs V Wilson Mrs A Wilson Jack Anderson
1st November	J Colville Mrs A McArthur Mrs J Eadie	D Clark Jack Eadie Mrs M Ellis

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:

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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"

I would like to say "thanks" for the gift of flowers received lately and also on previous occasions.

Very much appreciated.

Thank You

Bill Beveridge

Thanks to the contributor for this following poem – wonder how many of you can work out which member of the congregation this is from!

THE LOST SUMMER

Where is the summer? Where did it go?

Did it arrive? Am I too slow?

I am sure Summer used to follow Spring

Loads of sunshine and birds would sing.

The wind has turned cold and the rain just keeps coming

No sign of the Sun and the bees have stopped humming

The Seasons are changing and nights grow dim

What of the autumn? The weather just as grim?

The green leaves on the trees are now turning to brown

A strong gust of wind and they all tumble down

Then before very long Autumn has passed

Winter beckons with a cold, icy blast.

What a thought awaits us as the seasons roll on

I am sure I missed summer! Where has it gone?

Leunam Draisaig

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 723003 or mob 07403 778879.

2ndA Dunfermline Guides meet on Thursdays in the Rita Elder Hall at 7.15pm - 9.15pm. Contact Anne Simpson on 01383 410490 or 07972181351

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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