

St Margaret's Church News
July/August 2016



Summer

Suns are glowing

In this issue

Pictures of the flourishing St Margaret's Community Garden

Reader Gordon Brown on giving a sunny welcome

Gold, Silver and Pearl celebrations

Rainbows

THOUGHTS FROM THE PULPIT



From the Minister

A trapper brought his wife to the Alaska wilderness. She died when their child was about two years old. To go out in the woods in the course of this trapping had sometimes left the child for a few hours in the care of their faithful dog. One afternoon, when he was out, a terrible blizzard came up. The storm was so terrible that he had to take refuge in a hollow tree to save his life.

At daybreak he rushed to his cabin. The door was open, his dog who looked at him from the corner of his eyes was covered with blood. The father's blood froze in his veins. Just one thing had happened – his dog had turned wolf and had killed his child. He reached for the axe and in a moment it was buried into the skull of his trusted animal. Like a maniac he scanned the scene. In hopeless desperation he uncovered the gruesome remains of his cabin. Tipped over, the cracked furniture was telling a story of a battle that had taken place here an hour before. A faint cry came from under the bed. Again his heart seem paralyzed. There he found his offspring safe and sound. He clutched his child and then looked to see his injuries.

The answer came just a second later. The sad riddle was solved in a remote corner, there it was a dead wolf, his huge mouth showing fangs intended for the baby which his faithful dog had saved. Just a moment of caution and he could have held both his child and his hero dog in his arms. Remorse took over instead.

This is a story that warns us not to be hasty. Weigh things carefully before you strike. When your blood pressure gets up, count to ten and pray. Beware of mistakes made in taking too seriously circumstantial evidence. Think before you act. Don't forget that truth is very often stranger than fiction. How often do we jump to conclusions about people and events and the damage that can be done is irreversible.

Iain Greenshields



The Early Church relied on Prayer and often prayed together. I would like to challenge all of the congregation to set aside time each day/week over the Summer months to pray for issues that are significant to the current and future life of our Church.

I always find the following verse from Ephesians 3 inspiring when it comes to prayer: **"Now Glory be to God. By His mighty power at work within us, He is able to accomplish infinitely more than we would ever dare to ask or hope."**

Pray that the Holy Spirit would come and breathe on us a time of revival.

Pray that the small group of 3 people – the Minister, Moira Watson and Linda Adamson, who have been tasked with advertising for and appointing our part-time family youth worker might be given wisdom and insight in their task.

Pray for JAM over the Summer months. Pray for the leaders who will be recharging their batteries. Pray for the children that they will think seriously about faith over the summer months.

A number of people have been appointed to train for eldership after the summer – 10 in all. Pray for the minister as he tries to shape a course that will be meaningful and helpful to the new and existing elders.

The Kirk Session has decided to look at the possibility of establishing a weekly outreach in Carnegie Primary – this is to take place after our morning service. Iain and Gordon will be having a look at the facilities and the practical implications of this over the Summer – prayers for this.

The local Community Centre may have to close. One of the proposals being looked at by the Community and the Council is some way of the Church taking over the running of the hall – pray for wisdom to know whether this would be right for our future.

In the Autumn we will begin to look seriously at proposals for a new roof. Pray that everything will go smoothly and also pray for the future funding needs of this project that we will receive generous donations and support.

The Minister is currently visiting every home in the congregation. Pray that we might see people coming back, who for a variety of reasons, have stopped coming to church but remain members. Pray as we move into the Autumn that we will have inspiring worship and real growth in numbers attending church.



NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

Hello – and welcome to the summer edition of the magazine. Not too much to shout about as far as the appearance of the sun is concerned – but not to worry as you will see when you read the item from the Rainbows as they have made a “sun catcher” – so all is going to be fine!!

Couple of items this time round that are in “landscape” – had to do this to make sure all the content was included! Delighted to receive from Etta a letter from Kate Reynolds in Israel – very interesting. We also have our very first item from the Guides section – in fact the item is from the Rainbows and submitted by Sarah Nicoll who is a Trainee Leader. Well done Sarah – do please continue to keep us updated with your news. I know that the Guides were away at a weekend camp recently so perhaps we may have a report on that for the next issue – and perhaps photographs if permitted.

I have included photographs of the garden. It really has sprouted again and is adding a lot of colour and beauty to the grounds at the Church. Well done and a huge Thankyou to all those who give their time, efforts and knowledge to this project – it just makes the area look so bright!

As you may have seen in the Order of Service recently I am looking for a few more volunteers please for the pick up of a couple of infirm people who attend Church. This is done by two people at the moment but I would like to have a rota of say 3 people for each person to be collected. This means that no one person is “on duty” every week and of course allows for holidays as well. The rota would be simple and made up by the team themselves so they could plan what suits them – and of course the person the are collecting and returning! Please let me know if you can help.

Iain as you know has been running a Bible study where he has covered scripture and understanding of the Resurrection. This was particularly interesting and thought provoking and once Iain had delivered his “words of wisdom” we all relocated to the Rita Elder Hall for refreshments and debate – and some very interesting debate there was!

Hope you enjoy this edition of the magazine and once again I would encourage you to hand in items of interest to make the magazine really “newsy”!!

Ross Kerr



From our Reader

The opening hymn was the well known - "Let us build a house where love can dwell" (198 CH4) - with its warm and inviting chorus –

"All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place"

But once again I felt anything but welcome *"in this place"* – morning service in another well attended Church of Scotland in the central belt. (I'm not going to name and shame the church). Apart from a brief "hello" from one of the officials on the door and the two lads sat in front of us, that was it. Nobody else spoke to us – before, during or after the service. Many looked at us (!) but failed to act or say something.

Ministers and Worship Leaders can try all they like to welcome everyone, but it is ultimately down to members of the congregation to make that welcome happen. The Minister on this occasion made a valiant effort. He urged his members – *"if you see a stranger or someone you don't recognise, introduce yourself, say hello."* His well-intended words fell on deaf ears.

Some readers might remember I had a similar bad experience in a church (of Scotland) in the Western Isles last year. That wasn't the first or only one. I've felt quite alone in other churches. Now when Helen and I visit another church we say to each other outside beforehand – *"I wonder what sort of welcome, if any, we'll get here?"*

I can't fathom it. I do realise this issue is something of a two-way street. I have to make an effort to speak to others. So I go into other churches primed and ready to engage with our hosts. I've washed and brushed up; used a deodorant I know works, even sprayed myself with David Beckham au de toilet. But if the hosts won't engage.....?

If there is one place on earth I expect a welcome, it's in a church. Surely the onus is on the hosts. I'm not expecting a red carpet or champagne breakfast afterwards – just a "hello". That's all. If I'm asked - Where are you from? What brings you here today? We hope you'll enjoy being with us. Will you join us for coffee later? I'll show you through to the hall. That's a bonus. All I really look for, indeed expect, is a kindly enquiry, a friendly gesture.

We don't want to jump on and smother visitors that find their way to St Margaret's. The 'welcome' we were invited to give one another at the start of the

recent Guest Service was an excellent way of reaching out and including everyone present, especially visitors and we should do that again on occasions.

We have a pretty good reputation for being a friendly congregation – it is one of the reasons Helen and I came back to St Margaret's after my Readership training. But we mustn't be complacent. We may think we are a friendly congregation, but do our visitors agree?

“One of the marvellous things about community is that it enables us to welcome and help people in a way we couldn't as individuals. When we pool our strength and share the work and responsibility, we can welcome many people, even those in deep distress, and perhaps help them find self-confidence and inner healing.” — Jean Vanier

Gordon Brown.

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Dear Friends,

Greetings from a very hot and sunny Tiberias!

It's hard to believe that Justin and I have now been here for over six months. It feels like only yesterday we were nervously arriving into Ben Gurion with loads of luggage, wondering if our cat Coleridge had also made it safely on an earlier flight.



There have been the normal highs and lows of adjusting to life in a new country, but for the most part, we feel settled and at home here now. The process was helped immensely by the company of Colin Johnston, my predecessor, who came for two weeks in December to show me around and introduce me to various people he knows here (and he got to know a lot of people in his five years in the Galilee).



The initial struggles of shopping and navigating new roads and negotiating new cultures have either passed or just become part of daily life. I still can't read many of the labels on food. I still get lost, even using Waze, the local navigation app. I still find living amongst so many different cultures bewildering. But all these things are a source of excitement rather than anxiety. And more often than not, they add to the richness of life here, though there are still the odd moments of frustration (the control screens on petrol pumps here still baffle me — I never know when it's asking me to enter my card pin number or my

car registration number and sometimes they need authorisation from one of the staff and sometimes they don't...).

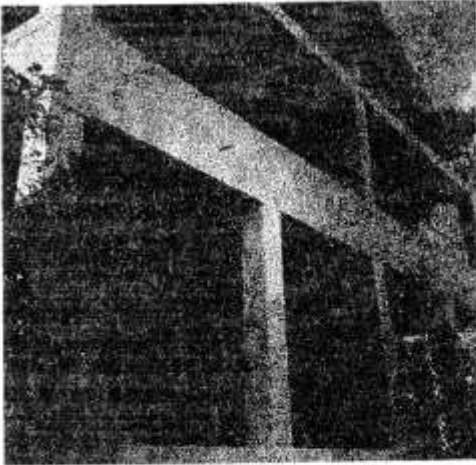
One of the things that struck me when I first arrived was just how varied the land is, culturally, historically, geographically. Muslims, Christians, Jews, and Druze, all inhabiting the land, and within each of those religions, an infinity of difference. Layers of history from biblical times to the crusades, to the current state. From the lush green hills and waterfalls near the Lebanese border down to the dry arid desert of the Negev.

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Living here is a feast for the spirit, the intellect, the eyes. But it makes for a steep, steep learning curve, one which seemed to get steeper the longer we live here. The climb is only now feeling a little less exhausting, but it make be a temporary plateau.

We've had several rounds of visitors, which has given us the excuse to explore parts of the country we hadn't yet seen. My parents were here from the States for Christmas, the first Christmas in nearly ten years that we had spent together. And Justin's parents came in early May to escape the cool English spring. I think it helped them all to see us in situ and to know that we are safe and happy.

One of the things I love most about my work here is that every week is different. I could be out visiting some of our partners around the region hearing about their work and the challenges they face, chatting with some of the staff or guests at the Scots Hotel where I serve in a kind of chaplaincy role, leading an assembly at Tabeetha School in Jaffa, meeting with an architect to discuss the possible renovation of the church building, dreaming up ideas for a labyrinth and garden at the hotel, meeting and praying with other Christian communities throughout the Galilee, studying Arabic (Justin is learning Hebrew), traveling through the Jordan Valley for meetings or services in Jerusalem. At least a couple of times a month, I join with local congregations on Sunday mornings, and have found a home particularly amongst the members of St Paul's Shefr'amr, an Arab Anglican church about 40 minutes away.

And, of course, each week there's preparation for services at St Andrew's, the church here in Tiberias. We meet on a Sunday evening because Sundays here are the start of the working week (weekends are Friday and Saturday, something that took a little getting used to). We're now often joined by visiting groups of pilgrims, tourists, and passers by. I have got to know a couple of the leaders of tour groups from the States, one of which brings American clergy and encourages them to come to St Andrew's. So on several occasions, I have found myself preaching to a church full of Presbyterian ministers, Episcopal priests, and Baptist pastors. A daunting prospect!

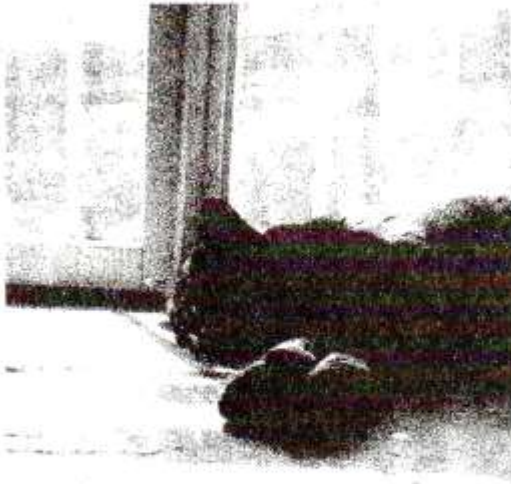
But the companionship and fellowship after the service is so encouraging. We tend to rely on a hymn machine to provide the music, so when the groups have amongst their number a pianist, it is such a gift. When numbers are small, I do miss good music in worship.



We find the warmer weather and near-constant sun has meant that we're far more active and adventurous than we ever were back in Scotland. I've enjoyed spending evenings in the gym, running again after a long hiatus and am pleased to see my times and distances improving at last. It's a good way of clearing my head, and a good run offers a wonderful opportunity for prayer. When we visited Mt Tabor with Justin's parents a few weeks ago, we saw people paragliding off the mountain. Justin mentioned in passing that he would

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enjoy doing something like that, so was delighted when, for his birthday last month, he received a voucher for a paragliding flight!



Justin has also been doing some volunteer work for the Galilee Society, one of our partner organisations which seeks to 'achieve equitable health, environmental and socio-economic conditions, and to increase development opportunities for Palestinian Arabs inside Israel'. He gets on very well with the director of the centre and is now helping with some of their copy-writing and editing of their English language documents.

Coleridge has also settled well and is adapting to the heat. He spends the mornings exploring the garden before it gets too hot and then seeks out the coolest places in the house. But much to his dismay, we've been adopted by a local kitten. I found her crying in the garden about a month ago, blind from an eye infection. I wasn't sure she would survive the night. But with some food and medicine, she improved dramatically and now happily bounces all over the garden. Coleridge looks on like a grouchy uncle, putting her in her place when she gets too annoying. We've named her Hypatia, about as random and geeky a cat name as Coleridge.

We are headed back to Scotland for three weeks in July, the first time we will have been back since we moved in November. I have booked a week at a favourite cottage of mine in the Highlands as a much-needed retreat. And then we will have two weeks of catching up with friends and family. We're very much looking forward to some cooler weather and familiar scenery as well as some rest.

I am so grateful to many of you for emailing, signing up to receive my blog (www.sedontology.com), commenting on it, becoming Facebook friends, and finding other creative ways to keep in touch. Your love, encouragement, and prayers mean so much to us. And I love hearing your news!

I wish you all every blessing,

Kate

Prayer requests:

Pray for all the people of this land, in a time of increasing tension and unrest.

Pray for the Christians in Israel and Palestine, for their congregations and schools, which are often discriminated against and marginalised.

Pray for the congregation of St Andrew's, Tiberias, as it continues to discern its vision and place in the community.

Pray for Kate and Justin preparing for their holiday, that it may be a time of quiet and refreshment.

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A QUAD OF CELEBRATIONS!

GOLDEN

THE WOMAN'S FELLOWSHIP CELEBRATES ITS
50TH ANNIVERSARY

PEARL

JOYCE AND ALAN COPLAND CELEBRATE
30 YEARS OF MARRIAGE

SILVER

MORNA AND JOHN THOMSON CELEBRATE
25 YEARS OF MARRIAGE

***Congratulations to all on achieving these significant
anniversaries***

ALLAN MORTON

I KNOW YOU ALL WILL BE DELIGHTED TO HEAR THAT ALLAN MORTON HAS
NOW GRADUATED AS A BA IN THEOLOGY AND IS BEGINNING IN JULY HIS
18 MONTH PROBATION AFTER WHICH HE CAN BE CALLED TO A
CONGREGATION.

Excellent news and many congratulations Allan!

DUNFERMLINE 2ND RAINBOWS

The Rainbows have been very busy the last couple of months, working on their season badge. We have learned about how to stay safe in the sun and even made a sun catcher. We also learned about snowflakes and how every snowflake is individual. We had an indoor snowball fight which was a lot of fun. The girls have worked hard to achieve this, so well done Rainbows!

We have also learned about butterflies. We've learned what butterflies like to eat and what colours butterflies are. We also discovered butterflies are all unique, just like our fingerprints and snowflakes. We sang a song about butterflies called "if I were a butterfly". We really enjoyed learning this song and the actions. We made butterfly bracelets, we had to use plastic needles to thread the butterflies on, but we managed to do it and they look beautiful.

In the last couple of weeks we have welcomed a few new rainbows into the unit. We hope they settle in well, have a lot of fun and enjoy their time at Rainbows.

Sarah Nicoll

Trainee Leader

(Ed. – great to have this contribution and update from Sarah – our first for the magazine – well done. Just a thought – do you think the Rainbows could work hard with their sun catcher and capture it for the rest of the summer please!!)

WOMAN'S FELLOWSHIP

The summer get-together is July 6th, 2016, at 2 pm. This is the 50th anniversary of the Fellowship and we will have much to discuss.

(Ed. – Many congratulations to the Fellowship on this auspicious Birthday occasion!)

J.A.M. Club

Once again, the weeks have raced by and lots of things have been happening at J.A.M. Club! We introduced the children to the gift of the Holy Spirit by using an animated story from our dvd collection. The boys and girls were Captivated by the beautiful idea that yes, Jesus had gone away, but he sent a very special gift.....the Holy Spirit. Our following craft activity was greatly enjoyed.....Pentecost Spinners! Games time included everyone trying to keep a multitude of balloons in the air by blowing!

Christian Aid week reminded us all that we are very fortunate compared to many people in the world. The enormity of the tasks faced by Christian Aid was discussed and we agreed that many people might think it posed impossible challenges. Enter Jim....who demonstrated, by way of a science experiment, that things which seem impossible can actually happen! We watched a You Tube video, which illustrated the wonderful work done by this organisation, and discussed how people working together can make a real difference. Recently, we have been talking and thinking about blessings. The children (and leaders!) have been learning a version of "Give thanks with a grateful heart" which includes actions.....great fun! Everyone participated in covering large letters (THANK YOU JESUS) with painted handprints.....the letters will be on display soon. Individually, the boys and girls wrote six blessings in their own lives. These ranged from ice-cream to football skills! One especially touching blessing was given. The children had been asked to think of something which they particularly treasure, something which they regard as a very special blessing. One child explained that he didn't actually have the blessing just now, but he was sure it would be a treasured blessing.....his new baby brother or sister!

Throughout our times together, we aim to help the children understand that having faith in Jesus is the greatest blessing of all. If we follow in his footsteps, we will never go wrong! We likened this to the "lives" of two flowers.....a cut flower and the same kind of flower in

a pot. The children readily understood that the rooted flower was likely to live longer and be a healthier specimen. In this way they came to understand the direction to "Stay rooted in Jesus!" We planted geraniums which the children took home and tended for a few weeks. On May 29th these were brought back to be judged in a competition....Evelyn Bell was the worthy winner.

As we now approach the summer holidays, everyone is looking forward (children and leaders alike!) to having the time to enjoy the many blessings which this season brings We would like to wish everyone in our church family a very happy, healthy summer.



THE THANK YOU PAGE.

My friend Letty and I wish to thank so many folk for visits, cards, flowers and 'phone calls following our recent accident. The caring we have been shown by my St. Margaret's family has been wonderful and has helped so much. Special thanks to Irene and Jim Cunningham who had a 'phone call on the Monday morning and just came right away to take us to Oakley and then to my home after the Victoria hospital said GO HOME!. (Letty's clothes had been cut off so she only had a wee cardigan, they gave her a pair of dirty scrubs, trousers and a pair of slippers!) Irene also ran me to Kirkcaldy to collect belongings from the wreck which included the church's cheque book and pay in book! Thanks also to Keith, Merva and Ian Brown for advice, lifts and a car to go on our holiday. Thanks also to Willie Duncan and Family for lifts and dog walking.

Audrey McArthur

(Ed. – A real upset for Audrey and Letty. Good to hear that they are both progressing but time yet before full healing!)

I would like to say thanks to those who asked how I was after my operation and a special thanks to Linda and Jim Adamson who have been running me to and from the Church for the past month.

Thanks to you all.

Margaret Hynd

FLOWER DELIVERIES.

As we move into the second part of the year, David Clark, Manuel Giraldes and Ian Hamilton, who have been delivering flowers since the team was formed in 2011, felt they were not able to continue. Their help over the years has been much appreciated, and we would like to express warm thanks for all they have done.

We are pleased to welcome Marion Aitken, Tom and Marjory McIntosh and Jim and Isobel Stewart who have agreed to join the team.

Lily Millar

A big “thank you” to all concerned for the lovely bouquet of flowers received for my birthday brought to me by Dave Clerk and had a good chat! Also for the good visit from June McAleece who brought me soup and scones – yummy! It has been great having church friends to taxi me around and expect to be driving again in a couple of months.

Best wishes from Rena R.



OUR GROWING GARDEN

Many thanks to Tom and his team for working to have our garden in bloom again this year. Makes such a difference to the Church surroundings. It takes a lot of hard work and maintenance to have the garden look so productive and bright and cheerful. Good job team!!" (Ed)



Members of Finance Committee

Moira Watson – Treasurer
Audrey McArthur
Vera Wilson
Sarah Richards
Val Evans
Alan Prentice

Hello everyone

I hope the return to wintry weather after our spell of lovely sunshine has not put a dampener on things for you, the good news is that July is to be glorious but please don't hold me to that!

The improvement to our surroundings has continued and I hope you will agree our new cleaning company is doing a great job. The disabled toilet has been smartened up along with other areas and slowly but surely we are getting there. The gardens are looking wonderful and our grateful thanks must go to the volunteers who work hard to keep things looking good – I'm sure if anyone has an hour or two to spare your presence would be very welcome. The major church refurbishment expenditure has been completed (fingers crossed) and we can now concentrate on building up our resources for the replacement of the church roof etc. To date we have received over £6000 in donations to our dedicated Roof Fund, which is a very good start to our fundraising efforts.

If anyone has any ideas for fundraising we would be delighted to hear them so get your thinking caps on! Indeed - any comments, queries or suggestions you might have on any subject will be very welcome. You can talk to any member of the finance committee or the fundraising committee or drop a note in the post box on the upper landing outside the Rita Elder Hall.

Our financial position remains healthy and we have received a grant of £5000 from presbytery for the Youth Worker and a further promise of £27000 over 3 years which will help to pay the Youth workers salary during that time. We already hold donations in our Youth Worker fund amounting to £13000 from previous years so in total we now have Approximately £45,000 of funding for a 3 year period.

Our financial position as at the end of May is as follows:-

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
INCOME	£45937	£32929
EXPENDITURE	£44637	£49627

Best Wishes to you all for a very happy summer

Moira

Communication & Outreach Group

I thought I could not do better this month than to give you a sight of a report that Morna & John Thomson put together after spending a day at the "Vision Day" Conference they attended on behalf of the Communication & Outreach Group. Very interesting and an excellent report.

Ross Kerr (Chair)

A short report on the FRESH EXPRESSIONS "Vision Day"

held at Linlithgow on 23rd April 2016

what is a fresh expression of church?

What it is

A fresh expression of church is a new gathering or network that engages mainly with people who have never been to church. There is no single model, but the emphasis is on starting something which is appropriate to its context, rather than cloning something that works elsewhere. Over 3,000 of these new forms of church now exist in almost every denomination and tradition in the UK.

Fresh expressions of church:

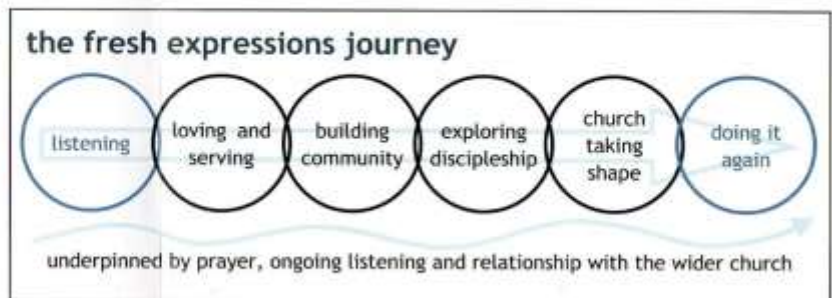
- serve those outside the church;
- listen to people and enter their culture;
- make discipleship a priority;
- form church.

What it isn't

A fresh expression of church is not:

- an old outreach with a new name ('rebranded' or 'freshened up');
- a bridge project, to which people belong for a while before going to 'proper' church - some people do end up moving into a more traditional church, others see the fresh expression as their church, while others again have a foot in both.

More: freshexpressions.org.uk/about/whatis




how can you find out more?

Stories

Get inspiration from what others have done by checking out our stories of fresh expressions: freshexpressions.org.uk/stories.

Further reading

- *Being Church, Doing Life: creating gospel communities where life happens* is a comprehensive introduction to fresh expressions of church. 
- Our Share booklets explore the practicalities of starting a fresh expression of church: freshexpressions.org.uk/share/booklets.
- Find a wealth of knowledge about starting fresh expressions of church in our online guide at freshexpressions.org.uk/guide.
- *mission shaped intro*, a free six-session course, explores how to re-imagine church: freshexpressions.org.uk/missionshapedintro.

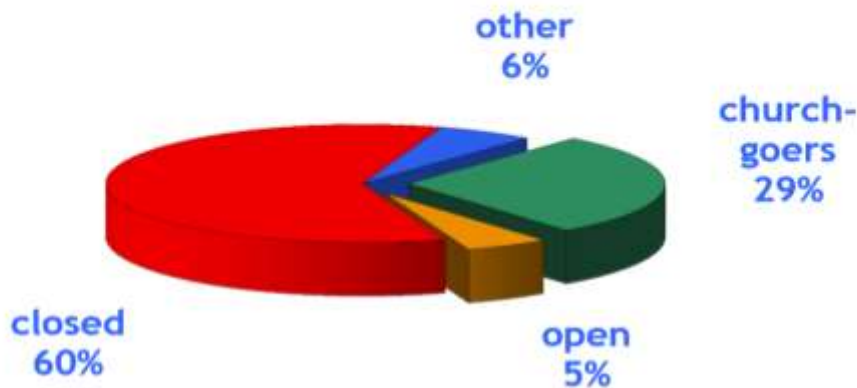
More: freshexpressions.org.uk/reading

First and foremost, the "FRESH EXPRESSIONS" initiative is NOT about attracting people to your church! (As you can see from the information sheet above, and as was emphasised during the day at Linlithgow.) It seeks instead to address the great number in Scotland today who would never dream of going to church.

(Statistics from the 2011 Census)



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“A fresh expression is a form of church for our changing culture, established primarily for the benefit of people who are not yet members of any church. It will come into being through principles of listening, service, incarnational mission and making disciples. It will have the potential to become a mature expression of church shaped by the gospel and the enduring marks of the church and for its cultural context.”

The Vision Day in Linlithgow was about how to grow a new type of church in your community, without abandoning the traditional church, where that is working. It is a “mixed economy” approach, as the Archbishop of Canterbury says:

“Mixed economy is essential because it gives the balance between stability [and] an openness to the Spirit of God doing new things.” Justin Welby

There are three characteristics which are common to the many examples of fresh expressions we were told about during the day and which would be necessary for any group, including people from St Margaret's, to succeed:

- strong mission focus
- willingness to re-imagine church
- commitment to both existing and new forms of church

Three models of Mission were described for us

1. Attractional method : COME TO US
2. Engaged method : GO (into the community) and then (encourage those people to) COME (to our church)
3. Emerging method : GO and then **STAY**

Fresh Expressions is the third way. The Mission Statement for this was given as:

"The word became flesh and moved into the neighbourhood... (John 1) "

And a warning given in these words:

"Pioneering ministry cannot be done to a community by someone who knows what they need, it can only be done with a community by someone who shares their need." Angela Shier Jones

There were many uplifting examples and discussions with other church representatives, including Dalgety Bay, which was described as a "sister" church in that the building started out as nearly identical to ours, but which exists and Missions in different ways to a different community.

We have not included in this summary report any details of the examples and methods given, as we believe it would be necessary first to establish a commitment to this kind of Missioning within our own parish. As yet, St Margaret's seems to employ method 1 and method 2.

However, the first step given was to LISTEN (which our Minister Iain has undertaken widely across the local community in the past few years), and the second step to LOVE and SERVE the community and its needs.

And before you take any step, to **PRAY!**

These seem to be things we at St Margaret's could do, whichever way we go with Mission.

Morna & John Thomson

Etta's Charities and World Mission Page

DUNFERMLINE FOODBANK UPDATE

Thank you once again for the contributions to the foodbank, 72kg has been collected.

Thanks to everyone who contributes, 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.

USED STAMPS - ongoing collection

Thanks for all the donations of used stamps, they are being recycled by CHAS charity at the Kinross stamp shop.



Also supporting the World Mission Stamp Project 2016 for the Church of South India's Othara Eco-Spirituality Centre.

Stamps can be posted to World Mission Stamp Project, PO Box 9191, Wishaw, Lanarkshire, ML2 0YB or deposited in the envelope on the notice board in the Rita Elder hall.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK MAY 2016

Grateful thanks to everyone who contributed or helped at the coffee morning on Sunday 15th May where the sum of £313.00 was raised. A letter was received from Christian Aid Scotland thanking the congregation for their support in helping to make Christian Aid Week a success once more. They anticipate that this year over £1.5m will be raised in Scotland through the many fund raising activities and sponsored events across the country.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK MAY 2017

A date not to be missed for **2017!** During the week 14 - 20 May 2017 the annual Christian Aid book sale will be held at the St Andrew's and St George's West Church, George Street in Edinburgh. This year over £106,000 was raised for Christian Aid. There are thousands of books for sale, sheet music, stamps,

art, antiques, toys, records, maps, ephemera, postcards and collectables. It's well worth a visit, more information and a reminder nearer the time!

THE LEPROSY MISSION SCOTLAND

Stuart McAra, Communications Manager of The Leprosy Mission Scotland has written a thank you to the members and congregation of St Margaret's Parish Church for the 'wonderful support to those striving around the world to Defeat Leprosy and Transform Lives'. He advises that we have given at least £627.00 to the mission in the last five years, well done to everyone.

The Leprosy Mission are especially keen to give talks of their work and would welcome the chance to come and speak if any group was interested. The Leprosy Mission are based at Suite2, Earls Gate Lodge, Livilands Lane, Stirling FK8 2BG and can be contacted on 01786 449266.

NEWS SNIPPETS FROM THE WORLD MISSION COUNCIL

The Rev Kate Reynolds is a Mission Partner in Tiberias, where she serves the local congregation of St Andrew's Galilee, works as chaplain to the staff at the Scots Hotel, and visits local Christian congregations and the Church of Scotland's many partner organisations in the north of Israel and the West Bank. See her blog on youtube.com

Find out more: revisedontology.com

The Church of Scotland asks that we consider the following prayer points:

- Pray that Kate and her husband Justin will continue to build a community and supportive network of friends;
- Pray for the congregation of St Andrew's Galilee as it seeks to begin a building renovation project, that it may continue to be a place of welcome and worship to pilgrims;
- Pray for the local Christian communities and our partner organisations who work for peace and justice in creative and inspiring ways, that they may never lose hope;
- Pray for the staff of the Scots Hotel and all who seek rest and hospitality there, that they may feel God's presence in this place;
- Pray for peace across this land and throughout the region.

An extract from the Editorial of the June/July World Mission Magazine:

This year the World Mission Council report to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland focused on the theme of Care for Creation. We have gathered stories from our partners and learned many things about how they understand our place in creation and how they are affected and respond to changes in our climate. We have shared some of these in our focus this month, which features Malawi, South Africa and Bolivia.

People across the world are campaigning and praying for those impacted by changes to the climate. If Care for Creation is a theme that is of interest to the congregation, Guild or group please invite a World Mission speaker to come and talk. There will also be a Care for Creation conference on 1st October 2016 at Bridge of Allan Parish Church, which will include speakers from Scotland and our partner churches.

Articles also featured in the magazine are:

Creation Cares – Christian Aid Scotland's Wendy Young tells us what she learnt walking 70 Munros;

Prayer Focus – Rev Trevor Jamison, Environmental Chaplain for Eco-Congregation Scotland, tells us about the concern for the climate in Scotland;

Caring for the Earth – Tent of Nations;

Eco and Gender Justice – India, Eco-pilgrimage to build inclusive just communities;

Horni Krupa, Czech Republic – an update, Jonas Plisek gives us an update on Horni Krupa congregation's project 'living Water', the WMC 2013 Stamp appeal;

Twinning events – designed to encourage learning and discussion for anyone in a Twinning or looking to find out more – Ayr 25 June, Glasgow 27 August, Forfar 3 Spetember, Inverness 8 Ocotber.

If you want to read more of these stories please see the current magazine which can be downloaded from www.churhofscotland.org.uk or I can supply you with a paper copy.

Etta Pratt

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St Margaret's Church Door Duty 2016-2017

3-Jul	J Colville Mrs A McArthur	Mrs M Aitken J Anderson	2-Oct	Mrs M McIntosh Mrs M Watson	T McIntosh Mrs V Evans
10-Jul	Mrs I Cunningham Mrs I Gillespie	Mrs J McAleece Mrs J Gresty	9-Oct	J Colville Mrs A McArthur	J Anderson D Clark
17-Jul	W Bowie J Adamson	Mrs Nancy Bowie Mrs L Adamson	16-Oct	Mrs I Cunningham Mrs I Gillespie	Mrs J McAleece Mrs M Ellis
24-Jul	J McLean M Gordon	D Clark Mrs M Ellis	23-Oct	W Bowie J Adamson	Mrs N Bowie Mrs L Adamson
31-Jul	I Telfer S Foxley	J Eadie Mrs J Eadie	30-Oct	J McLean M Gordon	J Eadie Mrs J Eadie
7-Aug	R Kerr Mrs D Hynd	Mrs F Grieve J Grieve	6-Nov	I Telfer S Foxley	Mrs F Grieve J Grieve
14-Aug	Mrs M McIntosh Mrs M Watson	T McIntosh Mrs M Hynd	13-Nov	R Kerr Mrs D Hynd	Mrs M Hynd Mrs E Pratt
21-Aug	J Colville Mrs A McArthur	Mrs E Pratt Mrs A Prentice	20-Nov	Mrs M McIntosh Mrs M Watson	T McIntosh Mrs M Chapman
28-Aug	Mrs I Cunningham Mrs I Gillespie	Mrs J McAleece Mrs E Brown	27-Nov	Mrs S Richards J Colville	I Hamilton Mrs A Prentice
4-Sep	W Bowie J Adamson	Mrs N Bowie Mrs L Adamson	4-Dec	Mrs I Cunningham Mrs I Gillespie	Mrs J McAleece Mrs C Gray
11-Sep	J McLean M Gordon	Mrs S Richards I Hamilton	11-Dec	W Bowie J Adamson	Mrs N Bowie Mrs L Adamson
18-Sep	I Telfer S Foxley Mrs V Evans	Mrs C Gray Mrs C McCulloch © Mrs V Wilson	18-Dec	J McLean M Gordon	Mrs C McCulloch Mrs V Wilson
25-Sep	R Kerr Mrs D Hynd	Mrs M Chapman Mrs M Aitken	25-Dec	I Telfer S Foxley	J Thomson Mrs E Brown

NOTE: People on door duty attend in the vestibule before the service. After the service one or two attend while congregation leave. The others can go through the back and assist with the counting of the money. Anyone unable to undertake their duties, or any part thereof, should arrange a substitute.

We have decided to cut the numbers on the door and therefore you will have to see if a congregation member will be willing to take a bag for the collection.

THOSE ON DUTY IN THE VESTIBULE DURING THE SERVICE PLEASE NOTE THAT SILENCE MUST BE OBSERVED THROUGHOUT THE PERIOD OF THE SERVICE

TEA & COFFEE ROTA

AUG 7	Mrs Cunningham Mrs. Gillespie	Mrs. McAleece
14	Mrs. McCulloch Mrs. Grieve	Mrs. Gray
21	Mrs. McCulloch Mrs. Moutrie	Mrs. Maureen Hynd
28	Mrs. Bowie Mr, Mrs Kemp McKinnon	Mrs Evans
Sept. 4	Mrs. McIntosh Mrs. McEwen	Mrs. Pratt
11	Mrs. McArthur Mrs. Robertson	Mrs. Chapman
18	Mrs. Prentice Mrs. Smith	Mrs. Scoon
25	Mrs. Wilson Mrs. Todd	Mrs. Telfer

The catering Staff have requested the Tea Ladies to use the milk, tea, coffee and sugar in the kitchen please.

FLOWER CALENDAR 2016

Date	Donor	Tel No.	Arranger	Tel No.
Jan 3	Mr & Mrs Kerr	726663	Audrey McArthur	728128
Jan 10	June McAleece	724992	June McAleece	724992
Jan 17	Pan Moultrie	622329	Coleen Watson	721285
Jan 24	Joan Stevens	720059	Marion Aitken	735996
Jan 31	Rosina Hynd	720222	Marjory McIntosh	726342
Feb 7	Joan Eadie	721992	Joan Eadie	721922
Feb 14	Pam Moultrie	622329	Nancy Bowie	737779
Feb 21	Mrs and Mrs I Watson	721285	Coleen Watson	721285
Feb 28	Mr and Mrs T McIntosh	726342	Marjory McIntosh	726342
Mar 6	Mr and Mrs Short	725119	Audrey McArthur	728128
Mar 13	Moira Watson	07766295705	Marion Aitken	735996
Mar 16	Joan Stevens	720059	Marion Aitken	735996
Mar 20	Isobel Gillespie	720199	June McAleece	724992
Mar 27	Mr and Mrs W Bowie	737779	Nancy Bowie	737779
Apr 3	June McAleece	724992	June McAleece	734992
Apr 10	Mrs Kemp-McKinnon	733922	Marjory McIntosh	736242
Apr 17	Marion Aitken	735996	Mrs Marion Aitken	735996
Apr 24	Lorraine Stevenson	721075	Audrey McArthur	728128
May 1	Val Evans	727557	Coleen Watson	721285
May 8	Mr and Mrs A Prentice	852426	June McAleece	724992
May 15	A McArthur	728128	A McArthur	728128
May 22	Helen Bell	725753	Nancy Bowie	727779

Date	Donor	Tel No.	Arranger	Tel No.
May 29	Jean Todd	724953	Marion Aitken	735996
Jun 5	Mr & Mrs J Cunningham	731947	Mrs J McAleece	724992
Jun12	Margaret Scoon	733937	Marjory McIntosh	736342
Jun19	Mrs M Brown	721661	Merva Brown	721661
Jun 26	Mrs E Pratt	731525	June McAleece	724992
Jul 3	Margaret Ellis	727565	Margaret Ellis	727565
Jul 10	Mr and Mrs T McIntosh	726342	Marjory McIntosh	726342
Jul 17	Mr and Mrs W Bowie	737779	Nancy Bowie	737779
Jul 24	Flower Fund		June McAleece	724992
Jul 31	Mr & Mrs M Gordon	729630	Coleen Watson	721285
Aug 7	Jean Todd	724953	Jean Todd	724953
Aug 14	Mrs M Aitken	735996	Marion Aitken	735996
Aug 21	Mr and Mrs T McIntosh	726342	Marjory McIntosh	726342
Aug 28	Mrs M Grant	725493	Nancy Bowie	737779
Sept 4	J Strang	722026	Audrey McArthur	728128
Sept 11	Mr and Mrs Short	725119	June McAleece	724992
Sept 18	Val Evans	727557	June McAleece	724992
Sept 25	Margaret Orr	737080	Coleen Watson	721285
Oct 2	Mrs Jean Todd	724953	Jean Todd	724953
Oct 9	Mr and Mrs A Turner	726216	Nancy Bowie	727779
Oct 16	Audrey McArthur	728128	Audrey McArthur	728128
Oct 23	Mrs V Wilson	720250	Marjory McIntosh	726342
Oct 30	Audrey McArthur	728128	Audrey McArthur	728128

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Nov 6	Mrs M Watson	07766295705	June McAleece	724992
Nov 13	Mr and Mrs W Bowie	737779	Nancy Bowie	737779
Nov 20	Mr and Mrs J Cunningham	731947	June McAleece	724992
Nov 27	The Guild	721314	Coleen Watson	721284
Dec 4	Marjory McIntosh	726342	Marjory McIntosh	726342
Dec 11	Merva Brown	721661	Marion Aitken	735996
Dec 18	Moira Watson	07766295705	June McAleece	724992
Dec 29	Mr & Mrs I Carlton	721049	Audrey McArthur	728128

Please could arrangers swap if these dates are unsuitable.

St. Margaret's Parish Church, Touch.

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CALENDAR FOR DELIVERY OF FLOWERS
3rd JULY - 18th DECEMBER 2016

July	3rd:	Syd Foxley	725178
	10th:	Ross and Janet Kerr	726663
	17th:	Jim and Isobel Stewart	725513
	24th:	Eleanor Loudon	721256
	31st:	Marion Smith	726510
August	7th:	Audrey McArthur Mervyn Brown	728128 721661
	14th:	Ian and Lorna Telfer	731408
	21st:	Tom and Marjory McIntosh	726342
	28th:	Marion Aitken	735996
September	4th:	Jim and Fiona Grieve	831614
	11th:	Isobel Gillespie	720199
	18th:	Rachel Wilson	734696
	25th:	Christine Hunter	721802
October	2nd:	Janet Gresty	728104
	9th:	John and Diane Hynd	739341
	16th:	Margaret Hynd	721314
	23rd:	Maureen Chapman Catherine Gray	725049 732849
	30th:	Val Evans	727557
November	6th:	Walter and Nancy Bowie	737779
	13th:	Jim and Linda Adamson	727719
	20th:	John and Sheila McLean	726919
	27th:	Pam Moultrie	622329
December	4th:	Sheila McIntyre	735352
	11th:	Bobbie and Norrie Kemp -McKinnon	733922
	18th:	Syd Foxley	725178

Please feel free to change with members of the team
if the date selected is not suitable

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 Anne 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.

2nd A 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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