

# St Margaret's Church News

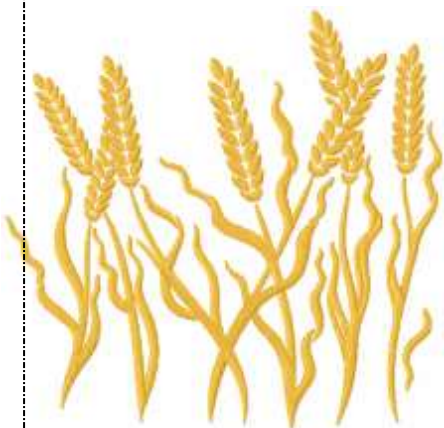
September/October 2016



## *Harvest*

Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest truly *is* plentiful, but the workers *are* few. Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest

Matthew 9:37-38



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## **THOUGHTS FROM THE PULPIT**

A man and his grandson went on a journey, walking and leading a donkey. Soon they met a man who said, "How foolish for you to be walking. One of you should be riding the donkey." So the man put his grandson on the animal.

The next traveller they met frowned and said accusingly, "How dreadful for a strong, young boy to be riding while an old man walks." With that, the boy climbed off the donkey and his grandfather climbed on.

The next person down the road, however, said, "I just can't believe that a grown man would ride and make a poor little boy walk." So the man pulled the boy back aboard and off they rode on the donkey together.

That is, until they met the next fellow who screamed, "I never saw anything so cruel in all my life. Two intelligent human beings riding on the poor little scrawny donkey." They dismounted, picked up the donkey and carried it down the road.

Further down the road our trio met a couple of men travelling together. When the parties had passed, one of the men turned to the other and said, "Did you ever see two fools carrying a donkey before?"

How to please everyone? Don't even try! Just try to please God. *"For do I now persuade men, or God? Or do I seek to please men? For if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ,"* (Gal. 1:10).

As Christians we listen to many voices, all of them telling us how they expect us to live and behave. These people are not on the road of faith and therefore we ought not to take what they say to us seriously. Increasingly we have begun to be governed by the opinions of our culture and this is something we have to free ourselves from and instead listen again to Christ and his word and way. He too was often criticised by the crowd, the Pharisees, the Priests and the Teachers of the Law but he chose another way – the way of the Father. Will this be our way?

*God bless you,  
Iain Greenshields*

## COMMUNION

You are warmly invited to join us at St Margaret's for

**Morning Communion**

**at 10am**

**+**

**Evening Communion**

*(a less formal, more intimate celebration)*

*at 7.15pm*

*On*

***Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2016***





## **NOTES FROM THE EDITOR**

**Hello – hope you managed to catch those few days of sun that we had that has so far made up our summer!**

**Parents of school children are telling me that it was to be expected – the kids go back to school and the sun comes out!!**

**This is a slightly slimmer version of the magazine – not so much coming in this time – but then it has been the summer when not a lot of things happen within the different groups – BUT I am looking for a BUMPER edition for the next one. Do remember that the next one will cover Remembrance Sunday (already have a couple of contributions for this) and of course Christmas!!! (do not let the younger members of your Family read this or they will be asking to write Santa already!! ) Do you know at time of writing this there is only 18 weeks to Christmas!! By the time you receive this there will be even less! PLEASE NOTE that I will require contributions for the November/ December magazine by 16<sup>th</sup> October, 2016, and also remember to give me notes of arrangements for the Remembrance Service, the dates and times of Christmas services and any parties, pantomime visits, Christmas lunches, etc, that are going to take place.**

**Do please have a good look at the contribution I received from Bob Kerr - "I'M VERY WELL THANK YOU!" I chuckled all the way through it when typing it up. Just excellent – well done Bob!**

**The photographs of Iain and John were taken at the JAM end of session service when after the service they had a real right party with Iain and John setting themselves up for a real bit of fun. The kids just loved it!! And well done to the JAM team for what was a lovely service.**

**Ian of course had been on holiday during August and I hope he and the Family all had a wonderfully relaxing time. Hope you have had your batteries re-charged Iain and come back to us full of new thoughts, full of**

energy and feeling well! Have to say a great THANK YOU to Gordon for taking the services while Iain was on holiday. I found his services very refreshing, challenging and thought provoking and we are indeed fortunate to have someone of Gordon's quality to stand in for Iain – that in itself must be a challenge!!

I would like to thank Irene Cunningham and Morna Thomson for the bit of extra work I have given them with the magazine this time. I have managed to draw the magazine together but have had to leave both of those ladies (and any help they pull in to help them) for printing it off and stapling it together. Much appreciated.

Look after yourselves – REMEMBER YOU ARE NOT ALONE!

Best Wishes,

*Ross Kerr*



The banner that JAM made - with everyone's handprint, saying "Thank You Jesus" - was on the wall of the Sanctuary last June, along with photos of the fun we had over the past session. But these photos weren't, because they are of the hilarious time we had when Iain and John joined in the "Messy Challenge" after the end-of-session Service! Good sports!



## J.A.M. Club

At the time of writing this article, the J.A.M. Club team are very busy preparing for the new session. We have created a year plan which we hope will aid us in organising a meaningful programme for the children who come along each Sunday evening. Personal reminder cards have been delivered to each boy and girl who attended last session- we have found these to be helpful on a practical basis and also they let the children know that their presence is considered to be very important to us.

It is amazing to think that we are now entering our seventh year! The time has passed so quickly and we have to admit that we have certainly been on "a learning curve" in many respects. None of us feel that we now have the perfect way of working with the children.....in fact we never will attain that goal. Each evening spent with the boys and girls is different because the children bring different ideas, thoughts and experiences each week. In fact, in many ways, our meetings reflect what members of the congregation bring to church as they attend worship on Sunday mornings. We all come with different thoughts and feelings created by the experiences encountered during the week- the highs and lows of everyday life. It is exactly the same for our boys and girls. The important thing is that they come willing to participate in learning about Jesus and what it means to be a Christian. Real progress has been made in building meaningful relationships with the children and this serves to make our evenings together very special. Many of the children are now happy to share thoughts, ideas and feelings.....we want them to feel valued and respected (no matter how young they are!)



So....the shared journey continues, and we look forward to the year ahead, knowing that we can depend upon God to be with us every step of the way.

**Jesus Christ**



**Superstar!**

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**THANK YOU**  
**Fundraiser for Mary's Meals**

Thank you to everyone who bought our Fruit & Veg quiz! I thought it was very difficult as did the majority of people but Brain Box Ian Telfer correctly completed the clues and won the £10 prize.

**WELL DONE IAN**

My Sister – in – Law, Margaret Blyth, organised the quiz and a garden party and raised an amazing £680 for Mary's Meals.

**CLEVER GIRL**

If anyone is still struggling with the quiz I have an answer sheet! Thank you again to everyone for your £1 and support.

**MUCH APPRECIATED.**

**Margaret Orr**

## GRANDPA'S HANDS

This is good. I'll never look at my hands the same!

Grandpa, some ninety plus years, sat feebly on the patio bench. He didn't move, just sat with his head down staring at his hands. When I sat down beside him he didn't acknowledge my presence and the longer I sat, I wondered if he was OK.

Finally, not really wanting to disturb him but wanting to check on him at the same time, I asked him if he was OK.

He raised his head and looked at me and smiled. "Yes, I'm fine. Thank you for asking," he said in a clear strong voice.

"I didn't mean to disturb you, Grandpa, but you were just sitting here staring at your hands and I wanted to make sure you were OK," I explained to him.

"Have you ever looked at your hands," he asked. "I mean really looked at your hands?"

I slowly opened my hands and stared down at them. I turned them over, palms up and then palms down. No, I guess I had never really looked at my hands as I tried to figure out the point he was making. Grandpa smiled and related this story:

"Stop and think for a moment about the hands you have, how they have served you well throughout your years. These hands, though wrinkled, shrivelled, and weak, have been the tools I have used all my life to reach out and grab and embrace life. They put food in my mouth and clothes on my back.

As a child, my mother taught me to fold them in prayer.

They tied my shoes and pulled on my boots.

They have been dirty, scraped and raw, swollen and bent.

They were uneasy and clumsy when I tried to hold my new-born son.

Decorated with my wedding band they showed the world that I was married and loved by someone special.

They trembled and shook when I buried my parents and spouse and walked my daughter down the aisle.

They have covered my face, combed my hair, and washed and cleansed the rest of my body.

They have been sticky and wet, bent and broken, dried and raw.

And to this day, when not much of anything else of me works real well, these hands hold me up, lay me down, and again continue to fold in prayer.

These hands are the mark of where I've been and the ruggedness of my life

But more importantly it will be these hands that God will reach out and take when he leads me home.

And with my hands He will lift me to His side and there I will use these hands to touch the face of Christ."

I will never look at my hands the same again. But I remember God reached out and took my grandpa's hands and led him home.

When my hands are hurt or sore I think of Grandpa. I know he has been stroked and caressed and held by the hands of God. I, too, want to touch the face of God and feel His hands upon my face.



## **PROPERTY COMMITTEE REPORT**

Over the last number of months, the following improvements have taken place.

The minister is now using the former vestry as his office, which has released the Session Room for general use. The damp patch on the wall has been treated and the room decorated.

### **TOILET FOR DISABLED**

Has been decorated and a mirror and splashback installed above the basin.

### **STORE ROOM**

Waste bins have been removed and the area decorated. Future plans for this room are being considered.

### **FLOWER KITCHEN**

An electrical distribution box has been installed in the cupboard and the area painted. Many thanks to the member of the congregation who supplied the paint and to Manuel for doing the work

### **UPPER HALL LANDING**

The worn tile at the top of the stairs has been replaced. Thanks to Sandy's expertise!

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### **LOWER HALL AREA**

The heating system time switch board has been installed and is now up and running. An electrical distribution box has been fitted in the store room in the Lower Hall. Shelving has been installed in the central store room. Thanks to the generosity of a member of the congregation, CCTV cameras have been fitted and it is hoped this will deter further vandalism of Church property.

### **OUTSIDE COMPOUND**

Has been formed to contain waste bins which were previously in the store room at the rear of the Church.

### **KERB STONE**

To be replaced at steps to Church and a disabled access formed.

### **PARKING BAYS FOR DISABLED DRIVERS**

To be worked out! Uneven paving at south-west of the Church to be attended to.

### **KITCHEN AREA**

In need of decoration

### **LOWER HALL**

Toilet and stairwell to be decorated

### **CHURCH ROOF**

Still no information as to what work is required to make it wind and water tight.

Personal thanks to all committee members for their input which I have greatly valued.

**Walter Bowie – Chair.**

*(A very full report indeed from Walter and a lot of work having been carried out. Great to hear of the improvements! (Ed)*

## FELLOWSHIP REPORT

We have not had a meeting since the last magazine. I would like to report that

**we have raised £828.11 from The Afternoon Teas.**

The date for Christmas Fayre will be announced shortly. We are taking gifts, bottles and chocolates for our stalls, as long as they can be used after Christmas. Please see a member of the committee if you wish to hand anything in.

### A RECIPE FOR FRIENDSHIP

*1 Pint of TRUST*

*1 Dash of CARING*

*2 Cups of UNDERSTANDING*

*2 Spoonfuls of SHARED SECRETS*

*1 Large cup of MUTUAL AFFECTION*

*1 Large sprinkle of RESPECT*

*2 lbs of COMMON SENSE*

*3 Spoonfuls of LISTENING*

**AND A BAG FULL OF FUN!**

## ***Etta's Charities and World Mission Page***

### **DUNFERMLINE FOODBANK UPDATE**

Thank you once again for the contributions to the foodbank, 60kg 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 at present are: juices (either long life or diluting), steam puddings, mashed potato, red and brown sauce, cheesy pasta, fizzy juice, non-food items such as, soap powder, male and female deodorant, razors, toothpaste, shampoo & conditioner, baby wipes, chocolate and crisps/snacks.

### **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.

### **NEWS SNIPPETS FROM THE WORLD MISSION COUNCIL**

Articles featured in the August/September magazine include:

**Christian Aid Malawi Appeal** – an emergency appeal has been launched to help support communities in Malawi through a devastating drought that has left 6.5 million people without access to enough food. The first £70,000 will be match-funded by the Scottish Government.

Malawi is facing its worst food crisis for a decade, following prolonged dry spells, erratic rainfall and last year's devastating floods, which destroyed food reserves, farm land and crops.

To donate visit [www.christianaid.org.uk/emergencies/malawi-food-crisis](http://www.christianaid.org.uk/emergencies/malawi-food-crisis)

**Care for Creation** - Further to the report, by the World Mission Council to the General Assembly this year, there will be a conference held jointly with the Church of Scotland, Christian Aid, The Guild and International Partners to learn more about Care for Creation in Scotland and across the world. The Care for Creation conference is on 1st October 2016 at Bridge of Allan Parish Church, which will include speakers from Scotland and our partner churches.

To register please email [nskinner@churchofscotland.org.uk](mailto:nskinner@churchofscotland.org.uk)

**Prayer Focus-** is on food security. Having access to food and a regular intake allows people taking antiretroviral (ARV) medication for HIV to lead a relatively normal life. Without food ARVs can have unpleasant side effects, so unpleasant that it can put people off taking them, giving the virus the chance to thrive again, to the detriment of the person's health. The following prayer from Mwandia Mission Hospital focuses on this theme:

*Gracious God, source and giver of all good gifts, we praise and worship you; you love and care for each one of us, even better than the most loving parent.*

*You provide us with our food at the right time, and when we need it; we take hold of it from your open and loving hands, and bless you as you continue to fill us with good things.*

*Help us, Son of Righteousness, as you did here in earth, to feed the hungry, water the thirsty, welcome the alienated, clothe the naked, treat the sick and visit the jailed. And help us to realise that by loving and serving the least and the needy, we are loving and serving you.*

*This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord,*

*Amen*



**Keeping Girls in School** – At the General Assembly Rev Moses Kasiomu from Malaw told them about the Synod of Blantyre's new strategic priority – keeping girls in school. The education of girls in Malawi is of the utmost concern for the Church of Central African Presbyterian Synod of Blantyre and has become a key part of their strategic plan for the Synod. There are many reasons why girls are not educated to the same level as boys and the Synod has put practical plans in place to tackle this issue in order to improve the lives of all people as part of the Synod's socio-economic transformation of communities.

**Highlights** of World Mission at the General Assembly this year – including the announcement that £156,000 had been raised for 'Let us build a house' which has now risen to £190,000.

**175 Year Anniversary** of the Scottish Mission in Budapest – read how the Protestant Chaplaincy was set up in 1841.

**Twinning** – Inspirational and Satisfying – Members of Livingston Old Parish Church and the Church of North India congregation of St James', Kolkata, have been enjoying friendship with one another since their twinning began in 2009. Rev Shreereaj Mohanty, Minister at St James', explains that the twinning with Livingston Old has allowed their congregation to realise their potential, and enabled them to reach out further to the street children in their area.

If you want to read more of these stories please see the current World Mission magazine which can be downloaded from [www.churchofscotland.org.uk](http://www.churchofscotland.org.uk) or I can supply you with a paper copy.

Etta Pratt

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## St Margaret's Church Door Duty 2016

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

	J Adamson	Mrs L Adamson
18-Dec	J McLean	Mrs C McCulloch
	M Gordon	Mrs V Wilson
25-Dec	I Telfer	J Thomson
	S Foxley	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 SERVICE.



## Communion Duty

### Sunday September 18<sup>th</sup> 2016

Session Clerk: Ritchie Campbell

Senior Elder: Millar Gordon

- |                   |               |
|-------------------|---------------|
| 1. Mrs M Aitken   | 5. I Hamilton |
| 2. Mrs A Prentice | 6. T McIntosh |
| 3. Mrs J Eadie    | 7. J McLean   |
| 4. Mrs M Hynd     | 8. S Foxley   |

Reserve: J McLean

### Sunday November 20<sup>th</sup> 2016

Session Clerk: Ritchie Campbell

Senior Elder: Ross Kerr

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|--------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Mrs E Pratt     | 5 Mrs I Cunningham |
| 2. Mrs M Ellis     | 6. J Adamson       |
| 3. Mrs J McAleece  | 7. D Clark         |
| 4. Mrs I Gillespie | 8. I Telfer        |

Reserve: J Colville

### Sunday January 8<sup>th</sup> 2017

Session Clerk: Ritchie Campbell

Senior Elder: W Bowie

- |                   |               |
|-------------------|---------------|
| 1. Mrs J Eadie    | 5. Mrs M Hynd |
| 2. Mrs M Aitken   | 6. I Hamilton |
| 3. Mrs A Prentice | 7. J McLean   |
| 4. Mrs J Eadie    | 8. S Foxley   |

Elders please check the above lists and should you not be able to attend for duty, please inform Irene Cunningham straight away.

## TEA & COFFEE ROTA

Sep	4	Mrs. McIntosh	Mrs. Pratt	Mrs. McEwen
	11	Mrs. McArthur	Mrs. Chapman	Mrs. Robertson
	18	Mrs. Prentice	Mrs. Scoon	Mrs. Smith
	25	Mrs. Wilson	Mrs. Telfer	Mrs. Todd
Oct.	2	Mrs. Cunningham	Mrs. McAleece	Mrs. Gillespie
	9	Mrs. Brown	Mrs. Gray	Mrs. Grieve
	16	Mrs. Bowie	Mrs. Margaret Hynd	Mrs. Moultrie
	23	Mrs. McCulloch	Mrs. Chapman	Mrs. Maureen Hynd
	30	Mrs. McIntosh	Mr&Mrs Kemp- McKinnon	Mrs. McEwen
Nov.	6	Mrs. Prentice	Mrs. Pratt	Mrs. Smith
	13	Mrs. McArthur	Mrs. Scoon	Mrs. Telfer
	20	Mrs. Wilson	Mrs. Todd	Mrs, Gray
	27	Mrs. Brown	Mrs. Mgt Hynd	Mrs. McCulloch.

**We thank very much, Mrs. Marion Robertson and Mrs. Joan Stevens who have resigned from the Tea & Coffee team after many years of service to the team. We are very grateful for their faithfulness and give Marion and Joan our very best wishes.**

### FLOWER CALENDAR Sep-Dec 2016

<b>Date</b>	<b>Donor</b>	<b>Tel No.</b>	<b>Arranger</b>	<b>Tel No.</b>
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
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

## ***DATES FOR YOUR DIARY***

### **WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP**

**APOLOGIES – The 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary is on October 2017 not October 2016 as was previously stated.**

**The Fellowship resumes on Wednesday October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016, at 2pm. Please note the Fellowship will meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month.**

### **ST. MARGARET'S INDOOR BOWLING**

**The first meeting will start on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September, 2016, at 18.30 to 21.00 pm. If you are interested please contact Tom McIntosh on Tel. No. 01383 726342 for further details.**

### **THE CRAFT GROUP**

**The Craft Group will restart on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September, 2016, at 2pm. We will meet in the Session room this year. Please ring the bell at the door beside the disabled entrance to the Church. NEW MEMBERS would be very welcome, so if you knit, crochet, stitch, card make or any other crafty hobby do come along. If you wish to take up any of these crafts please come along – we have ladies who can show you how. Any questions etc please phone Audrey McArthur on 728128 or Mrs. Rena Roe on 722263. CONE ALONG AND HAVE FUN!**

### **SWINGNASTICS**

**Swingnastics starts once more on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September, 2016, at 10 am in the Rita Elder Hall. NEW MEMBERS will be made very welcome to join us for light exercise to music.**



**ST MARGARET'S MEN'S GROUP**  
**PROGRAMME FOR 2016-17**

***A warm welcome to men of any church, or none – please join us for any of our Breakfast Discussion meetings.***

***For more info, contact Gordon Brown on 01577 840248***

**These meetings take place on a Saturday morning, starting with an (optional) cooked breakfast at 8.30am, followed by the speaker and then discussion – we finish around 10am, so this can fit nicely into whatever plans you have for the rest of the day!**

- 8 October            ***“The Year of Mercy”*** – Discussion led by Father Christopher Heenan, St Margaret's RC Memorial Church
- 12 November       ***“Communication in & from the church”*** - Discussion led by Rev John Chalmers, Principal Clerk to the Church of Scotland
- 10 December       ***“Can secularism and Christianity co-exist in society?”***  
Discussion led by Colin Emerson, Edinburgh Secular Society
- 19 February 2017    ***Joint meeting with Fossoway & Cleish Men's Group at Crook of Devon – topic to be notified***
- 11 March            ***“Is there still a time and a place for an ethical conscience in business and industry?”*** - Discussion led by Ian McMillan, former SSE Director: Session Clerk, St Leonard's-in-the Field, Perth
- 8 April               ***“Can and should churches unite?”*** - Discussion led by Rev Ron Greig, Livingston United Parish Church
- 13 May               ***“How do we envisage and relate to our Trinitarian God?”***  
– Discussion led by Rev Iain Greenshields

**"I'M VERY WELL THANK YOU!"**

There is nothing the matter with me!  
I'm as healthy as I can be.  
I have arthritis in both my knees  
And when I talk – I talk with a wheeze.  
My pulse is weak and my blood is thin,  
But – I'm awfully well for the shape I'm in!

Arch supports I have for my feet  
Or I couldn't go out in the street.  
Sleep is denied me night after night,  
But every morning I find I'm alright.  
My memory is failing, my head's in a spin,  
But – I'm awfully well for the shape I'm in!

The moral of this – as my tale I unfold  
That for you and me who are getting old  
It's better to say "I'm Fine" with a grin  
Than to let folks know the shape we are in.

How do I know that my youth is all spent?  
Well – my get up and go has got up and went.  
But I really don't mind when I think, with a grin,  
Of all the great places my get up has bin!

Old age is golden, I've heard it said  
But sometimes I wonder as I get into bed  
With my ears in a drawer, my teeth in a cup  
My specs on a table until I get up.  
'Ere sleep overtakes me I say to myself,  
"Is there anything else I could lay on the shelf?"

When I was young my slippers were red  
I could kick my heels right over my head.  
When I was older my slippers were blue  
But still I could dance the whole night through.  
Now I am old my slippers are black  
I walk to the shops and puff my way back.

I get up each morning and dust of my wits  
And pick up the paper and read the "obits",  
If my name is missing you know I'm not dead  
And so I have breakfast and go back to bed!

***Sincere thanks to Bob Kerr for handing this in. Bob of course is a very young ninety something!!!!!!!!!!!! (Ed)***

## **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

**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

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

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

**2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

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