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CHURCH OF  
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# News Magazine



***Spring 2018***

**In this issue**

**Looking back at Christmas celebrations &  
Looking forward to Lent and Easter at St Margaret's  
New beginnings with our Children and Families Worker**

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## From the Minister

### Frustration!

Since beginning the process to adopt Susy, Linda and I have been confronted with petty-minded, incompetent, money-grabbing and heartless bureaucracy! I do not want to go into all of the details, but although at no point did we ever consider giving up, every step along the path seemed designed to make it as difficult as possible for us to adopt Susy. The truth is that very few people seemed to be concerned about the big picture of offering a home to a wee girl and instead they were [are?] consumed with their own wee bureaucratic pond. We are still being given the run around, this time by the UK Passport Agency! We are approaching Easter: the crowning glory of the Christian Faith. Easter reminds us of a God, in Jesus Christ, who has broken down every barrier that can exist between an individual and Himself. We do not apply to Him to get into His Kingdom – He instead comes to us with a wonderful offer. The barriers? The great barrier of sin is removed through the death of Jesus on the Cross for us – a wall has come tumbling down forever. He has made it, through His uncomplicated love, impossibly easy for us to come to Him and enter His Kingdom. He makes an incredible offer to us – “I want to adopt you into my Family and for you to be one of my children forever!” No cost – the price has been paid in full. No red tape. No complicated procedure. No lawyers needed – the Law has been abolished and we are found not guilty and forgiven. Instead there is an adoption procedure whereby the Spirit of God, through the grace and love of God, guarantees our new family identity forever. What a wonderful and full and uncomplicated hope we have - and may that resonate with us this Easter.

Iain

## FROM THE EDITOR



**Hello** – and welcome to the first edition of the magazine for 2018! And as such I should wish you all a very happy and healthy New Year. I do hope that you all enjoyed the peace of Christmas and the miracle of the baby Jesus coming into the world. A significant year, with the work on the new roof commencing and the continuing work on the MAP to take St. Margaret's forward to the future. Part of this of course includes the work being done by "Ally" on his work with Families in the area and I have asked Alistair for an update on progress and you will find this later in the magazine. Some good contributions this month but woefully no entries for Points of View or Recipes! Now I know we have a number of members of the congregation who are great bakers/cooks so do please come forward. I also know that we have members who have opinions so why not share them with us in the Points of View pages? Please see the detail of the Lenten series of discussions on a Wednesday evening – all from Revelation – a book that often is confusing and needs some explanation which makes it a most interesting book to study! Do come along and swell the throng.

You will find some articles and photographs left over from Christmas as our last edition was out before Christmas. Some great photos and I know how much the concert was enjoyed by all – and it was a huge turnout. Although mentioned within the Christmas section of the magazine I did want to raise awareness of the generosity and support to the JAM club by Pamela and Rui - the owners of Garvock House Hotel – for the amazing evening they supplied for the JAM Club. I know how much it was enjoyed.

Iain has made "prayer" very much a focus for this year and I was able to tick a few boxes of the areas where I could – and should – improve. It certainly is interesting to listen to somebody point out faults that we have not recognised ourselves – and I am sure like me you sometimes think that Iain's talk is aimed directly at you. But don't worry – I can assure you, you are not alone in that matter!! The important point is that you take away the message and do something about it

Our Session Clerk has given me a little puzzle for you all:

The word "PRESBYTERIAN" is an anagram which can be split up into more than one word. The first person that tells me the answer either in church, over the phone or by e mail will receive a (small!) box of sweets!!! I expect a huge rush!! And the winner will be announced in the next edition of the magazine.

**REMEMBER – YOU ARE NOT ALONE!**

## The Roof

Truth be told folks, I have not allowed the roof project to predominate my waking thoughts. From the beginning I have seen this as something either God would want for us, or not. What I have loved about this journey is the many surprises I have encountered along the path so far:

- Not one grant application was refused that we applied for and that alone has raised £91,000.
- Gift Aid has raised nearly £14,000 – so a big thank you to the generosity of a benevolent government.
- The Café has raised nearly £16,000 and so a huge thank you to everyone who runs the café and those who support the café.
- We are fortunate to have £40,000 of reserves that was prudently put aside for such a times as this.
- Members of the congregation have donated £60,000 – you all know who you are and my thanks to each and every one who has donated.
- Nearly £4,000 has been raised from a variety of other sources.

I am so thankful for all that has been raised so far and takes us within touching distances of our total and, by the looks of it, we will be able to proceed without the burden of a loan in future years. My thanks to the General Trustees of the Church who have been uncommonly helpful and to everyone who has given to the project [or still will give to the project] believing that this was the right thing to do in order for us to have a building here as a statement of our faith and for the good of our community.

God Bless,

Iain

*(The only person not thanked above is Iain himself. He has been positive about raising this money from day one and has pursued the charitable organisations to secure that magnificent sum of money with great vigour, prayer, faith and passion. Well done Iain – thanks. A fabulous all round – well done folks - Ed)*

## **OUR NEW FAMILY & COMMUNITY WORKER**

My name is Ally Greenshields, and as the surname suggests, I am 'lucky' enough to be the son of our esteemed Minister, and even more fortunate to be the new Family and Community Worker in St Margaret's. My journey towards this role has been full of twists and turns: starting out on the path towards teaching, I found I wasn't much suited for the classroom and instead switched to the study of Psychology and Sociology. After several, long (too many) years in full time education, I finally graduated in August 2017, and was ready to become a proper grown up. Now, I am a great believer that everything happens for a reason, and it just so happened this opportunity popped up just as I was becoming a bit disillusioned on where I wanted to go with my career...and considering the role the church has played in my personal life from birth, it seemed almost poetic that it was involved in the start of my professional life.

Starting a new initiative within an organization is always going to have its pitfalls - it has been challenging, and almost a bit overwhelming at times, but this is something I place upon myself. Growing up, the Church has always played a huge role in my life, from Sunday School and Youth Clubs, to Boys Brigade, Scripture Union and Sports Clubs. I have always felt at home and welcomed by the Church and have very fond memories of the Minister, and particularly our Youth Worker, when we stayed in Larkhall. Whether it was leading us in a Youth Fellowship, running around a hall with a football, playing computer games or even us visiting on our lunch break, he always had time to spare, and made us feel an important part of the Church. The impact this had on me cannot be understated, so what better model to base a Youth and Outreach program on?

St Margaret's has always been open to organisations over the years, with the Guides, Rainbows Brownies, J.A.M, YF and several other clubs all calling the church home. But my question is, why should we stop there?

The church and its extensive facilities are placed in one of the most socially deprived areas in Scotland, and yet the building remains vacant and unused most of the time! As such, the Kirk Session approved plans to move forward with the creation of a 'Hub' in our downstairs hall, which has managed to be fully funded from external sources. We hope this Hub will help engage

with the people of all ages in our community, with bright, modern facilities and a range of engaging activities offered to bring people in as part of the church community and allow them to feel part of something bigger than themselves.

This project is still in its early days, and hopefully over the coming weeks/months you will all be able to notice the positive changes around the place. With a new revamped facebook page, set with links to the Sunday Services, Youth Forum consisting of the young people involved in the Church, and several Outreach initiatives in collaboration with Fife Council, coupled with a nice new roof, this should be an exciting time for St Margaret's.

If anyone would like to offer their free time and get involved with what's going on, or voice any concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me.

*Ally*

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*(We all wish you well with this venture Ally. Ed)*

## COMMUNION

THE KIRK SESSION WARMLY INVITES YOU TO COMMUNION

DATE - Sunday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018

TIMES - 10 am & 7.30 pm

We look forward very much indeed to welcoming you to either or both of the services. *(The evening service is more informal and very uplifting so why not come along and have a double Communion this time! Ed)*

### COMMUNION DUTY

**SUNDAY, March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

**Session Clerk: Ritchie Campbell**

**Senior Elder: Walter Brown**

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|--------------------|---------------------|
| 1. J. Colville     | 5. S. Foxley        |
| 2. J. Adamson      | 6. I. Telfer        |
| 3. Mrs. L. Adamson | 7. A. Prentice      |
| 4. J. McLean       | 8. Mrs. A. Prentice |
- Reserve: Mrs. E. Pratt

*(Note: The communion duty list for the full year is on the next page. Ed)*





## St Margaret's Parish Church Communion Duty 2018

### **Sunday March 18<sup>th</sup>**

Session Clerk: Ritchie Campbell

Senior Elder: Walter Bowie

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| 1. J Colville    | 5. S Foxley       |
| 2. J Adamson     | 6. I Telfer       |
| 3. Mrs L Adamson | 7. A Prentice     |
| 4. J McLean      | 8. Mrs A Prentice |

Reserve: Mrs E Prat

### **Sunday June 17<sup>th</sup>**

Session Clerk Ritchie Campbell

Senior Elder: Walter Faichney

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|---------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Mrs M Aitken     | 5. T McIntosh     |
| 2. Mrs Fiona Grieve | 6. Mrs M McIntosh |
| 3. J Grieve         | 7. D Clark        |
| 4 Mrs A McArthur    | 8. J Anderson     |

Reserve: Mrs S Richards

### **Sunday September 17<sup>th</sup>**

Session Clerk: Ritchie Campbell

Senior Elder: Millar Gordon

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|---------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Mrs I Cunningham | 5 J Thomson        |
| 2. Mrs I Gillespie  | 6. Manuel Giraldas |
| 3. Mrs J McAleece   | 7. D Clark         |
| 4 Mrs J Gresty      | 8 Mrs J Eadie      |

Reserve: Mrs M Watson

### **Sunday November 18<sup>th</sup>**

Session Clerk: Ritchie Campbell

Senior Elder: Ross Kerr

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| 1. J Colville    | 5. S Foxley       |
| 2. J Adamson     | 6. I Telfer       |
| 3. Mrs L Adamson | 7 A Prentice      |
| 4. J McLean      | 8. Mrs A Prentice |

Reserve: Mrs S Richards

## **Lenten Series**

**A series of midweek Services led by Rev Iain Greenshields, comprising  
Worship, Prayer and Teaching**

*Theme: Lessons from the seven Churches in the Book of Revelation*

### ***Wednesday Evenings at 7pm***

**February 21<sup>st</sup>** Revelation 2:8-11 – The Church in Smyrna

**February 28<sup>th</sup>** Revelation 2: 18-29 – The Church in Thyatira

**March 7<sup>th</sup>** Revelation 3:7-13 The Church in Philadelphia

**March 14<sup>th</sup>** Revelation 2:12-17 The Church in Pergamum

**March 21<sup>st</sup>** Revelation 2:1-7 & 3:1-6 & 3:14-32

– The Churches in Ephesus, Sardis and Laodicea

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***Other special Services during Lent include:***

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February at 10am Thinking Day Service**

**(for Youth Organisations)**

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> March at 10am Café-style Guest Service**

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> March at 11.30am HALBEATH monthly Service**

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> March at 10am and 7.30pm**

**Morning and Evening COMMUNION**

## Services for Holy Week 2018



Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> March at 10am  
Palm Sunday Service

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March @ 7pm  
Maundy Thursday Communion

Friday March 30<sup>th</sup> 3pm  
Good Friday Service

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> April  
EASTER DAY  
Breakfast at 9.30am  
Easter Service at 10.30am

## J.A.M. Club.....Counting our blessings!

In our world many people blame God for everything which upsets, annoys or generally displeases them.....his goodness and generosity are ignored. At J.A.M. Club we try hard to encourage our boys and girls to recognise and appreciate the many gifts which we receive from our Lord. Of course, there are times in life which are difficult and can make us feel despondent (our young people also experience such times!) However, there are also times when things happen, which are so wonderful, that take your breath away! Such was our experience during the festive season.

You will have read, on another page in this magazine, about our children being invited to Garvock House for a Christmas dinner. This was a truly magical evening which everyone loved! Pamela and Rui (the owners) and their staff ensured this was a wonderful experience which will be remembered for delicious food, beautiful surroundings and lots of fun and laughter....but it will also bring to mind a time when people showed they really cared about our boys and girls. Did it happen by chance? Of course not! I have absolutely no doubt that it was a very special blessing from God.

Such a celebration would not be complete without a visit from Santa! When we asked if he could manage to come along he immediately agreed....despite having a very busy schedule! Another lovely blessing which meant that every child went home with a Christmas gift.....well, actually **two gifts**. An extremely kind friend arrived at our door at the beginning of December complete with a huge carton of selection boxes. (These were donated with best wishes for our children to have a happy Christmas.) Yet another blessing!

Members of our congregation generously gave financial support so that the boys and girls could enjoy extra treats at this special time. One benefactor donated an extremely generous sum which (added to a previous donation) means that we are now in a position to consider extending our range of options and experiences for the children's benefit. More blessings!!! Currently we are setting up a reading area for all the young people who come to St Margaret's. There is a wide range of Bible story books to suit all ages....this will be added to as time goes on.

We intend having a "Theme Night" (topic to be decided in the near future!) Our Young Leaders are going to be tasked with much of the organisation involved in this event. These young people are proving a tremendous asset and it's a great joy to see them accepting a level of responsibility for the organisation of our sessions each week.

Megan Agnew approached us in October with a request that she be allowed to undertake part of her Duke of Edinburgh's Bronze Award challenge through helping us each week for a period of three months. I am delighted to tell you that she wants to keep coming along as she has enjoyed her experience so much. I believe this is another blessing.

At Easter we plan to have our annual J.A.M. Club Fundraiser which we hope you will support. This helps us purchase resources for art and craft, games equipment, snacks and juice etc.

Looking back to the beginning of J.A.M. Club (eight years ago!) I never for one moment envisaged the opportunities and challenges which would present themselves as the club evolved. In fact, to be honest, there has been many a prayer to our Lord for wisdom, guidance and practical help! These prayers have always been answered, though sometimes in rather surprising ways!

As a group we have so much to thank God for... and we constantly encourage the children to do so in prayer. Last Sunday we made "Prayer Spinners" for our craft activity. The idea was to draw pictures or symbols (on a circle of card) to represent things which the children wanted to pray about. A cord was drawn through the centre and, when pulled, the pictures spun round making them seem to merge together in a fantastic pattern. It made me think of the things which have been mentioned in this article.....many wonderful blessings which together became one amazing reminder of the love and unstinting generosity of God!



## **A very special invitation...how it came about!**

Several weeks before Christmas, Jim and I enjoyed morning coffee at Garvock House Hotel. As we were leaving, we met Pamela (who owns the hotel along with her husband Rui.) She asked us about our plans for the rest of the day and we told her we were about to go shopping for some items needed for J.A.M. Club on Sunday evening. Pamela was most interested and asked lots of questions about our church club...what activities did we do with the children...where did our members come from etc.

When we had answered her questions (and thinking how lovely it was to meet someone who was genuinely so interested) she stunned us by saying that she would like to invite our children to the hotel for a Christmas Dinner! As most of you will know, I am not often lost for words, but on this occasion both Jim and I were speechless!

Following discussions with Iain, and the other folks in the J.A.M. team, it was agreed to gratefully accept this amazing offer. What a special blessing to receive at Christmas and we thank God for it.

(For more details...read the J.A.M. article in this magazine)

## **Seeing is Believing – Post Christmas Thoughts**

In our culture of scepticism, we tend to doubt before believing. We need to have proof, hard evidence, before we can truly believe.

That is one of the challenges facing Christians and always has been.

Recently Doreen and I were visiting New York in December and came upon the story of Virginia's quest to find the answer to her question, "Is there a Santa Claus?"

Her story was illustrated in a three-dimensional figure display in several windows in Macy's, a department store in Herald Square.

Virginia was an eight-year-old girl who asked her father whether Santa Claus existed. Her Father suggested that she write to the Sun, a prominent New York newspaper at that time and so Virginia wrote the following letter to the Editor:

*"Dear Editor*

*I am 8 years old.*

*Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus.*

*Papa says "if you see it in the Sun it is so."*

*Please tell me the truth. is there a Santa Claus?"*

In making this suggestion, Virginia's father gave the Editor, Francis Church, the opportunity to rise above the simple question and address the philosophical issues behind the question.

The Editor responded in the following terms:

*"Virginia,*

*Your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the scepticism of a sceptical age. They do not believe except they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's are little. In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole truth and knowledge.*

*Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! How dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus. It would as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.*



Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

You may tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man - nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived- could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance can push aside that curtain and view and picture the beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

No Santa Claus! Thank God! He lives and he lives for ever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood”

There is a legacy from all of the above in so far as Virginia's letter and The Editor, Francis Church's reply are read each year at the Yule Log ceremony at Church's alma mater, Columbia College University.

Since our visit to New York I now find that, as Christmas approaches, Virginia's letter and the Editor's reply come to mind.

We probably all go through periods of doubt and that is not something new. Remember the Disciple Thomas, "Doubting Thomas". Surely, he was not the only Disciple to have doubts. Didn't all the Disciples have doubts at Easter? Thomas is reported to have said, "I will believe it when I see it."

Seems to me that if Virginia could be persuaded then surely, with all the assurances we have and are given in the various accounts which we can read, we too should be able to believe without seeing.

Just a thought!

**TRC**

*(I received this thought-provoking article from our Session Clerk – Ritchie. My advice is to read it and then read it again!! Ed)*

# Christmas at St Margaret's

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- 1. A wonderful evening of singing from choir “Toccata” at the Christmas Celebration.**
  
- 2. The Nativity Scene on the Altar.**
  
- 3. Happy volunteers serving at the café-style Christmas Family Service.**

## POET'S CORNER

### DUNFERMLINE

There is a King in this old town,  
Where once a Canmore wore a crown.  
The palace where a prince was born  
Lies ruined, broken and forlorn.

No Margaret, with her air of grace;  
No Robert, with his sword and mace:  
The Abbey, etched against the sky,  
Reminds us of these days gone by.

There is no sign of warp or woof  
Nor any sound of horse's hoof,  
No noise or rattle of the looms  
Disturb those in their royal tombs.

No crowds of sailors throng the streets  
Who once did man the battle fleets  
That sailed from here not long ago  
To fight against an armoured foe.

Of the old there are but traces,  
Gone to make more parking places:  
Little plaques upon the walls,  
Even in the shopping malls,

Tell us what the people did,  
And if they did as they were bid -  
Glimpses of a bygone age,  
Our Dunfermline Heritage.

*Composed and submitted by Ian Carlton –  
we have a poet within our midst!! (Ed.)*

## Kirsty's Reading

### Introduction

This reading is taken from a song by a musician that my daughter and her friend have enjoyed listening to for as long as they can remember. Kirsty was recently a bridesmaid at her friend's wedding and chose it partly for that reason and partly because she thought the words summed up exactly what she wanted to say to the couple on their wedding day. I hope you enjoy reading it as much as I enjoyed hearing it on the day. The reading has been slightly adapted to suit today but it has been taken from the words of the singer, Bob Marley and the reading - 'He's not Perfect'.

### Reading

He's not perfect, you're not perfect and the two of you will never be perfect. But if you can make each other laugh at least once, cause each other to think twice, and if you admit to being human and making mistakes, hold onto one another and give back the most that you can.

You aren't going to quote poetry, you won't be thinking about each other every moment, but you will each give away a part of you that you know the other could break.

Don't hurt each other, don't change each other and don't expect more from each other than what you can give.

Don't analyse.

Smile when you make each other happy, yell when you make each other mad, and miss each other when you are not together.

Love hard when there is love to be had.

Because perfect people don't exist, but there are always two people who are perfect for each other.

*(Thanks to Kirsty Watson for this super contribution. Think of Bob Marley, the sun and beaches and your hips will soon start to sway!! Ed)*

## HEAVEN'S GROCERY STORE

I was walking down Life's Highway a long time ago.  
One day, I saw a sign that read "Heaven's Grocery Store"

As I got a little closer, the door came open wide,  
And when I came to myself, I was standing inside.

I saw a host of ANGELS. They were standing everywhere.  
One handed me a basket and said "My Child, shop with care."

Everything a Christian needed was in that grocery store,  
And all you couldn't carry, you could come back next day for more.

First, I got some PATIENCE, LOVE was in the same row,  
Further down was UNDERSTANDING, you need that everywhere you go.

I got a box or two of WISDOM, a bag or two of FAITH.  
I just couldn't miss the HOLY GHOST FOR IT WAS ALL OVER THE PLACE.

I stopped to get some STRENGTH & COURAGE to help me run this race.  
By then my basket was getting full, but I remembered to get some GRACE.

I didn't forget SALVATION, for SALVATION IS FREE,  
So I tried to get enough of that to save both you and me.

Then I started up to the counter to pay my Grocery Bill,  
For I thought I had everything to do my MASTER'S will.

As I went up the aisle I saw PRAYER and I just had to put that in,  
For I knew when I stepped outside, I would run right into sin.

PEACE and JOY were plentiful, they were on the last shelf.  
SONG and PRAISES were hanging near so I just helped myself.

Then I said to the Angel "now, how much do I owe?"  
He just smiled and said, "just take them everywhere you go."

Again I smiled and said, "How much do I really owe?"  
He smiled again and said,  
"MY CHILD, JESUS PAID YOUR BILL A LONG, LONG TIME AGO!"

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"ALL THINGS WHATSOEVER YOU SHALL ASK IN PRAYER, BELIEVING, YOU  
SHALL RECEIVE" (MATTHEW 21:22)

*(many thanks to Mrs. Kemp-McKinnon for this thought-provoking poem. Ed)*

*I know these are not poems but felt this would be the place to include these little gems from Audrey McArthur!! Ed.*

### THE COST OF PREACHING

One beautiful Sunday morning, a Minister announced to his congregation: "My good people, I have here in my hands three sermons – a £100 sermon that lasts for five minutes, a £50 sermon that lasts for 15 minutes and a £10 sermon that last a full hour. Now we will take the collection and see which one I'll deliver!!

*(could swell the roof fund!!! Ed)*

### WHO AM I?

An elderly woman walked into the local country church. The friendly office bearer greeted her at the door. She wanted to sit in the front row. "You really don't want to do that" the office bearer said. "The minister is really boring." "Do you know who I am?" the woman asked. The man shook his head. "I'm the minister's mother!" "Do you know who I am?" the office bearer asked. She shook her head. "Good" he grinned!

*(“BORING?” Obviously not St. Margaret's! - Ed.)*

### THE CHURCH PLAY

A little boy was given a part in a church play and went home to tell his Dad. His father was really proud of him and asked what the part was. The boy replied, "I got the part of a man who has been married for 25 years!" His Dad congratulated him - "That's good son, but maybe, next time, you'll get a speaking part!"

*(I only print what I am given folks!!!! -Ed.)*

## MEN'S GROUP

17<sup>th</sup> February - **“What do we expect or want to hear from the Preacher?”** – discussion among ourselves guided by Gordon

17<sup>th</sup> March – **“Who should have the final say over a child's welfare – parents, medics, the courts or other authorities?”** – led by Hilary Warnock, Nursing Officer

21<sup>st</sup> April – **“What is love?”** - Discussion among ourselves, guided by our Minister, Iain

Numbers attending last season's meetings fluctuated quite widely. This made catering difficult and it was slightly embarrassing when guest discussion leaders had travelled a distance to be with us. So we urge men folk from the congregation and beyond to come along and join us and to those who are regulars – why not invite a pal or two? These are informal, friendly but worthwhile gatherings. We look forward to seeing you.

Contact – **Gordon Brown** for any information [01577 840248]

*(Can I support Gordon's message – these really are good meetings where people can – or don't have to – express their own views without fear or favour. We had a very good turnout at our October meeting but it would be great to see more new faces – and of course share the magnificent breakfast!! Ed)*

## WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Women's Fellowship would like to welcome all ladies to our first meeting of the year on Wednesday February 14<sup>th</sup> at 2pm.

Our guest speaker is Iain Greenshields.

*(Can I point out that this does state “ALL” women and of course this is taking place on St. Valentine's day. So why not come along and listen to Iain – I'm sure he will have some reference to “romance” that day!! - Ed)*



## THANK YOU

"I would like to thank everyone who has asked after my health, also for the support of Iain Greenshields.

I am a lot better now – have another scan on 1<sup>st</sup> February so fingers crossed all is OK.

God Bless"

*Maureen Hynd*

*(besides keeping fingers crossed Maureen – we will remember you in our prayers. Ed)*

"I would like to thank Iain and all members of St. Margaret's for their kindness and caring the past few weeks. It was greatly appreciated.

Thank You"

*Margaret Scoon*

*(You are very welcome Margaret – Ed)*

## SCOUTPOST

St Margaret's Church received a lovely Thank you letter from Fiona McRreadie, Scoutpost Co-ordinator of 39<sup>th</sup> Fife Scout Group in early January:

"Thank you for your continued support in our fundraising effort, Scoutpost, through the collection of Christmas cards at your church. The sum collected by St Margaret's church was £826.05, a significant contribution to the monies raised (by 2<sup>nd</sup>&39<sup>th</sup> Fife Scouts) of £6883. The monies raised go directly to support the scouts in our Groups and are a valuable part of the amounts needed to operate the facilities for the Scouts and to give them the programme they enjoy.

Will you please pass on our thanks to the congregation for their help during the collecting period and I hope that we may be able to call on our support again next year"

## **A THANK YOU FROM THE EDITOR.**

**Hello!**

**Being the start of a new year, I thought it only right that I give my thanks to all those that are involved in the production and distributing of the Church Magazine. No – I do not do it all myself! I do have many to thank as follows:**

- **Irene and Jim Cunningham – they print off all the copies of the magazine.**
- **To Iain Greenshields who allows me to use his colour copier for the coloured photos etc you occasionally see – and does the copying!**
- **Morna Thomson – she takes the pages of the magazine from me and then puts them into the Church website. Any fancy, squiggly stuff that you see on any of the pages are entirely down to Morna!**
- **To Alex Turner, Audrey McArthur, Janet Kerr to whom I bully to help me staple all the pages together. Believe me stapling 180 copies of around 15 double sided pages is quite a task!**
- **To David and Linda Langskail for allowing me to copy part of the 39<sup>th</sup> Scout magazine – believe me this saves me a great deal of work!**
- **To everyone who contributes to the magazine and who put up with me chasing them for their articles – many a time some stretch the deadline date by quite a bit and I become quite unpopular!!**
- **To those that distribute the magazine to households. Without you the magazine would not have the outreach that it does – and some of our less able members would feel more cut off from St. Margaret's if you did not carry out this responsibility – some of it in inclement weather!**
- **To all our readers – without you there would be no need for the magazine. Do please keep reading – but also please let me have some contributions from you – it would be good to hear from you and perhaps give us a “point of view” as to the value of receiving the magazine plus any other exciting moments you want to share!!**
- **And thank you to you all for putting up with the occasional “deliberate” error!!!**

**Finally let me again ask you to contribute to the magazine – it is the Church Magazine and the Church is YOU and I want to hear from YOU!! No need to be shy – you ALL have something of interest to say!**

**THANK YOU ALL.**

## SCOUT NEWS

You can see all our Scout News at

[http://www.39thfifescouts.co.uk/images/Documents/Christmas\\_2017\\_grey.pdf](http://www.39thfifescouts.co.uk/images/Documents/Christmas_2017_grey.pdf)

including news of Keith Strachan's retirement after 21 years as Group Scout Leader of the 39<sup>th</sup>!

**NEWS JUST IN!!**

**READ ALL ABOUT IT**

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Those avid readers of the magazine on the web site, will be aware that there has been a technical issue with recording the live-streaming of the Sunday service each week. For those that don't at the moment do this – then this is for information only!!

Morna informs me that Iain has been successful in getting a better Sky package for us and by the time you receive this it will be well up and running! So well done to Iain, Morna and John for getting this sorted and happy viewing to all those that take advantage of this facility.

Ross Kerr

Editor

## SUNDAY MORNING TEA/COFFEE ROTA: February - June, 2018

Hello and thanks to everyone for their continued support and participation with this new Rota. What would we do without you! **As usual, if you are on holiday, or on door duty, can you please arrange a swap.**



|                       |           |                                            |                                           |                                         |
|-----------------------|-----------|--------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| <b>February, 2018</b> | <b>04</b> | Mrs Irene Cunningham<br>Mrs Catherine Gray | Mrs Isobel Gillespie<br>Mrs Margaret Hynd | Mrs June McAleece<br>Mrs Margaret Scoon |
|                       | <b>11</b> | Mrs Marjory McIntosh                       | Mrs Margaret Orr                          | Mr Tom McIntosh                         |
|                       | <b>18</b> | Mrs Nancy Bowie                            | Mrs Jeanette Clements                     | Mrs Cheryl Jones                        |
|                       | <b>25</b> | Mrs Maureen Chapman                        | Mrs Marion Smith                          | Roslynn Cluster                         |
| <b>March, 2018</b>    | <b>04</b> | Mrs Irene Cunningham                       | Mrs Isobel Gillespie                      | Mrs June McAleece                       |
|                       |           | Mrs Ann Prentice                           | Mrs Pam Moultrie                          | Mrs Jeanette Clements                   |
|                       | <b>11</b> | Mrs Marjory McIntosh                       | Mrs Vera Wilson                           | Mr Tom McIntosh                         |
|                       | <b>18</b> | Mrs Nancy Bowie                            | Mrs Margaret Scoon                        | Mrs Cheryl Jones                        |
|                       | <b>25</b> | Mrs Maureen Chapman                        | Mrs Marion Smith                          | Roslynn Cluster                         |
| <b>April, 2018</b>    | <b>01</b> | Mrs Irene Cunningham<br>Mrs Catherine Gray | Mrs Isobel Gillespie<br>Mrs Ann McEwen    | Mrs June McAleece<br>Mrs Margaret Orr   |
|                       | <b>08</b> | Mrs Marjory McIntosh                       | Mrs Jennifer Grieve                       | Mr Tom McIntosh                         |
|                       | <b>15</b> | Mrs Margaret Hynd                          | Mrs Pam Moultrie                          | Mrs Cheryl Jones                        |

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| <b>April, 2018</b> | <b>22</b> | Mrs Ann Prentice     | Mrs Jeanette Clements | Mrs Marion Smith   |
|                    | <b>29</b> | Mrs Nancy Bowie      | Mrs Margaret Scoon    | Rosslynn Cluster   |
| <b>May, 2018</b>   | <b>06</b> | Mrs Irene Cunningham | Mrs Isobel Gillespie  | Mrs June McAleece  |
|                    |           | Mrs Marjory McIntosh | Mrs Jennifer Grieve   | Mr Tom McIntosh    |
|                    | <b>13</b> | Mrs Maureen Chapman  | Mrs Vera Wilson       | Mrs Cheryl Jones   |
|                    | <b>20</b> | Mrs Nancy Bowie      | Mrs Pam Moultrie      | Mrs Ann McEwen     |
|                    | <b>27</b> | Mrs Catherine Gray   | Mrs Marion Smith      | Mrs Margaret Orr   |
| <b>June, 2018</b>  | <b>03</b> | Mrs Irene Cunningham | Mrs Isobel Gillespie  | Mrs June McAleece  |
|                    |           | Mrs Margaret Hynd    | Mrs Jeanette Clements | Rosslyn Clusker    |
|                    | <b>10</b> | Mrs Maureen Chapman  | Mrs Jennifer Grieve   | Mrs Ann McEwen     |
|                    | <b>17</b> | Mrs Ann Prentice     | Mrs Vera Wilson       | Mrs Margaret Scoon |
|                    | <b>24</b> | Mrs Marjory McIntosh | Mrs Cheryl Jones      | Mr Tom McIntosh    |

## FLOWER CALENDAR 2018

| DATE  | DONOR | TEL                                     | ARRANGER         | TEL                                  |        |
|-------|-------|-----------------------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------------|--------|
| JAN   | 7     | Mr&Mrs Kerr                             | 726663           | Audrey McArthur                      | 728128 |
|       | 14    | Mrs M Moyes                             | 738341           | June McAleece                        | 724992 |
|       | 21    | Mr&Mrs J Eadie                          | 721992           | Joan Eadie                           | 721992 |
|       | 28    | Mr&Mrs J Hynd                           | 720222           | Marion Aitken                        | 735996 |
| FEB   | 4     | Pam Moultrie                            | 622359           | Nancy Bowie                          | 737779 |
|       | 11    | Lotte Giraldas                          | 720224           | June McAleece                        | 724992 |
|       | 18    | Mr&Mrs I Watson                         | 721285           | Coleen Watson<br>Marjory<br>McIntosh | 721285 |
|       | 25    | Mr&Mrs T McIntosh                       | 726342           | McIntosh                             | 726342 |
| MARCH | 4     | Mr&Mrs Short                            | 725119           | Audrey McArthur                      | 728128 |
|       | 11    | Margaret Orr                            | 737080           | Marion Aitken                        | 735996 |
|       | 18    | Mr&Mrs W Bowie                          | 737779           | Nancy Bowie<br>Marjory<br>McIntosh   | 737779 |
|       | 25    | Mr&Mrs T McIntosh<br>& Isobel Gillespie | 726342<br>720199 | McIntosh                             | 726342 |
| APRIL | 1     | June McAleece                           | 724992           | June McAleece                        | 724992 |
|       | 8     | Mrs R Kemp-McKinnon                     | 863936           | Coleen Watson<br>Marjory<br>McIntosh | 721285 |
|       | 15    | Vera Wilson                             | 720250           | McIntosh                             | 726342 |
|       | 22    | Lorraine Stevenson                      | 721075           | Audrey McArthur                      | 728128 |
|       | 29    | Marion Aitken                           | 735996           | Marion Aitken                        | 735996 |
|       |       |                                         |                  |                                      |        |
| MAY   | 6     | Mr&Mrs A Prentice                       | 852426           | June McAleece                        | 724992 |
|       | 13    | Audrey McArthur                         | 728128           | Audrey McArthur                      | 728128 |
|       | 20    | Pam Moultrie                            | 622329           | Nancy Bowie                          | 737779 |
|       | 27    | Val Evans                               | 727557           | Val Evans                            | 727557 |
| JUNE  | 3     | Mr&Mrs I Watson                         | 721285           | Coleen Watson                        | 721285 |
|       | 10    | Helen Bell                              | 725753           | Marion Aitken                        | 735996 |
|       | 17    | Jean Todd                               | 724953           | Audrey McArthur                      | 728128 |
|       | 24    | Moira Watson                            | 07766295705      | June McAleece                        | 724992 |

|      |    |                     |             |                     |        |
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| JULY | 1  | Lotte Giraldas      | 724224      | Nancy Bowie         | 737779 |
|      | 8  | Flower Fund         |             | Audrey McArthur     | 728128 |
|      | 15 | Jean Todd           | 724953      | June McAleece       | 724992 |
|      | 22 | Flower Fund         |             | Marian Aitken       | 735996 |
|      | 29 | Mr&Mrs T McIntosh   | 726342      | Marjory<br>McIntosh | 726342 |
| AUG  | 5  | Flower Fund         |             | Nancy Bowie         | 737779 |
|      | 12 | Mr&Mrs J Cunningham | 731947      | June McAleece       | 724992 |
|      | 19 | Mr&Mrs T McIntosh   | 726342      | Marjory<br>McIntosh | 726342 |
|      | 26 | Jean Todd           | 724953      | Coleen Watson       | 721285 |
| SEP  | 2  | Mr&Mrs W Taylor     | 722066      | Audrey McArthur     | 728128 |
|      | 9  | John Strang         | 722026      | June McAleece       | 724992 |
|      | 16 | Mr&Mrs T McIntosh   | 726342      | Marjory<br>McIntosh | 726342 |
|      | 23 | Mr&Mrs Short        | 725119      | June McAleece       | 724992 |
|      | 30 | Marion Aitken       | 735996      | Marion Aitken       | 735996 |
|      |    |                     |             |                     |        |
| OCT  | 7  | Mr&Mrs W Bowie      | 737779      | Nancy Bowie         | 737779 |
|      | 14 | Audrey McArthur     | 728128      | Audrey McArthur     | 728128 |
|      | 21 | Vera Wilson         | 720250      | Coleen Watson       | 721285 |
|      |    |                     |             | Marjory             |        |
|      | 28 | Margaret Scoone     | 733937      | McIntosh            | 726342 |
| NOV  | 4  | June McAleece       | 724992      | June McAleece       | 724992 |
|      | 11 | Moira Watson        | 07766295705 | Nancy Bowie         | 737779 |
|      | 18 | Flower Fund         |             | Coleen Watson       | 721285 |
|      | 25 | Mr&Mrs W Taylor     | 722066      | Audrey McArthur     | 728128 |
| DEC  | 2  | Merva Brown         | 721661      | Marion Aitken       | 735996 |
|      | 9  | Betty Candlish      | 726590      | Coleen Watson       | 721285 |
|      |    |                     |             | Marjory             |        |
|      | 16 | Mr&Mrs T McIntosh   | 726342      | McIntosh            | 726342 |
|      | 23 | Moira Watson        | 07766295705 | Nancy Bowie         | 737779 |
|      | 30 | Mr &Mrs I Carlton   | 721049      | Audrey McArthur     | 728128 |

## DELIVERY OF FLOWERS

### DATE

|       |    |                           |                |
|-------|----|---------------------------|----------------|
| JAN   | 7  | Jim & Fiona Grieve        | 831614         |
|       | 14 | Mr&Mrs W Bowie            | 737779         |
|       | 21 | M Chapman, Catherine Gray | 725049, 732849 |
|       | 28 | Marion Smith              | 320354         |
| FEB   | 4  | Christine Hunter          | 721802         |
|       | 11 | Margaret Hynd             | 721314         |
|       | 18 | Mr&Mrs T McIntosh         | 726342         |
|       | 25 | Isobel Gillespie          | 720199         |
| MARCH | 4  | Mr & Mrs R Pratt          | 731525         |
|       | 11 | Mr & Mrs J Hynd           | 739341         |
|       | 18 | Mr & Mrs K Brown          | 733956         |
|       | 25 | Jennifer Paxton           | 249220         |
| APRIL | 1  | Janet Gresty              | 728104         |
|       | 8  | Helen Brown               | 01577 840248   |
|       | 15 | Mr & Mrs J McLean         | 726919         |
|       | 22 | Pam Moultrie              | 622329         |
|       | 29 | Mr&Mrs W Bowie            | 737779         |
| MAY   | 6  | Marion Smith              | 320354         |
|       | 13 | Christine Hunter          | 721802         |
|       | 20 | Margaret Hynd             | 721314         |
|       | 27 | Isobel Gillespie          | 720199         |
| JUNE  | 3  | Mr & Mrs K Brown          | 733956         |
|       | 10 | Sheila McIntyre           | 735352         |
|       | 17 | Helen Brown               | 01577 840248   |
|       | 24 | Marion Aitken             | 735996         |

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



## **ORGANISATIONS**

**Bowling Fellowship** - Meet on Mondays in the main hall at 6.30pm. Contact Tom McIntosh on 01383 726342

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

**The Guild** - Meet on the first & third Wednesday of the month at 2pm in the Rita Elder Hall – contact Margaret Hynd on 01383 721314

**Women's Fellowship** meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month at 2pm in the Rita Elder Hall. Contact Helen on 725753

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

**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

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

**Men's Breakfast Discussion Group** – Meets once a month on a Saturday morning from September - May at 8.30am (see website or programme in the magazine for actual dates and/or contact Gordon Brown on 01577 840248)

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

**JAM (Jesus And Me) CLUB** –Meet Sundays in term time at 5.45pm - 7.15pm. 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 Thursdays in term time, from 7.15-9.15pm.

For more information, please 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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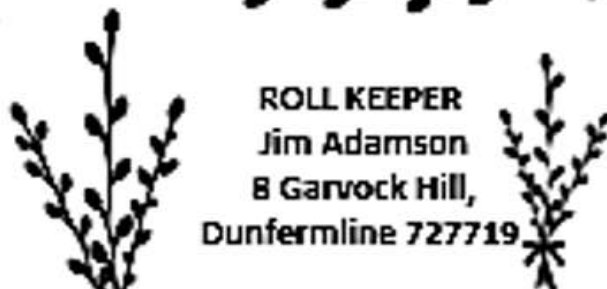
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