

**St. Margaret's Community Church of
Scotland**

Dunfermline

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The Kirk Session is delighted to make available job offers to members of the congregation and beyond.

Prayers

We are happy to say that no previous experience is necessary for these posts. How many posts need to be filled? As many as possible – there is no upper limit.

How many hours a week are entailed in Prayer? The Kirk Session is happy to announce that they would be happy for people to begin small and work their way up.

What age range does this job cover? The Kirk Session refuses to be "ageist" and so we hope that older people in the congregation will be especially exercised in this ministry.

What are people to pray about? Everything that they feel is important. The Kirk Session would like people to pray for a Christian Revival, for our young people in all of our youth organisations, Sunday School and JAM. Pray for the whole of our community in Touch, Halbeath, Garvock, Linburn and Transy. We are especially happy with people who will be bold and use their imagination.

No need to send an application, just begin.

Gardening

Every year the Garden blooms and the grass is neatly cut – this is commented on by people in the community and is a positive witness by the Church. We do need people to help the few by giving an hour or two of your time – if you feel you can help then phone Tom on 01383726342.

Café

The café has been one of our real successes – it offers good food, a pleasant atmosphere, is important to people in the church and community and raises valuable funds. Can you help in any way when it opens again? Contact Irene on 01383731947

Job Creation

Have you any innovative ideas about what is missing in St. Margaret's and might make a difference? Is there any area of the life of the Church that you would like to be involved in – maybe just for a wee while and not forever??

Why don't you talk it over with the Minister and see what can be done – maybe there is something you have to offer that will make a difference – I am sure of that – then contact me on 07427477575.

Sorry, there is one thing I forget – salary – the sheer pleasure of doing something that makes a difference.

Iain

Intimations

Well done to everyone who helped to have the church open for Harvest on Saturday – over the whole day nearly 60 people came along, gave their offering and enjoyed fellowship and a time of worship.

Five large tables of foodstuffs etc were donated, all of which will go to our local community. In addition, just over £1000 was donated and this too will support our local community in the hard winter that lies ahead. Wonderful. Thank You!

From now on the following pattern of communication and services will take place:

Sunday Morning.

9am Facebook Thought for Sunday will be posted on St Margaret's Church Facebook page.

10am Zoom Sunday Morning Service [Service itself beginning at 10.15]

11am Church Service

11am The Church Service will be live streamed - go to YouTube and type in St. Margaret's Dunfermline and you will be able to see the service live or at any other time by going to the YouTube and typing in St. Margaret's Dunfermline and the date.

Daily

If you go to St. Margaret's Church Facebook page there will be a daily reading - currently in John's Gospel

Wednesday

Zoom Midweek - simply join in from 6.45pm with the meeting beginning at 7pm

Weekly

The Newsletter will continue to be either emailed or posted every week.

It was Christmas Eve 1875 and Ira Sankey was traveling on a Delaware River steamboat when he was recognized by some of the passengers. His picture had been in the newspaper because he was the song leader for the famous evangelist D.L. Moody. They asked him to sing one of his own hymns, but Sankey demurred, saying that he preferred to sing William B. Bradbury's hymn, "Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us." As he sang, one of the stanzas began, "We are Thine; do Thou befriend us. Be the Guardian of our way." When he finished, a man stepped from the shadows and asked, "Did you ever serve in the Union Army?" "Yes," Mr. Sankey answered, "in the spring of 1860."

"Can you remember if you were doing picket duty on a bright, moonlit night in 1862?"

"Yes," Mr. Sankey answered, very much surprised.

"So did I, but I was serving in the Confederate army. When I saw you standing at your post, I thought to myself, 'That fellow will never get away alive.' I raised my musket and took aim. I was standing in the shadow, completely concealed, while the full light of the moon was falling upon you. At that instant, just as a moment ago, you raised your eyes to heaven and began to sing...'Let him sing his song to the end,' I said to myself, 'I can shot him afterwards. He's my victim at all events, and my bullet cannot miss him.' But the song you sang then was the song you sang just now. I heard the words perfectly: 'We are Thine; do Thou befriend us. Be the Guardian of our way.' Those words stirred up many memories. I began to think of my childhood and my God-fearing mother. She had many times sung that song to me. When you had finished your song, it was impossible for me to take aim again. I thought, 'The Lord who is able to save that man from certain death must surely be great and mighty.' And my arm of its own accord dropped limp at my side."