	<u>Reader</u>	Readings
Sun 7 Sept	Alan Waddell	Ezekiel 33:7-11, Romans 13:8-14 (<i>Matthew 18:15-20</i>)
Sun 14 Sept	Margaret Gray	Genesis 50:15-21; Romans 14:1-12 (<i>Matthew 18; 21-35</i>)
Sun 21 Sept	Alan Waddell	Jonah 3:10-4:11; Philippians 1:21-30 (<i>Matthew 20:1-16</i>)
Sun 28 Sept	Margaret Gray	Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32; Philippians 2:1-13 (<i>Matthew 21:23-32</i>)
Sun 5 Oct	Alan Waddell	Isaiah 5:1-7; Philippians 3:4b-14; (<i>Matthew 21:33-46</i>)

<u>September - William Sharpe</u>

Where the ripe pears droop heavily The yellow wasp hums loud and long His hot and drowsy autumn song:
A yellow flame he seems to be,
When darting suddenly from high He lights where fallen peaches lie



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Notes from St Margaret's

September comes from the old Roman word 'septem' but the Anglo-Saxons called it Barley month as it was the time they harvested barley, in order to make their favourite drink - barley brew. They also called it Harvest month.

Here, it is the time that students return to colleges or universities although our Scottish schools went back in August. Michaelmas Day is the feast of Saint Michael, which is celebrated on 29 September. In the past, the Michaelmas curfew was the hint that winter was on its way — not a good thought, after we have all enjoyed such a warm summer! We all remember the old superstition about how you should not pick blackberries after Michaelmas Day but did you also know that 'If St Michael brings many acorns, Christmas will cover the fields with snow' or that 'a dark Michaelmas, a light Christmas'.

For everybody, the last two months have been a series of terrible world news reports that demonstrate man's continuing intolerance to man. For us, at St Margaret's, there is the concern from the long political debates about our country's future.

We should continue to ask God for his support and guidance during these troubling times. As Christians, we need to remain resolute knowing that God is present in all our prayers and worship. It is only through our faith in God that we can harvest the eternal hope and peace of promised salvation and redemption for humanity.

Best wishes Margaret Gray



St Margaret's Mission Statement

The mission of St Margaret's church is to worship together, reach out, with the other churches, to those in the community and beyond, offering them welcome and hospitality wherever they are on their spiritual journey.

<u>September Services Diary</u>

Sun 7 Sept 10.30am	Pentecost 13. Family Eucharist followed by tea/coffee in the hall
Sun 14 Sept 10.30am	Pentecost 14. Family Eucharist followed by tea/coffee in the hall
Sun 21 Sept 10.30am	Pentecost 15. Family Eucharist with Rev David Elder followed by tea/coffee in the hall
Sun 28 Sept 10.30am	Pentecost 16. Harvest Festival & Family Eucharist followed by tea/coffee in the hall
Sun 5 Oct 10.30am	Pentecost 17. Family Eucharist followed by tea/coffee in the hall

September Rotas

	Reception	<u>Offering</u>
Sun 7 Sept	Christine Barker	Janette Turvey
Sun 14 Sept	Janette Turvey	Margaret Redpath
Sun 21 Sept	Margaret Redpath	Janette Turvey
Sun 28 Sept	Christine Barker	Margaret Redpath
Sun 5 Oct	Margaret Redpath	Janette Turvey

Please arrange to swap if unavailable for allotted date.

<u>September Events</u>

Sun 7 Sept 1.00pm - 4.00	pm Doors Open Day at St Margaret's with
	Refreshments in the Dickson Hall
Sun 28 Sept 11.00am Ha	rvest Festival Service at the Parish Church
Sun 5 Oct 10.00am Ha	rvest Festival Service at the United Free
Ch	nurch