

ST MARGARET'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Notes from St Margaret's

It has been a cold start to 2015 with high winds and ice. At least, by the end of this month, there will be the appearance of snowdrops as the first signs of spring.

Our midweek meditations commence at the end of January as we begin to prepare for Lent.

Meanwhile, we can look forward to Shrove Tuesday and the preparation of pancakes. When I was living in Germany, there was a pancake restaurant in the local Dutch village which we often used because of the huge variety of pancakes they offered, both savoury and sweet. At that time there was a choice of over 150 varieties and it was amazing how fast they were prepared and brought to our tables.

At Church, Lent gives us a time to refresh or renew our faith before we celebrate the glorious resurrection of our Lord at Easter. Historically, it was a period of fasting but is now a period of giving up a particular treat or indulgence but maybe for us it can be another few steps on our spiritual journey - an extra prayer or biblical verse from a favourite gospel. The choice is yours.

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.

February Services Diary

Sun 1 Feb	10.30am	Fourth Sunday after Epiphany. Family Eucharist with Rev David Elder followed by tea/coffee in the hall.
Sun 8 Feb	10.30am	Fifth Sunday after Epiphany. Family Eucharist followed by tea/coffee in the hall.
Sun 15 Feb	10.30am	Sunday before Lent. Family Eucharist with Rev David Elder followed by tea/coffee in the hall
Sun 22 Feb	10.30am	First Sunday of Lent. Family Eucharist followed By tea/coffee in the hall.
Sun 1 Mar	10.30am	Second Sunday of Lent. Family Eucharist followed by tea/coffee in the hall.

February Rotas

Reception

Offering

Sun 1 Feb	Janette Turvey	Margaret Redpath
Sun 8 Feb	Margaret Redpath	Janette Turvey
Sun 15 Feb	Christine Barker	Margaret Redpath
Sun 22 Feb	Janette Turvey	Margaret Redpath
Sun 1 Mar	Margaret Redpath	Janette Turvey

Please arrange to swap if unavailable for allotted date.

February Events

Wednesday	10.30am	Weekly midweek meditations continue on all Wednesdays throughout February.
Fridays	2.00pm	Fridays 6, 13, 20 February bible studies in preparation for this year's World Day of Prayer to be held in the Parish Church.

A New Day and Every Day

King of brightness.
 you turn darkness into light
 and open the shutters on a new day.
 You refresh our bodies with sleep
 and waken us to face
 the challenge of a new dawn
 Help us to live this day to your glory.

Reader

Readings

Sun 1 Feb	Alan Waddell	Deuteronomy 18:15-20;1 Corinthians 8:1-13 (Mark 1:21-28)
Sun 8 Feb	Margaret Gray	Isaiah 40:21-31;1 Corinthians 9:16-23 (Mark 1:29-39)
Sun 15 Feb	Alan Waddell	2 Kings 2:1-12; 2 Corinthians 4:3-6 (Mark 9:2-9)
Sun 22 Feb	Margaret Gray	Genesis 9:8-17; 1 Peter 3: 18-22 (Mark 1:9-15)
Sun 1 Mar	Alan Waddell	Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16; Romans 4: 13-25 (Mark 8: 31-28 or Mark 9: 2-9)

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Ashes by Kathy Galloway

Powdery grey
 from keeping on trying
 to get a spark from two stones

Streaky black
 from relighting a candle
 that keeps going out

Soft white
 from a fire that burned down to its heart
 and keeping warm

These are ashes worth wearing