

	<b>Reader</b>	<b>Readings</b>
Sun 3 Dec	Véronique Malcolm	Isaiah 64: 1-9; 1 Corinthians 1: 3-9 <i>(Mark 13: 24-37)</i>
Sun 10 Dec	Alan Waddell	Isaiah 40: 1-11; 2 Peter 3: 8-15a <i>(Mark 1: 1-1-8)</i>
Sun 17 Dec	<b><i>Various readers and readings</i></b>	
Sun 24 Dec	<b><i>No morning eucharist</i></b>	
Sun 24 Dec 11.00pm	<b><i>Various readers and readings</i></b>	
Sun 31 Dec	Mike Baxter	Isaiah 61: 10-62:3; Galatians 4:4-7 <i>(Luke 2: 22-40)</i>
Sun 7 Jan	Russell Malcolm	Isaiah 60: 1-6; Ephesians 3: 1-12 <i>(Matthew 2: 1-12)</i>

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*Reindeer Report - U.A. Fanthorpe*



*Chimneys: colder  
Flightpaths: busier  
Driver: Christmas (F)  
Still baffled by postcards*

*Children: more  
And stay up later.  
Presents: heavier  
Pay: frozen*

*Mission in spite  
Of all this  
Accomplished*

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# **ST MARGARET'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

## **TAYPORT**



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## **Notes from St Margaret's**

As we approach Christmas, we are concerned about our own future in a troubled world. However, for Christians there is hope for a peaceful existence as we celebrate our Saviour's birth in a stable because there was a no room at the Inn.

Our special Christmas worship includes our annual carol service, a children's service on Christmas Eve followed later by a Watch Night service late evening.

This year, St Margarets is holding a children's competition for making angels. We will be displaying our chorus of angels over the Christmas period. We hope to see you there.

I wish you all a blessed Christmas.

Best wishes, Margaret Gray



*A Song was heard at Christmas  
Timothy Dudley-Smith*

*A song was heard at Christmas  
To wake the midnight sky:  
A Saviour's birth, and passed on earth,  
And praise to God on high.  
The angels sang at Christmas  
With all the host above,  
And still we sing the new born King  
His glory and his love.*

## **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.

## **December Services Diary**

Sun 3 Dec	10.30am	First Sunday of Advent. Family Eucharist followed by tea/coffee in the hall
Wed 6 Dec	10.30am	Meditations in Church
Sun 10 Dec	10.30am	Second Sunday of Advent. Family Eucharist followed by tea/coffee in the hall followed by the AGM.
Wed 13 Dec	10.30am	Meditations in Church
Sun 17 Dec	10.30am	Third Sunday in Advent. Annual carol service and Family Eucharist followed by mulled wine and mince pies in the hall
Wed 20 Dec	10.30am	Meditations in Church
Sun 24 Dec	3.00pm	Christmas Eve Children's Christmas Service
Sun 24 Dec	11.00pm	Christmas Eve Watch Night Service
Sun 31 Dec	10.30am	First Sunday after Christmas. Family Eucharist followed by tea/coffee in the hall
Sun 7 Jan	10.30am	Epiphany. Family Eucharist followed by tea/coffee in the hall

## **December Rotas**

### **Reception**

### **Offering**

Sun 3 Dec	Janette Turvey	Margaret Redpath
Sun 10 Dec	Christine Barker	Janette Turvey
Sun 17 Dec	Mike Baxter	Margaret Redpath
Sun 24 Dec	Margaret Redpath	Janette Turvey
Sun 31 Dec	Christine Barker	Margaret Redpath
Sun 7 Jan	Mike Baxter	Janette Turvey

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## **December Events**

Sun 3 Dec	2.00pm	Carol service hosted by the United Free Church led by the Salvation Army
Sun 10 Dec		AGM after the morning Eucharist St Margaret's
Tues 12 Dec	7.00pm	St Margaret's Christmas meal to be held at Scotsraig Golf Club
Sun 17 Dec	10.30am	St Margaret's Annual Carol Service