

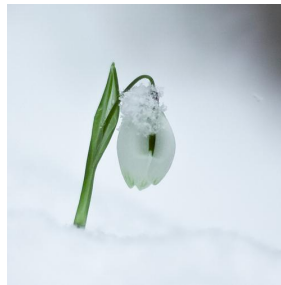
**ST MARGARET'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
**TAYPORT**

**NEWSLETTER - MARCH 2017**



	<b><u>Reader</u></b>	<b><u>Readings</u></b>
Sun 5 Mar	Alan Waddell	Genesis 2: 15-17;3, 1-7 Romans 5:12-19 (Matthew 4:1-11)
Sun 12 Mar	Veronique Malcolm	Genesis 12:1-4a, Romans 4:1-5,13-17 (John 3:1-17 or Matthew 19:1-9)
Sun 19 Mar	Mike Baxter	Exodus 17:1-7; Romans 5:1-11 (John 4: 5-26(27-42)
Sun 26 Mar	Russell Malcolm	1 Samuel 16:1-13; Ephesians 5:8-14 (John 9 (1-12) (13-41)
Sun 2 Apr	Alan Waddell	Ezekiel 37:1-14; Romans 8:6-11 (John 11 (1-16 (17-45)

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***Invocation for Lent by Kate McIlhagga***

*Into the dark wood  
a snowdrop comes  
a blessing of hope and peace  
carrying within a green heart;  
symbol of God's renewing love.  
come to inhabit our darkness, Lord Christ,  
for dark and light are alike to you.  
May nature's white candles of hope  
remind us of your birth  
and lighten our journey  
through Lent and beyond.*



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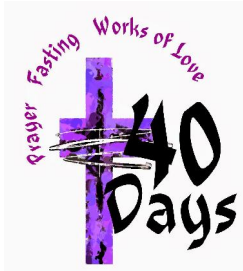
## **Notes from St Margaret's**

As I write on a cold day, looking out to a bitter snowy scene; it is hard to imagine that the 21 March will be the first day of spring. I cannot wait to see the arrival of early spring flowers. My favourite, the snowdrop is out in many gardens already. It is a promise of warmer days ahead.

In church it is the beginning of Lent and soon we will be tossing our pancakes on Shrove Tuesday, followed by the imposition of Ashes on Ash Wednesday. Both flower displays and the Gloria disappear within all churches as a mark of repentance before a period of self-appraisal.

Christians accept their own vulnerability for all their mistakes and shortcomings but then look forward to the glory of Easter that celebrates the hope of God's generosity and grace.

Best wishes, Margaret Gray



*Christ of the wilderness and the crowded street*

*Whispering in the desert and shouting in the market*

*Help us to hear you're above temptation's promises*

*Strengthen us to follow you on the highways of your world.*

***Helen Boothroyd and Richard Moriarty***

## **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.

## **March Services Diary**

Wed 1 Mar 10.30am	Meditations in Church
Sun 5 Mar 10.30am	First Sunday of Lent. Family Eucharist followed by tea/coffee in the hall
Wed 8 Mar 10.30am	Meditations in Church
Sun 12 Mar 10.30am	Second Sunday of Lent. Family Eucharist followed by tea/coffee in the hall
Wed 15 Mar 10.30am	Meditations in Church
Sun 19 Mar 10.30am	Third Sunday of Lent. Family Eucharist followed by tea/coffee in the hall
Wed 22 Mar 10.30am	Meditations in Church
Sun 26 Mar 10.30am	Fourth Sunday of Lent. Family Eucharist followed by tea/coffee in the hall
Wed 29 Mar 10.30am	Meditations in Church
Sun 2 Apr 10.30am	Passion Sunday. Family Eucharist followed by tea/coffee in the hall

## **March Events**

Fri 3 Mar 2.00pm	World Day of Prayer. St Margaret's will be hosting this service followed by refreshments in the hall
Sat 11 Mar 9.30am	Diocesan Conference at St Ninian's Cathedral in Perth - 9.30am coffee: 10.15am prayers: 10.30am business commences: 4.00pm expected finish.

## **March Rotas**

### **Reception**

### **Offering**

Sun 5 Mar	Mike Baxter	Margaret Redpath
Sun 12 Mar	Margaret Redpath	Janette Turvey
Sun 19 Mar	Janette Turvey	Margaret Redpath
Sun 26 Mar	Mike Baxter	Janette Turvey
Sun 2 Apr	Christine Barker	Margaret Redpath

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