

October Readers/Readings

| | <u>Reader</u> | <u>Readings</u> |
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| Sun 24 Sept | Andy Young Margaret Gray | Jonah 3: 10-4:11; Philippians 1:21-30 Psalm 145: 1-8 <i>(Matthew 20: 1-16)</i> |
| Sun 1 Oct | Mike Baxter Margaret Gray | Ezekiel 18: 1-4,25-32; Philippians 2:1-13 Psalm 25: 1-9 <i>(Matthew 21: 23-32)</i> |
| Sun 8 Oct | Janette Turvey Margaret Gray | Isaiah 5: 1-7; Philippians 3: 4b-14 Psalm 5: 1-7 <i>(Matthew 21: 33-46)</i> |
| Sun 15 Oct | Andy Young Margaret Gray | Isaiah 25: 1-9; Philippians 4: 1-9 Psalm 23 <i>(Matthew 22: 1-4)</i> |
| Sun 22 Oct | Mike Baxter Margaret Gray | Isaiah 45: 1-7; 1 Thessalonians 1: 1-10 Psalm 96: 1-9 (10-13) <i>(Matthew 22: 15-22)</i> |
| Sun 29 Oct | Janette Turvey Christine Barker | Leviticus 19: 1-2, 15-18; 1 Thessalonians 2: 1-8 Psalm 1 <i>(Matthew 22: 34-46)</i> |
| Sun 5 Nov | Andy Young Margaret Gray | Revelation 7: 9-17; 1 John 3: 1-3 Psalm 34: 1-10 <i>(Matthew 5: 1-12)</i> |

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Swan and cygnets in the pond on the common

ST MARGARET'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Priest's Message

In seasons like this, God sings us a love song as we walk: 'be still and know that I am God' (Psalm 16 verse 10).

I have been lost in Tentsmuir, in my earlier days in Scotland. I felt chilled, isolated and so afraid. I had lost all sense of direction and felt panicky! Many times we feel like this in our lives: which way should we go, which path do we take to reach the shoreline?

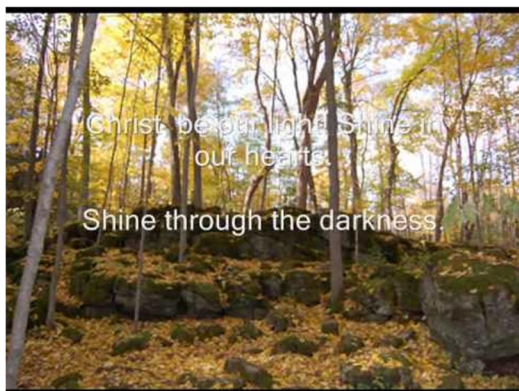
The picture of the forest is entitled 'Paths to the shoreline' and strikes me as being symbolic of our path as Christians - in frightened silence we ask God for direction, to move us to safety, away from this place. Are you in such a place now? Be still, God says, the shoreline is close.

In Autumn, the grass is dry and tinged with orange, the air feels different, hinting a chill breeze, the forest darker - and we take our walks earlier in the afternoon. God has a purpose for you and breaks through our gloom. *Christ, be our light!*

It is a time when God is revealed more slowly, coolly and sometimes in the longer gloaming. We can embrace this season to look at the tough spaces we are in and with less dread. The shoreline IS close. We can adjust our lives to this very season, rather than focus on the past or a rather hazy future. We can repeat God's assurance with our footfalls. Like the walker, Christ offers his companionship to the shoreline. It is here that He has lit a fire and prepared food for us. It is here as we break bread that we recognise that it was Jesus all along who kept us safe and brought us home!

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

Yours walking together!, Kathy Barrable.



October Services Diary

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| Sun 24 Sept | 9.30am | Creation 3. Eucharist followed by tea/coffee in the hall |
| Wed 27 Sept | 10.30am | Midweek Ecumenical Service |
| Sun 1 Oct | 9.30am | Creation 4. Eucharist followed by tea/coffee in the hall |
| Wed 4 Oct | 10.30am | Midweek Ecumenical Service |
| Sun 8 Oct | 9.30am | Creation 5. St Francis Day & Pet Blessing Eucharist followed by tea/coffee in the hall |
| Wed 11 Oct | 10.30am | Midweek Ecumenical Service |
| Sun 15 Oct | 9.30am | Pentecost 20. Eucharist followed by tea/coffee in the hall |
| Wed 18 Oct | 10.30am | Midweek Ecumenical Service |
| Sun 22 Oct | 9.30am | Pentecost 21. Eucharist followed by tea/coffee in the hall |
| Wed 25 Oct | 10.30am | Midweek Ecumenical Service |
| Sun 29 Oct | 9.30am | Pentecost 22. Reserve Sacrament Eucharist, followed by tea/coffee in the hall |
| Wed 1 Nov | 10.30am | Midweek Ecumenical Service |
| Sun 5 Nov | 9.30am | All Saints. Eucharist followed by tea/coffee in the hall |

October Rotas

| | <u>Reception</u> | <u>Intercessions</u> |
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| Sun 24 Sept | Margaret Redpath | Mike Baxter |
| Sun 1 Oct | Janette Turvey | Andy Young |
| Sun 8 Oct | Christine Barker | Mike Baxter |
| Sun 15 Oct | Mike Baxter | Margaret Gray |
| Sun 22 Oct | Margaret Redpath | Andy Young |
| Sun 29 Oct | Janette Turvey | Mike Baxter |
| Sun 5 Nov | Christine Barker | Margaret Gray |

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October Events

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| Sat 30 Sept | 10.30am | Vestry Meeting |
| Sun 1 Oct | 6.30pm | Taizé service in United Free Church |
| Fri 6 Oct | 7.30pm | Auld Kirk Tasting Evening by Tayport Distillery Tickets £15 per person |
| Sat 7 Oct | 10.00am | St Margaret's Cleaning Session |
| Sat/Sun 21/22 Oct | 10.00am-4.00pm | Auld Kirk Arts & Crafts Fayre |
| Sun 5 Nov | 6.30pm | Taizé service in Tayport Parish Church |

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.