

ST MARGARET'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
TAYPORT



NEWSLETTER - DECEMBER 2015



<u>Reader</u>	<u>Readings</u>
Sun 6 Dec	Margaret Gray Malachi 3:1-4;Philippians 1:3-11 (Luke 3:1-6)
Sun 13 Dec	Alan Waddell Zephaniah 3:14-20,Philippians 4:4-7 (Luke 3:7-18)
Sun 20 Dec	VARIOUS To be arranged
Thurs 24 Dec	VARIOUS To be arranged
Sun 27 Dec	Mike Baxter 1 Samuel 2:18-20,26; Colossians 3:12 (Luke 2:41-52)
Sun 3 Jan	Alan Waddell Jeremiah 31:7-14; Ephesians 1:3-14 (John (1-9) 10-18)

Please arrange to swap if unavailable for allotted date

*God bless the master of this house
 The mistress also
 And all the little children
 That round the table go
 And all your kind and kinsfolk
 That dwell far and near
 I wish you a Merry Christmas
 And a Happy New Year*



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Notes from St Margaret's

We approach Christmas in the blustering wind and heavy rain. For us, it can be a busy period of endless shopping and over indulgence in celebrating the festive joy.

But spare a moment for those less fortunate than us, refugees, homeless and the numerous victims of political or natural disasters.

At St Margaret's Church we prepare for the humble birth of our Saviour in a cold and damp stable by lighting the Advent candles.

Happy Christmas to you all, best wishes, Margaret Gray.

Robin by Eric Finney

*In the stable where the Christ child lay
A small brown bird pecked in the hay
The stable's fire was almost dead
And seeing this, the small bird spread
Its wings out by the last faint spark.
Then, fluttering like a meadowlark,
It fanned it once more into flame
Good Joseph built the fire again,
Mary, smiling blessed the bird.
Neither she nor Joseph heard
The bird's faint cries and neither guessed
At the burnt feathers on its breast.*

*But when in God's good time new feathers came
The robin's breast was red as any flame.*



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

Thurs 3 Dec 10.30am	Meditations in Church
Sun 6 Dec 10.30am	Second Sunday of Advent. Family Eucharist followed by tea/coffee in the hall
Thurs 10 Dec 10.30am	Meditations in Church
Sun 13 Dec 10.30am	Third Sunday of Advent. Family Eucharist followed by tea/coffee in the hall
Sun 20 Dec 10.30am	Fourth Sunday of Advent. Christmas Carol Service and Eucharist with Rev David Elder followed by mince pies and mulled wine
Thurs 24 Dec 2.00pm	Christmas Eve Children's Service
Thurs 24 Dec 11.00am	Midnight Mass
Sun 27 Dec 10.30am	First Sunday after Christmas. Family Eucharist Followed by tea/coffee in the hall
Sun 3 Jan 10.30am	Second Sunday after Christmas. Family Eucharist followed by tea/coffee in the hall

December Rotas

Reception

Offering

Sun 6 Dec	Janette Turvey	Margaret Redpath
Sun 13 Dec	Christine Barker	Janette Turvey
Sun 20 Dec	Margaret Redpath	Margaret Redpath
Thurs 24 Dec	Christine Barker	Janette Turvey
Sun 27 Dec	Janette Turvey	Margaret Redpath
Sun 3 Jan	Margaret Redpath	Janette Turvey

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December Events

Sun 6 Dec 2.00pm	United Free Church - Salvation Army Carol Service
Tues 8 Dec 10.00am	Coffee morning and sale of paintings in aid of Cancer Research in the Dickson Hall
Mon 14 Dec 7.00pm	Auld Kirk Carol Concert in the Auld Kirk

Christmas Services in Tayport

Sun 20 Dec 10.00am	United Free Church Christmas Service
Sun 20 Dec 10.30am	St Margaret's Carol Service & Eucharist followed by mince pies & mulled wine
Thurs 24 Dec 2.00pm	Children's service, St Margaret's church
Thurs 24 Dec 7.00pm	Christmas Mass, Our Ladys
Thurs 24 Dec 7.00pm	Christmas Eve Service, Parish Church
Thurs 24 Dec 11.00pm	Midnight Mass, St Margaret's Church
Friday 25 Dec 10.00am	Christmas Day Family Service, Parish Church