

**ST MARGARET'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
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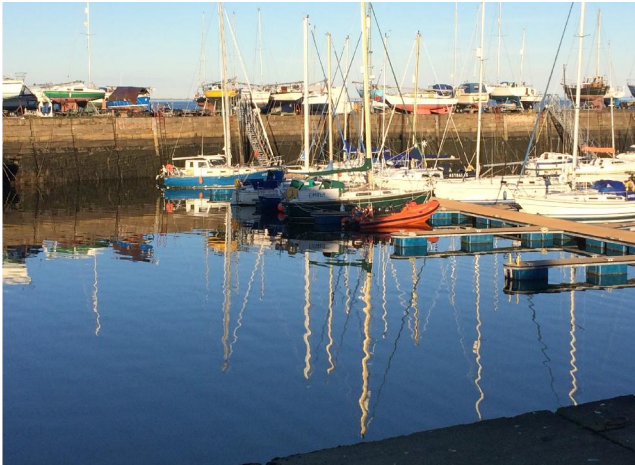
**NEWSLETTER - SEPTEMBER 2020**



<u>Reader</u>	<u>Readings</u>
Sun 6 Sept	Christine Barker Ezekiel 33:7-11; Romans 13:8-14 Psalm 119: 33-40 (Matthew 18:15-20)
Sun 13 Sept	Mike Baxter Genesis 50:15-21; Romans 14;1-12 Psalm 103: 8-13 (Matthew 18:21-35)
Sun 20 Sept	Russell Malcolm Jonah 3:10-4.11; Phil 1:21-30 Psalm 145:1-8 (Matthew 20: 1-16)
Sun 27 Sept	Janette Turvey Deuteronomy 8:7-18 or 28:1-14; 2 Corinthians 9:6-15; Psalm 65; (Luke 12:16-30 or 17:11-19)
Sun 4 Oct	Véronique Malcolm Isaiah 5:1-7; Phil 3:4b-14 Psalm 80: 7-14 (Matthew 21: 33-46)



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## **Greetings dear friends in Christ from Revd Kathy Barrable**

I have just skimmed through the last 5 months' calendar! Time has skipped along and the calendar remains busy with carefully-planned, invitational cups of coffee with yourselves. These are a delight and I think we relax and exchange differently in our own homes, so I have really enjoyed in-depth conversations and have received enormous support from you as I put on summer growth in Scotland.

Weekly Zoom meetings are increasing: we are forming more and more groups, each with its unique focus but each organically developing into a support network. No-one has yet joined via telephone and that is an option to be considered. I hope more and more will join us. Diocesan invitations are enlarging too: small groups of leaders are meeting and chatting and sharing their experience which is very healthy and life-giving!

It is also a milestone, joyfully, noting our 5 weeks of worship in church: I am delighted that we have met together and receive communion, share God's goodness and accompany one another in our unique life experience. I appreciate that we have put all the safety measures in place, to make the most of participation within the constraints of lockdown.

This morning, Bishop Ian accompanied his wife to visit St Mary's: two clergy wanted to see the back-of-the-church coffee and meeting area. It was a delightful surprise and he sends kindest regards to each of you at St Margaret's and we look forward to meeting him together when we can do that. It was good to have an informal chat about how we are doing and what we are thinking. It will be an added bonus to see him and others in our district, with our Vestry on Thursday for the Area Council meeting.

September promises to continue our quiet spiritual journey as we explore in the green teaching season. It is a nourishing and harvest time to receive the lessons and example of Jesus, in engaging and teaching others as well as to note the way he deals with political and societal issues. At the end of September, we will have our Harvest Festival on the 27<sup>th</sup>. It will be good to share the produce of the lands with others in need and also to celebrate the seasonal bounty in crops and good weather! It is amazing for me to see how many people are out and about, absorbing new wonders in the natural world.

We have still only a vague shape of the effect of Covid and lockdown, but perhaps a lot of healthier, more peaceful people are getting balance in their lives! In the meantime, we need to meet constraints and live with careful consideration.

Please know that I hold you in prayer. If you are unable to come to church and I haven't been to visit, please tell me immediately. Please circulate this newsletter further afield: it will also be on the church website. By the way, do send us some pictures of church together - it will be lovely to share them with each other next month!

Until we meet again, Peace and Grace in our Lord Jesus Christ. Kathy.

## **September Services Diary**

Sun 6 Sept	9.30am	Pentecost 14. Eucharist
Wed 9 Sept	10.30am	Meditations in Church
Sun 13 Sept	9.30am	Pentecost 15. Eucharist
Wed 16 Sept	10.30am	Meditations in Church
Sun 20 Sept	9.30am	Pentecost 16. Eucharist
Wed 23 Sept	10.30am	Meditations in Church
Sun 27 Sept	9.30am	Pentecost 17. Harvest Festival. Eucharist
Wed 30 Sept	10.30am	Meditations in Church
Sun 4 Oct	9.30am	Pentecost 18. Eucharist

## **September Rotas**

### **Reception**

### **Offering**

Sun 6 Sept	Janette Turvey
Sun 13 Sept	Christine Barker
Sun 20 Sept	Mike Baxter
Sun 27 Sept	Christine Barker
Sun 4 Oct	Janette Turvey

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## **September Events**

Sun 27 Sept	9.30am	Harvest Festival in St Margaret's Collection of goods for local food bank.
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