

December Readers/Readings

	<u>Reader</u>	<u>Readings</u>
Sun 1 Dec	Christine Barker Margaret Gray	Jeremiah 33: 14-16; 1 Thessalonians 3: 9-13 Psalm 25: 1-9 <i>(Luke 21: 25-36)</i>
Sun 8 Dec	Janette Turvey Margaret Gray	Baruch 5: 1-9 or Malachi 3: 1-4; Philippians 1: 3-11 Canticle: Benedictus (Luke 1: 68-79) <i>(Luke 3: 1-6)</i>
Sun 15 Dec	Mike Baxter Margaret Gray	Zephaniah 3: 14-20; Philippians 4: 4-7 Canticle: Isaiah 12: 2-6 <i>(Luke 12: 2-6)</i>
Sun 22 Dec	AS PER CAROL SERVICE SHEET	
Sun 24 Dec	Margaret Grat	Isaiah 52: 7-10; Hebrews 1: 1-4 <i>(John 1: 1-14)</i>
Sun 29 Dec	JOINT SERVICE AT ST MARY'S	
Sun 5 Jan 2025	Christine Barker Margaret Gray	Isaiah 60: 1-6; Ephesians 3: 1-12 Psalm 72: 1-7, 10=14 <i>(Matthew 2: 1-12)</i>

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Priest's Message

Dear Readers and I hope this letter reaches far beyond our Church.

At this time of the year, we can't help being trapped in the rush: not only of buying and spending, but of preparation for the year end and the good cheer of Christmas.

To those of you who are confined indoors, may Christ's warm joy reach you and inspire and comfort you. If you haven't been visited recently, please let me know.

We do deserve to celebrate - St Margaret's have shared and given many a fine feast this year and your goodness has reached into homes far and wide and to the homeless in different climes. Bless you for your generosity and selflessness.

Our understanding of how to live our the gospel is written in Isaiah: "The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me to bring good news to the poor; he has sent me to bind up the broken hearted to proclaim liberty to the captives and the opening of the prison to those who are bound..." (Isaiah 61: 1) Let this be remembered as a year of gifting and moving into wherever His light shines on the path ahead, to lead us to new places and people!

The exhilaration for me is that although it is cold and dark, there are many lights around. By contrast, Christ brings his life and light to shine among us. As a helpless baby, he needs OUR care and attention. Out of our personal darkness and that of this world, faith, hope and love are born, over and over again!

...“for unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, the mighty God, the everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace”.. (Handel's Messiah). Let us hold each other's hands and move into the newness of the world with courage and joy.

With every blessing, Rev Kathy Barrable



December Services Diary

Sun 1 Dec	9.30am	Advent Sunday. Eucharist followed by tea/coffee in the hall
Wed 4 Dec	10.30am	Ecumenical Midweek Service
Sun 8 Dec	9.30am	Advent 2. Eucharist followed by tea/coffee in the hall
Wed 11 Dec	10.30am	Ecumenical Midweek Service
Sun 15 Dec	9.30am	Advent 3. Eucharist followed by tea/coffee in the hall
Sun 22 Dec	9.30am	Advent 4. Carol Service with Eucharist followed by tea/coffee in the hall
Tues 24 Dec	11.00pm	Midnight Eucharist with carols
Sun 29 Dec	11.00am	Joint Eucharist at St Mary's
Sun 5 Jan	9.30am	Epiphany. Eucharist followed by tea/coffee in the hall

December Rotas

	<u>Reception</u>	<u>Intercessions</u>
Sun 1 Dec	Margaret Redpath	Margaret Gray
Sun 8 Dec	Christine Barker	Mike Baxter
Sun 15 Dec	Janette Turvey	Christine Barker
Sun 22 Dec	Mike Baxter	
Tues 24 Dec	Margaret Redpath	Mike Baxter
Sun 5 Jan 2025	Christine Barker	Margaret Gray

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December Events

.Sun 1 Dec	6.30pm	Taizé service in United Free Church
Sat 7 Dec	10.00am	St Margaret's AGM in Dickson Hall
Sat 7 Dec	12.30pm	Christmas lunch at the Golf Club
Mon 9 Dec	7.00pm	Auld Kirk Carol Concert
Tues 17 Dec	7.00pm	No Pew Needed. Christingle-making in Parish Church, followed by carol singing
Sun 5 Jan	6.30pm	Taizé service in St Margaret's 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.