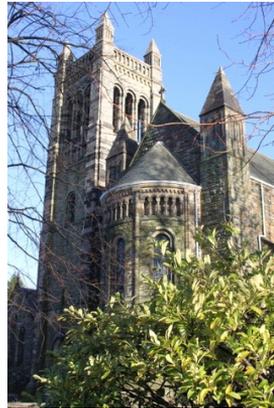


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**Summer suns are glowing over land and sea...  
.....all earth's thousand voices swell the psalm of praise.**

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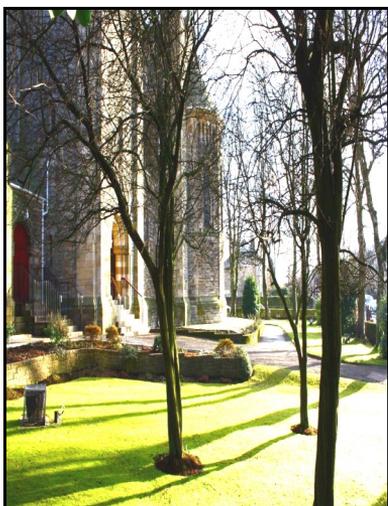
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## More young choristers



The choir was delighted to have three more junior members joining them on Sunday 19 June. The three girls had agreed with Angela and Kenneth Watson that it would be good to join Elliott and see what it was like to sing with the "big" choir.

It was therefore a great boost for the whole congregation when Martha Kamagusa and Esme and Margot Grant came to join the choir for the anthem and two hymns. We all look forward to the youngsters being with the choir on a regular basis.

## Forward Planning - dates for your diary

To assist your forward planning, you might like to note the following dates:

**Joint service for all churches in our South Region at St. Ninian's**  
Sunday 4 September at 10.15 am (note start time!)

### **Musical events on Sunday evenings:**

Sung Compline - 18 September (and, provisionally, 16 October)

Memorial concert for Nimmo Davidson - 2 October

Words and Music for Advent - 27 November

## Scott writes.....

By the time you read this, the news may have filtered through that the Scottish Episcopal Church has voted to proceed with the second reading of a canonical revision which would pave the way for those in the church who would wish to participate, to solemnise same-sex unions, i.e. marry gay couples. Obviously this is an issue which causes heated feelings and it came as no surprise to discover that the BBC were at the meeting to see if there were any fisticuffs – they were disappointed. The debate was, as you would hope, held in an attitude of mutual respect and a fair measure of dignity. The theological content of the debate was rather thin, however. This may be because the preparatory theological work done by the doctrinal committee had been completed last year. Maybe, though, it was because most people had already made up their minds. I don't know. But I did feel that, on the day, there was more passionate positioning than careful reflection. Certainly no one other than myself (I think!?) appeared to want to engage with the language of the new Canon itself. I can appreciate that people on both sides of the debate are probably fed up with just how long the process has taken, but that frustration shouldn't lead us to drop the ball, theologically speaking.



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Because theological questions remain. What I have in mind is not so much theological questions about the nature of marriage itself, but more about how we live with difference. Because the reality is, regardless of the decision made finally at next year's General Synod, we will have to learn to live together as a community of believers who will continue to hold different views on a variety of subjects. And it is this reality which needs to be reflected in our theological thinking.

In so saying, I'm not suggesting a kind of theological 'que sera sera', rather an appreciation of what George Newlands has called theological generosity. In his book, *Generosity and the Christian Future*, Newlands writes:

Jesus didn't say, "Blessed are they who always close ranks and never rock the boat." We can disagree and still respect each other. But internal discussion, pulling up the

drawbridge, is not enough. The church must be seen to be able to speak up for those who cannot speak up for themselves in our society – vulnerable people in the community. Christians believe that the grace of God is there for all humanity, at home and abroad. I suspect that the church will always be judged at every level on its record of care, caring effectively for those who are in deepest need of God’s love. That’s the tradition of the gospel. When it seems to care, the church will flourish.

Here, George helpfully links our ability or willingness to disagree with one another in the context of the larger mission of the church. Issues such as the one discussed at General Synod are clearly of significance but that significance pales against other fundamental issues that face our world today. Too often the church appears to be simply talking to itself and discussing its own internal agenda. That is to abrogate our responsibility to be salt and light in the world and to be the servant of all. As the Puritan, Richard Baxter put it, ‘Distance breedeth strangeness and fermenteth dividing flames and jealousies, which communion will prevent or cure.’ It may almost sound paradoxical, but I mean it when I say, God help us if we stop thinking theologically about what is really going on in our world at this time. God asks us to be distinctive, not distant.

**Scott**

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***Some thoughts on time:***

So much to do and so little time (White Rabbit to Alice)

Time is the friend of the wonderful company and the enemy of the mediocre (Warren Buffett)

Time is money (Benjamin Franklin)

The time is always right to do what is right (Martin Luther King)

## **Around St Margaret's July - August 2016**

### **Organ recitals**

The organ recital on 22 May with its varied programme of music by James MacMillan, Bach, Buxtehude, Maxwell Davies and Elgar, was thoroughly enjoyed by those attending.

### **Second Sunday concerts**

The concert on 12 June, the last of the current season, drew a large audience to hear cellist Elias Rooney performing sonatas by Beethoven and Brahms, with pianist Norman Beedie. The piano accompaniment was a good foil to the cello playing, which was exquisite.

The concert series recommences on 11 September, when an outstanding group of performers from the Royal Scottish National Orchestra will perform Schubert's Octet.

### **Choral Evensong 26 June**

The choir will be joining with the congregation of Sherbrooke St Gilbert's Pollokshields on Sunday evening 26 June at 6.30. Please go along and support the choir.

### **Christian Aid**

Thank you to all who contributed to the Christian Aid Retiring Collections at church during May. The sum of £125 has been sent to Christian Aid.

### **Thanks from Ann Dargie**

Many loving thanks to all who sent cards and visited me at my unfortunate stay in hospital. Hope to see you all soon. *Ann Dargie*

### **Property**

Members will hopefully have noticed that the entrance door to the hall has been wonderfully refurbished. It looks exceedingly smart and we are very grateful to our joiner David and his team for repairing the door, but particular thanks go to Douglas Pearson who has stripped and varnished the door and surround... a lengthy task!

### **Grass cutting .....**

Thank you to those who have kept the grass cut this year so far. There are still fortnightly slots to be filled for the rest of the summer; please do what you can to help.

### **.....and weeding - help!**

Like the grass, weeds grow and at present they appear to be making a takeover bid for the flower bed. Volunteers are urgently required to help to keep the borders round the church and in the Garden of Rest free of weeds. If anyone is willing to help, either speak to Maida or just go ahead, choose a patch and weed it!



### **2020 Vision**

The Vestry meeting on 15 June agreed the protocols which would apply to evaluating projects. Three projects are already in the 'pipe line' for consideration, and groups looking at the areas of creative arts and social inclusion will be meeting over the summer to consider other projects which might be supported.

### **Glasgow Children's Holiday Scheme - Anniversary Service 4 June**

*Ann Rawson writes:* St Margaret's hosted a very successful, well-attended event on Saturday 4 June. This was a Service of Thanksgiving for the 60th anniversary of the Glasgow Children's Holiday scheme. (We support their Christmas Appeal by our Toy collection each November).

Douglas Wilson, the scheme organiser thanked Scott for his co-operation and expertise in helping to plan the service.

Richard Holloway, who helped with the scheme in the 1950s when Lillas Graham began it, delivered a poignant sermon; he could also thank the scheme for enabling him to meet his wife Jean!

Aidan Smith's musical items were greatly appreciated. Also, testimonies from various, now grown-up, child recipients of the holidays, vouched for the life-affirming experience of the scheme. (Some children didn't know what a holiday was).

A wonderful spread was provided by Colette Foord and her helpers.

### **Items for church website**

The church website is [episcopalnewlands.co.uk](http://episcopalnewlands.co.uk) and has recently had a makeover. If you have any items or information which you would like to have put on the church website, please send them to Juliet in the church office, and she will arrange for the website to be updated.

### **Stewarding and counting rotas for July to December**

Ajit has prepared the rotas for the 6 months from July to December; they are on green sheets ; please pick yours up from the back of the church.

### **Days for Girls**

Issy Sanderson has written from Poppleton to say that the event she organised in York Minster earlier this year was a great success, with over



200 people taking part and helping to make the simple and effective girls' sanitary kits which help to ensure that girls in Africa can get proper education.

The picture shows Issy's friend Ruth at her ironing board in the magnificent setting of the Minster.

### **Saint Margaret's work for Fair Trade**

Liz Bryce reminds us she and her helpers will continue to provide the weekly stall through the summer months and look forward to seeing you all. Don't forget to let her know if there are things you would like us to stock.

We shall be at Newlands Gala Day as usual in September. This year the date is Saturday 3 September, from 2 to 4pm and there will be extra attractions namely a music tent with entertainment featuring several local community choirs including those run by Angela and Kenneth Watson.

### **Eco congregation network**

*Jan MacDonald writes:* There are 2 network events planned this summer, and I hope you'll be able to join us.

### **Visit to the new Viridor Glasgow Recycling & Renewal Energy Centre at Polmadie on Wednesday 29th June at 2.30pm.**



Karen Peer, the Community Benefits Officer at Polmadie will take us through a 1 hour presentation about the plant, which will hopefully make handling of household waste in the city a much more environmentally friendly and sustainable process. If you would like to come please let me know as there is a limit of 14 places. Please meet at the Visitor Centre at 2.25pm. The pedestrian entrance is at the right hand side of the hoardings around site boundary on Polmadie Road, next to Glasgow City Council's Recycling Centre. The visitors Centre is on the right hand side as you enter the site through the pedestrian entrance. The full address is 425 Polmadie Road, G42 0PJ. There is no on-site parking, although you might find spaces in surrounding streets.

### **Guided Walk in the Seven Lochs Wetland Park on Sunday 21st August, meeting at Easterhouse train station, 2pm.**

Claire Quinn will be taking us on a guided walk of approximately 2 hours from Bishop Loch Local Nature Reserve to Drumpellier Country Park. There is a small car park at Easterhouse train station if required (Queen Street line). This is a linear walk so we will catch a train back from Blairhill to Easterhouse at the end. The whole walk from Easterhouse station to Blairhill station is about 4.5/5 miles, so two and a half hours gives us plenty of time for those who walk at a slower pace and also time to take in the views and come of the cultural history. There are no toilets along the route, including at both stations so I would advise walkers to go before they come to the meeting point. Good sturdy footwear is recommended.

The paths/

The paths are all good quality and the route is relatively flat, with a couple of long slopes in places.

You can see more information here:

<http://www.gcvgreennetwork.gov.uk/seven-lochs-wetland-park/introduction>

<http://sevenlochs.org/interactive-map> - we'll be walking along the bottom bit - Bishop & Drumpellier.

Again, please let me know if you intend to come, so I can let Claire know.

### **Knit and Nat**

We are starting a Knit and Nat time for anyone interested. We intend to meet on the 3rd Thursday of every month starting on Thursday 18 August 2016. We will meet in church (please enter by the Newlands Road door) from 10am - 12.30pm. Coffee and tea will be provided. Please bring your knitting, sewing, crocheting and any other wops (works in progress) or just come and enjoy some company and chat.

If you are interested in coming or would like to help, please speak to either Revd Maggie McTernan or Jenny Whelan. We hope to be able to assist with transport for anyone who needs it. All suggestions welcome.

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The highest perfection does not consist in sublime raptures, nor in visions, but in bringing our will into such conformity with the will of God, that whatever we know he desires, that shall be our desire.

*St Teresa of Avila*

## **SEC marriage canon**

As you will probably be aware the General Synod passed the first reading of a revised canon on marriage, receiving a simple majority in each house, ie house of bishops, house of clergy and house of laity.

Last year's Synod voted to remove from the canon the doctrinal statement that "marriage is a physical, spiritual and mystical union of one man and one woman created by their mutual consent of heart, mind and will thererto, and is a holy and lifelong estate instituted by God", and instructed the Faith and Order Board to prepare a new canon for first reading this year.

The new canon removes the doctrinal statement, refers to the fact that there are differing understandings of the nature of marriage in this church (ie the SEC), states that marriage is to be solemnised strictly in accordance with the law of Scotland, and provides a conscience clause that "no cleric of this church shall be obliged to conduct any marriage against their conscience".

The revised canon will now go to dioceses for discussion and will then come back to next year's Synod, where it will require a two thirds majority in each house if it is to be approved. The subject of marriage, whether heterosexual or same sex, is one which touches people at a deep level and on which strong opinions are held; next year's diocesan Synod is therefore a critical opportunity for the views of members of St Margaret's to be taken into account in the debate. The Vestry is keen that members of St Margaret's have an opportunity to discuss the issues so that when I attend the diocesan Synod as our Lay Rep, I may fairly represent our views.

It is hoped to give the congregation an opportunity to discuss the topic later in the year, probably using the same format as for the discussion of the 2020 vision project, with the same programme running on three separate occasions to allow as many people as possible to contribute to the discussion.

*Jim Gibson*

## July - August Diary of events

### July

- Sun 3rd Pentecost 7  
Tues 5th "Short and Sweet" Reflection 7pm  
Sun 10th Pentecost 8  
Sun 17th Pentecost 9  
Sun 24th Pentecost 10  
Sun 31st Pentecost 11

### August

- Tues 2nd "Short and Sweet" Reflection  
7pm  
Sun 7th Pentecost 12  
Sun 14th Pentecost 13  
Sun 21st Pentecost 14  
Sun 28th Pentecost 15

**Morning and Evening Prayer**  
at 9.00am and 5.30pm on  
Monday, Wednesday,  
Thursday and Friday.

**Tuesday mornings**  
**Holy Communion 10am**

**Rector's hour**  
Wednesdays at 6pm at the  
church (except 17 August).

## Readings for July and August

- 3 July        Isaiah 66: 10-14; Galatians 6: 1-6; Luke 10: 1-11, 16-20
- 10 July        Deut. 30: 9-14; Colossians 1: 1-14; Luke 10: 25-37
- 17 July        Genesis 18: 1-10a; Colossians 1: 15-28; Luke 10: 38-42
- 24 July        Genesis 18: 20-32; Colossians 2: 6-19; Luke 11: 1-13
- 31 July        Ecclesiastes 1: 2, 12-14, 2: 18-23; Colossians 3: 1-11;  
Luke 12: 13-21
- 7 August        Genesis 15: 1-6; Hebrews 11.: 1-3, 8-16; Luke 12: 32-40
- 14 August        Jeremiah 23: 23-29; Hebrews 11:29 - 12:2; Luke 12: 49-56
- 21 August        Isaiah 58: 9b-14; Hebrews 12: 18-29; Luke 13: 10-17

## General Synod 2016 – Unity and Diversity

*The Synod met from 9 to 11 June at St Paul's and St George's Church in Edinburgh, and again showed the wealth of activity within the Scottish Episcopal Church. Here is an A-Z of my impressions and some of the issues discussed.*

**Anglican Communion.** We are one of 38 Provinces in the Communion. Its structure is complex, the nature of the relationships within it is complicated but fragile, and current issues threaten to divide us. The Communion is hugely significant and it is important that we walk together, rather than walking away or walking out.

**Budget.** The budget for 2017 shows expenditure of £1,866,000 and is expected to show a surplus of £600. There are challenges ahead, especially in regard to the funding of curates and reinstatement of building grants, but there have been large underspends in the last few years, and so we were encouraged to make sure that we spend the money for Mission.



**Columba.** We assembled on Columba day 9 June and were reminded of the heritage of our faith, the energy of the Celtic church, and Columba's zeal for mission.

**Debates.** As well as reports of activity by the various committees there were debates on the proposed changes to the marriage canon and on Church and Society issues. The debates were conducted with passion but in a good spirit and with respect.

**Ecumenical.** The Synod was attended by representatives of other denominations, Bishop Mark had attended the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland in May and Rev John McPake brought us greetings from the Church of Scotland. Our Committee for Relations with People of other Faiths (CRPOF) exists to help the SEC deepen its mission in the context of the increasing diversity of faith communities in Scotland.

**Formation.** The work of the newly formed Scottish Episcopal Institute (SEI) in training curates is going well and we were delighted to hear of the large number of new students starting this September, many under the age of 35.

**Grosvenor Essays.** These are a series of booklets produced by the Doctrine Committee looking at aspects of faith. Booklet number 12 on Prayer and Spirituality has just been published and is commended for our study.

**Hope.** I attended a lunchtime session run by Place for Hope, a recently established charity to help churches and charities deal with the challenges of conflict and tension. So often conflict is dealt with by legislation or suppression, whereas Place for Hope views it positively and as a sign that people care.

**Information and Communication committee.** The committee produces the “Inspires” magazine and the fortnightly update “Inspires online” (more subscribers will be welcome!), and its report focussed on what we as a national church should be communicating to the world, and, more importantly, how.

**Joy.** We had a number of presentations in which students, young people and church members clearly demonstrated their joy in believing, and which challenged us to action.

**Kitchen.** The Primus was delighted to announce that John Kitchen, who is the City of Edinburgh organist and who helped us with our organ refurbishment, has been awarded an MBE in the Queen’s Birthday honours.

**Living Wage.** The Church and Society committee presented a motion about this topic and there was a lively debate. The issue is not straightforward, and we were reminded about the impact that any increase will have on the ability of, for example, care homes to continue to operate when they are already facing a shortage of funding.

**Marriage.** The proposed revised canon on marriage was passed on its first reading and now goes to dioceses for debate before coming back to next year’s synod for a second reading, where it will require a two thirds majority in all three houses of bishops, clergy and laity. This may not be straightforward to obtain.

**Nourishment.** We were reminded that our speech should be seasoned with salt (Colossians 4.6) and should help to build others up (Ephesians 4.29); this applies especially to the realm of social media, where a lot of comments in recent months have been hurtful and anything but Christian.

**Outreach.** There is a lot happening across the Province and by way of illustration we saw presentations of the new initiatives at St Oswald's in Glasgow, St Luke's Café Church in Dundee and a new lease of life at St Andrew's Rothesay.

**Primus.** Bishop David in his charge at the start of Synod reminded us that "we are not trying to please men but God who tests our hearts" (1 Thessalonians 2.4). To do this we are to preach the gospel and respond to others with grace and generosity, for we are called to exercise compassion, pursue justice and honour difference.

**Quota.** The Province's budgeted income from investments and miscellaneous items in 2017 is £1,146,000. Provincial quota makes up the difference and the figure for 2017 was set at £720,000, of which our diocese's share is £161,000.

**Refugees.** The refugee crisis was firmly on the agenda and the Synod offering was in support of Christian Aid's work with refugees. We heard moving presentations about the work of Scottish Faiths Action For Refugees, what refugees are most concerned about and some practical points on how we can help.

**Science.** The public tends to think that there is a great divide between Science and Religion, and the views of well known atheists like Richard Dawkins are too easily accepted. "Grasping the Nettle" is an interdenominational Scottish initiative which focusses on the theme of science and God. It has produced a study group package called "The God Question", which certainly looks worth investing in.

**Trident.** Another motion from the Church and Society Committee proposed that we call on HM Government to cancel the renewal programme for Trident, on the grounds that it is a huge expense and the money could better be used elsewhere. This was far too complex a subject to deal with in a 20 minute slot, as indicated by the large number of abstentions, and the motion was defeated.

**UNCSW.** The initials stand for the UN Commission on the Status of Women. We heard an excellent presentation from Rachel Fraser, recently graduated from St Andrews, and who has grown up through the SEC's youth camps. She had attended this year's session of the Commission and spoke passionately on what it had meant to her. The theme had been women's empowerment and its link to Sustainable Development Goals; "God remembers the least, the lost and the left out".

**Video.** This was the medium for many of the presentations at the Synod. As well as being a business forum, Synod tries to show what is happening in the Province and to engage in current issues in Society. The presentations were professional and effective.

**Worship.** Worship is central; Synod starts with a Eucharist and we have morning and evening prayer. This year's format was more "traditional" in style, with its use of responsive psalms, but as ever was uplifting and set the tone for our deliberations.

**X factor.** It is up to us to get involved; Bishop Kevin urged us to "be the change you want to be".

**Youth.** The annual "Glen" summer youth camps are a key part of our youth strategy and succeed in getting youngsters well and truly involved in the life of the church. The video presentation and interviews which we heard on the Saturday morning were inspirational and certainly enabled us to go away with a spring in our step.

**Zambia.** One of the "Instruments of Communion" of the Anglican Communion is the Anglican Consultative Council, which meets every three years. ACC-16 met this year in Lusaka, the capital of Zambia, and we heard from Alistair Dinnie about his experience of fellowship and spiritual renewal. They got through a lot of business (45 resolutions covering 15 pages!) and he described it as "bewildering, frustrating and inspiring". The tag line for the conference was "God is good, all the time".....

..... so that seems an appropriate thought with which to finish this report !

*Jim Gibson*

## Michael's musical summer

A number of members of the congregation have been kind enough to enquire about my summer plans this year - so I thought I'd jot down a few of the musical projects that will occupy me over the summer months. No trips to India, France or the United States this year, but plenty of varied and enjoyable projects will fill up my time - which is the way I like to spend the months when my regular choral and teaching commitments are 'en vacances'.

First, at the end of June, I will again head to the St Magnus Festival in Orkney, a regular stamping ground for the past 8 or so years. This year, I will be giving a late-night organ recital at St Magnus Cathedral - a stunning red-stone church built in the 1100s and still a focal point for all sorts of activities in Orkney. This year's festival will be tinged with sadness following the death in March of its founder and guiding spirit, Sir Peter Maxwell Davies.

After a fortnight's R&R in Naples and Amalfi, I head to southern Germany for a week to play organ with the London Symphony Orchestra as part of the Audi-sponsored summer concert series in Ingolstadt, their corporate HQ. After a brief return to the UK, I head back to Holland in early August to give an organ recital as part of a festival at the Basilica in Meerssen, near Maastricht. I then have two appearances at the Edinburgh Fringe, playing and conducting, and will also be performing at the Usher Hall with the RSNO in a Festival performance of Elgar's "The Apostles". Two Proms follow with the BBC SSO at the Royal Albert Hall in London.

September of course brings a return to 'normal service' at St Margaret's: the choir will sing at St Ninian's on Sunday 4 September, and the Second Sunday Concert Series will restart on 11 September with performance of Schubert's incredible Octet by players from the RSNO. For me, September also includes recitals at St Andrew's University and a very exciting trip to Brisbane to work alongside conductors from the UK, USA and Australia on a choral project at Queensland Conservatorium. Variety is the spice of life, as they say - and I am very lucky to be able to

combine my love of music with that of travel. Thank you to my organist colleagues who will cover my absences over the summer. I hope you all have an equally enjoyable, musical summer, wherever you are!

*Michael Bawtree*

## **Tales of Iona - calling all computer gamers!**

Tales of Iona is an innovative and free game-based learning experience for upper Primary and lower Secondary learners created by the University of Aberdeen School of Education in conjunction with Hyper Luminal Games



LTD on behalf of the Iona Cathedral Trust: a Scottish charity (SC017989) which seeks to “to advance the education of the public in relation to the history, culture, and heritage of Iona Cathedral and the Island of Iona”.

The University development team, comprising Professor Do Coyle, Katrina Foy, Aloyise Mulligan, and Dr David Smith (Principal Investigator / Project Lead), sought to create through collaboration with Hyper Luminal Games LTD a relevant learning experience, which would combine clear pedagogical principles with the best of contemporary electronic game design.

The game-based learning experience has been designed to support learning both inside and outside a classroom setting.

Google “Tales of Iona” to find out more!

*(The Editor will be interested to receive feedback from players).*

## Intercessions



Let us listen for your word, that still small voice of calm....

We thank you Lord, for all those have loved us dearly; for all parental figures in our lives that showed us your love. Thank you for those who have stepped into the role when others were absent; step-fathers and uncles, brothers, teachers and coaches. Thank you, Lord for our fathers and grandfathers who have mirrored your love in our lives, and we lift up to you, those fathers who have passed on.

We lift up to you, Lord, all those who have had difficult relationships with their fathers, for those who were harmed by them and others, who should have loved them. We ask for your healing.

*Lord, hear us..... Lord, graciously hear us.*

We pray for our church, this place where we gather to reaffirm and renew our faith. We thank you for the love, support, advice and knowledge-sharing that we experience here. We give thanks for the ministry of Scott, Maggie and Charlotte. We thank you for the commitment of those on our vestry, who lead our groups and teams in the church, who organise rotas and the editor and contributors to our church magazine.

*Lord, hear us..... Lord, graciously hear us.*

As we approach the EU Referendum this week, gives us the patience to listen to all sides of the debate and wisdom to guide our choices. May we have the courage to act according to our faith; your word. Let us celebrate ethnic and social diversity. Let us like you, delight in diversity and challenges.

We pray for the family of Jo Cox, comfort them Lord through their grieving. May we be inspired by those who work for the common good. Let us honour their memory through hopeful, optimistic courage and endeavour. We pray for all those whose work puts them in the front line and who may bear the brunt of anger, hatred, frustration and therefore risk violence. We ask for your blessing and safe keeping of our politicians, those in the emergency services, health workers and social workers.

We pray for Thomas Mair. We remember that Christ died for all and that none are cut off from his grace despite the 'demons' that appear to possess them.

*Lord, hear us..... Lord, graciously hear us.*

We wake each day to a world that can fill us with fear, but you are always in our world Lord, alongside us. The armour of Christ enables us to confront crises. You enable us to stand our ground. We ask for liberation from war, poverty and injustice not just for ourselves but for *all* your peoples.

*Lord, hear us..... Lord, graciously hear us.*

We thank you Lord for the safe return to Earth of Tim Peake, for his safe-keeping through the six months of his space mission and for all the scientists, engineers, technicians and ground staff working for the International Space Station whose work to advance our better knowledge and understanding of our world, will help us appreciate and care for your beautiful 'blue planet'.

*Lord, hear us..... Lord, graciously hear us.*

Christ the healer, be with all who are sick, bring your healing of mind and body to them. We thank you for the gifts of knowledge and healing imparted to doctors, nurses, health professionals and researchers. We pray that you will continue to work through them, support and guide them that they may continue to restore health and ease suffering.

May we have no fear of death believing that in Christ our fears are shed. You have known fear and suffering on the cross and we trust in your promises, that we will never be forsaken. We pray for those who have passed on from this world, now at peace in your kingdom, in everlasting life. Help us not to be sad, but glad for them, let us give thanks for their life, given by You.

*Lord, hear us..... Lord, graciously hear us.*

Sometimes we are afraid to make that first move; Spirit of Life, call us out of our fear into hope.

Sometimes we think the past is better simply because it is what we know; Spirit of Life, call us into the unknown, to move without fear into the newness of God's love.

Sometimes we go with the flow because it is too hard to challenge the status quo; Spirit of Life, call us into Your ways of love and justice.

Holy Spirit, call us into this time of worship, to be transformed by Your love and grace.

Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen. *Jan MacDonald (19 June)*

## Puzzle corner

### Sudoku

Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3 x 3 box contains the letters JULYSWARM

		A	L	R	M	Y		
	M		S		A		R	
				A				
A			J		Y			R
	U		W		S		Y	
R		L	U		J	W		S
U								Y
Y		W				A		U

### Double jointed

Complete these pairs of Biblical names. The last two letters of the first name are the first two letters of the second name. For example : Archangel / Priest would be Gabriel / Eli

Whale dweller / Enemy of Elijah

His coast would be enlarged / Prophet

Favourite son / Short NT book

Devoted daughter in law / Friend of Luke

Descendant of Herod / Island of Revelation

Answers in September!



## *The Last Word*

Two senior Whitehall civil servants were discussing candidates for a vacant bishopric. One referred to a candidate who it was known had been hoping for preferment for some years but had so far been unsuccessful. "Yes," said the other, "Long time, no see!"

### **St Margaret of Scotland, Newlands**



#### **Service details**

##### **Sundays**

9.00am Said Eucharist  
10.30am Sung Eucharist,  
Crèche, Sunday School & Youth Group

##### **Tuesdays**

10.00 am Holy Communion

##### **Morning and Evening Prayer**

**Mon, Wed, Thu and Fri 9.00am and 5.30pm**

For other services not listed please see Diary inside

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