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No rubbish here at St Margaret's!



Some of our members visiting the new Polmadie recycling centre

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A warm welcome to St Margaret's

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Oops!

Due to printer's gremlins in the last issue, the readings appointed for 28 August failed to appear, and Page 3 mysteriously reappeared on page 22, but was numbered as Page 2! This meant that the real page 22, the Puzzle Corner page, was omitted; it appears on Page 22 in this issue. Apologies.

Provincial Safeguarding event

Saturday 3 September 11am to 4pm at St Margaret's

This will focus on adult protection. The Vestry encourages all who require to be on the adult PVG register to take part in some training.

Regional Council Joint service

This will take place at St Ninian's (1 Albert Drive), but on **Sunday 11 September**, not on Sunday 4th as previously advised, due to a cycle race taking place on the 4th which would cause considerable traffic problems.

Please do come along to St Ninian's, as it is a good opportunity to share in worship with our brothers and sisters elsewhere on the South side of Glasgow.

Please also note that the service will start at **10.15am**, not 10.30. The 9am Said Eucharist will take place at St Margaret's as normal.

Scott writes.....



As I write, we are in the early and already dramatic stages of the Olympic Games. The build up to the games has been dogged, as you know, by controversy, focussed chiefly on the activity of the Russian delegation and its apparently state sanctioned doping programme. Only yesterday, on the second full day of the games, came the announcement that, although Russian competitors will take part in the Olympics, there will be no Russian Paralympians allowed to compete later this month. The whole sorry affair highlights the pressure to succeed at all costs in the minds of some in the Russian political scene. What has occurred is that the original meaning of the word 'cheat' has been applied. Our word 'cheat' has its roots in the word 'escheat', a legal term to indicate that the state has taken over the estate of someone who has no heir. The state doping programme has made it impossible for any Russian athlete to be sure of his or her own inherent right to freely compete. This has been taken into the hands of the state, and has left the sporting authorities and particularly the International Olympic Committee with questions to ask about its own procedures and, indeed, its own integrity.

Of course, there will be those who will say, 'What did you expect? This is the way of the world. To win, you have to be ruthless, and if that means cheating, so be it.' Some have gone so far as to suggest that there should be two forms of competition - one for those who are clean and the other for those who dope. This is to submit to the worst form of cynicism. It seems to me that the whole point of sport is not so much to win, but to excel. Excellence doesn't mean simply winning. I find it terribly moving when I see competitors who haven't a hope of a medal still giving it everything they've got and being elated when they get over the line. That, for me, is the essence of any sporting activity. And, of course, it reflects well on how we should approach life more generally.

In his letter to the Corinthian Church, St Paul talks of running in order to get the prize. This, on the face of it, appears to follow the 'win at all costs' attitude, which, as I've said, is misguided. But what is the prize? What is the goal? If nothing else, it is surely to excel. It is to recognise the race for what it is and to give it everything you've got. And what is the race? Nothing less than your own life. As soon as we lose sight of that, then we find ourselves compromised. We find ourselves cutting corners and finding ways to avoid the challenges that life can and often does present. But we can't avoid the challenges without missing out on the joys and the successes. The two go together. There can be no compartmentalising of life. We can't, to use a doping analogy, switch samples.

Success in life isn't about winning. It is about waking up to the fact that life is there to be lived. The race is there to be run. That is why the Paralympic movement is such an inspiration to millions around the world, and it is why we should condemn the Russian authorities (as the IPC President, Sir Philip Craven, has done in no uncertain terms) for tarnishing not only the image of sport but casting a shadow over the extraordinary efforts of those who overcome so much in order to display to the world what is truly excellent about being alive.

Scott

Register

Wedding *"And Jesus was present at the wedding" (John 2.4)*

7 August Richard Jack and Sarah Milne



Around St Margaret's September 2016

Choral events

The choir will be singing Sung Compline on Sunday 18 September at 6.30. Please come and support them.

Forthcoming events include Sung Compline on 16 October (provisional date) and Words and Music for Advent on 27 November.

Summer choir

Although the choir does not formally meet during the summer, a number of choir members have been sitting together at the summer 10.30 services, and this has undoubtedly helped the quality of the singing at the services. Thank you, choristers!

Second Sunday concerts

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

Fond farewell

We were sorry to say goodbye to Stephen and Katherine Mann, with Ruaridh, Elliott and Jenna on 27 June. They are moving to the Bristol area as Stephen is starting a new job at the Hinkley Point power station. We have appreciated their presence with us over the last three years or so and wish them all the best in their new surroundings.

Summer music

An appreciative audience gathered in church on Saturday evening 13 August to hear Ana Cordova, double bass, and Alberto Menendez, French Horn play an enchanting selection of music. The performers are colleagues of Paul Sutherland and they are preparing to take part in an international music competition in Munich in September; St Margaret's was pleased to offer them the opportunity of an "open rehearsal" space.

We heard part of Hofmeister's double bass concerto, Schumann's Adagio and Allegro, and pieces by Widmann, Hindemith and Koussevitsky. The

piano accompaniments were performed superbly by Liivi Arder from Estonia.

Variations on the sermon

The summer services have seen a more informal style of sermon, with members of the congregation sharing their thoughts on the readings for the day. On 7 August Colin Fraser took the Gospel passage from Luke 12. 32-40 where Jesus tells the disciples to have their lamps lit. He referred to Ronald Sider's book 'Rich Christians in an age of Hunger' as the inspiration for his political involvement and challenged us to live as strangers in a foreign land.

On 14 August Scott interviewed Naomi Browell. She told us a bit about herself; she has Welsh origins (but having lived in America as a child her accent is deceptive), she finds St Margaret's welcoming but could wish for a few more folk her own age! She commented on Luke 12. 49-56 where Jesus says that he has come to bring not peace but division. We cannot sit on the fence, and in her mind key issues for the church are climate change and identity; we are to get off the sidelines and become involved in the community.

Fair trade team use their LOAF

More than a dozen Fair Trade supporters gathered on 18 August at Liz and Dave Bryce's home for a pot luck supper, bringing food following the LOAF principles (Locally sourced, Organically Produced and Animal Friendly). Conversations ranged widely over social and environmental issues and thoughts were shared about how to improve the church garden and develop the Fair Trade work at St Margaret's. Watch this space...!

Thank you to grass cutters.....

Thanks to those who have kept the grass cut over the summer. The rota for grass cutting is at the back of the church, so if there is a vacant slot between now and the end of the season, so please do take a turn.

.....and weeders

Thank you to the many people who have helped to keep the church garden free of weeds; it makes an appreciable difference.....but the weeds keep on growing, so don't let up!

Knit and Natter has started

We are starting a Knit and Natter time for anyone interested. We meet on the 3rd Thursday of every month in church (please enter by the Newlands Road door) from 10am - 12.30pm. Coffee and tea is 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.

Newlands Gala Fun Day

Saturday 3 September 2 to 4pm

We shall be at Newlands Gala Day (in Newlands Park) with our Fair Trade stall; there will also be extra attractions namely a music tent with entertainment featuring several local community choirs including those run by Angela and Kenneth Watson. John and Linda Fisher will also be there with their stall for Sukhita child.

Doors Open day

Gerry Wells writes: St Margaret's is again taking part in Glasgow Doors Open Day this year. The church will be open over three days - Friday 16th to Sunday 18th September - from 10am to 4pm - welcoming visitors to share in the beauty of our building.

We are now seeking volunteers to help steward on these days; a rota sheet will be placed at the back of the church. We would like to have a minimum of two people per two hour slot. The main task of stewards is in providing a warm welcome - we can all do this! Stewards do not need to be greatly knowledgeable about the history or architecture of the building. We have a very good guide booklet about the church and this will be offered to all who visit.

Visitors will have seen our entry in the Doors Open Day programme found at <http://www.glasgowdoorsopendays.com/> and may have seen our full entry on the open day web site at <http://glasgowdoorsopenday.com/event/st-margarets-episcopal-church/>

If you would like to know any more about this please let me know.

Thailand here I come.....

Kirsty Fraser writes: After an intense training week filled with activities, information and lots of laughs, I can now confirm I will be travelling to Thailand on the 9th of September to start my year-long adventure overseas! I will be teaching in three schools in North East Thailand in a town called "Kut Chum". I'm so excited to throw myself into something entirely new and learn all about Thailand and its wonderful culture. Thanks again to every single person who helped me get to this point and has supported me with my fundraising. I am very grateful.

Millport

The Editor writes: Maida and I attended a summer evensong at the Cathedral of the Isles in Millport on 6 August (also the Feast of the Transfiguration). The Cathedral looked magnificent with its newly repainted ceiling and refurbished lighting. The choir was strengthened by a number of others from other churches in the Diocese and the congregation was delighted to offer congratulations to Alistair Chisholm, organist at the Cathedral, who has recently been awarded an MBE. Bishop Idris preached the sermon, giving a potted history of the Cathedral and reminding us that having seen Jesus on the mountain top we are called to go back down into the valley and get on with helping others.

The Cathedral of the Isles is distinctive in its design, having been built by William Butterfield and is conveniently situated just behind the Garrison building on the seafront. Millport is a favourite destination for a day trip, and if you have not visited the Cathedral, it is well worth a visit.

Pantheon Theatre

Liz Bryce reminds us that the Club is performing "Lovers", by Brian Friel from Tuesday 13 to Saturday 17 September at Websters Theatre (416 Great Western Road; formerly Lansdowne Parish Church, opposite Kelvinbridge underground station). Set in 1960's Ireland, it is described as a bittersweet duo of complementary one act plays ("Winners" and "Losers"), long established as a classic in the genre. Tickets are available from Liz or via the Webster Box Office (0141 357 4000).

Scotland's Churches Trust

The trust exists to promote understanding of and engagement with Scotland's rich ecclesiastical heritage. The trust's annual John Hume Lecture offers a view of differing styles and types of churches throughout Scotland. This year's lecture takes place at St George's Tron Parish Church on Thursday 29 September at 6.30pm (tea and coffee available from 6pm) and will be given by Professor Ian Campbell, University of Edinburgh on the topic "House of God, House of the Assembly: Why churches come in different shapes and sizes". All welcome.

Memorial concert for Nimmo

Paisley Philharmonic Choir, with pupils from Hutchesons' Grammar School, will present a memorial concert for Nimmo Davidson at St Margaret's on Saturday 2 October at 7pm. The programme includes music by Vivaldi, Faure, Handel and Strauss. Proceeds from the concert will be donated to the Ciaran Pryce appeal and the Multiple Sclerosis Society. Tickets available at the door £10.

Save the date - Remembrance Sunday Concert in Greenlaw

Hugh MacDonald is organising a concert in the borders village of Greenlaw on Sunday 13 November at 3.30pm. Hugh's mother, who died earlier this year, lived in Greenlaw and the concert will include works by Frederick Kelly, who was billeted in Greenlaw and was killed on 13 November 1916, during the Battle of The Somme. More details next month.

Notes from Diocese and Province

Saturday 10 September - "Healing Ministry - for us and for our churches....."

10am - 1pm, St. Oswald's Church, Maybole, followed by lunch.

Prayer for healing should be and may be part of the life of our

churches. This workshop, run by Les Ireland, healing advisor for the Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway, looks at the issues involved, the practicalities, and how we might making healing more part of the life of our churches, as well as giving opportunity for anyone to receive prayer for healing.

The programme will contain sessions on Healing and the issues involved, Practicalities for the healing ministry, and Worship including prayer for healing.

Everyone – clergy and lay is welcome. Details from Les Ireland (Les949@btinternet.com; 0141 776 3866.)

Companion Partnerships' Day Saturday 1st October 2016

The Nuts and Bolts of Effective Companion Partnerships; how to begin, how to grow together and how to part.

The Global Partnerships Committee (formerly Overseas Committee) of the Scottish Episcopal Church invites all across the Province who are involved in Companion Partnerships or thinking of getting involved in a Companion Partnership to a workshop gathering. There will be presentations on setting up a link and we will be making space for participants to share their experience of Companion Partnership so that we can learn from each other. Venue: The Threshold Centre, Princes Street, Perth, PH2 8LJ 10.00am for 10.30am till 3pm. A soup and sandwich lunch will be provided plus teas and coffees.

The Scottish Churches Disability Group (SCDG) Conference

The group promotes the inclusion of people with disabilities in all aspects of church life. People from all Christian denominations come together to share good practice in their churches. All are welcome to attend SCDG's autumn conference, this year held jointly with Edinburgh and Lothians Roofbreakers Network. The event will be held at Davidson's Mains Church, Edinburgh, on Saturday, 1st October, from 11am to 3.30pm. Further information is available from Barbara Graham SCDG Secretary barbara.graham74@btinternet.com 01563-522108.

September Diary of events

- Sat 3rd Newlands Gala Fun Day Newlands Park 2pm to 4pm
- Sun 4th Pentecost 16
- Tues 6th Holy Communion 10am
Short and Sweet" Reflection 7pm
- Wed 7th Rector's Hour 6pm
Vestry 7.30pm
- Sun 11th Pentecost 17
Second Sunday concert in the church 3.30pm
Players from the RSNO - Schubert's Octet
- Tues 13th Holy Communion 10am
- Wed 14th Rector's Hour 6pm
- Thu 15th Knit and Natter 10am to 12.30pm
- Fri 16th Doors Open Day - church open 10am to 4pm
- Sat 17th Doors Open Day - church open 10am to 4 pm
- Sun 18th Pentecost 18
Doors Open Day - church open 10am to 4pm
Sung Compline 6.30pm
- Tues 20th Holy Communion 10am
- Wed 21st Rector's Hour 6pm
- Sun 25th Pentecost 19
- Tues 27th Holy Communion 10am
- Wed 28th Rector's Hour 6pm
- Thu 29th Church and The Academy, 4 The Square, Glasgow University,
Speaker - Rev Nicholas Taylor on Jerusalem and Palestine
- Sat 2nd October Memorial concert for Nimmo Davidson 7pm**

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

Readings for September

4 September Pentecost 16	Deuteronomy 30: 15-20 Philemon 1-21 Luke 14: 25-33
11 September Pentecost 17	Exodus 32: 7-14 1 Timothy 1: 12-17 Luke 15: 1-10
18 September Pentecost 18	Amos 8: 4-7 1 Timothy 2: 1-7 Luke 16: 1-13
25 September Pentecost 19	Amos 6: 1a, 4-7 1 Timothy 6: 6-19 Luke 16: 19-31

Sunday teams	Sep 4	Sep 11	Sep 18	Sep 25
Counters	G Ward	S	S Grant	R Norris
	J Whiteside	T	J Gibson	F Evans
Stewards	J Whelan	N	A Rawson	P Laird
	M Norris	I	E McIndoe	M Davidson
Reader	J Gray	N	G Wells	A Panickar
Intercessions	M McTernan	I	D Bryce	J Gibson
Coffee	L Bryce	A	E McIndoe	A Rawson
	J Gray	N	M Kennedy	C Lennox
	M Atkinson	S	M Norris	

Favourite psalms

On this occasion we reflect on Psalm 19:

- ¹ The heavens declare the glory of God;
the skies proclaim the work of his hands.
- ² Day after day they pour forth speech;
night after night they reveal knowledge.
- ³ They have no speech, they use no words;
no sound is heard from them.
- ⁴ Yet their voice goes out into all the earth,
their words to the ends of the world.
In the heavens God has pitched a tent for the sun.
- ⁵ It is like a bridegroom coming out of his chamber,
like a champion rejoicing to run his course.
- ⁶ It rises at one end of the heavens
and makes its circuit to the other;
nothing is deprived of its warmth.
- ⁷ The law of the LORD is perfect,
refreshing the soul.
The statutes of the LORD are trustworthy,
making wise the simple.
- ⁸ The precepts of the LORD are right,
giving joy to the heart.
The commands of the LORD are radiant,
giving light to the eyes.
- ⁹ The fear of the LORD is pure,
enduring forever.
The decrees of the LORD are firm,
and all of them are righteous.
- ¹⁰ They are more precious than gold,
than much pure gold;
they are sweeter than honey,
than honey from the honeycomb.
- ¹¹ By them your servant is warned;
in keeping them there is great reward.

¹² But who can discern their own errors?

Forgive my hidden faults.

¹³ Keep your servant also from willful sins;

may they not rule over me.

Then I will be blameless,

innocent of great transgression.

¹⁴ May these words of my mouth and this meditation of my heart

be pleasing in your sight,

LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer.

Like Caesar's Gaul, the psalm can be divided into three parts:

God's Works (v1-6)

"The heavens are telling the glory of God". The wonderful sound of the music of Haydn's Creation surely immediately springs to our mind. The thought continues, "the skies proclaim the work of his hands". Here and in so many other places throughout the psalms we see a typical characteristic of Hebrew poetry. Whereas English poetry is based on rhyme, and Latin or Greek poetry is based on rhythm and metre, Hebrew poetry is based on a parallelism of sense, with the thought in the first part of the verse repeated or contrasted with the thought in the second part of the verse.

In these first six verses we meditate on the glories of creation. David would have studied the Big Book of nature while he was keeping the sheep and he would have reflected on the mind behind it. God's handiwork in the constant rhythm of the days and seasons, the passage of the sun and moon across the skies, the effects of the sun, the rain, the thunder and the calm, are there for all to see. Sadly so many eminent scientists do not accept that God is behind the universe, but this Psalm states categorically that He is. This thought is also picked up in the New Testament; in Romans 1. 19-21 we read that God's presence can be clearly inferred from the world around us and that "God's invisible qualitiesare understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse". During the French revolution a revolutionary said to a peasant, "I will have all your steeples pulled down, that you may no

longer have any object by which you may be reminded of your old superstitions". "But," replied the peasant, "you cannot help leaving us the stars". Indeed.

God's Words (v7-11)

In the next verses we move from the works of the Creator to His word, His moral law. The psalmist, having reflected on the physical laws which govern the world, moves from that to the moral law which the Creator has made. The early Celtic Christians talked about the Big Book of Creation and the Little Book of the Bible and we may well do the same.

These verses show the sixfold nature of God's word, using different terms,

Term	Adjective	Attribute
Law	Perfect	Refreshing
Statutes	Trustworthy	Making wise
Precepts	Right	Giving joy
Commands	Radiant	Giving light
Fear	Pure	Enduring
Decrees	Firm	Righteous

different adjectives and different attributes:

We are encouraged to mix and match the words down the rows and across the columns; on some days we will be uplifted and refreshed by the words of the Bible, on other days we will find light to guide us or be challenged to follow the paths of righteousness. In whatever state we are, in a world full of uncertainty, we have the firm foundation of God's word to rest on.

And then to summarise their impact we read in verses 10 and 11 that His words are precious, and sweeter than honey. Is that true for us? Do we love and meditate on God's word as much as we should? David's Bible was incomplete compared with ours and he got so much joy and pleasure from it; how much more should we, who have a much larger Book, with the Gospel as well, treasure God's word? For David, God's word was more to be desired than "gold, yea than much fine gold" (v10 in AV). In the same way that a miser is desperate to acquire and hoard money, so we should be with

God's word. As one commentator has said, the practical effect of God's word is to turn man to God and to holiness; the Bible is our mentor, our monitor and our conscience keeper. "Lord, let the holy scriptures be my chaste delight" (St Augustine).

Our response (v12-14)

Reflection on God's word immediately leads David to consider his sinfulness, what he has done that he ought not to have done and what he has not done that he ought to have done. He knows that man's heart is deceitful above all things (Jeremiah 17.9), and that he has hidden faults, so he prays for grace that these may be forgiven. In particular he prays that he may be kept from deliberate or presumptive sins, because under the Old Testament law there was no forgiveness for such defiant acts of rebellion; the sinner was cut off from his people (Numbers 15.30-31).

We who live under the grace of the Gospel are so much better off in terms of access to forgiveness through Jesus, but do we use it? Our hidden faults can be disguised and appear like virtues or they can be kept hidden, like fire in the chimney, alive but unseen, but in either case they are likely to result in guilt, bringing fevered eyes and sleepless nights.

As we meditate on this psalm, let our prayer and praise be mingled and let us seek the grace of God, our Rock and our Redeemer, which will prevent us from doing wrong, assist us to do what is right, quicken our consciences and direct us in the path of righteousness.

Jim Gibson

When we are loved and valued by a significant other, it is like a cup of water being given to our parched souls, but when we realise how loved and valued we are by God it is not just a cupful of water, or even a jugful, but a mighty Niagara that fills and floods the soul. (Anon)

Glasgow Eco network visits Polmadie



Paul Williams of the Eco Congregation network writes: A group of 11 people (including 5 from St Margaret's - see photo on front cover - Ed) met for a presentation by Karen Peer, the Community Benefits Officer for Viridor Polmadie. I had previously visited the old Polmadie recycling depot in 2012 to see for myself how the blue bin contents were dealt with – it was noisy and smelly and we came away with huge respect for the people working there! Many of us attending had watched with interest, as the old buildings came down and the new facility took shape; we all wondered what benefits it would bring to the city.....

The Glasgow Recycling and Renewable Energy Centre (GRREC) is a joint partnership development between Glasgow City Council and Viridor and is due to open for business at the end of 2016. According to Viridor, the facility is set to revolutionise the way Glasgow handles its 200,000 tonnes of annual residual green bin waste over a period of 25 years and once operational it will be one of Europe's most advanced recycling and energy recovery facilities; uniquely different to any current site. We will continue to use our blue, purple and brown bins as usual, but what happens to the contents of the green bin will be very different.

Having been collected in the usual way by council bin-wagons, the green bin waste will be diverted from landfill and will arrive at the plant's reception hall from where it passes through 3 stages.

- The first stage is Smart Materials Recycling Facility (Smart MRF) where materials will be sorted through various sorting technology including two massive, slightly angled drums (Trommels) which rotate, sorting materials according to shape, weight and size onto a series of conveyor belts. At the end of the Smart MRF process all the plastics, metal & paper items which can be recycled have been removed, sorted and baled, ready to be sold on. Because of the wide ranging nature of the green bin waste, the sorting is not as 'clean' as that achieved by the sorting of blue bin contents by GCC, but it is one of the main ways Glasgow can push up the recycling figure from the current 30% towards the target of 70% by 2025.

Progress towards this target has often been hindered by the large numbers of flats and tenements where it can be difficult for households to separate recyclables.

- The next stage is Anaerobic Digestion (AD). The organic (includes food) waste extracted by the Smart MRF is prepared for use in AD by shredding it and mixing it with water to form a sludge. The sludge is put through a centrifuge to ensure non organic items are removed, and then transferred to an AD tank where bacteria break it down over a period of about 14 – 18 days, producing Bio-gas (methane). The Bio-gas is captured and stored for use in a Combined Heat & Power (CHP) plant to produce heat and electricity. Some of this heat is used around the plant and to dry the final sludge residue (Refuse Derived Fuel – RDF) which is then transferred to stage 3. Electricity produced is used on site and will be exported to the National Grid.
- The Advanced Conversion Facility (ACF) is the final stage, securing the target of 95% diversion rate from landfill by 2025. The RDF produced at the end of stage 2 is transferred to a series of thermal conversion units which heat (**not** burn) the material to a very high temperature in low oxygen conditions to produce a synthetic gas (gasification). The gas is captured and fully combusted in a separate chamber to produce super heated steam which in turn creates electricity via a turbine, fed into the National Grid, although in time this might be a local network. Alternatively the steam may be diverted in the future to support a district heat network (a potential 8000 homes). The final residue from the gasification process can be used as aggregate in construction.

The whole project, already attracting international interest, is sustainable by design. For example, over 11,000 cubic metres of rubble from the former building and chimneys have been recycled on site to form mat foundations during construction of the GRREC. Strict noise, odour and dust controls operate throughout. Rain water is harvested from the roof for use around the plant. When the new visitor centre is open, you'll be able to see some of the workings from the viewing gallery.

It was a very interesting and informative presentation, answering a wide range of questions, and encouraging us to enthuse others. We look forward to a return visit once the plant is in full swing!

Intercessions



God of the unexpected,
keep us aware of where our treasure really is,
and bring us to an appreciation of the faith of our
ancestors.

We give thanks that there have been people in every generation
who have shown us the way through loving service to you
and through selfless love for fellow men and women.
May we in our generation continue the path of righteousness
and continually grow in faith and love,
knowing that we will always have more to learn and more to do.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Let your Church take heart from the spiritual yearnings
in the midst of affluence and consumerism
and where finance systems are found wanting.
May people look beyond the material to the spiritual.
Then may our church and every church
rise to the challenge to bring transformation
to lives, to hearts, to communities, to families.

We ask for your blessings on all bishops, priests and ministry teams
and on laity, churchwardens, intercessors and youth workers
so that your kingdom can come closer, here on earth.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Let your Holy Spirit roam across town and country,
forest and desert, continents and islands,
so that the world is truly aware of its origins
and the need to sustain your creation
through human ingenuity and careful stewardship.

We pray for parts of the world in difficulty at this time, especially . . .
Bring hope and help where needed, whether practically, politically,
spiritually.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Send your healing, Holy Spirit, upon the sick and the suffering,
to relieve pain and speed recovery,
remembering those in urgent need of our prayers . . .
May all those who care know your patient love and feel encouraged.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

We pray for those who have died and passed to the peace
of your eternal kingdom, as we remember . . .
Give those who mourn the consolation of the memories
of friendship and love.

Merciful Father,
**accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

Scott Robertson (7 August)

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 October!

The Last Word

Quoted in a local Cambridgeshire newspaper report: 'The sudden gust of wind took all who were at the ceremony completely by surprise. Hats were blown off and copies of the vicar's speech and other rubbish were scattered over the site'.

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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