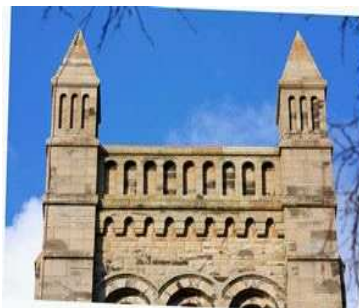


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Ordination special



We are pilgrims on a journey, and companions on the road;
we are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.

Brother, sister, let me serve you, let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.

Richard Gillard

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FUN(D) - RAISING

Autumn is nearly upon us and our efforts to raise funds for repairs to our organ continue.

I think there's a balance to be struck when planning fund-raising events – they need to be interesting (or no one will want to come) and they need to be cost-effective (or it won't be possible to raise a significant amount from them). That's not all though - it helps if these events are fun and manage to bring as many of us as possible together for a good time. We also hope that some if not all the events will find favour with the young people in our congregation.

The number and frequency of events have been planned with all our hectic schedules and competing commitments in mind.

The new fund-raising season begins with a **Car Treasure Hunt on 30 October 2011**. Other events include a **Pictionary Showdown on 14 January 2012**, another **Film Night on 24 February 2012** and a **Nintendo Wii Challenge on 28 April 2012**. The season ends with a grand **Summer Ball in June 2012**. More details about each of these events will follow in due course.

We hope you'll support as many of these events as you can, inviting your friends and family to join in. Joining together for a common purpose will hopefully strengthen the bonds that bind us together as a congregation.

Kalpana Panickar

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Scott writes.....

Later this month we will begin our Autumn Study Group. This time round we will be looking at various approaches to Christian Spirituality. The funny thing about that word spirituality is that we feel that we have a rough understanding of what it means, but then find it difficult to connect it with our own experience. We have a notion that we are spiritual people, but somehow we feel we are not *that* spiritual. We have a tendency to associate spirituality with people like monks and nuns (people that we call *the religious* in a technical sense). Spirituality becomes, then, the preserve of those folk who are the professionals; those folk who are good at it; the folk who are into that kind of thing.



I suppose there are a couple of reasons for this. Firstly, we do have a tendency to want to have a mediator between us and God. Like the Israelites in the wilderness we want someone to speak to God on our behalf. We want the one who is qualified, the one who is good at it. So along comes Moses 'who speaks with God face to face' whilst the people wait for him at the bottom of the mountain. There is that sense we share of not being qualified, of wanting someone else to stand in and fight our corner.

But there is a second, more paradoxical reason why we feel this disconnect between Spirituality and ourselves and that is the current upsurge in Spirituality that we find in our post-modern world. Look around any bookshop and you'll find whole sections devoted to a plethora of spiritual outlooks or techniques. Spirituality has become fashionable to the extent that it is difficult to get to grips with what it really is any more. And the mantra: 'If it works for you...' only adds to the confusion. Don't get me wrong, I think it is a good thing if people recognise that there is more to life than simple rank materialism, but I wonder whether, in the headlong rush to spirituality, a sense of dissatisfaction with one kind of materialism or selfishness is subtly being replaced with another.

If you look at the Bible you won't find the word spirituality, which may come as a bit of a shock. After all isn't that what it is meant to be about? Well that depends. What the bible appears to be interested in illustrating is how we can live our lives before God. Those are not 'spiritual' lives but real human lives. The Hebrew word *shalom*, I reckon, is the closest word we get in the Bible to something approaching 'spirituality', but it has a far more practical meaning –

'wholeness', 'well-being', 'fulfillment'. In other words, those things that we do have a handle on, those things that we do understand.

In this sense spirituality is not the preserve of the professionally religious or the weird, but belongs to all of us.

Love

Scott

Please note that there will be no Tuesday Communion on October 18 or Rector's Hour on October 19.

Register

Death

19 August Catherine Wingate ("Aunty Bunty")



The Two Wolves *(contributed by Ann Rawson)*

One evening an old Cherokee told his grandson about a battle that goes on inside people. He said, "My son, the battle is between two wolves inside us all.

"One is Evil - it is anger, envy, jealousy, sorrow, regret, greed, arrogance, self-pity, guilt, resentment, inferiority, lies, false pride, superiority and ego.

"The other is God - it is joy, peace, love, hope, serenity, humility, kindness, benevolence, empathy, generosity, truth, compassion and faith."



The grandson thought about it for a minute and then asked his grandfather: "Which wolf wins?"

The old Cherokee simply replied, "The one you feed."

The Ordination of Maggie McTernan to the Diaconate

St Margaret's was packed with 150 people on Friday 9 September all gathered to celebrate the Ordination of Maggie McTernan, with Bishop Gregor officiating.

It was a most joyous and moving occasion. Maggie's smile lit the whole church. The flowers looked beautiful and the Choir and music was on top form. The Gradual *Servant Song, Brother Sister, let me serve you* was beautifully sung. The Bishop took as his text for his sermon, 2 Corinthians 4. 7, *But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that*



this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. Bishop Gregor reminded us that Maggie was not offering herself for Ordination on her own but with the help of God. Indeed we don't do anything on our own, but only with God's help and through His grace.

After the Sermon, Maggie was presented to the Bishop for Ordination and she gave her declaration in a clear strong voice. She was then *vested according to custom*, dressed in her new vestments.

Who could forget the most joyful singing in the Eucharist?

As in good St Margaret's tradition, the reception in the Hall afterwards was truly magnificent. Jan MacDonald and her team had excelled themselves once again. Almost all the visitors I spoke with in the hall after the service commented on the beauty of the service and also its informality, as well as the welcome and hospitality of St Margaret's.

Jenny Whelan

Bishop's Teaching Evening



Some 16 people from around the Diocese met at St Margaret's 13 September to hear Bishop Gregor talk on Faith and Fulfilment.

Starting by saying that we are loved into the fullness of our humanity, Gregor shared with us that having rebelled from religion at the age of 12 he was brought back to the faith by the example of people he met. Religion made them more human not less.

Fundamental to our faith is the conviction that we are creatures of a Creator, as seen in Genesis 1. 26-27. As humans we must be free to live and act, expressing our dependence on our Creator. Life lived without praying is inadequate, and it is inhuman not to pray and worship. Unbelievers who find themselves praying at times of distress are in fact doing what comes naturally.

Theology is concerned amongst other things with how the Creator and his creatures interrelate. Being made in the image of God gives us the capacity to love and to reason. We are not God but we are intended to show forth something of God in the world. We are not automata and have freedom to live in dependence on the Creator.

But “things ain’t what they’re meant to be”, and we are all affected by the Fall. Action is required for us to release the glory and so flourish. The Gospel is the Creator’s way of solving the problem.

People tend to become like the objects they worship, and the capacity of humans to give themselves over to other gods is great (eg suicide bombers, Anders Breivik in Norway). Heinous inhumanity and cruelty are released when people commit themselves to what is not God. The responsibility of the church is to live in order to commend God and to keep worship to him alive.

But we must recognise that there are many who do good and are not believers; are they not human? Such people are perhaps closer to God than they might think; deep down, what actually motivates such folk to act as they do? Is not God moving in the world?

We live “sub specie aeternitatis”; it is not only for this life that we are created and called to live in dependence on our Creator. Even if we fail to be good, God remains the same and seeks a response. This ultimately gives human life a purpose, which cannot be taken away, because God cannot be taken away.

God is questing for us; our life is one of grit and glory; where grit is, God abounds all the more.

The style of the talk was that of a seminar, relaxed and informal with plenty of opportunity for comment and discussion. Our thanks are due to Gregor for his thoughtful content and gracious leading.

Jim Gibson

Romano's - an Institution in Pollokshields

A large congregation was present at St Ninian's on Saturday 17 September, including clergy from the Diocese, representatives from the City Council and churches in Pollokshields, and many from St Margaret's, in order to celebrate Paul Romano's institution as Rector of St Ninian's. Bishop Gregor again presided over the service, held in St Ninian's style (ie with plenty of incense etc). As with Maggie's ordination the previous week, the hymns spanned the centuries, the readings (from Jeremiah 1, 1 Thessalonians 2 and the Great Commission from Matthew 28) were apposite and the Bishop's sermon challenging. Preaching from Paul's remarks "So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us", he commented on how a pastor carries out the offices of religion and also shares his own humanity as he works with his congregation.

Paul received the traditional symbols of ministry (Bible, stole, oil, bread and wine, and key), interspersed with verses from Jean Holloway's hymn "You come in answer to God's call", and solemnly gave his pledge to care for the community that gathers at St Ninian's, before assisting at the Eucharist which marked the climax of the morning. St Ninian's has had a long and difficult vacancy, and our prayers go with Paul and Vevanne as they begin this new phase of their ministry. We echo the words of a prayer quoted by the Bishop and written by a Franciscan priest who was chaplain to the New York Fire Brigade and one of the first victims of terrorist attacks 10 years ago:

Take me where you want me to go
Tell me what you want me to say
Show me the people you want me to meet
And help me get out of your way.

Jim Gibson

**Interior of
St Ninian's**



Alzheimer Scotland

Yes it's nearly that time of year again - the annual Coffee and Crafts morning in aid of Alzheimer Scotland will be held on the morning of Saturday 5 November.

This year Irene Dunbar and the rest of the group of "Wednesday Quilters" have made a particularly unusual piece including some batik material. Irene tells me "it's in warm colours and is quite unique!" As usual this wonderful piece of craftsmanship will be the first prize in the raffle; tickets will soon be available for you to sell to family, friends and work colleagues.

Regular attenders will testify to the quality and imaginative selection of crafts which are sold to raise money on the day, all made locally. Then there's the cake stall..... St Margaret's has a well deserved reputation for putting on a good spread! I would welcome all offers of home-baking - both for sale and for serving along with tea & coffee. Needless to say that the Fair Trade stall during coffee time on a Sunday has to be the place to buy your ingredients. Speak to Liz Bryce regarding orders and availability. Personally I've got a fab recipe for a chocolate banana loaf..... but you'll have to come on the 5th to try some!

Eco-congregation

The Glasgow Group met again at the Wellington Church by Glasgow University at the beginning of September. The group meets every 2 months to share what's happening in our churches, events across the city and have topical talks; coming up - Glasgow City Recycling schemes, ethical clothing and fund raising. If anyone in the congregation is interested in coming along just let me know for a car share.



Eco-congregation is currently revising and updating the existing modules. To start with modules will now be called "ideas for action" and 3 core areas of spiritual, practical and global living will form the core of the programme. Much more of the programme will be accessible on-line and sharing information. Eco-Congregation Scotland is a grass roots movement of local people working to bring about environmental change and as members of Eco-congregation at St Margaret's we are asked to raise funds (about £100 per year) to support the organisation which has charitable status. If anyone would like to suggest a way or ways in which we might do this please let me know.

Jan MacDonald


Vestry Report

Matters arising from the meeting held on Thursday 1 September are:

Property

Some years ago members of the congregation had quite a lot of fun filling a skip with the leaves round the church, resulting in the grounds looking wonderful. In view of our deficit it was agreed that this practice should be revived. A “leaf day” will be held in November.

Finance

 Draft accounts for the year to 31 August were presented. They show a deficit on the general fund of £15,415. Expenditure has been reduced, investment income is starting to recover but Freewill offering income has remained fairly static for some years. The size of the deficit is worrying, although it is less than last year’s, mainly due to lower maintenance costs. A copy of the budget for 2011/12 was presented, and again a deficit, of £14,000, is forecast; this is a depressing thought but all that can be done is to spend sensibly and raise income wherever possible.

Organ refurbishment

Four organ builders have now been to see the organ. Quoting for this type of work is very specialised; written reports and estimates will be forthcoming in due course and further progress will be made once tenders have been received and discussed by the Vestry. Although congregational fundraising is continuing (*see page 3 regarding Fundraising plans - Ed*), a formal launch of the organ appeal has still to take place, and it was agreed that this would take place at St Margaret’s once the Vestry had seen the estimates and some appeal information had been prepared.

Brochure

Work to replace the large and glossy St Margaret’s brochure, now out of date, is in hand. A small committee consisting of the Rector, Jim Gibson and Ajit Panickar had met to discuss this and other matters affecting communication. Their recommendation regarding the brochure was that three, A4 tri-folded sheets should be produced covering, ‘the building’, ‘the people’ and ‘belonging to St Margaret’s’ and drafting of these was in progress at present.

East End Kids - Christmas gifts

This year we will again be collecting Christmas gifts for disadvantaged youngsters in the East End of Glasgow. The age range is babies to teenagers. Please bring new gifts, unwrapped, on Sunday 27 November or Sunday 4 December; these will then be distributed to needy youngsters. Many thanks to you all in appreciation of your response which has always been wonderful. *Dorothy Williamson*

Situations Vacant...our congregation needs YOU!

Volunteering is a great strength of the church in Britain. A group from our partner Diocese in Sweden has recently been visiting our Diocese to find out how we do things here. Church work in Sweden is largely supported by the State, funded by the national Church Tax, and not only is there no particular need for church members to give of their time, but the whole concept of volunteering is alien to many.



Now the rug is being pulled, for Swedish State funding is being progressively phased out. Shock, horror for the Swedes; much of the church's work may disappear, **UNLESS** they can quickly learn from us and others how to make things work with voluntary help.

Are you the person to fill some of these current vacancies here at St Margaret's?

The **Lay Representative** is an ex officio member of the Vestry and represents the congregation within the South Side region of the Diocese and at Diocesan Synod. Committee work etc might not be everybody's cup of tea, but the Lay Rep has a key role to play in helping to ensure that St Margaret's is fully aware of what is going on in the Diocese and that the Diocese takes on board "grass roots" opinion.

Vestry members. Constitutionally, we require to have at least 8 and not more than 10 ordinary members. At present we have 8, two of whom retire at the AGM in November. We therefore require at least two new members and ideally four (in addition to the Lay Rep). The term of office is 3 years, renewable for a further 3 years. As a congregation we are at an exciting point in our history and it is important that we have a Vestry which is representative of our membership.

Magazine collators. Connie Fowler has masterminded this for many years and is handing over the reins to Prue Clark. The collators work on a rota basis and their task is to collate and fold the magazine pages; your turn will come round two or three times a year. Perhaps, not a high profile role, but a key one!

Not forgetting opportunities for **Stewards, Counters, Intercessors** and helpers with the **church garden!**

If anyone would like to find out more about any of these opportunities, please speak to the Rector or to either of the Churchwardens, Jenny Whelan and Eileen Smith.

October Calendar of events

- Sun 2nd All Age Worship - Harvest
- Tues 4th Holy Communion 10am
- Wed 5th Rector's Hour at the church 6pm
Journey in Faith 7.30pm in the Upper Room
- Thu 6th Glasgow Passion - George Square 2.30pm
(evening performance sold out)
- Sun 9th Pentecost 17
Second Sunday concert in the church 3.30pm
Kristina and Ian Watt - guitar music by Granados, Faure,
Ravel and Sor
- Tues 11th Holy Communion 10am
Housegroup 7.30 in the Upper Room
- Wed 12th Rector's Hour at the church 6pm
Journey in Faith 7.30pm in the Upper Room
- Thu 13th Vestry meeting 7.30pm
- Sun 16th Pentecost 18
- Tues 18th Holy Communion 10am
Housegroup 7.30pm in the Upper Room
- Wed 19th Rector's Hour at the church 6pm
Journey in Faith 7.30pm in the Upper Room
- Sun 23rd Pentecost 19
- Tues 25th Holy Communion 10am
Housegroup 7.30 in the Upper Room
- Wed 26th Rector's Hour at the church 6pm
Journey in Faith 7.30pm in the Upper Room
- Thu 27th Church and The Academy 5.30pm at 4 The Square
Glasgow University
Speaker: Dr AKMA Adam, New Testament lecturer
- Sat 29th Time to Remember Service 3pm
- Sun 30th **Clocks go back!**
Pentecost 20
Car Treasure Hunt 2pm
Choral Evensong 6.30pm



Readings for October

2 October
Harvest Thanksgiving

Deuteronomy 8:7-18
2 Corinthians 9:6-15
Matthew 21:33-46

9 October
Pentecost 17

Isaiah 25:1-9
Philippians 4:1-9
Matthew 22:1-14

16 October
Pentecost 18

Isaiah 45:1-7
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
Matthew 22:15-22

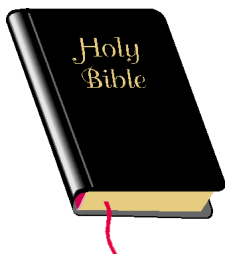
23 October
Pentecost 19

Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18
1 Thessalonians 2:1-8
Matthew 22:34-46

30 October
All Saints

Revelation 7: 9-17
1 John 3: 1-3
Matthew 5: 1-12

400 years on from the Authorized Version Reflections on the “The Word” - A Biblefresh approach



All right, let's be honest! How many of us have dusty Bibles in the house which we hardly ever read? Yes we gladly celebrate the fact that it is 400 years since the AV was published, and reflect on the lives of those who risked life and limb to ensure that our ancestors could read the Bible in words which they understood and which were relevant to them. But what is the point if we then fail to follow through and ensure that we in the 21st century do not make the Bible our own and find ways to apply its teachings to the world around us?

Do we wonder whether the Bible has anything to say about global warming, economic fragility, and social unrest, and whether those Old Testament stories with their weird and wonderful characters have anything to tell us? Are we afraid to read our Bibles? Will they bite? Will they change us? Are we too comfortable? Have we been prejudiced against them? Do we think of Bible study as boring and irrelevant?

If so, what about looking at what Biblefresh has to offer. Biblefresh is an initiative stemming from research which indicated that not only does our culture have low levels of Bible understanding, but so do many of our churches. It seeks to encourage and inspire church members across the UK to a greater confidence and appetite for the word of God, and to increase the church's level of engagement with the Bible by reading, training, translation and experience. Look at the Biblefresh website (www.biblefresh.com), and you will see some of the vast treasury of resources which are available for our use.

As someone has said, “You have your Bible and Your knees; use them”.

Jim Gibson

**THE LEPROSY MISSION SCOTLAND
presents a concert by
ST. JOHN'S SINGERS , HAMILTON
in
CATHCART TRINITY CHURCH on
SATURDAY 8TH. OCTOBER 2011
at 7.30 pm
Collection in aid of partner project in Bangladesh**

Puzzle Page

Sudoku

Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3 x 3 box contains the letters R E V B I S H O P



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	P	I				E	R	

Answers to September quiz

1. 600
2. Israel
3. Isaiah
4. A Lion
5. Gehazi
6. A tentpeg
7. Baruch
8. Dorcas
9. 27
10. 300

Report on Summer Island quiz

Anecdotal evidence suggests that a number of readers solved quite a lot of the clues, got stuck on a few and then didn't have the courage to send in their answers. The editor apologises if the quiz was too difficult, but he thought that folk might like a challenge over the summer! (He also apologises for one misleading clue; the answer Raasay was meant to be derived from Michael Ramsay, former Archbishop of Canterbury, whereas the correct spelling of his name is Ramsey).

The winner, with 28.5 marks was Dennis Burt of Netherlee (who had been given the magazine puzzle by a friend!), and a second prize was awarded to Felicity Osmond as "proxime accessit".

Thanks to all who got their grey cells going!

Worldwide church - St John's, Ipoh

We were in Malaysia in August this year. It was rainy season there which sounds like the worst possible time to have gone but somehow warm tropical showers don't cause the same chilled-to-the- bone effect you get when you're caught in a Scottish down-pour. Having topped up on baking hot weather – there were plenty of gorgeous sunny days too – we returned to storms, gale force winds and chilly dampness. It's good to be home.



We had an action-packed holiday with family, managing to squeeze in whole lot in a relatively short time. One of the constants of our holidays in Malaysia is Sunday service at St John's Church in Ipoh, the city I grew up in and where my parents still live. The church was built in 1912. It survived being forcibly converted into a noodle factory during the Japanese occupation of Malaya (as it was previously called). After the war, it reverted to being a place of worship.

St John's is an important landmark in Ipoh. It's also been an important landmark in my life and has left me with a rich tapestry of memories that remain vivid despite the number of decades that have elapsed since I last lived in Ipoh. I was christened, baptised and confirmed in St John's – when it came time for my wedding, there was no doubt in my mind as to where it was going to take place. As a child going off to Sunday school, I longed to be grown-up enough to be allowed to stay for the rest of the service and sit with my parents in the glossy mahogany pews. As a teenager, I sang in the choir under the direction of my grandfather who was both choir master and organist. I have hilarious memories of going out carolling with the Youth Group (and getting tipsy on home-brew served to us by the soldiers at the army camp many of whom were congregation members - my parents were not amused!). And the list goes on, too numerous to mention here, all of which fill me with a sense of longing for those happy times.

A lot has changed but there are still so many familiar faces in the congregation. It's lovely to always be welcomed back with such warmth and affection. I feel a strong sense of my history when I'm back in St John's as I was recently. There are some connections that cannot be eroded by the passing of time and for that I am grateful.

Kalpana Panickar

Thank you from Sukihta Child

Once again we wish to thank everyone who helped make our annual cycle day out on 11th June another successful event. The weather held out well for us in the morning and didn't really rain much until around two in the afternoon. We still have a few donations to collect but the total so far is £2,300, making this a very worthwhile endeavour. Sincere thanks to all for their contributions and support.

We must also take this opportunity to express our sincere gratitude to members of the congregation who were especially generous last Christmas and quietly handed over donations directly to John and me. We were overwhelmed and humbled by the goodwill bestowed upon us and our work overseas.

It has been a very successful year for us and we have been very fortunate to have had the support of St Ninian's Episcopal Church in Troon. They have had some wonderful fund raising events and we have been the main beneficiary not to mention the long term friendships we have made. We don't know how we can expect to do more next year, but with the wonderful folk we have in our corner, you never know.

John & Linda Fisher

The "Extend" Class Exercise to music for the over 60s Re-starts Tuesday 11 October

We meet for an hour on Tuesday mornings, starting at 11am. We have 18 current members who are very keen and lots of fun. Exercises range from concentration on muscle groups – to stamina circuits.



What a varied bunch we are! Some still climb mountains and do 30 mile hikes. Others need to sit out at times. But the latter can enjoy the music - and hum. And laugh.

It must seem very strange from outside the door with strains of The Beatles, Bach, Morricone, Carl Jenkins, Tarrega's guitar, Nat King Cole and countless others (my i-pod is bursting.) To say nothing of the balls, skipping ropes, bean bags, batons, weights, garden canes and (on special occasions) a parachute! Despite my best intentions – most amusement is gained when people do things wrong! If you have been a curious person outside the door – break the boundaries and come in to join us. You will be very welcome. £3 a session. *Ann Rawson 0141 440 7388*

Intercessions

We thank you Lord for the opportunities we have had this summer to enjoy the outdoors. As summer turns to autumn, and we put away our T-shirts and bring out our winter woollies we ask for courage to face change; our lives are unfathomably short in comparison to your eternity. We view the world in single frames – you see the whole motion picture. Let us put our trust in you and accept your guidance every day.



We thank you for the wonderful world you have given us, for the opportunities to travel and explore, to learn about different countries, their culture and natural heritage. Thank you for those who work to educate us, teachers, scientists, journalists, writers and film-makers; may we learn not to take the resources of our planet for granted.

We pray for peace within nations and among nations. In particular today we pray for the United States remembering the tragic events of 9-11. We pray for the people of Libya still struggling with civil war. We pray for those killed in terrorist attacks in Pakistan and Afghanistan. We pray for an end to massacres in Syria. We pray for peace between Egypt and Israel, and remember with tears those *still* affected by violence: in Norway, Northern Ireland, Congo, and Iraq.

Thank you Lord Jesus for the peace we enjoy in our own country; remind us each day that we each bear a responsibility towards the make up and actions of our society. As servants of Christ let us live out your teaching in all that we say and do. Let us *truly* love our neighbour – be they the friend who has let us down, the banker, gypsies and travellers, the paedophile, cynical media tycoon, cruel dictator. Each is still a child of God and as you have forgiven us, so we try to forgive them. Remind us Lord that *ours* is not to judge.

We give thanks Lord for the joy in the world that gives us pleasure, that nourishes our spirit. We thank you for music for our ears, works of art for our eyes, poetry for our lips and sport for our body.

We thank you for your church, our congregation here at St Margaret's and those who support and encourage us. We pray especially for Maggie, that she will find warmth, welcome and Christ's love here among us. Bless her ministry, may the Holy Spirit be with her in all her work. We ask for your blessing too on Paul Romano at the start of his new ministry to St Ninian's and we pray for Scott, for his work among us and for his family.

As individuals, Lord, teach us to take responsibility for what we eat and how we live; not simply to pass the buck expecting medical science to cure every ailment. Let us honour the bodies of others, by caring and doing *our* part in maintaining the health of those around us – at home, at work, the young, the elderly, those we know and those we do not.

We give thanks for all those who devote their lives to the health of others - promoting it, maintaining it and restoring it. In particular we pray for those who devote their life to the care of a family member, denying themselves much in order to ensure the comfort of their charge.

Father, you know our hearts and share our sorrows. We are hurt by our parting from those whom we loved: when we are angry at the loss we have sustained, when we long for words of comfort, yet find them hard to hear, turn our grief to truer living and our affliction to firmer hope in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Lord Jesus we offer up our prayers in the knowledge of your unfailing love for us and ultimate wisdom. **Amen**

Jan MacDonald, abridged (11 September)

A ‘Time to Remember’

**Saturday 29th October (All Saints Day)
3pm at St Margaret’s Episcopal Church**

Once again we are holding a special Service within our beautiful sanctuary when we can join together to remember and give thanks to God for the lives of our loved ones who have died, either this year or longer ago. Please join us for a time of peaceful remembrance with music, readings, prayers, reflection and contemplation.

As in previous years, there are some within our Church family who have lost a loved one during the past year. You especially are invited to join us.

If you know of a relative, friend or neighbour who would find this Service helpful please invite them to come along too. Invitation cards will be available in the Church nearer the time for you to offer them.

If you wish further details contact Eileen Smith Tel. 0141 423 2801. Refreshments will be provided at the end of the Service.

The Big 5

Welcome again to our regular interview slot. Each month we ask a member of the congregation 5 questions. This month, we hear from Chris Lennox

Who is your hero/heroine and why?

Queen's Park Football Club whom I have supported through thick and (mostly) thin for 50 years. Three promotions, two as champions (admittedly followed rapidly by relegation); and the occasional cup run including a victory over Aberdeen and, memorably, a defeat of only 5-3 by Celtic in the Scottish Cup quarter final in the year that Celtic were European Champions. Three goals against the Lisbon Lions at Parkhead. Heroes all!

What is your favourite piece of music: favourite painting: favourite poem?

Any Mahler symphony – full of heart-rending, soul-searching emotion. If I had to choose one, it would be his ninth.

What is your favourite book/ film?

I avidly devour books on mountain climbing. 'Touching the Void' (Joe Simpson) is probably the most gripping I have ever read. I haven't seen the film. 'Feet in the Clouds' (Richard Askwith) is an insightful book about fell running, another of my eccentric (though now very slow) activities and it has such an evocative title.

What is your favourite significant memory of St Margaret's?

Very recent, actually – the wedding of my daughter, Joanna. My other three children are sons, so I only get to walk up the aisle once and what a great place to do it.

Who would you like to be locked inside St Margaret's with? (Can be factual or fantasy)

Nicola Sturgeon, a senior NHS computer boffin and enough time to educate them both about the fallacy that NHS IT systems improve the 'patient experience'. They could but, at present, they make it decidedly worse.

Think Tank

Out of the Copper Mine

The book of Job reminds us that mining is as old as the hills, “There is a mine for silver, and a place where gold is refined. Iron is taken from the earth, and copper is smelted from ore. (Job 28.1-2). But, as we know, it is not without its dangers.

A year ago, 33 Chilean miners were brought to safety after 69 days underground. Lucy Berry’s poem, read on Radio 2 shortly after the rescue, reminds us how important are those everyday things which we take for granted, like light and love of family and friends.

When the whole world shifts and creaks
in the press of the rock above you;
and there are no doors from the night
to the ones who love you,

and the silly bright metal you prized
and the zeal with which you mined it,
is part of the dark, and the dark,
and the dark of eyes blinded,

you yearn for the sameness of light
and a breeze, and your parents’ faces,
and the kiss of a loving child
and your wife’s embraces

and hailing a friend on the street
as if there was nothing to it,
the ordinary things which are blessed
though you never knew it.

And long after you have been freed
from that outer and inner night,
as an old, old man you’ll recall
your first glimpse of the sight
of human faces - and hands -
and the blessed greatness of Light.



VOLUNTEERING IN FAITH: OBLIGATION OR JOY?

A DAY CONFERENCE ORGANISED BY THE CHURCH IN SOCIETY COMMITTEE OF THE SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH

SATURDAY 19TH NOVEMBER 2011 AT ST MARY'S CENTRE, KINNOULL, PERTH 9.30am registration - 4pm

Providing an opportunity to explore this topic through keynote addresses and interactive and creative workshops on all aspects of volunteering

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: ANN MORISEY

Freelance community theologian and lecturer. Ann has worked in the field of social responsibility for many years and directed the Commission that wrote the report *Faithful Cities*. Ann has written two best selling books – *Beyond the Good Samaritan* and *Journeying Out*.

WORKSHOPS: Valuing volunteers; training volunteers; recruiting and retaining volunteers; general volunteering; volunteering with the elderly; volunteering with young people; volunteering overseas

The conference will be of interest to all who volunteer in a church setting or outwith the church and for those interested in exploring this issue in relation to the “Big Society”

Morning coffee, a buffet lunch and afternoon tea will be provided

BOOKING: Please complete the tear off slip below and send with your **registration fee of £5**, (cheque made payable to the Scottish Episcopal Church) to the Church Relations Officer, General Synod Office, 21 Grosvenor Crescent, Edinburgh EH12 5EE by the 14th October 2011

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The Last Word

The young son of a Presbyterian minister had been learning to play simple card games. While watching the Royal Wedding he had seen the various Kings and Queens enter the Cathedral, but when he saw the Archbishop of Canterbury appear in all his finery, and being unused to seeing people dressed in such fashion, he said, "Daddy, is that the Joker?"

St Margaret of Scotland, Newlands



Service details

Sundays

9.00am Said Eucharist

10.30am Sung Eucharist,

Crèche, Sunday School & Youth Group

Tuesdays

10am Holy Communion

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