

St. Mary's Scottish Episcopal Church, Gatehouse of Fleet
21st September Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity
Celebrant and Preacher: Rev'd Alison Hudson

Please pray for Joyce and Rob Thacker, Laura Durling, Sally-Anne and Peter Madeley, Carol Ducker, Rowan Huggitt, Barbara Graham, Sonia Perry and +Gregor Duncan.

Welcome to this service. Please do stay for refreshments afterwards. Please be advised that biscuits and cakes may contain allergens.

Pause for Prayer Each Wednesday from 9.30-10am there will be an opportunity to 'Pause for Prayer' in St Mary's Church. Please do join us any time you are free, for more information speak to Revd Alison.

Festival Planning following our 'Pause for Prayer' on 10th September a few of us gathered to consider a theme and format for our Advent and Christmas services. Following our gift from the Bishop of a stone with the prophetic word 'hope', we talked about holding an Advent Course that underpins our understanding of Christian hope, and for Christmas, 'as a people of hope', our theme could be 'the gift of Christ for everyone'. Please do speak to Gill if you have any particular thoughts or ideas. Our next planning meeting will be on Wednesday 15th October following 'Pause for Prayer' to which anyone is welcome to attend.

Re-ordering of pews An application has now been submitted to the Diocese to remove a single pew from each side of the back of church, as per the pictures and details on the noticeboard. Once this permission has been granted the work will be carried out.

Art History Lunch Talks by Dr Jo Chapman Campbell continue on Wednesdays in September from 12- 1pm at Greyfriars Church, Kirkcudbright. Bring your own lunch, refreshments provided. All are welcome. See the poster for more information

Joint Vestry Meeting the next meeting will be held in St.Mary's at 5.30pm on Wednesday, 1st October. Evensong will be followed by a light supper and then the meeting.

Confirmation Service On Sunday 12th October we will have a joint Confirmation Service at Greyfriars Church at 10.30am. Please pray for those candidates who will be preparing for this special occasion.

Harvest We celebrate our Harvest Festival on Sunday 19th October, followed by our traditional auction of produce in support of the Stewartry Food Bank. There will then be a Harvest Lunch at The Mill on the Fleet at 12 noon. Please book your place by signing up on the form in the porch, indicating your choice of food.

Choral Evensong We are delighted that Susan and Psallite will lead us in a Harvest Evensong on Sunday 26th October at 6pm in St Mary's Church.

Gift Aid and Giving If you are a visitor or come occasionally to St.Mary's, and are a taxpayer, you may want to complete one of the green envelopes in the pew, (not forgetting to include your name and address) in order that we can reclaim the tax. If you would rather give a regular amount, either by standing order or by weekly envelope, please speak to the Treasurer, David Hart. David can be contacted by email at david21gatehouse@icloud.com or phone on 01557 814294

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