

St. Mary's Scottish Episcopal Church, Gatehouse of Fleet
5th October Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity
Celebrant: Rev'd Alison Hudson Preacher: Rev'd Denis Samways

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.

Revd Denis Samways This morning, Denis will be preaching at our service to celebrate the 61st anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood. We look forward to this and celebrating with him a rich and long standing ministry to the church.

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.

Confirmation Service Next 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. Please note there will be no service at St.Mary's .

Stewartry Food Bank The next collection is on Tuesday, 14th October.

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. In light of 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', a theme of '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 at 10.15am to which anyone is welcome to attend.

Harvest We celebrate 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.

One World Coffee Morning Churches Together are holding a coffee morning on Saturday, 25th October 10.30 – 12noon in the Parish Church Hall. Please support this event if you are able.

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.

Church AGM whilst this is not until 2nd November, at this important annual meeting we re-appoint our Vestry members. We need a Lay Representative to attend Regional Council and Diocesan Synod meetings, to which lifts can be given. Theresa would be happy to take on this role if there is someone willing to act as Secretary. We also have vacancies for regular Vestry members. Please do consider whether this is something that you could offer to the church at this time.

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

Rest Days Please note that Revd Alison has changed one of her rest days from Friday to Monday.

Rev'd Alison's contact details:

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