

St. Mary's Scottish Episcopal Church, Gatehouse of Fleet
19th October, Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity
Harvest Thanksgiving
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.

In Remembrance and with thanksgiving for the life of Catharine Kaye (Tinny) Please pray for Margaret, her sister, and others of the family.

Funeral details There will be a memorial service for Tinny, to which all are invited. This will take place on Thursday 23rd October at 1.30pm at the Parish Church, following a private family cremation service on Thursday morning.

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.

Festival Planning a few of us have gathered to consider our Advent and Christmas services. In light of our gift from the Bishop of a stone with the prophetic word 'hope', it is proposed that we hold an Advent Course on that theme on Wednesdays 3rd 10th and 17th December from 10-11am in St Mary's Church, following the Pause for Prayer. Our Christmas theme will be 'the gift of Christ for everyone'. Further details will follow, but please do speak to Gill if you have any particular thoughts or ideas.

Harvest Today we celebrate Harvest Festival, followed by our traditional auction of produce in support of the Stewartry Food Bank. This is then followed by our Harvest Lunch at The Mill on the Fleet at 12noon.

Vestry Meeting The next meeting is Wednesday, 22nd October, 2pm at Fleet Farmhouse.

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 takes place on Sunday 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.

New website our new updated website is now up and running, please do look through and let Revd Alison have any feedback, as well as any good quality photographs you are willing to share. The address is the same as before - www.greyfriarsstmarys.org.uk

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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