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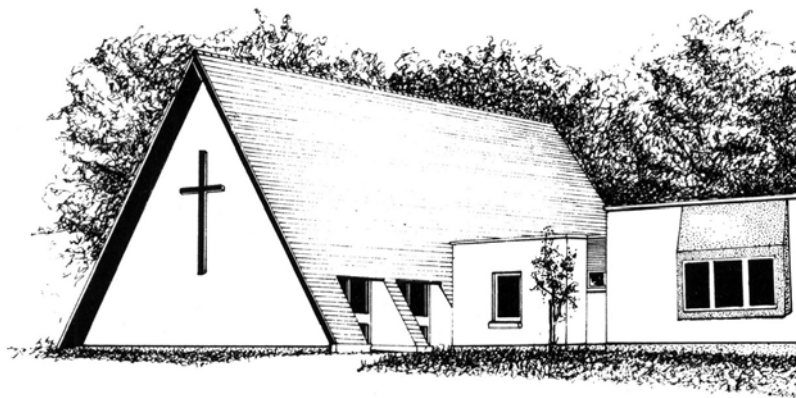
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in partnership

Our partnership is formally recognised as a Local Ecumenical Partnership,
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our regular pattern of worship

Sundays (except 4th)

9.30am Episcopalians Sung Eucharist
(occasionally 9.15am—see diary pages for details)

11.00am Methodist Morning Worship
(including Sunday School)

2nd Sundays: for the Young Church

9.00am Breakfast and "Sunday Funday"

4th Sundays: Worship together

11.00am Joint Communion Service

6.00pm "Sunday @ Six"

where to find us

On the road: our postal address is Queensferry Road, Rosyth, Dunfermline, KY11 2JY, and you'll find us at the junction of Queensferry Road and Woodside Avenue. This is a short walk from Rosyth Rail station. The car park is behind the church. Local on-street parking is limited, but there is much more parking space at the junction with Park Road.

On the web: you will find us at the following joined-up websites:

www.rosythmethodist.org.uk

www.stmargaretsrosyth.org.uk

Off to pastures new On leaving as District Chair—Lily Twist reflects

On Saturday 27th July at Perth Methodist Church, a farewell service was held for Rev Lily Twist on retiring as Chair of the Scotland District. In writing to Synod members later, she asked that her letter be shared with general church members as widely as possible. It is reproduced here with minor editorial changes. Ed.

Dear friends

Our move south has gone very well... We certainly felt the benefit of your prayers. Thank you for those and for the host of good wishes expressed in conversations, cards and e-mails. They have made leaving Scotland both easier and harder at one and the same time.

In leaving my previous appointment it was possible to see most people from the twelve circuit churches and others within the few weeks immediately prior to departing. Sadly this was not so this time with many churches spread over a very large area and being involved in so many different contexts as Chair. It helped to be leading worship in every circuit on my last eight Sundays and in many others in preceding months but there were still gaps in my imminent goodbyes.

I greatly appreciated that so many came to the District 'farewell' in Perth making it possible to speak briefly but personally to everyone there and to have heard beforehand from those who were unable to attend because of other commitments or poor health.

The service gave opportunity to begin to reflect on and celebrate God's provision for the District and for me



during my time as Chair. We have journeyed together sharing concerns and celebrations in this particular period of change which has evidenced the faithfulness of God and of the Methodists in Scotland. I consider myself very blessed in the many people who I have ministered alongside, both lay and ordained, employed and voluntary including those in the ecumenical context of ACTS and EMU. I have learned and experienced much with them, increasingly conscious of being part of a living entity in which everyone is needed.

There have been huge and humbling privileges which I have enjoyed in representing Methodists in the realm of the Connexion as well as in the civic and national life of Scotland. It has pleased me to know that you have shared the encouragement of those occasions in knowing that I was there on your behalf. Meetings with royalty, the First Minister and special celebrations such as those recently for St Columba on Iona and David Livingstone at Westminster Abbey are very memorable of course. Just as significant for me are the times of worship, fellowship and business shared with small groups in local

On leaving as District Chair (cont)

settings. On some of those occasions we have wrestled together with hard issues and difficult decisions and in the problems and pains been drawn closer to one another and to God. That has been very special too.

Two questions have been frequently asked of me this year. The first, 'Are you looking forward to retirement?' was difficult to answer either way as 'Yes' would imply an eagerness to leave whereas 'No' would convey a sense of gloom regarding the future. The reality was that I simply continued to focus on the matters in hand and savour the experiences of my last months as Chair, looking to the present moments and not the next. God's provision in helping us to find a home easily at the beginning of the year helped with that as did the fact that there was never a shortage of matters to attend to right up until the move.

The second question was 'What will you do when you retire?' Some have mused that it will be nice to have nothing to do and some think that I will find difficulty with that. Whilst it is true that I have been fully occupied (I dislike and avoid the term 'busy') there is no feeling of a need to escape or to fill the gap 'tho opportunity to explore how to now use my time and energy in different ways will be welcome. I will enjoy more time for playing the piano, crafts, family and friends as well as for new avenues of development and service. The advice not to commit to anything new

initially is an encouragement to listen for God's leading in that, remembering that our call is to be a follower of Christ our whole life and life-long regardless.

Colin and I were warmly welcomed as worshippers at Moreton Methodist Church. The first service conducted by worship leaders included two hymns which are significant for me. The first 'Praise to the Lord, the Almighty' featured in God's call to ordination with its affirmation of God's promise to 'fit us well for the tasks that are ever before us' and the invitation to 'ponder anew what the Almighty can do who with His love' befriends us. The second 'Lord of the dance' linked me back to the Scottish dancers at my welcome and farewell services and the call to 'dance then **wherever** you may be' with Him ('tho I had chosen the hymn 'Teach me to dance to the beat of your heart' instead). In these and other instances there have been touches of God's presence and grace as we have intensively unpacked boxes and organised our home.

If you were at the farewell service or even if you weren't but did attend the District day in Perth with the President in March you will realise the significance of the sunflower picture at the start of this letter - reminiscent of the pots of seeds planted and exchanged for us to nurture them and pray for whatever was requested on the marker stick. With Colin's care ours grew to about five feet and the

lovely flower produced hundreds of seeds. I gave silk flowers this time to be taken away as a reminder to keep on nurturing, praying and sowing seeds of faith. I'm sure you will do so even without such a visible prompt.

During the time of the panel's two meetings to discern who my successor should be I was in a parallel situation engaging in another district's deliberations. Having very precious thoughts and high hopes for Scotland Methodists I was becoming increasingly concerned about the appointment. In that frame of spirit I read the following and found assurance in the affirmation of God's abundant care and provision:

"Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion which cannot be shaken but endure for ever.

As the mountains are round about Jerusalem (and Scotland!)

so the Lord surrounds his people both now and for evermore." (Psalm 125 v 1-2)

David Easton has been eagerly awaiting the start of his ministry among you and I know he will be met with the same warmth of welcome as well as the commitment to work with and pray for him as I have had from you. Thank you so much for all of that as well as for your extremely kind and generous gift which I have received. I am looking forward to receiving the new District Prayer Manual and will be praying that you all be greatly encouraged in the years ahead.

Wishing you God's continuing blessing in your discipleship and service,

Lily

On becoming a Lay Reader - Margaret Dineley's experience

On Wednesday 14th August, Margaret Dineley was licensed as a lay reader by Bishop David at St Finnian's, Lochgelly

This was a moving service attended by members of both St Margaret's and the Methodists, with our choir so ably leading the music. To quote from Bishop David's blog of 15 August (www.standrews.anglican.org)

".....the Choir from St Margaret's, Rosyth came and led the music. I'm a fan! Too much of our hymn singing is slow to the point of dreary. Too many hymns have far too many verses. They deal with both issues with aplomb!

In a further response he added *"Please pass on my thanks to them. They may be surprised to know that, on this occasion, it wasn't just the hymns. There were some remarkable moments in the 'said' parts of the liturgy and their leadership was really helpful in that".*

We gave Margaret a card and a book token for £35 to mark the occasion. Sadly, Margaret will be leaving us as she as been appointed to assist at

On becoming a lay reader (cont)

Lochgelly and the ABI group - Aberdour, Burntisland and Inverkeithing. Our thoughts and prayers go with Margaret as she begins this new challenge.

Margaret wrote as follows:

Dear Sandra & Alan

I can't thank both yourselves and St. Margaret's enough for all the support and for the generous book token you have given me, with a lovely card signed by so many people.

I would just like to thank you all for the tremendous support you have always given me since I first became involved with St. Margaret's, and for all the encouragement I received during my training. This support continued to show itself again at St Finnian's, Lochgelly, on Wednesday

evening when I was licensed as a Lay Reader, with the choir contributing so beautifully to the service. Then I was handed your lovely card, signed by so many of you and an extremely generous book token, which I will greatly enjoy spending. I may not have much space for books, but I am thoroughly addicted to them and will always find room for more! Thank you so very much for this very kind gift. Hopefully some Sunday you might come along to Lochgelly - the service at St Finnian's doesn't start until 11.30am - plenty of time to get there after your service at Rosyth - you will, I know, always be most welcome. And I will try to come and see you sometimes for a Sunday @ Six service. Thank you everyone.

With thanks and best wishes

Margaret.

Please remember in your thoughts and prayers:

Bishop David and Alison as he undergoes radiotherapy treatment in September.; David Easton, as he takes on the responsibility as Chair of the Scotland District.

Harvest Festival and the Rosyth Foodbank

Harvest Festival will be celebrated in our Church on Sunday 22nd September when we will remember the people in Rosyth, Inverkeithing and Dalgety Bay who depend on the Rosyth Foodbank providing them with basic food items to feed themselves and their children, so please put an item or two in the collection box in the

Crush Hall or bring some goods with you on 22nd September. The items needed are: Pasta Sauce (tin; jar; or sachet), Pasta / Rice, tinned Fruit, tinned tomatoes and Biscuits/snacks - please remember to check the best before date and make it as far into the coming months as possible.

Mary Dempster

Invitations to events

Wednesday Fellowship

The nights are fast drawing in but it seems the summer is far from over. But it's that time of the year when some of us look forward to the beginning of the activities we are involved in – after a well-earned break during the summer. It's the start of a new year for the Methodist Church.

Our Wednesday Fellowship begins on September 4th and the new syllabus for our autumn programme is now available – on display in the Crush Hall, and given out to members.

We have quite a varied programme and lots to look forward to.

We would love to see new members join, and cordially invite you to join us. Maybe you would like to come occasionally if something appeals to you. We meet in the church lounge at 2.15, and usually begin with a time to meet and greet each other, before a short time of devotion. Most afternoons we have a guest speaker.

The first meeting on the 4th is a devotional afternoon led by our minister, Deacon Sarah McDowall, during which we will dedicate to God this time of a new beginning and fellowship. Each week we finish with refreshments and another opportunity to chat to our friends.

Hope to see you there!

Mary Kidd

Exploring prayers in the Bible

Join us at the Manse as we continue to explore "Great prayers in the Bible" on Thursday 5 and 12 September at 7.30pm.

Harvest 2013: Come celebrate!

We celebrate our **Harvest Festival on Sunday 22 September**. There will be a joint communion service at 11am led by the Very Rev Jim Mein, who is celebrating 50 years ordained ministry. This will be followed by a ***bring and share lunch*** in the hall. Details of what people are invited to bring will soon be on the notice board and you are encouraged to support this day of worship, food and friendship. See opposite page for how our Harvest collection will help the Rosyth Food Bank.

Area Council Annual Service.

Do join us in St Paul's Church, Kinross on **Sunday 15 September at 6.30pm** for the St Andrews West Area Council Annual Service. This will be led by the Rector the Rev David Mackenzie-Mills. We haven't details of the service yet, , but David, a fresh face to our Diocese, and his wife Anita are experienced musicians and at the recent Gathering in Perth Cathedral both ran a workshop that took us through a variety of music types which can help to transform our worship.

Refreshments will be served after the service.

Diary for September 2013

Sunday 1 September

- Pentecost 15 9.30am Sung Eucharist Rev Canon David Redwood
- 11.00am Morning Worship Mr Laurent Vernet
David Salthouse (Worship Leader)
- 2.00pm Family Afternoon at Silver Sands, Aberdour
onwards Bring your own drinks, seats, games
Tickets £3 adults, children free
Please help our catering plans by signing the sheet
in the Crush Hall

Monday 2 Sep 7.30pm Ecumenical Study Group, St Columba's Church

- Wednesday 4 Sep 10.00am National Sponsoring Board meeting
to 12.30pm Presentation by Murrayfield Churches Together
group in Saughtonhall United Reformed Church,
Edinburgh
- 2.15pm Wednesday Fellowship: Opening Session:
Deacon Sarah McDowall

Thursday 5 Sep 7.30pm Bible study at the Manse

Sunday 8 September

Racial Justice Sunday

- Pentecost 16 9.00am 'Sunday Funday' and Breakfast
- 9.30am Sung Eucharist Rev Marion Chatterley
- 11.00am Morning Worship Rev Keith Pearce
Deacon Sarah McDowall
- Wednesday 11 Sep 2.15pm Wednesday Fellowship: Bethany Trust
- Thursday 12 Sep 7.30pm Bible study at the Manse
- Saturday 14 Sep Synod, Scotland District, Aberdeen

Diary for September 2013 (cont)

Sunday 15 September

Pentecost 17 9.30am Sung Eucharist Very Rev Jim Mein
 11.00am Morning Service Prof John Sawkins
 Evelyn Kenny (Worship Leader)
 3.00pm Service at Orchardhead House
 6.30pm Area Council Annual Service, St Paul's Kinross
 Followed by refreshments. All are welcome to attend

Tuesday 17 Sep 7.30pm Joint Council/Vestry in Church Lounge

Wednesday 18 Sep 2.15pm Wednesday Fellowship: A Harvest Thanksgiving

Thursday 19 Sep 6.30pm Circuit meeting at Cockenzie (tea at 5.30pm)

Saturday 21 Sep 10.00am The Casting the Net Review Team Away Day
 to 3.00pm Riverside Church, Perth

Sunday 22 September

Harvest 11.00am Joint Family Communion Very Rev Jim Mein
 Deacon Sarah McDowall
 Traidcraft goods on sale after the service
 followed by Bring-and-share Harvest lunch

Note: No Sunday@Six

Wednesday 25 Sep 2.15pm Wednesday Fellowship: Guest speaker Grace Brock
 Puppies - for Guide dog training

Thursday 26 Sep 7.30pm Methodist Council Meeting in Church Lounge

Sunday 29 September

St Michael & All Angels

9.30am Sung Eucharist Very Rev Jim Mein

11.00am Morning Service Mr Laurence Wareing

Ecumenical forum - what now for ecumenism in Scotland?

*An Open Invitation to All Methodists and Friends
from Dr William Reid, Connexional Liaison Officer*

The recent confirmation by Methodist Conference that the Connexional Liaison Officer (CLO) Post for the Methodist Church in Scotland is to be made redundant as of 31 August 2013 will require a fundamental rethink of how Methodism engages ecumenically in and from Scotland. The CLO represented the Methodist Connexion as their Ecumenical Officer in Scotland. Therefore, many of the ecumenical relationships locally, with denominational and other ecumenical partners in Scotland and across the Connexion and UK will need to be reassessed.

An opportune time to address this is at the **Ecumenical Forum meeting planned to be held in Dunblane Cathedral Halls on 19 September 2013**. Arrangements have already been made for the Rev Neil Stubbens, the Connexional Ecumenical Officer to be present on this day. **Refreshments will be available from 10am with the Forum start at 10.30 with worship**. The plan is to use the morning to review where Methodism is ecumenically locally, within the Scottish context and also Connexionally. After lunch (which will be provided) the intention would be to start discussions on how we might move forward in reshaping relationships in Scotland with other Christians and our broader communities. The final session would start to set out some interim

arrangements for the coming year to take forward ecumenical relationships. This would also feed into the Methodist Council review being carried out on how best to carry forward the work previously undertaken by the CLO. We plan to finish by 3.30pm. We will provide a more detailed programme to those attending.

The Forum is open to anyone who feels they wish to engage in this discussion. We would encourage **all** who are interested in our relationship with fellow Christians and churches in Scotland and how we might more effectively witness together to consider attending. **The event is free but we need numbers for logistic and catering purposes."**

If you are interested in attending Mary Kidd has copies of the return slip.

And for some light relaxation

If you enjoy Gilbert and Sullivan music then get yourself along to the Carnegie Hall on Friday 6 September at 7.30pm. The Dunfermline G&S Society, including familiar faces from both congregations, will be on stage for a concert of songs and excerpts, under the title "**Ballads, Songs and Snatches**". You can order tickets (£10 or £9 concession) from Mary Kidd or Gwyneth Kirby.

Contact points

This list supplements the list of formal contacts given on the inside cover, and is for the activities and organisations run by the Methodist Church Council, St Margaret's Vestry, and by affiliated but independent organisations.

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Pilgrimage possibility

Would you be interested in a possible trip to the Holy Land, perhaps sometime in November 2014, depending on those going? Costs are slightly cheaper in November than at mid or peak times and range between £1,600-£1,700 for a 10 day itinerary. Costs include flights from Edinburgh to Heathrow, twin room, full-board. Not included are tips (£45) travel insurance (£59), single room supplement £325. There are usually six nights in

Jerusalem and the remainder of the time at Tiberias. The tour involves steep walks and steps, although they are taken at a gentle pace. A local guide accompanies the party. There have been some expressions of interest. If you are interested do get in touch soon, because it takes time to get a programme prepared. This opportunity will be open to the other churches in the town. Talk to me if you would like to find out more.

Say it with Flowers

Flowers not only add beauty to our worship area, they are also appreciated by recipients afterwards, maybe in the comfort of their home on a day when a visit is made.

Pastoral visitors are reminded that the flowers are available for distribution after the 11am service. Visiting cards (pink or blue) which convey a message from the church, and a record book, are kept in the flower cupboard in the back entrance room.

There are still a few vacancies on the Flower rota in the Crush Hall. It's never too late to offer help. Please indicate if you are willing to supply flowers, or arrange them, or both, or make a donation to the Flower Fund.

If you are a 'Gift-Aider', please ensure your contribution is marked with your name or envelope number as this will increase the Flower Fund by £2.50 for each £10 you donate. Perhaps you have a special date, an anniversary or a birthday you wish to commemorate in this way.

I would like to thank those who have supplied flowers, and the arrangers who have taken time and care to arrange the flowers in recent months. I speak from experience (having been on the 'receiving end') when I say this is an important part of the ministry of our church, and a pleasant one. Long may it continue.

Mary Kidd

CONTACT on the web

For photos in colour, view or download this issue at <http://tinyurl.com/pjohj7h>

To our contributors

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