

St Margaret's Parish Men's Group**Draft Minutes of Meeting – Thursday 7th May 2026 - held in the Crypt at St Margaret's Church**

Present: Tom Scott (Chair) Martin Wilkinson (Minutes), John McIllduff (Treasurer), Bob Creaney, Pete Seath, Frannie McNicoll

Apologies for Absence: Martin McNicoll, Andrew Flynn, George Connolly, Ken Ritchie,

Minutes of the meeting of 9th April 2026 were approved.

Financial. The group's balance has not changed and is £288.11. Pete Seath reported that following the death of a cook at St Margaret's Primary School the school has had permission to install a defibrillator but has to raise the cost. Decided that Mens Group should contribute £50. Pete Seath to arrange.

Social Activities

- The first parish walk of the year was at Lochore Meadows on 26th April and attracted 6 people.
- The post-Lent group meal at Namaste Indian restaurant on Thursday 28th April, preceded by drinks in the Commercial, was successful and attended by 11 group members.

Future Activities

- **Japanese Garden at Dollar** senior ticket less than £10 but with afternoon tea is £33. Preferred to go to inn close by for refreshment. Suggested dates 29th May or 5th June. Tom will consult members by email over dates.
- **Flight Club in St James Centre, Edinburgh.** No further advance yet but Pete Seath has agreed to organise in the future.
- **Theatre Trip** several possibilities were considered. Discuss further at our next meeting.
 - **Pitlochry, My Fair Lady** 21 to 31 November. Heavily booked and thought that few seats left.
 - **Edinburgh Playhouse, The Jersey Boys**, 12 to 17th October. Matinees on Thursday 15th and Saturday 17th well-booked but evenings are OK just now.
 - **Alhambra, Dunfermline** Perhaps we should go locally and use the town's restaurants in conjunction with a show. There is a good choice of events. We should have a programme of Alhambra events to consider at next meeting.
 - **Carnegie Hall, Dunfermline.** If considering Alhambra, Frannie suggested to also consider the Carnegie Hall.
- **Soul Night** Suggested to go to Fire Station Creative for this rather than arrange ourselves in the crypt. It's a small venue. Suggest June or July.
- **Royal Botanic Gardens** suggested better as a winter event.
- **Golf Competition** We need to contact Ronan re cheaper access to course
- **St Margaret's Pilgrimage** Our annual pilgrimage day will be Sunday 14th June and arrangements have been made by Ronan. As publicised to the parish we will start at 1200 at St Margaret's Cave where the Archbishop will lead the Angelus, then 1300 at St Margaret's Tomb outside the Abbey for a short service followed by assembly by 1400 at the Louise Carnegie Gates to the Glen (opposite Seven Kings) for the walking pilgrimage along Bridge St, High St and East Port to the church for Holy Mass at 1500. Ronan may approach the Men's Group for helpers and marshalls at each of these stages and locations. Please note the date and be prepared to help Ronan.

Next Meeting: Thursday 4th June 2026 in St. Margaret's Crypt