

**ST MARGARET'S  
NEW GALLOWAY**

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**LENT**

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### FROM THE TREASURER - GIVING

Thank you to all those who have sent cheques in lieu of your usual giving during this challenging time. Please continue to do so if you can. If you would prefer to donate by standing order the Church bank details are below.

**Bank** Clydesdale Bank

**Account Name** St. Margaret's Episcopal Church

**Account Number** 70077006

**Sort Code** 82-66-33

Please do not hesitate to contact our Treasurer, Cathy Agnew if you would like to discuss any aspect of this.

## UPDATE FROM THE VESTRY

Once again, St Margaret's finds itself in a period of interregnum. However, we are delighted to tell you that Bishop Kevin has formally appointed Canon Barry Gilbert to be our interim Priest-in-Charge. We are most grateful to Barry for taking this on.

As we continue to progress through another full Lockdown, we are obviously saddened and disappointed that all churches in Scotland must remain closed. It is particularly frustrating as we had managed all our Advent and Christmas services extremely well and they had been much enjoyed by all who came. We even welcomed a real live organist – thank you Hilary – at our Celebration of Christmas in Words and Music. It made such a difference.

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February is the festival of Candlemas – the day that celebrates the ritual purification of Mary, 40 days after the birth of her son Jesus. In many families it's remembered as the day by which the final Christmas decorations (i.e. the ones that got forgotten on Twelfth Night) really should be taken down. And in many Irish counties, **Candlemas** is celebrated with the Boxty, a traditional Irish potato pancake consisting of finely grated raw potato and mashed potato with flour, baking soda, buttermilk and sometimes egg. Well, for those who are looking for new Lockdown recipes, there's a challenge!

The season of Lent will soon be on us. Ash Wednesday falls on 17<sup>th</sup> February. Barry Gilbert has very kindly offered to hold a virtual service at 6pm that day. The Zoom link will be sent out, so do join if you are able.

Meanwhile please keep safe and well.

## OBITUARY

### MARY JOHNSTONE

Mary married her husband George whose father was the minister of East Kilbride at the time having previously been the minister of Balmaclellan, as had his grandfather and his great grandfather. Born in Barnsley, Mary qualified as a mid-wife in Sheffield and subsequently joined the Queen Alexandra Royal Army Nursing Corps. Her first posting was to Nairobi, Kenya where she met and married George who was doing his National Service with the Royal Army Medical Corps. George was a specialist in obstetrics and gynaecology. George subsequently decided to sign up for a long-term career in the army. George spent the majority of his career stationed in different parts of the world and Mary often told me of her times in Germany, Singapore and Hong Kong which she had particularly enjoyed while the five children were growing up. On George's retirement they moved to New Galloway and by the time we arrived Mary was the Chair of the Ladies' Guild.

Life in the military meant that they were used to worshipping at services which depended on the denomination of the padre. This meant that while Mary had been brought up as a Roman Catholic and George as Presbyterian they were both content to move between Kells and St Margaret's. After George's stroke they both came to St Margaret's and I was always pleased when George was there because he laughed loudly if I said anything slightly amusing.

Mary was a very good hostess and our first Harvest Lunch was held at Ashbank. She also delivered Meals on Wheels and the harvest produce in the area around New Galloway. Sometime after George died Mary had to deal with several problems in her life which she bore with a dogged resolution before moving to Derbyshire to be close to her youngest son Tom. Her lifelong motto was "I can, I must and I will". She was pre-deceased by two of her children. Mary was a generous, kind and quiet woman. I think that I can tell you now that it is thanks to Mary that we acquired a new organ for the Centenary celebrations at St Margaret's.

RIP

Revd. John Repath

## **CHRISTMAS SERVICE COLLECTIONS**

Thanks to the generosity of everyone attending the Christmas services we have been able to send a donation of £1081.50 to the chosen Charity CRISIS.

### **ASH WEDNESDAY**

Unfortunately we do not expect the lockdown restrictions to be lifted before the start of Lent. However, Barry Gilbert has offered to deliver an Ash Wednesday Service via Zoom at 6pm on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> February. A link to join the online service will be emailed to everyone on the Communicant List. If you are not a member of St. Margaret's but would like to join this service please email Christine to give your consent at: [dalgowantraining@aol.com](mailto:dalgowantraining@aol.com).

### **WEBSITE FOR ST MARGARET'S NOW LIVE!**

For some time now we have been working towards having our own website and are excited to report that it is now 'live'. We have followed the format used by most of the other charges in the Diocese, and are grateful for all the help we have had from the Digital Missioner, Petko Marinov. Now that it is 'up and running' it is relatively simple to keep it updated which we do on a weekly basis.

At the moment it is particularly useful to have our own website because as soon as there is any change in the current rules regarding church worship then it can be posted for all to see. We can also add Newsletters and the weekly reflections that Barry Gilbert is kindly producing for us during this latest lockdown.

Please go to <https://stmargaretsnewgalloway.org>

## Books of the Bible Anagram Quiz

ANAGRAM	ANSWER
1. No Looms	
2. Evil Is Cut	
3. As Mule	
4. See Sign	
5. Hem Watt	
6. Use Dox	
7. On Mars	
8. Nailed	
9. Nominal Taste	
10. Last Again	
11. Haze Phina	
12. A Sheep Sin	
13. Moody Tenure	
14. Hob Aida	
15. I Jeer Ham	
16. Hemp Lion	
17. A Shoe	
18. Be Shrew	
19. Human	
20. Social Sons	

**Answers next month**

## POETRY CORNER

### Candlemas

by *John Henry Newman*

The Angel-lights of Christmas morn,  
Which shot across the sky,  
Away they pass at Candlemas,  
They sparkle and they die.

Comfort of earth is brief at best,  
Although it be divine;  
Like funeral lights for Christmas gone,  
Old Simeon's tapers shine.

And then for eight long weeks and more  
We wait in twilight grey,  
Till the high candle sheds a beam  
On Holy Saturday.

We wait along the penance-tide  
Of solemn fast and prayer;  
While song is hush'd, and lights grow dim  
In the sin-laden air.

And while the sword in Mary's soul  
Is driven home, we hide  
In our own hearts, and count the wounds  
Of passion and of pride.

And still, though Candlemas be spent  
And Alleluias o'er,  
Mary is music in our need,  
And Jesus light in store.



## FEBRUARY READINGS

7<sup>th</sup> February, 5<sup>th</sup> after Epiphany

Isaiah 40: 21-31

Psalm 147: 1-11, 20

1 Corinthians 9: 16-23

Mark 1: 29-39

14<sup>th</sup> February, Transfiguration Sunday

2 Kings 2: 1-12

Psalm 50: 1-6

2 Corinthians 4: 3-6

Mark 9: 2-9

21<sup>st</sup> February, 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent

Genesis 9: 8-17

Psalm 25: 1-10

1 Peter 3: 18-end

Mark 1: 9-15

28<sup>th</sup> February, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent

Genesis 17: 1-7, 15-16

Psalm 22: 23-end

Romans 4: 13-end

Mark 8: 31-end

# PRAYER FOCUS

- Sunday Pray for Bishop Kevin, the Clergy of the Diocese, Lay Readers and Vestry Committees.
- Monday Pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to inspire churches and congregations around the world through prayers and worship.
- Tuesday Pray for all those who suffer and are persecuted for their faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.
- Wednesday Pray for all of those who suffer severe hardship, for those who face famine and thirst around the world and those suffering the effects of the coronavirus pandemic
- Thursday Pray for the world-wide Anglican Communion and Church leaders of all Denominations.
- Friday Pray for Her Majesty the Queen and her family and for all who serve under her.
- Saturday Pray for the work of missionary societies and aid agencies in the troubled parts of the world.