

ST MARGARET'S NEW GALLOWAY

JULY 2021



St. Margaret's Church

NUMBER 434

Charity No: SCO12084

SERVICES FOR JULY

5 th after Trinity	4 th July	10.30am	Eucharist	Bishop Gordon Mursell
6 th after Trinity	11 th July	10.30am	Eucharist	Revd. John Martin
7 th after Trinity	18 th July	10.30am	Eucharist	Revd. John McHale
James the Apostle	25 th July	10.30am	Eucharist	Canon Barry Gilbert

CHURCH OFFICERS AND VESTRY

Priest in Charge	Canon B. Gilbert	Tel. 420665
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BAPTISMS, MARRIAGES, FUNERALS

Barry Gilbert our Priest-in-Charge, is the point of contact for baptisms, marriages or funerals. Telephone 01644 420665 or email: barry_gilbert@talk21.com

UPDATE FROM THE VESTRY

We are delighted that Barry and Pat have been able to go to the Scilly Isles again for their summer 'locum' job. They have both been tireless in their support for St Margaret's and we trust they will return at the end of the month refreshed and tanned! In the meantime, we are grateful to the many priests who celebrate the Eucharist with us enabling our worship to continue.

Thank you to everyone in the congregation who has taken the trouble to respond with their views about the proposed way forward for St Margaret's in sharing a Priest-in-Charge with All Saints, Challoch. Overall, the response has been very positive although understandably there is concern about the financial aspect - please be assured that we will not progress things unless we are satisfied that we can afford to do so. The two Treasurers are in close discussion with the Diocesan Treasurer, and there will be another meeting with both Vestries and the Bishop and Dean this month, after which we propose to hold a Special General Meeting following the Eucharist on Sunday 25th July, in church. More details will be sent out nearer the time but please make a note of the date.

Hilary Craig, our Organist, is hoping to join us again in September – perhaps we will even be allowed to sing by then! The Province has started a fund to enable churches all across Scotland to use new technology to enhance their worship and we are therefore looking at adding a sound system that will allow us to play music (via CD, Bluetooth, USB memory stick etc) through the organ's speakers.

Lastly, we are so pleased that Jean Dowswell is once again leading our Intercessions – welcome back Jean!

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

ST MARGARET'S WEBSITE

Our website is proving useful as another source of information about our worship – particularly with Covid rules changing all the time. Any changes to our services will be posted on the website, as well as news from the Diocese and in our own Newsletter. The website can be accessed at:

<https://stmargaretsnewalloway.org>

FLOWER ROTA

4 th July	Rosalind Hall
11 th July	Nicolette Wise
18 th July	Nicolette wise
25 th July	Barry Gilbert

GARDEN OPENING

Our Organist, Hilary Craig, is opening her garden on 11th July from 12 noon to 5pm - Whiteside, Dunscore, DG2 0UU – five miles from Dunscore on the road to Corsock. Entry is £5, children and dogs free but latter on leads please! Proceeds will be divided between Music in Dumfries and the Scotland Gardens scheme.

Hilary describes her garden as 200m above sea level on a north facing slope with views to Queensberry and the Lowther Hills. Shrubs, young trees, walled vegetable and fruit garden, orchard, courtyard garden, varied borders, ponds and ducks. Teas will be available depending on Covid rules on the day and there will be live music provided by The Brassketeers.

REFRESHMENTS IN CHURCH

The current guidance from the Advisory Committee is that refreshment can now be served in Church before or after the service. However, people will be required to remain seated in their household groups and anyone moving about or serving will be required to wear a face covering at all times. Social distancing will still have to be observed between those in different household or support groups.

If you wish to stay for refreshments please move to the back of the Church (wearing a face covering) and sit in the single seats, which have been positioned either singularly or in pairs. Please occupy the seats according to your household or support group. You should remain seated; coffee and tea will be brought round on a tray by servers wearing face coverings.

LADIES GUILD

The Ladies Guild have resumed serving refreshments after the Sunday services and it is hoped we will shortly be able to hold fund raising events. As we can now meet face to face inside in small numbers, and as the Ladies Guild are few in number, I am hoping we can meet to plan for the future when more restrictions are lifted. Provisional date Thursday 8th July at 10.30am. Further details to follow.

Christine Rankin
Ladies Guild President

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

This is proposed to take place after the service on Sunday 25th July.

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

A service to celebrate the life of Mary Johnstone will take place at St. Margaret's Church on Saturday 31st July 2021. This will be by invitation from the family and dependant on current numbers being allowed to attend. We are delighted that this will be taking place in view of the strong links Mary had with St. Margaret's during her time living in New Galloway.

TO MAKE YOU SMILE

1. What do you do on a first date?

Dates are for having fun, and people should use them to get to know each other. Even boys have something to say if you listen long enough.

Lynette age 8

On the first date they just tell each other lies and that usually gets them interested enough for a second date.

Martin age 10

2. When is it okay to kiss someone?

When they're rich.

Pam age 7

The law says you have to be eighteen so I wouldn't want to mess with that.

Curt age 7

The rule goes like this if you kiss someone, then you should marry them. It's the right thing to do.

Howard age 8

3. Is it better to be single or married?

It's better for girls to be single but not for boys. Boys need someone to clean up after them.

Anita age 9

4. How would the world be different if people didn't get married?

There sure would be a lot of kids to explain, wouldn't there?

Kelvin age 8

5. How would you make a marriage work?

Tell your wife she looks pretty, even if she looks like a dump truck.

Ricky age 10

POETRY CORNER

None But The Hungry

by

Deborah Ann Belka

None but the hungry soul,
 can be satisfied
none but the thirsty ones
 will have peace inside.

None but the longing heart,
 can be fulfilled
none but the wilful ones
 will have faith instilled.

None but the seeking mind,
 can be transformed
none but the desiring ones
 will to God be reformed.

None but the selfless life,
 can be made anew
none but the meek ones
 will Jesus come to.

None but the hungry soul,
 can see the light
none but the thirsty heart
 will stay in the fight!

JULY READINGS

4th July

Ezekiel 2: 1 - 5

Nicholas Wise

2 Corinthians 12: 2 - 10

Jean Dowswell

11th July

Amos 7: 7 - 15

Nicolette Wise

Ephesians 1: 3 – 14

Helen Keron

18th July

Jeremiah 23: 1 - 6

Cathy Agnew

Ephesians 2: 11 – end

Clive Brayshaw

25th July

Jeremiah 45: 1 – 5

Rosalind Hall

Acts 11: 27 – 12.2

Christine Rankin

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.