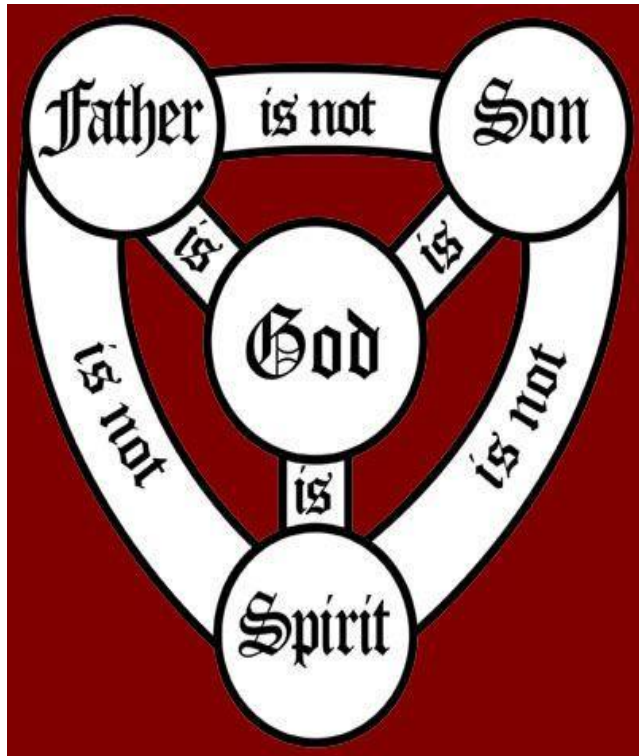


ST MARGARET'S NEW GALLOWAY

JUNE 2021



Trinity

NUMBER 433

Charity No: SCO12084

SERVICES FOR JUNE

1 st after Trinity	6 th June	10.30am	Eucharist	Canon Barry Gilbert
2 nd after Trinity	13 th June	10.30am	Eucharist	Revd. John Martin
3 rd after Trinity	20 th June	10.30am	Eucharist	Professor Revd. Rob Gilbert
4 th after Trinity	27 th June	10.30am	Eucharist	Revd. John McHale

CHURCH OFFICERS AND VESTRY

Priest in Charge	Canon B. Gilbert	Tel. 420665
Secretary	Mrs C. Rankin	Tel. 420259
Treasurer	Mrs C. Agnew	Tel. 430212
Eucharistic Asst.	Mrs J. Dowswell	Tel. 420372
Lay Representative	Mrs N. Wise	Tel. 430218
Ladies Guild Pres.	Mrs C. Rankin	Tel. 420259
Property Convenor	Mrs J. Marsden	Tel. 420419
	Mr N. Wise	Tel: 430218

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

Now that the Government guidelines have eased somewhat, we are delighted that we can once again offer refreshments after our Sunday services – the response has been positive from everyone and it is heartening to once again have ‘fellowship following worship’. Many of our visiting priests travel some distance to be with us and they really appreciate having a cup of coffee and chatting with the congregation. Many thanks to the Ladies Guild for organising this.

As we go to press, the latest update from the Province, and Government, is that we may be able to start singing again in June, albeit with masks in place. But this does feel like another small step towards more normal worship. As soon as we have confirmation of what is allowed and when, we will put an update on the weekly pew sheets, and on the website.

And lastly, heard from a resident of New Galloway, who is not a member of the congregation, “How nice to hear the St Margaret’s bell ringing again on Sunday mornings”.

HELPING WITH SERVICES

After many years, Jean Dowswell has decided that the time has come for her to step down as our Eucharistic Assistant. We are most grateful for all she has done and for all the quiet help and support she has provided over many years - and we are pleased she still remains on the Vestry.

However, the Vestry is conscious that we are now even more short of lay people who might be able to assist with our services – bell ringing, reading lessons, doing the intercessions or even taking a service with Reserved Sacrament if we don’t have a priest on a particular Sunday. If you feel the latter is something you would like to find out more about, Barry would be more than happy to talk to you, and training would be provided, free of charge, by the Diocese.

Linda Gerraty has kindly agreed to oversee altar preparation for the Eucharist and is looking for volunteers to add to the rota. We already have several people who are happy to Read during services but it would be nice to expand that rota as well.

Please think about what you might be able to do: the more people we have the better!

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

CHURCH FLOWERS

Flower arrangers will now be able to arrange flowers in the Church as before, as long as they do so at least 24 hours before Communal Worship

FLOWER ROTA

6th June

Venetia Forbes

13th June

Jean Marsden

20th June

Jean Marsden

27th June

Rosalind Hall

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://stmargaretsnewgalloway.org>

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 will now be able to resume offering refreshments after the Sunday service and remain within the guidance. In order to do so, only people in the same household or support group can be in the utility area together i.e. making coffee or washing up and only one person will serve coffee or tea to those remaining seated. Coffee and tea will be prepared on a tray in the Utility Area and one person will serve it wearing a face covering. Please let me know if you would like to go on the Refreshment Rota.

Christine Rankin
Ladies Guild President

TO MAKE YOU SMILE

1. How Do You Decide Whom To Marry?

You got to find somebody who likes the same stuff. Like, if you like sport, she should like it that you like sport, and she should keep the chips and dip coming

Alan age 10

No person really decides before they grow up who they're going to marry. God decides it way before, and you get to find out later who you're stuck with.

Kirsten age 10

2. What Is The Right Age To Get Married?

Twenty three is the best age because you know the person FOREVER by then.

Camille age 10

3. How Can A Stranger Tell If Two People Are Married?

You might have to guess on whether they seem to be yelling at the same kids

Derrick age 8

4. What Do You Think Your Mum And Dad Have In Common?

Both don't want any more kids.

Lori age 8

Thank you to the member who sent in these. More next month

POETRY CORNER

For our anxious little realm,
for the fears that overwhelm...

There is a throne.

For mistakes we can't forget
and the sins that still beset...

We have a Lamb.

For our lost and lonely hearts,
for our gnarled and tangled paths...

We have a Shepherd.

For our dry and listless souls
and our thirst for being whole...

We have a Stream.

For regret and ravaged years,
for all sweet and bitter tears...

We have a Father.

For treks through burning sands,
To our home in promised lands,
This hope till all is done:
Our God the three-in-one.

MAY READINGS

6th June

Genesis 3: 8 - 15

Jean Dowswell

2 Corinthians 4: 13 – 5.1

Nicholas Wise

13th June

Ezekiel 17: 22 - end

Helen Keron

2 Corinthians 5: 6 – 10, 14 - 17

Nicolette Wise

20th June

Job 38: 1 – 11

Clive Brayshaw

2 Corinthians 6: 1 - 13

Cathy Agnew

27th June

Wisdom 1: 13 – 15; 2: 23 - 24

Christine Rankin

2 Corinthians 8: 7 - end

Rosalind Hall

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.