

ST MARGARET'S NEW GALLOWAY

AUGUST 2021



St. Margaret's Church

NUMBER 435

Charity No: SCO12084

SERVICES FOR AUGUST

9th after Trinity 1st August 10.30am Eucharist Canon Barry Gilbert

10th after Trinity 8th August 10.30am Eucharist Professor Revd. Rob Gilbert

11th after Trinity 15th August 10.30am Eucharist Revd. David De Verney

12th after Trinity 22nd August 10.30am Eucharist Revd. John McHale

13th after Trinity 29th August 10.30 am Eucharist Canon Robin Whitehead

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

Although plans for progressing the idea of a shared Priest-in-Charge are still ongoing, it is taking longer than originally anticipated. We are still waiting to hear back from the Bishop and the Dean on what any potential timeframe for further discussions might be but will let you know just as soon as we can. This, was the reason for postponing the Special General Meeting on Sunday 25th July and we hope this did not inconvenience you .

Meanwhile, earlier in July, we hosted a lovely afternoon visit from members of the Vestry from All Saints, Challoch. People had a good look round St Margaret's and were intrigued by a number of things including the variety of our altar frontals, the stained-glass windows, the brasses around the walls, the bell and most of all our splendid handmade kneelers.

Luckily the weather was kind to us – fortunately not as sweltering as in recent days – and people had a good walk around the Rectory and admired its garden. Overall, they were extremely impressed by all that they saw, and they particularly enjoyed the delicious tea, cakes and sandwiches. A return match to Challoch is planned for the autumn.

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://stmargaretsnewgalloway.org>

2021 DIOCESAN SYNOD

This year's Diocesan Synod, delayed from March due to the pandemic, is being held via Zoom on Saturday 31st July, and so will be too late to include a report for this Newsletter. But I will give a short report in the September Newsletter.

Nicolette Wise
Lay Representative.

AUGUST FLOWER ROTA

1st August	Barry Gilbert
8 th August	Jean Marsden
15 th August	Jean Marsden
22 nd August	Venetia Forbes
29 th August	Venetia Forbes

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, however, that has now been reduced to 1 metre.

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

Unfortunately the Ladies Guild meeting proposed for 8th July did not take place as very few people were available to attend. I therefore suggest we postpone holding a meeting until September when hopefully it will be clearer what can go ahead, and more people will be available.

Christine Rankin
Ladies Guild President

POETRY CORNER

Keep Going

Is the goal distant, and troubled the road,
And the way long?
And heavy your load?
Then gird up your courage, and say 'I am strong,'
And keep going.

Is the work weary, and endless the grind
And petty the pay?
Then brace up your mind
And say 'Something better is coming my way,'
And keep doing.

Is the drink bitter life pours in your cup -
Is the taste gall?
Then smile and look up
And say 'God is with me whatever befall,'
And keep trusting.

Is the heart heavy with hope long deferred,
And with prayers that seem vain?
Keep saying the word -
And that which you strive for you yet shall attain.
Keep praying.

- *Ella Wheeler Wilcox*

AUGUST READINGS

1st August

Exodus 16: 2 - 4, 9 - 15

Jean Dowswell

Ephesians 4: 1 - 16

Nicholas Wise

8th August

1 Kings 19: 4 - 8

Helen Keron

Ephesians 4: 25 - 5. 2

Nicolette Wise

15th August

Proverbs 9: 1 - 6

Clive Brayshaw

Ephesians 5: 15 - 20

Cathy Agnew

22nd August

Joshua 24: 1 – 2a, 14 - 18

Christine Rankin

Ephesians 6: 10 - 20

Rosalind Hall

29th August

Deuteronomy 4: 1 – 2, 6 – 9

Nicholas Wise

James 1: 17 - end

Jean Dowswell

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.