

ST MARGARET'S NEW GALLOWAY

SEPTEMBER 2021



Harvest

St. Margaret's Church

NUMBER 436

Charity No: SCO12084

SERVICES FOR SEPTEMBER

14th after Trinity 5th September 10.30am Eucharist Canon Barry Gilbert

15th after Trinity 12th September 10.30am Eucharist Revd. John Martin

Harvest Festival 19th September 10.30am Eucharist Canon Barry Gilbert

17th after Trinity 26th September 10.30am Eucharist Revd. John McHale

CHURCH OFFICERS AND VESTRY

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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

Barry Gilbert has kindly agreed to lead our Harvest Festival on 19th September and we hope to hold a Harvest Lunch for the congregation afterwards - see details on page 7. As this Newsletter goes to press, there is some nervousness about Covid cases in Dumfries and Galloway but if there are any changes to what is planned we will be in touch with everyone.

The Scottish Government's decision to lift most of the restrictions regarding indoor gatherings means that we no longer have a limit on numbers in church, nor do we have to adhere to the 1m distancing rule. However, we feel it would be prudent for the time being to only use every other pew at St Margaret's. Face coverings are still required in indoor public places, and we will continue to keep contact details of those attending worship, and have hand sanitiser available.

We were sad to learn of the recent death of Father Anthony Clements, Coptic priest. Tony and his wife Diana lived near Corsock and we were always delighted to see them when they visited St Margaret's to worship with us. More recently he was happy to find an Orthodox Church in Cumbria. Our thoughts and prayers are with Diana and their family.

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>

REPORT FROM DIOCESAN SYNOD 31st JULY

The Synod, delayed from March due to the Covid pandemic, was held ‘virtually’ via Zoom, organised by Sanctus, the same company who managed this year’s ‘virtual’ General Synod. The Bishop’s Charge was inspiring and pertinent to the times we find ourselves in – once we can get a copy we will print it in the Newsletter.

The main item on the Agenda was the Diocesan Constitution, which was last revised in 2012 and has been under review since 2015. Bishop Kevin is keen that the new Constitution should reflect what our Diocese does, rather than what it used to do, and that it should be more in keeping with the Canons of the SEC as well as offering transparency and flexibility, and should bring us closer to that which exists in the other dioceses of the Province. After presentation by the Bishop, Dean and Secretary, the Synod voted to accept the new Constitution.

The new Constitution recognises that the Synod is the ultimate decision-making body of the Diocese (members include all clergy and Lay Representatives or Alternate Lay Representatives). However, as it only meets once a year, a ‘standing committee’ is required that meets more often – the Diocesan Council, whose members are the Charitable Trustees of the Diocese. The new Constitution rules that the Synod should elect members of the Diocesan Council (in the past each Regional Council directly nominated members). It will be a slightly smaller group as the elected members will be reduced to ten (six Lay, four Clergy).

Another change relates to what was the Bishop's Staff Group. This will now be called the Bishop's Core Group and will continue to manage the day-to-day business of the diocese and its resources. Members will be the Bishop, the Dean, the Provost, the Synod Clerk, the Canon Missioner, the Diocesan Secretary and the Diocesan Treasurer. But under the new Constitution, the Bishop may invite other individuals to join the group in order to help with any core tasks that are needed to enable Episcopal Ministry in the Diocese.

Another item that may be of interest concerns the Bishop's Lent Appeal (Aberlour Child Care Trust). The Bishop was delighted to report that over £12,000 has now been raised, well in excess of last year's Bishop's Lent Appeal. The Bishop said "Aberlour is there for Scotland's hidden children, whose considerable difficulties have been hugely exacerbated over the last year of pandemic. They believe every child deserves the chance to thrive". Thanks to all who have contributed.

Nicolette Wise
Lay Representative

REPORT FROM THE GALLOWAY REGIONAL COUNCIL

We were delighted to welcome back our Convenor, Stephen Hazlett, after his recent heart attack and even more exciting was that we were able to meet in person, not via Zoom. All Saints, Lockerbie kindly hosted our meeting at the end of August – the first time we had seen each other face-to-face since pre-Covid. The congregation of All Saints looked after us all well, with teas served outside in the garden. The Revd Dr Paul Singh, their Rector, gave an interesting presentation of how they had harnessed new technology to deliver services during lockdown. Although Paul is obviously quite up-to-speed with computers, he did admit that he required the help of his teenage son when it came to editing and putting the services onto YouTube!

A presentation was made to Stephen Hazlett to congratulate him on being appointed a Canon of St Mary's Cathedral, Glasgow. Stephen has been Rector of Greyfriars, Kirkcudbright and St Mary's, Gatehouse of Fleet

since 2016, in a journey of ordained ministry spanning over three decades from Portrush, Belfast, and Bushmills, through Sunderland, to Rotterdam. Bishop Kevin commented “Canon Stephen’s appointment is an exciting development for both Galloway and the whole Diocese. He is handling three long-term vacancies in the region and helping to discern a new vision and pattern of ministry for these charges. He will be a great addition to the Cathedral Chapter and his voice will be a valuable asset in the wider mission of our Diocese.”

Nicolette Wise
Lay Representative

SEPTEMBER FLOWER ROTA

5 th September	Cathy Agnew
12 th September	Cathy Agnew
19 th September	Congregation
26 th September	Rosalind Hall

HARVEST FESTIVAL

We will be decorating the Church for Harvest on Saturday 18th September at 10.30am. All are invited to help make the Church look festive.

REFRESHMENTS IN CHURCH

The Ladies Guild will be serving tea and coffee after the Sunday service each week. The Scottish Government guidelines now enable us to mix more freely, however anyone who would rather have refreshments served to them should remain seated.

HARVEST LUNCH

We are very grateful to Venetia and Derick Forbes who have once again offered to host the Harvest Lunch at Earlstoun. This will take place after the Harvest Service on Sunday 19th September, providing there are no more restrictions imposed as a result of the increasing numbers of Covid cases in Scotland. Ticket numbers will be reduced from previous years to allow for more distancing. Tickets will be available in Church from 5th September, price £12.

LADIES GUILD

The Ladies Guild meeting will take place on Thursday 2nd September at 10.30am at Dalgowan. We will be planning for the Harvest Lunch and the Christmas Coffee morning, which has traditionally been held jointly with the Kirk Guild, and which is anticipated will be able to take place this year. Annual subs will be collected. If you are unable to attend please let me know if you will be able to help with either of these events.

Christine Rankin
Ladies Guild President

DOORS OPEN

All Saints Challoch are taking part in this year's Doors Open event on weekend 4th and 5th September with the theme 'Then and Now' please see the poster on the notice board outside the Church for more details or at www.allsaintschalloch.wordpress.com

POETRY CORNER

When We See The Harvest

A harvest of apples, a harvest of corn,
A harvest of plenty, an autumn adorned.
With bright coloured leaves, a fall festive blend;
A wonderful time for families and friends.
A harvest of pumpkins a harvest of grain;
A harvest of bounty, and cool autumn rains.
A big harvest moon – way up in the sky;
A harvest of blessing that God has supplied.
Be grateful, be humble, give thanks to the Lord;
He has showered his blessing here in our world.
But have we been faithful and have we been true?
Have we put God first in all that we do?
A harvest that God sees is not food or crop;
Not pumpkins, or grain, not apples that drop;
But God sees the harvest of souls needing Him;
A harvest of people who need saving from their sin.
A harvest of souls and a harvest of love;
A harvest of mercy from our Father above.
When we see the harvest, let's see through God's eyes;
And share with the nations the life He supplies.

by Susan Y Nikitenko

SEPTEMBER READINGS

5th September

Isaiah 35: 4-7a

Rosalind Hall

James 2: 1-10, 14-17

Nicholas Wise

12th September

Isaiah 50: 4-9a

Helen Keron

James 3: 1-12

Nicolette Wise

19th September

Joel 2: 21 - 27

Clive Brayshaw

1 Timothy 6: 6 – 10

Cathy Agnew

26th September

Numbers 11: 4-6, 10-16, 24-29

Jean Dowswell

James 5: 13-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.