

# **ST MARGARET'S NEW GALLOWAY**

## **NOVEMBER 2021**



## **St. Margaret's Church**

**NUMBER 438**

**Charity No: SCO12084**



# SERVICES FOR NOVEMBER

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday before Advent    7<sup>th</sup> November 10.30am Eucharist -  
Revd. John Martin
- Remembrance Sunday    14<sup>th</sup> November 10.55am at War Memorial  
followed by Service in St. Margaret's –  
Canon Barry Gilbert and Revd Dr David Bartholomew
- Christ the King    21<sup>st</sup> November 10.30am Eucharist -  
Professor Revd Rob Gilbert
- 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent    28<sup>th</sup> November 10.30am Eucharist  
followed by the AGM – Canon Barry Gilbert

## CHURCH OFFICERS AND VESTRY

Priest in Charge	Canon B. Gilbert	Tel. 420665
Secretary	Mrs C. Rankin	Tel. 420259
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	Mr N. Wise	Tel: 430218
	Mrs P. Gilbert	Tel: 420665

## 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](mailto:barry_gilbert@talk21.com)

## **UPDATE FROM THE VESTRY**

On the afternoon of Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> October, over 30 people met at St Margaret's for tea and to meet Bishop Kevin and Dean Reuben. The purpose of the meeting was for members of the congregations of St Margaret's and All Saints' Challoch to hear details of the Diocese's proposal for the two separate churches to share a Priest-in-Charge over the next 3-5 years.

The Dean, in his video presentation, talked through the likely recruitment process and timeline. The advertisement would be put out by the Diocese in December with a closing date of the end of January 2022. Each applicant would receive an application pack containing a letter and welcome video from the Bishop, the two congregational profiles, the Priest-in-Charge profile and the short video that had been made about each charge. The Bishop went on to explain the importance of rural ministry and that he was looking for candidates to join a team of clergy throughout the Diocese. It was intended that there should be regular reviews and a network of support would be offered, particularly to isolated churches.

Initial interviews would be held by zoom in early February, with the preferred candidate being asked to visit and meet the two Vestries in person later that month. If all goes to plan the new incumbent might be in place by May 2022 – having served their 3-month notice period.

There followed a few questions from the congregations which the Bishop and Dean answered and provided clarity on a number of points. In response to a specific question about finances, the St Margaret's Treasurer sought to reassure people from both congregations by saying that neither church would commit to contributing more than they could afford. The Diocesan Council will be inviting the Treasurers of both charges to their meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> November, in order for them to present their request for a Missional Support Grant towards the cost of the annual stipend.

We will update you again in the December Newsletter but, in the meantime, should anyone have any questions please do speak to Barry or a member of the Vestry.

## **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>

## **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.

## **REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**

The Remembrance Day Service will commence at 10.55am on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> November at the War Memorial and afterwards in St. Margaret's Church. Revd. Canon Barry Gilbert and Dr. David Bartholomew will jointly preside

## **ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH AGM**

The Annual General Meeting will take place after the service on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> November. The Annual Reports and Accounts will be sent out via email. Printed copies will also be available at the back of the Church from Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> November.

## **LOOKING AHEAD TO ADVENT**

Revd Les Ireland is once again running the Diocesan Advent Quiet Day via zoom, on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> December from 10am to 1pm. The programme will include reflections on the challenges and joys of God visiting His people. Everyone is welcome – for more information, or to register, please see the poster in church, or contact Les Ireland via email, [Les949@btinternet.com](mailto:Les949@btinternet.com), or telephone 0141-776 3866.

The church here at St Margaret's will be open for reflection and private prayer on Wednesday mornings during Advent. No readings, hymns, sermons – just a safe and sacred space for as long or as short a time as you want.

## **LADIES GUILD**

The Ladies Guild AGM and meeting took place on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October. Thanks were expressed to Jean Marsden for all her work as Treasurer and her support of the Guild activities over many years. She will be greatly missed when she moves to Norfolk but we wish her well in her new home. Nicolette Wise agreed to take on the role of Treasurer and all other officer bearers agreed to remain in post. The Christmas Coffee Morning held jointly with the Kirk Guild will take place on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December in New Galloway Town Hall. All donation of baking, produce, gifts or raffle prizes would be gratefully received.

Christine Rankin  
Ladies Guild President

## **NOVEMBER FLOWER ROTA**

7 <sup>th</sup> November	Cathy Agnew
14 <sup>th</sup> November	Venetia Forbes
21 <sup>st</sup> November	Venetia Forbes
28 <sup>th</sup> November	Advent Sunday

No Flowers during Advent

# POETRY CORNER

## WE SHALL KEEP THE FAITH

Oh! You who sleep- in Flanders Fields,  
Sleep sweet – to rise anew!  
We caught the torch you threw  
And holding high, we keep the Faith  
With All who died.

We cherish too, the poppy red  
That grows on fields where valour led;  
It seems to signal to the skies  
That blood of heroes never dies,  
But lends a lustre to the red  
Of the flower that blooms above the dead  
In Flanders Fields

And now the torch and poppy red  
We wear in honour of our dead  
Fear not that ye have died for naught;  
We'll teach the lessons that thee wrought  
In Flanders Fields

*by Moira Michael*



## NOVEMBER READINGS

7<sup>th</sup> November

1 Kings 17: 8 - 16

Nicolette Wise

Hebrews 9: 24 - 28

Cathy Agnew

14<sup>th</sup> November

Remembrance Sunday

21<sup>st</sup> November

Daniel 7: 9 – 10, 13 - 14

Clive Brayshaw

Revelation 1: 4b - 8

Nicholas Wise

28<sup>th</sup> November

Jeremiah 33: 14 - 16

Helen Keron

1 Thessalonians 3: 9 - 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.