

**ST MARGARET'S  
NEW GALLOWAY**

**FEBRUARY 2022**



**St. Margaret's Church**

**NUMBER 441**

**Charity No: SCO12084**

## SERVICES FOR FEBRUARY

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday before Lent    6<sup>th</sup> February    10.30am    Sung Eucharist

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday before Lent    13<sup>th</sup> February    10.30am    Sung Eucharist

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Lent    20<sup>th</sup> February    10.30am    Sung Eucharist

Sunday before Lent    28<sup>rd</sup> February    10.30am    Sung Eucharist

## CHURCH OFFICERS AND VESTRY

|                    |                  |             |
|--------------------|------------------|-------------|
| Priest in Charge   | Canon B. Gilbert | Tel. 420665 |
| Secretary          | Mrs C. Rankin    | Tel. 420259 |
| Treasurer          | Mrs C. Agnew     | Tel. 430212 |
| Lay Representative | Mrs N. Wise      | Tel. 430218 |
| Ladies Guild Pres. | Mrs C. Rankin    | Tel. 420259 |
|                    | 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**

We had been concerned at the end of last year that the new Covid variant, Omicron, would take us into lockdown again - we can all remember that this time last year churches were closed all across the country. But luckily this year the vaccine and careful adherence to the guidelines have kept us open. And a further bonus is that we can now return to fellowship following worship as we are again allowed to offer refreshments after our Sunday Eucharists, for which thanks to the Ladies Guild. When so many of our congregation, and some of our visiting priests, travel a considerable distance to worship at St Margaret's, it is nice to be able to have a cup of coffee and a chat before heading home.

This year Ash Wednesday falls on 2<sup>nd</sup> March and the Ladies Guild are currently looking into the possibility of holding some Lent Lunches again, and how we could do that in a Covid-compliant way. If anyone would be interested in helping, please let us know.

The advertisement for a Priest-in-Charge, shared with All Saints' Challoch, has been running for a few weeks now and the Bishop and Dean feel that it should continue for a little longer as many clergy are too busy over Christmas to be planning changing jobs whereas the spring is a better time.

## **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>

## FROM THE TREASURER – GIVING

### CHRISTMAS COLLECTIONS

As a result of the collections taken at our Christmas services, the grand sum of £910 has been sent to ShelterBox. ShelterBox have written to express their thanks to 'everybody at St Margaret's Episcopal Church' and explained how they are currently providing emergency shelter and other essential items to people who have lost their homes in the Philippines after Super Typhoon Rai tore across the country. Our donation will help ensure a family can shelter from the elements after the disaster and stay safe during the ongoing pandemic.

It is very good to hear how much our generous giving has been appreciated. The full letter of thanks is on the notice board at the back of the church.

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

### REFRESHMENTS IN CHURCH

With the lifting of some Covid restrictions we will be able to resume offering refreshments in Church from Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> January. Face coverings should still be worn when moving about and when not eating or drinking.

## **LADIES GUILD**

The next Ladies Guild meeting will take place at 10am in Dalgowan on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February.

St. Margaret's Ladies Guild is essentially a Fund Raising Committee. In more normal times we meet approximately four times annually and facilitate a number of regular fund raising events. Usually The World Day of Prayer arranged jointly with the Kirk Guild in March, in which we take a turn at hosting, Lent Lunches on Fridays during Lent, a Plant and Cake Sale in Spring, the Tombola Stall at The Alternative Games in August, The Harvest Lunch for Church members in September and a Christmas Coffee Morning held jointly with the Kirk Guild in December. We aim to raise money for local and international charities. In the past we have been very successful and have raised as much as £3000 in a year. The current pandemic and restrictions has prevented most events over the last two years and our membership has reduced, but we hope this year will see us able to hold our usual events once again. All are welcome to join and give as much help as they are able. Please come along to the meeting if you are interested.

Christine Rankin  
Ladies Guild President

### **FEBRUARY FLOWER ROTA**

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|---------------------------|----------------|
| 6 <sup>th</sup> February  | Cathy Agnew    |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> February | Venetia Forbes |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> February | Venetia Forbes |
| 27 <sup>th</sup> February | Barry Gilbert  |

## NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE

Much work has been going on behind the scenes at St Mary's Cathedral in Glasgow to enable services to be live-streamed. Starting this month, the 11am Eucharist every Sunday will be live-streamed as well as being available on YouTube afterwards. It is hoped to add Choral Evensong in the next few months. Go to <https://thecathedral.org.uk> for more information.

The Bishop's Lent Appeal this year is for *Children in Distress*. This is a small, Glasgow-based, Anglican-rooted charity that provides a children's hospice and care centre in Romania.

In 1989, when Romania's communist regime was swept from power by the Populist Revolution, the shocking images of children abandoned in orphanages and hospitals moved many people to take action. One such person was the Revd Dr John Walmsley from St Laurence Church, Barkingside. A true visionary and driving force, Dr Walmsley took part in the first aid convoys and had the idea of creating a charity - The Association for Helping Children in Romania. In the years that followed, the centres and programmes expanded, setting new standards for children with neurological conditions, severe disability and autism. The charity structure was changed to that of a foundation and was renamed: *Fundația Copii în Dificultate* or *Children in Distress*.

Today the charity cares for children living with the most severe disabilities, whether the result of accident, infection, genetic and neurological disorders or autism. They continue to set new standards for respite, palliative and terminal care and multiple therapies, along with education, development and training programmes. Their mission is

**to cure, sometimes;**

**to help, often;**

**to comfort, always.**

There will be fliers about the charity at the back of the church shortly or go to their website for more information <https://www.childrenindistress.org/>

## DIARY DATE

Stephen Hazlett is to be installed as a Canon of St Mary's Cathedral in Glasgow on Sunday 27th February at Evensong.

Stephen has been Rector of Greyfriars Kirkcudbright and St Mary's Gatehouse since 2016, in a journey of ordained ministry spanning three decades from Portrush, Belfast, through Sunderland to Rotterdam. Bishop Kevin comments, "Canon Stephen's appointment is an exciting development for both Galloway and the whole Diocese. 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".

If anyone would like to attend, please either contact the cathedral or speak to Nicolette on 07748 631820.

### **The Great Ormond Street Nurse** by Vanessa Martin

Many of you have met John and Vanessa Martin from Sandgreen who have been regular visitors to St Margaret's over the last few years since John kindly agreed to take occasional Sunday services for us. We've recently discovered that Vanessa has been busy writing a heart-warming memoir of life as a Student Nurse in the 1960s. Last month her book *The Great Ormond Street Nurse* was published by Welbeck, describing a world full of laughter, heartache and hard work. Nostalgic and charming, *The Great Ormond Street Nurse* is the heroic tale of a woman who has dedicated over 40 years to the NHS as a paediatric and general trained nurse.

Most of Vanessa's work was in the frontline services managing wards in hospitals, but latterly she managed a children's Plastic Surgery Ward before she became a Nurse Consultant and the Clinical Director of a Cleft Lip and Palate Service which covered the East Midlands Region. She won the Royal College of Nursing/Nursing Standard 'Nurse of the Year 2000' award for her work with families of children with cleft lip and palate and was awarded a Fellowship by the Royal College of Nursing.

As well as some radio interviews, the Sunday Post featured Vanessa's book recently for a serious discussion about the NHS. And look out for an interview and photographs coming up in D&G Life. We look forward to the Martin's next visit to New Galloway, so that we can hear more about the book and what inspired her to write it.

# POETRY CORNER

## THE SIGNATURE OF SPRING

As I stand by my window and breath the fresh air,

I notice Spring's signature penned everywhere:

The snow's disappearing beneath greening grass,

While buds and green sprouts are emerging at last.

New plumage embellishes birds on the wing,

And a fresh note of joy sparks each song that they sing.

An early Spring shower pours droplets of white,

As a wintering cloud slowly makes it's last flight.

In wakening woods I can hear peepers sing;

Redundant their song, yet as new as each Spring.

As I stand by my window and breath God's fresh air,

I rejoice in Spring's signature penned everywhere.

*by Loise Pinkerton Fritz*



## FEBRUARY READINGS

6<sup>th</sup> February

Isaiah 6. 1-8

Nicolette Wise

1 Corinthians 15. 1-11

Nicholas Wise

13<sup>th</sup> February

Jeremiah 17. 5-10

Rosalind Hall

1 Corinthians 15. 12-20

Helen Keron

20<sup>th</sup> February

Genesis 2. 4b-9, 15-end

David Humphries

Revelation 4

Clive Brayshaw

27<sup>th</sup> February

Exodus 34. 29-end

Christine Rankin

2 Corinthians 3. 12- 4.2

Cathy Agnew

# 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.