

ST MARGARET'S NEW GALLOWAY

JANUARY 2022



St. Margaret's Church

NUMBER 440

Charity No: SCO12084

SERVICES FOR JANUARY

Epiphany	2 nd January	10.30am	Sung Eucharist Professor Revd Rob Gilbert
Baptism of Christ	9 th January	10.30am	Sung Eucharist Revd John Martin
2 nd Sunday of Epiphany	16 th January	10.30am	Sung Eucharist Revd John McHale
3 rd Sunday of Epiphany	23 rd January	10.30am	Sung Eucharist
Candlemas	30 th January	10.30am	Sung Eucharist Canon Barry Gilbert

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

Many thanks to the Gilbert family for taking care of our Christmas services, and to those who helped decorate the church so beautifully. Despite the last-minute changes in Covid protocol, we were relieved to be able to go ahead with our Carol Service, albeit without the mulled wine and mince pies afterwards. We had a wealth of different readers of all ages; Hilary Craig, our Organist, kindly played for us, and everyone was in good voice, despite the masks!

Christmas Day saw an increase in numbers but as many were in household groups we were able to fit everyone in and be Covid-compliant. It was also the first time we had used the new music equipment for the organ. When we are without an organist, this means that as well as hymns we can now have music during communion, and before and after services, all played through the organ speakers. We are most grateful to the SEC for their grant that has enabled us to upgrade our music equipment.

The congregation chose to support Shelterbox through our Christmas collections this year. If anyone has not yet been able to contribute and would like to do so, please contact Cathy Agnew, our Treasurer. The February Newsletter will have details of the total received for this excellent charity which does such vital work, quickly and efficiently, anywhere in the world where they are needed.

Looking ahead, our advertisement for a Priest-in-Charge, shared with All Saints' Challoch, has been running for a few weeks now. We hope to have further news regarding interviews in the February Newsletter.

We send you all our very best wishes for the New Year.

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>

REFRESHMENTS IN CHURCH

Sadly, as a result of the Governments current guidance we are unable to offer refreshments after the Church service at the present time. However, we hope that these restrictions will be lifted before too long and we will then resume doing so.

LADIES GUILD

The joint Christmas Coffee Morning held jointly with the Kirk Guilds on Wednesday 8th December was a great success and very well attended. All proceeds were split equally and after paying the hall rental each Guild received £243.10.

Christine Rankin
Ladies Guild President

JANUARY FLOWER ROTA

2 nd January	Barry Gilbert
9 th January	Barry Gilbert
16 th January	Nicolette Wise
23 rd January	Nicolette Wise
30 th January	Cathy Agnew

POETRY CORNER

THE JOURNEY OF THE MAGI

A cold coming we had of it,
Just the worst time of the year
For a journey, and such a long journey:
The ways deep and the weather sharp,
The very dead of winter.'
And the camels galled, sorefooted, refractory,
Lying down in the melting snow.
There were times we regretted
The summer palaces on slopes, the terraces,
And the silken girls bringing sherbet.
Then the camel men cursing and grumbling
and running away, and wanting their liquor and women,
And the night-fires going out, and the lack of shelters,
And the cities hostile and the towns unfriendly
And the villages dirty and charging high prices:
A hard time we had of it.
At the end we preferred to travel all night,
Sleeping in snatches,
With the voices singing in our ears, saying
That this was all folly.

Then at dawn we came down to a temperate valley,
Wet, below the snow line, smelling of vegetation;
With a running stream and a water-mill beating the darkness,
And three trees on the low sky,
And an old white horse galloped away in the meadow.
Then we came to a tavern with vine-leaves over the lintel,
Six hands at an open door dicing for pieces of silver,
And feet kicking the empty wine-skins.
But there was no information, and so we continued
And arriving at evening, not a moment too soon
Finding the place; it was (you might say) satisfactory.

All this was a long time ago, I remember,
And I would do it again, but set down
This set down
This: were we led all that way for
Birth or Death? There was a Birth, certainly
We had evidence and no doubt. I had seen birth and death,
But had thought they were different; this Birth was
Hard and bitter agony for us, like Death, our death.
We returned to our places, these Kingdoms,
But no longer at ease here, in the old dispensation,
With an alien people clutching their gods.
I should be glad of another death.

by T.S. Eliot

EPIPHANY

A small house with a pointed roof
A window kind with light
And overhead one watchful star
And all about the night

A weary man who waits on God
A woman worn with tears –
On such as these the star has shone
Serenely through the years

The cradle of a little child
The lamplight on the floor –
Three shadow Kings with shadow gifts
Come silent to the door.

The man, the woman and the babe,
Toil, sacrifice and pain –
The Kings kneel to the Trinity
And Christ is come again.

by Eileen Shanahan

JANUARY READINGS

2nd January

Isaiah 60: 1 - 6

Christine Rankin

Ephesians 3: 1 -12

Cathy Agnew

9th January

Isaiah 43: 1 – 7

Helen Keron

Acts 8: 14 – 17

Rosalind Hall

16th January

Isaiah 62: 1 – 5

Clive Brayshaw

1 Corinthians 12: 1 - 1

Nicolette Wise

23rd January

Nehemiah 8: 1 – 3, 5 – 6, 8 - 10

Cathy Agnew

1 Corinthians 12: 12 – 13a

Christine Rankin

30th January

Malachi 3: 1 – 5

Nicolette Wise

Hebrews 2: 14 - end

Nicholas Wise

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.