

# **ST MARGARET'S NEW GALLOWAY**

**MARCH 2022**



**Lent Begins  
Ash Wednesday**

**St. Margaret's Church**

**NUMBER 442**

**Charity No: SCO12084**

## SERVICES FOR MARCH

Ash Wednesday	2 <sup>nd</sup> March	6pm	Eucharist	Canon Barry Gilbert
World Day of Prayer	4 <sup>th</sup> March	2.30pm	Dalry Kirk	
1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent	6 <sup>th</sup> March	10.30am	Sung Eucharist	
				Bishop Gordon Mursell
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent	13 <sup>th</sup> March	10.30am	Sung Eucharist	
				Canon Barry Gilbert
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent	20 <sup>th</sup> March	10.30am	Sung Eucharist	
				Revd. John McHale
4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent	27 <sup>th</sup> March	10.30am	Sung Eucharist	
				Revd. John Martin

## CHURCH OFFICERS AND VESTRY

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	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**

There are many different interpretations of Lent and how it should be observed but it always starts on Ash Wednesday, this year 2<sup>nd</sup> March, and continues until Maundy Thursday on 14<sup>th</sup> April. Some people fast for the whole of Lent, remembering Jesus's sacrifice in the desert. Others fast only on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Whilst there are always 46 days between Ash Wednesday and Easter Sunday, it becomes '40 days and 40 nights' when the six Sundays are removed, as they are reserved for feasts according to the Christian calendar. Some people choose to give something up, others decide to undertake a positive act such as helping others. The St Margaret's Guild will be marking Lent this year by holding three Lent Lunches – an opportunity to join members of the congregation and wider community in helping a variety of good causes whilst enjoying some delicious home-made soup.

Our advertisement for a Priest-in-Charge, shared with All Saints' Challoch, will be running in the Church Times from 4<sup>th</sup> March through to the closing date of 22<sup>nd</sup> April, with first interviews pencilled in for 17<sup>th</sup> May. Please pray for a successful outcome to this recruitment process as we follow God's call for our future ministry here in New Galloway.

The Diocesan Synod is being held virtually again this year, on 5<sup>th</sup> March, starting with the Eucharist at St Mary's Cathedral. There will be a report on the day's proceedings in the April Newsletter.

## **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**

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

We are aware that some people may wish to set up a Bank standing order for their 'giving' but feel uncomfortable not putting something into the collection bag on a Sunday. We are therefore producing small laminated cards that can be placed in the collection bag during the Offertory. These will be removed and placed at the back of the Church to be collected and reused. Please take a few if you wish to use them.

## **REFRESHMENTS IN CHURCH**

Refreshments are now able to take place after services and on other occasions. Currently 'face coverings' are still required while moving around but it is anticipated this will no longer be the case after 21<sup>st</sup> March in line with Government lifting of restrictions.

## **NEWSLETTERS**

If you know of anyone new to the area or have a new neighbour please give them a newsletter or put it through their door. Extra newsletters are being printed this month in order to let more people know about St. Margaret's.

## **ST. MARGARET'S GUILD**

A 'face to face' meeting of the Guild took place on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February. As a result it was possible to arrange for three Lent Lunches to take place this year, details below. It is also expected that The Cake and Plant Sale will take place on 7<sup>th</sup> May in aid of Blood Bikes, and if the Alternative Games go ahead this year we will organise and run the usual Tombola. Our next meeting will take place on 19<sup>th</sup> July when future fund raising will be discussed. The Guild also agreed to donate £500 to the Bishop's Lent Appeal, 'Children in Distress'

Christine Rankin  
Ladies Guild President

### **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**

This year's service is being hosted by the Balmaclellan, Dalry and Kells Guild and has been compiled by the women of England, Wales and Northern Ireland. It will take place in Dalry Kirk at 2.30pm on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March. All are welcome.

### **LENT LUNCHESES**

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March 12 noon – 2pm Dalgowan in aid of Cancer Research

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March 12 noon – 2pm In the Church in aid of Food Train

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April 12 noon – 2pm Whinnymuir in aid of Combat Stress

### **MARCH FLOWER ROTA**

**NO FLOWERS DURING LENT**

# NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE

## THE BISHOP'S LENT APPEAL

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/>

## POETRY CORNER

### Lenten Poem by Ann Weems

Lent is a time to take time to let the power  
of our faith story take hold of us,  
a time to let the events get up  
and walk around in us,  
a time to intensify our living unto Christ,  
a time to hover over the thoughts of our hearts,  
a time to place our feet in the streets of  
Jerusalem or to walk along the sea and  
listen to his Word,  
a time to touch his robe  
and feel the healing surge through us,  
a time to ponder and a time to wonder....

Lent is a time to allow  
a fresh new taste of God!  
Perhaps we're afraid to have time to think,  
for thoughts come unbidden.  
Perhaps we're afraid to face our future  
knowing our past.  
Give us courage, O God,  
to hear your Word  
and to read our living into it.  
Give us the trust to know we're forgiven  
and give us the faith  
to take up our lives and walk.

# BOOKS OF THE BIBLE ANAGRAM QUIZ

1. NO RAMS -----
2. USED OX -----
3. AID A HOB -----
4. I SELECT CASES -----
5. SINE PHASE -----
6. AH! CLAIM -----
7. WE HERBS -----
8. BORE RSVP -----
9. ONE MORE DUTY -----
10. WHET MAT -----
11. NATIONAL STEM -----
12. HOP IN ELM -----

Answers in next month's newsletter



# MARCH READINGS

## 6<sup>th</sup> March

Deuteronomy 26: 1 - 11

Nicholas Wise

Romans 10: 8b - 13

Cathy Agnew

## 13<sup>th</sup> March

Genesis 15: 1 – 12, 17 - 18

Helen Keron

Philipians 3: 17 – 4.1

Rosalind Hall

## 20<sup>th</sup> March

Isaiah 55: 1 – 9

Clive Brayshaw

1 Corinthians 10: 1 - 13

David Humphries

## 27<sup>th</sup> March

Joshua 5: 9 - 12

Nicolette Wise

2 Corinthians 5: 16 - end

Christine Rankin

# 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.