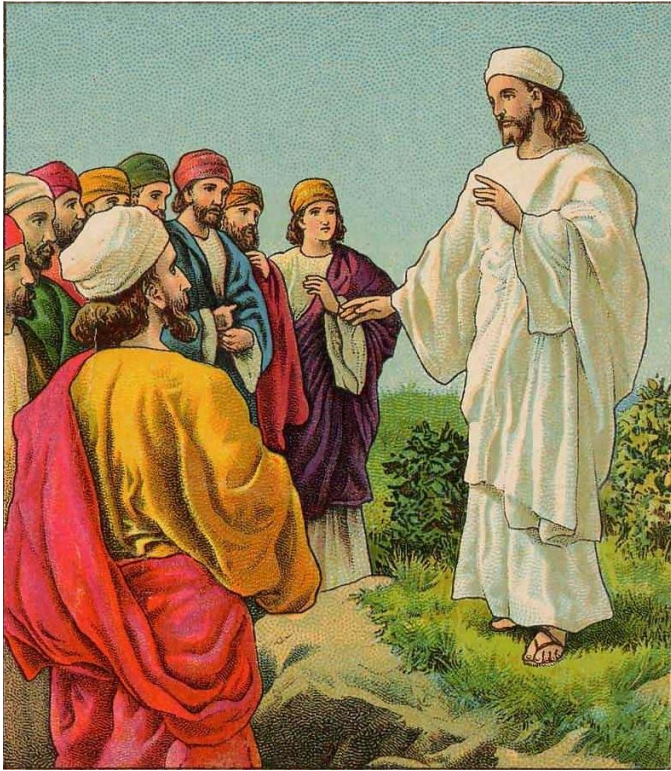


ST MARGARET'S NEW GALLOWAY

MAY 2022



St. Margaret's Church

NUMBER 444

Charity No: SCO12084

SERVICES FOR MAY

Easter III	1 st May	10.30am	Sung Eucharist	Rev. David Humphries
Easter IV	8 th May	10.30am	Sung Eucharist	Canon Barry Gilbert
Easter V	15 th May	10.30am	Sung Eucharist	Rev. John McHale
Easter VI	22 nd May	10.30am	Sung Eucharist	
Ascension Day	26 th May	6pm	Sung Eucharist	
				Rev. John McHale preaching Canon Barry Gilbert presiding
Easter VII	29 th May	10.30am	Sung Eucharist	Rev. John Martin

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
Guild Present	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: gilbertofglenkens@gmail.com

UPDATE FROM THE VESTRY

Easter Day this year was a particularly joyous service. A bigger congregation than we have been used to since the start of the pandemic, singing without wearing masks, and receiving the sacrament from the altar rail, made for an exciting nudge towards normality. Hilary Craig played the organ for us and Barry Gilbert presided, having taken all our services during Holy Week as well. And as if that wasn't enough, he and Pat hosted a delightful celebration with fizz and nibbles afterwards. Our 'cup runneth over' indeed.

The requirement for face masks to be worn in Places of Worship was lifted on 4th April. The Government guidance still advocates protective measures to reduce risk so we ask that for the moment everyone continues to maintain a degree of social distancing while entering and leaving church, and please note that we continue to have hand sanitiser available. At the Eucharist we are asking individuals or household groups to go up to the altar rail to receive the consecrated bread, starting from the front pews and allowing space between you and others. The SEC Advisory Group emphasises that it is up to each congregation to consider how they navigate their journey into a less constrained future. Mindful that Covid infections remain high in Dumfries and Galloway, the Vestry is taking a cautious approach.

Advertising for a new priest is now continuing until 10 June. Whilst the Bishop has had a series of informal conversations with a number of prospective candidates, in the end, for their own personal reasons, they were unable to submit an application at the last deadline. We will keep you posted as and when we have any further news.

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. Restrictions have been lifted for indoor events. However, we appreciated that some people may still feel anxious and ask everyone to understand and respect other's personal space.

ST. MARGARET'S GUILD

BALLIOL SINGERS CONCERT

Postponed from April 2020 due to the pandemic, we are delighted that the Balliol Singers have rescheduled their concert at St. Margaret's which will now take place on Tuesday 3rd May at 7.30pm. Tickets £10 (children free), payable at the door. There will be a raffle with all proceeds going to Church funds. Donations of raffle prizes much appreciated.

CAKE AND PLANT SALE

The St. Margaret's annual Cake and Plant Sale will take place between 10am – 12noon on Saturday 7th May in aid of Dumfries and Galloway Blood Bikes. All donations of Plants and Baking will be much appreciated and can be brought on the day or on Friday afternoon when we will be setting up for the event.

If anyone is available to help with the setting up process, please come to Church at 3pm on Friday 6th May.

LENT LUNCHESES

This year St Margaret's Guild had decided on a gentle return to our programme of Lent Lunches with three lunches planned. Unfortunately, due to a spike in Covid infections in the Glenkens, the second one scheduled to take place in church was cancelled. However, it was encouraging to have a good turnout at the lunches that did take place, one in New Galloway and one in Dalry. Our Lent Lunches have always been popular community events and it was nice to have friends from the Kirk joining us, and to raise useful funds for the charities chosen by the hosts.

Cancer Research	£190
Food Train	£40 (donations following the cancelled lunch)
Combat Stress	£205

Many thanks to our hosts, and to all who helped and contributed.

Christine Rankin

St. Margaret's Guild President

FLOWER ROTA

1 st May	Barry Gilbert
8 th May	Nicolette Wise
15 th May	Nicolette Wise
22 nd May	Cathy Agnew
29 th May	Cathy Agnew

If you read our Newsletter and would like to join our flower Rota, please phone or email Pat Gilbert - 01644420665/p.a.gilbert@hotmail.co.uk

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

SOMETHING LIGHT HEARTED

Elizabeth asked her Sunday School class to sketch a picture of their favourite Bible stories. She was puzzled by Bert's picture, which showed four people sitting in a plane, so she asked him which bible story it was meant to represent.' The flight to Egypt,' said Bert. 'I see ... and that must be Mary, Joseph, and baby Jesus, 'Elizabeth said, 'But who's the fourth person?'

Oh, that's Pontius - the Pilot

NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE

DIOCESAN COUNCIL

The inaugural meeting of the new Diocesan Council (the Governing Body of our Diocese) will take place on Saturday 21st May, hopefully in the new Diocesan Administrative Centre in Cochrane Street, Glasgow. The new make-up and membership of the Diocesan Council can be found on the website

<https://www.glasgow.anglican.org/who-are-we/governance/diocesan-council/>

Bishop Kevin asks that you keep the Diocesan Council in your prayers as it embarks upon another chapter in the life of our Diocese.

GALLOWAY REGIONAL COUNCIL

Diary date: Thursday 26th May

Every year, the Galloway Regional Council celebrates Ascension Day with a Sung Eucharist at one of the charges in the region. St Margaret's had hoped to host the service in 2020 but due to the pandemic this was postponed – until this year when Ascension Day falls on Thursday 26th May. The Revd John McHale will be preaching and Canon Barry Gilbert will be presiding. It would be good to have some of our own congregation to help host this regional gathering, and please feel free to invite friends and neighbours as well.

As the Galloway Region stretches from Gretna to Portpatrick, many people have to travel a great distance. Accordingly, the St Margaret's Guild will be serving teas from 5pm with the service starting at 6pm. There will also be a short business meeting just for the Regional Council after the service.

Nicolette Wise
Lay Representative

POETRY CORNER

ASCENSION DAY

“A Cloud received Him out of their sight.”

When Christ went up to Heaven the Apostles stayed
Gazing at Heaven with souls and wills on fire,
Their hearts on flight along the track He made,
Winged by desire.

Their silence spake: “Lord, why not follow Thee?
Home is not home without Thy Blessed Face,
Life is not life. Remember, Lord, and see,
Look back, embrace.

“Earth is one desert waste of banishment,
Life is one long-drawn anguish of decay.
Where Thou wert wont to go we also went:
Why not today?”

Nevertheless a cloud cut off their gaze:
They tarry to build up Jerusalem,
Watching for Him, while thro’ the appointed days
He watches them.

They do His Will, and doing it rejoice,
Patiently glad to spend and to be spent:
Still He speaks to them, still they hear His Voice
And are content.

For as a cloud received Him from their sight,
So with a cloud will He return ere long:
Therefore they stand on guard by day, by night,
Strenuous and strong.

They do, they dare, they beyond seven times seven
Forgive, they cry God’s mighty word aloud:
Yet sometimes haply lift tired eyes to Heaven—
“Is that His cloud?”

by Christina Rossetti

MAY READINGS

1st May

Acts 9: 1-6

Christine Rankin

Revelation 5: 11-end

Cathy Agnew

8th May

Acts 9: 36-end

Helen Keron

Revelation 7: 9-end

Rosalind Hall

15th May

Acts 11: 1-18

Clive Brayshaw

Revelation 21: 1-6

David Humphries

22nd May

Acts 16: 9-15

Nicolette Wise

Revelation 21: 10, 22- end: 22: 1-5

Nicholas Wise

29st May

Acts 16: 16-34

Cathy Agnew

Revelation 22: 12-14, 16-17, 20-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.