

# **ST MARGARET'S NEW GALLOWAY**

**JUNE 2022**



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

**NUMBER 445**

**Charity No: SCO12084**

## SERVICES FOR JUNE

Pentecost	5 <sup>th</sup> June	10.30am	Sung Eucharist	Canon Barry Gilbert
Trinity Sunday	12 <sup>th</sup> June	10.30am	Sung Eucharist	Revd. John McHale
1 <sup>st</sup> After Trinity	19 <sup>th</sup> June	10.30am	Sung Eucharist	Ven. Stuart Bain
2 <sup>nd</sup> After Trinity	26 <sup>th</sup> June	10.30am	Sung Eucharist	Revd. David Humphries

## CHURCH OFFICERS AND VESTRY

Priest in Charge	Canon B. Gilbert	Tel. 420665
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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: [gilbertofglenkens@gmail.com](mailto:gilbertofglenkens@gmail.com)

## 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>

## UPDATE FROM THE VESTRY

Now that the Scottish Government has relaxed the rules surrounding Covid prevention, the Scottish Episcopal Church has charged vestries with charting the way forward according to local circumstances. At the start of May, we discussed this with Barry Gilbert, our Priest-in-Charge, and formulated the following policy:

- We have returned to using the altar rail at communion, respectively spaced, standing or kneeling;
- We are offering communion in both kinds with each communicant deciding whether to receive the host only and leave; retain the host and intinct it when the chalice passes; or consume the host and drink from the chalice, which is turned so that each person drinks from a new segment of the vessel;
- The celebrant will continue to wear a mask when administering communion.

Given the relatively small numbers in our congregation, we felt comfortable with this approach and so far it is working well. Obviously, should circumstances change we will review the policy.

It is always interesting to have a wide range of voices during an interregnum and we are fortunate to be able to add two more at our Sunday services. David Humphries, with his wife Mary, joined the congregation at St Margaret's when they moved to Dalry in November last year. David is a retired Anglican priest and has recently been granted a licence by Bishop Kevin. Also, Stuart Bain, lately Provost of Sunderland Minster, moved to Glentroll with his wife Angela last year and they have joined the congregation at All Saints' Challoch. We are very pleased that David and Stuart have both agreed to take services for us on an occasional basis.

For the first time, St Margaret's hosted the Galloway Regional Council Ascension Day service on 26<sup>th</sup> May. This was a joyful service at which Barry Gilbert presided and John McHale preached, Hilary Craig accompanied us on the organ and it was good to welcome so many of our fellow Scottish Episcopal Church members from across the region, many of whom had never visited St Margaret's before. Thanks to the St Margaret's Guild for providing refreshments before the service.

May was a busy month at St Margaret's with an enjoyable concert by the Balliol Singers followed by the very successful return of our annual Plant and Bake Sale. The Guild was very pleased to raise £620 for Dumfries and Galloway Blood Bikes, and £150 for the Ukraine appeal. Many thanks to all who contributed.

Meanwhile, the advertisement for a shared Priest-in-Charge with All Saints' Challoch closes on 12<sup>th</sup> June. We will keep you updated on progress.

Barry and Pat Gilbert are once again off to the Scilly Isles for their summer sojourn and we wish them God-speed and plenty of sunshine.

## **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 appreciate that some people may still feel anxious and ask everyone to understand and respect other's personal space.

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

The Plant & Bake Sale held on 6<sup>th</sup> May raised £620 for Dumfries and Galloway Blood Bikes and the additional raffle £150 for the Ukrainian Appeal (via UNHCR). Many thanks to St. Margaret's Guild for organising this very successful event, and all those who contributed and supported it on the day.

The Balliol Singers concert raised £147 for St. Margaret's Guild.

Christine Rankin  
St. Margaret's Guild President

## **FLOWER ROTA**

5 <sup>th</sup> June	Rosalind Hall
12 <sup>th</sup> June	Rosalind Hall
19 <sup>th</sup> June	Nicolette Wise
26 <sup>th</sup> June	Nicolette Wise

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](mailto:01644420665/p.a.gilbert@hotmail.co.uk)

# MESSAGE FROM THE NATIONAL CHURCHES TRUST



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## **POETRY CORNER**

### **Diamond Jubilee Prayer**

God of time and eternity,  
Whose son reigns as servant, not master;  
We give you thanks and praise  
That you have blessed this nation, the realms and  
territories with Elizabeth,  
Our beloved and glorious Queen.  
In this year of Jubilee,  
Grant her your gifts of love, joy and peace  
As she continues in faithful obedience to you, her  
Lord and God,  
And in devoted service to her lands and peoples,  
And those of the Commonwealth,  
Now and all the days of her life;  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen

## **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

## **JUNE READINGS**

5<sup>th</sup> June

Acts 2: 1 - 21

Richard Agnew

Romans 8: 14 - 17

Cathy Agnew

12<sup>th</sup> June

Proverbs 8: 1 – 4, 22 - 31

David Humphries

Romans 5: 1 – 5

Helen Keron

19<sup>th</sup> June

Isaiah 65: 1 - 9

Nicholas Wise

Galatians 3: 23 - end

Clive Brayshaw

26<sup>th</sup> June

1 SKings 19: 5 – 16, 19 - end

Rosalind Hall

Galatians 5: 1, 13 – 25

Nicolette 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.