

# **ST MARGARET'S NEW GALLOWAY**

**JULY 2022**



**St. Margaret's Church**

**NUMBER 446**

**Charity No: SCO12084**

## SERVICES FOR JULY

3 <sup>rd</sup> after Trinity	3 <sup>rd</sup> July	10.30am	Sung Eucharist	Ven. Stuart Bain
4 <sup>th</sup> after Trinity	10 <sup>th</sup> July	10.30am	Sung Eucharist	Revd. John Martin
5 <sup>th</sup> after Trinity	17 <sup>th</sup> July	10.30am	Sung Eucharist	Revd. David Humphries
6 <sup>th</sup> after Trinity	24 <sup>th</sup> July	10.30am	Sung Eucharist	Revd. John McHale
7 <sup>th</sup> after Trinity	31 <sup>st</sup> July	10.30am	Sung Eucharist	Canon Barry Gilbert

## 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](mailto:gilbertofglenkens@gmail.com)

## ST MARGARET'S WEBSITE

Our website is proving useful as another source of information. Any changes to our services will be posted on the website, as well as events outwith our normal Sunday worship. News from the Diocese can also be accessed via our website.

<https://stmargaretsnewgalloway.org>

## UPDATE FROM THE VESTRY

Our revised policy on the Eucharist has been in place for a month now and is working well. It feels good to be using the altar rail for communion again and, given our relatively small numbers, it is easy for individuals and household groups to keep a respectful distance from each other. We are offering communion in one kind, or both kinds, with each communicant deciding whether to receive the host only, retain the host and intinct when the chalice passes, or consume the host and drink from the chalice. And, as always, anyone who would prefer just to receive a blessing is welcome to come forward. Whoever is celebrating is continuing to wear a mask to administer communion and to follow advice on hand sanitising.

We could not continue to celebrate the Eucharist every Sunday without the services of our loyal and supportive band of retired clergy – Barry Gilbert, John Martin, John McHale, David Humphries and Stuart Bain. We are extremely grateful for their continued help.

Stuart Bain has kindly agreed to run a course for training lay worship leaders. Challoch already have several worship leaders in their congregation and report that the combination of Eucharist and Reserved Sacrament services works well for them with members either helping with worship or with pastoral work. With fewer priests available it is thought that this might be the way forward for churches in future. If anyone would be interested in finding out more, please talk to a member of the Vestry, or with Stuart when he visits us on 3<sup>rd</sup> July.

As regards our advertisement for a shared Priest-in-Charge with All Saints' Challoch, the Dean reports that we have had one application with another two potentially in the pipeline. A statement from the Bishop and the Dean is printed below:

*“Bishop Kevin and Dean Reuben have been engaged with informal conversations about the post of Priest-in-Charge with Anglican priests who wanted to find out more about ministry in the Scottish Episcopal Church. Their delight in discovering the level of support available in the Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway was good to hear as many Anglican Priests are facing untold challenges. Nonetheless, the specific tasks of the role here in Challoch and New Galloway have enabled some to realise that their ministry is not to be with us. It is good to help potential candidates find their way and Bishop Kevin is currently in*

*conversation with others who may be able to submit a completed application in due course. We are therefore keeping the application schedule open until we reach a point where a meaningful interview process can take place. Please continue to pray for the right candidate to emerge in the midst of much anxiety in neighbouring provinces. The United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway is being seen as a good place to come and work, minister and live as we labour together in discerning the right people in the right posts so that all may thrive.”*

## **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 next Guild meeting will take place in Dalgowan at 10.30am on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July. All welcome.

**THE ALTERNATIVE GAMES** are going ahead this year on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> August and the guild will be running the Tombola as usual. All donations of Tombola Prizes can be brought to Church or handed in at Dalgowan.

Christine Rankin  
St. Margaret's Guild President

### FLOWER ROTA

5 <sup>th</sup> July	Cathy Agnew
12 <sup>th</sup> July	Cathy Agnew
19 <sup>th</sup> July	Rosalind Hall
26 <sup>th</sup> July	Rosalind Hall
31 <sup>st</sup> July	Barry Gilbert

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)

### 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

# POETRY CORNER

## Trinity

For our anxious little realm,  
for the fears that overwhelm...

There is a throne.

For mistakes we can't forget  
and the sins that still beset...

We have a Lamb.

For our lost and lonely hearts,  
for our gnarled and tangled paths...

We have a Shepherd.

For our dry and listless souls  
and our thirst for being whole...

We have a Stream.

For regret and ravaged years,  
for all sweet and bitter tears...

We have a Father.

For treks through burning sands,  
To our home in promised lands,  
This hope till all is done:  
Our God the three-in-one.

## JULY READINGS

3<sup>rd</sup> July

Isaiah 66: 10 - 14

Nicholas Wise

Galatians 6: 7 - 16

Cathy Agnew

10<sup>th</sup> July

Deuteronomy 30: 9 – 14

Helen Keron

Colossians 1: 1 - 14

Rosalind Hall

17<sup>th</sup> July

Genesis 18: 1 – 10a

Clive Brayshaw

Colossians 1: 15 - 28

Nicholas wise

24<sup>th</sup> July

Genesis 18: 20 – 32

Nicolette Wise

Colossians 2: 6 – 15

Christine Rankin

31<sup>st</sup> July

Ecclesiastes 1: 2, 12 – 14; 2: 18 - 23

Cathy Agnew

Colossians 3: 1 - 11

David Humphries

# **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.