

ST MARGARET'S NEW GALLOWAY

AUGUST 2022



St. Margaret's Church

NUMBER 447

Charity No: SCO12084

SERVICES FOR AUGUST

8 th after Trinity	7 th August	10.30am	Sung Eucharist	Rev. David Humphries
9 th after Trinity	14 th August	10.30am	Sung Eucharist	Canon Barry Gilbert
10 th after Trinity	21 st August	10.30am	Sung Eucharist	Rev. John McHale
11 th after Trinity	28 th August	10.30am	Sung Eucharist	Ven. Stuart Bain

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: 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

We are still no further forward in finding a shared Priest-in-Charge for St Margaret's and All Saints' Challoch. Bishop Kevin has decided to keep the advertisement open until the end of August. Let us hope that we have some applicants by then.

In the meantime, we are lucky to have the services of our loyal and supportive band of retired clergy enabling us to have a Sung Eucharist every Sunday. Our continued and grateful thanks to Barry Gilbert, John Martin, John McHale, David Humphries and Stuart Bain.

NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE

Bishop Kevin is pleased to announce the appointment of the Revd Dr Elizabeth Breakey as Priest-in-Charge of St John's Stranraer and St Ninian's Portpatrick, subject to PVG clearance.

Anne McWilliam, Lay Representative of St John's Stranraer, writes: "We are delighted that the Revd Dr Elizabeth Breakey has accepted the post of priest to our churches in Stranraer and Portpatrick.

"Elizabeth will be travelling here next month from Australia. Her son will be travelling with her and starting school in Stranraer in August. She leaves behind two adult children who have their own careers in Australia. Elizabeth is Scottish and has been in Australia for 20 years. She has some relatives and friends back here in Scotland. We are now trying to assist the Diocese in finding a house to rent in our local area.

"We thank you all for your prayers and encouragement during our long search for a priest. We believe that we have found a good and faithful person to lead us into the future."

RETIRAL OF REVD DR DAVID BARTHOLOMEW

David Bartholomew, Church of Scotland Minister for the Glenkens churches of Balmaclellan, Carsphairn, Dalry and Kells, is retiring on 31st July after over 25 years of faithful service.

David and Heidi moved here in 1994 and their children Fiona, Jamie and Stuart were all born, raised and schooled here. Very much a Minister for everyone in the community, whether regular church goers or not, “David always been there for everyone” in the words of one parishioner. In addition to his ‘day job’ of running four parishes, his knowledge of geology and interest in local history led him to take up the hobby of metal detecting in 1997. This in turn led to considerable fame as he was part of the group that discovered the magnificent Galloway Hoard at Balmaghie.

In his own words, David says “It has been a privilege to be Minister here in the Glenkens for over quarter of a century. There was nothing to really make me want to move on once we had settled into an area with such beautiful scenery on our doorstep and warm and welcoming congregations! I have a lot to be thankful for as I reflect on the way folk rallied round to support new events in the life of our congregations. There have been many changes over these years but God has been faithful and he will continue to sustain us over the coming years. We do not know what the future holds but we know God holds the future – and he will guide us and uphold us as we place our lives in his hands”.

David has always been a good friend to St Margaret’s and we have held many joint services over the years including Remembrance Sunday and World Day of Prayer. We wish him and Heidi all the best in their retirement and move to the Borders.

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 Guild will be running the Tombola in aid of Food Train, at the Alternative Games on Sunday 7th August in New Galloway Park. Donations of bottles, unwanted gifts, sweets etc. much appreciated. Please ensure all donations are 'in date' where appropriate. Prizes can be brought to Church or handed in at Dalgowan.

Christine Rankin
St. Margaret's Guild President

FLOWER ROTA

7 th August	Barry Gilbert
14 th August	Nicolette Wise
21 st August	Nicolette Wise
28 th August	Cathy Agnew

If you read our Newsletter and would like to join our flower Rota, please phone or email Pat Gilbert - [01644420665](tel: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

A God of Hope

I just want to say thank you
For this life you've given me,
For all the wondrous blessings,
For setting my spirit free

You are such an awesome God
Who only gives the best,
Giving us a life of hope
When we face all kinds of tests

For often we face in life,
Struggles of every kind,
Little things can get us down
And peace is far from our minds

But you give hope to carry on
No matter what we face,
When we feel like giving up,
Unable to finish the race

You step in just in time
With angels heaven sent,
To encourage us to carry on
And to give us extra strength

So I praise you, Lord, for whom you are
And for all that I can be,
For I'd never have a better life
Apart from your life in me.

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AUGUST READINGS

7th August

Genesis 15: 1 - 6

Nicolette Wise

Hebrews 11. 1-3, 8-16

Nicholas Wise

14th August

Jeremiah 23. 23-29

David Humphries

Hebrews 11. 29- 12.2

Helen Keron

21st August

Isaiah 58. 9b-end

Rosalind Hall

Hebrews 12. 18-end

Clive Brayshaw

28th August

Ecclesiasticus 10. 12-18

Christine Rankin

Hebrews 13. 1-8, 15-16

Cathy Agnew

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.