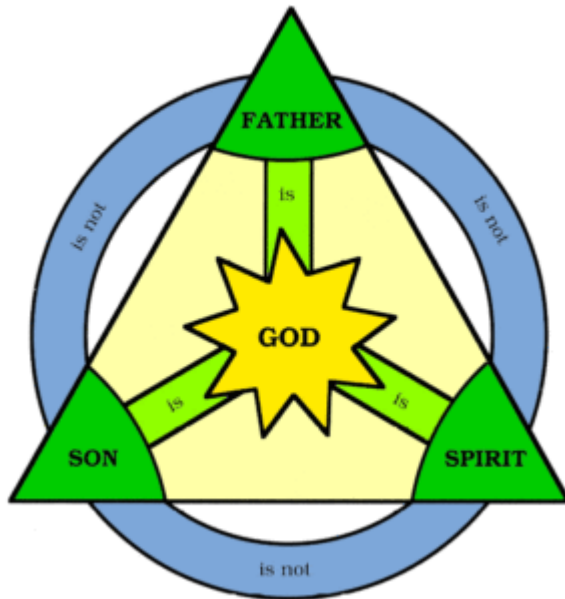


ST MARGARET'S NEW GALLOWAY

SEPTEMBER 2022



St. Margaret's Church

NUMBER 448

Charity No: SCO12084

SERVICES FOR SEPTEMBER

12th after Trinity 4th September 10.30am Sung Eucharist Revd. David Humphries

13th after Trinity 11th September 10.30am Sung Eucharist Ven. Stuart Bain

14th after Trinity 18th September 10.30am Sung Eucharist Canon Barry Gilbert

15th after Trinity 25th September 10.30am Sung Eucharist Revd. 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 President	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

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 continuing to offer communion in both kinds at the altar rail, standing or kneeling. Given our relatively small numbers, it is possible for individuals and household groups to keep a respectful distance from each other. Each communicant can decide whether to receive the host only 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. If anyone requires Communion to be brought to them, please tell us when you arrive. Similarly, if you know of anyone who is housebound and would like Communion at home, please let us know.

The advertisement for a shared Priest-in-Charge for St Margaret's and All Saints' Challoch has now closed. Both Vestries are meeting shortly with the Dean to discuss the next stage with first interviews taking place later in the month (via Zoom). Hopefully we will then agree on a preferred candidate who will be invited to visit in person to look round the two charges and the Rectory, and to meet the Bishop in person. But at the moment, any further details must remain confidential. In the meantime, we are grateful to have the continuing services of our loyal and supportive band of retired clergy enabling us to have a Sung Eucharist every Sunday. Our heartfelt thanks to Barry Gilbert, John Martin, John McHale, David Humphries and Stuart Bain.

We are delighted to welcome new members of the congregation Carrie Winger, and Sarah and Julian Watson, who have moved to the Glenkens from Northumberland and Yorkshire, respectively.

NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE

The Revd Dr Elizabeth Breakey was licensed as Priest-in-Charge of St John's Stranraer and St Ninian's Portpatrick, on 23rd August. Before her arrival from Australia, Elizabeth said she was "very much looking forward to coming home to Scotland to serve in Stranraer and Portpatrick". We

hope she and her family settle in happily and we send our good wishes to her and to both congregations.

Bishop Kevin and his wife Elspeth attended the Lambeth Conference in July. For a fascinating first-hand account, please see the website (click on Bishop Kevin at Lambeth Conference) for short videos that were filmed as the conference progressed.

The Diocese are looking for a part-time General Office Assistant to be based in the new Diocesan Administrative Centre in Glasgow. If you know of anyone who might be interested, further details can be found on the notice board at the back of the church.

GALLOWAY REGIONAL COUNCIL

The Regional Council met at All Saints Gretna at the end of August. We had a most interesting talk from representatives from the Galloway and Southern Ayrshire UNESCO Biosphere. We hope to become more involved with the Biosphere, either as individual charges or the Diocese as a whole. Our liturgy reminds us that we are stewards of God's creation so it feels like a good fit to be involved with an organisation that supports conservation and a sustainable local economy.

The next meeting is on 22nd November at St John's Dumfries and will include a service followed by the AGM.

DOORS OPEN

All Saints Challoch are taking part in this year's 'Doors Open Days' event taking place Saturday 3rd September 11am – 4pm and Sunday 4th September 12pm – 4pm. They are celebrating their 150th anniversary under the title 'If walls could talk...!' Entry is free. For further information www.doorsopendays.org.uk or telephone 07593042046

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.

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

The Tombola at the Alternative Games in aid of Food Train raised over £150, this will be topped up from Guild Funds to £250. Thank you to everyone who contributed in any way.

The Harvest Lunch will take place on Sunday 2nd October at Earlstoun, after the Harvest Festival Service. Tickets are £12 and will be on sale at the back of the Church or reserve yours by emailing me at dalgowantraining@aol.com. Places are on a first come basis and numbers are limited.

The Guild AGM will take place at 10.30am in Dalgowan on Tuesday 25th October. All Welcome.

Christine Rankin
St. Margaret's Guild President

FLOWER ROTA

4 th September	Cathy Agnew
11 th September	Rosalind Hall
18 th September	Rosalind Hall
25 th September	Nicolette Wise

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

POETRY CORNER

God's Grandeur

The world is charged with the grandeur of God.
It will flame out, like shining from shook foil;
It gathers to a greatness, like the ooze of oil
Crushed. Why do men then now not reck his rod?
Generations have trod, have trod, have trod;
And all is seared with trade; bleared, smeared with toil;
And wears man's smudge and shares man's smell: the soil
Is bare now, nor can foot feel, being shod.

And for all this, nature is never spent;
There lives the dearest freshness deep down things;
And though the last lights off the black West went
Oh, morning, at the brown brink eastward, springs -
Because the Holy Ghost over the bent
World broods with warm breast and with ah! bright wings.

by Gerard Manley Hopkins

SEPTEMBER READINGS

4th September

Deuteronomy 30. 15-end

Christine Rankin

Philemon 1-21

Rosalind Hall

11th September

Exodus 32. 7-14

Nicolette Wise

1 Timothy 1. 12-17

Cathy Agnew

18th September

Amos 8. 4-7

Clive Brayshaw

1 Timothy 2. 1-7

Nicholas Wise

25th September

Amos 6. 1a, 4-7

Helen Keron

1 Timothy 6. 6-19

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.