

ST MARGARET'S NEW GALLOWAY

OCTOBER 2022



St. Margaret's Church

NUMBER 449

Charity No: SCO12084

SERVICES FOR OCTOBER

Harvest Festival 2nd October 10.30am Sung Eucharist Canon Barry Gilbert
17th after Trinity 9th October 10.30am Sung Eucharist Canon Barry Gilbert
18th after Trinity 16th October 10.30am Sung Eucharist Revd. John Martin
Last after Trinity 23rd October 10.30am Sung Eucharist Revd. John McHale
All Saints' Day 30th October 10.30am Sung Eucharist Canon Barry Gilbert

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 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 partake of 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.

First interviews for the shared Priest-in-Charge for St Margaret's and All Saints' Challoch are due to take place just after this Newsletter is published. We are hopeful that we can 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.

NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE

Statement from Bishop Kevin following the death of HM Queen Elizabeth II.

In the midst of our grief, at the death of Queen Elizabeth, we pray with confidence, that God will grant her the everlasting peace that is the hope of Jesus' resurrection and love, in which she believed and in which she lived her life. Duty is that facet of God's love which is revealed when the glamour and the novelty of public life cease to make headlines. Queen Elizabeth's dedication to duty was based upon deep personal faith in God, prayer and worship.

In public life and as a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, friend in good times and in bad, her faith in God who is love, never wavered. We offer our deepest sympathy to her family at this time, as we pray with confidence in Jesus' promise of resurrection and everlasting life. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

A prayer of confidence

Eternal Lord God, you hold all souls in life: Shed forth upon your faithful servant, Queen Elizabeth, the bright beams of your light and heavenly comfort; And grant that she, and we with her, may at length enter into the joys of your eternal kingdom; Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

Let us also pray for King Charles III and the Queen Consort, that they may be granted wisdom and understanding.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

On **Sunday 6th November** we shall be celebrating Sea Sunday at St Margaret's. The Revd Steven Ballard, who is part of the clergy team at St John's Dumfries, is also Honorary Chaplain to Missions to Seafarers in Dumfries and Galloway and we are delighted that he has offered to take a special Missions to Seafarers Service at St Margaret's. (Traditionally observed on the second Sunday in July, Sea Sunday can be held on any Sunday during the year.)

Steven writes: *'The Mission to Seafarers offers a ministry of bringing the good news of the Gospel and offering pastoral care to seafarers who come from all over the world, and crew the ships on which we depend for our own livelihood. In 200 ports based in different countries the flag of The Flying Angel indicates the presence of the Mission to Seafarers and is a symbol of the Christian welcome seafarers can receive.'*

Sea Sunday provides an opportunity not only to pray for The Mission to Seafarers but also to support its work financially. The Mission to Seafarers has its roots in our own Anglican Communion of which The Scottish Episcopal Church is a member. However, the charity receives no financial support from either Church or State, and if it were not for the financial support that is given by Christians generally, its work could no longer continue.

Seafaring is among the most dangerous professions in the world. Often poorly paid, seafarers typically spend many months away from their loved ones. Ships are sometimes abandoned at port because the owners have become bankrupt. This means wages are unpaid and in these cases the Mission to Seafarers pulls out all the practical stops to provide immediate care and ensure that seafarers are reunited with their families.

Please pray for the work of The Mission to Seafarers and support it as generously as you are able and I look forward to meeting the congregation at St Margaret's next month.'

This year the joint Remembrance Day Service with the Kirk will take place on **Sunday 13th November**, at St. Margaret's. Our Annual General Meeting will take place on **Sunday 27th November** after the service on that day. All Saints Challoch are celebrating their 150 year anniversary with a special service led by Bishop Kevin on **Sunday 20th November** and have issued an invitation to all at St. Margaret's. Further details to follow in the November Newsletter on all of these events.

GALLOWAY REGIONAL COUNCIL

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

READERS & VESTRY MEMBERS

If anyone is interested in joining our Readers List or becoming a Vestry member please contact Christine the Vestry Secretary for more information.

FROM THE TREASURER – GIVING

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 have therefore produced 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.

Cathy Agnew
Treasurer

REFRESHMENTS IN CHURCH

Refreshments are now able to take place after services and on other occasions. However, we appreciate that some people may still feel anxious and ask everyone to understand and respect other's personal space.

ALL SAINT'S DAY

We will be celebrating All Saints Day on 30th October with refreshments after the service. All welcome.

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 every month in order to let more people know about St. Margaret's

EMERGENCY TRAINING

As result of the tragic sudden death of Sheila Dressler, while attending an event in New Galloway Town Hall in February, a concerted effort has been made to ensure there are a number of Automatic External Defibrillators and people trained to use them in the community. There are now three AEDs accessible for use in an emergency and a training session is planned for Saturday 15th October at 10am in New Galloway Town Hall. Numbers are limited, so booking is essential but additional sessions will be arranged if numbers require it. Please contact me via phone or email if you wish to attend this training session. Email: dalgowantraining@aol.com Tel: 01644420259/07749212201

Christine Rankin
Vestry Secretary

ST. MARGARET'S GUILD

Derick and Venetia Forbes are once again kindly hosting our Harvest Lunch which will take place on Sunday 2nd October at Earlstoun, after the Harvest Festival Service. Tickets £12 are 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

2 nd October	Harvest Festival	Congregation
9 th October		Barry Gilbert
16 th October		Barry Gilbert
23 rd October		Cathy Agnew
30 th October		Cathy Agnew

HARVEST FESTIVAL

All are welcome to come and help decorate the Church for the Harvest Festival on Saturday 1st October at 2pm.

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

Poem for Harvest

We bring the spare we do not really need
(for surely God will honour all we bring
although it cannot make up for our greed).
And place into Christ's hands our offering:
"Turn water into wine again," we say,
"and multiply my token loaves and fish
to feed another hungry crowd today."
Our gifts, we know, will put some flesh
on words of charity. Then into those
twelve empty baskets, let us place the gifts in us
that need to be increased and shared
with greater generosity than we may be prepared
to offer on our own account.
For we are God's most rich and splendid bounty,
sown as seeds and scattered by the Lord
in every place.
the human race:
the crowning glory
of the ever-evolving creation story.
We thank God that he does not only separate the wheat from tare,
but takes our very best then turns us into far more than we are

Anon

OCTOBER READINGS

2nd October

Deuteronomy 26: 1 - 11

Nicolette Wise

Philippians 4: 4 - 9

Christine Rankin

9th October

2 Kings 5: 1-3, 7-15c

Rosalind Hall

1 Timothy 2: 8-15

Nicholas Wise

16th October

Genesis 32: 22-31

Helen Keron

2 Timothy 3: 14 - 4. 5

Clive Brayshaw

23rd October

Ecclesiasticus 35: 12-17

Cathy Agnew

2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 16-18

Nicholas Wise

30th October

Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18

Christine Rankin

Ephesians 1: 11-end

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 His Majesty the King and his family and for all who serve under him.
- Saturday Pray for the work of missionary societies and aid agencies in the troubled parts of the world.