

# **ST MARGARET'S NEW GALLOWAY**

**NOVEMBER 2022**



**St. Margaret's Church**

**NUMBER 450**

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# SERVICES FOR NOVEMBER

Mission to Seafarers 6<sup>th</sup> November, 10.30am Sung Eucharist Revd Steven Ballard

Remembrance Day 13<sup>th</sup> November 10.55am at War Memorial followed by  
Service in St. Margaret's Canon Barry Gilbert

Christ the King 20<sup>th</sup> November 10.30am Sung Eucharist Canon Barry Gilbert

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Advent 27<sup>th</sup> November, 10.30am Sung Eucharist followed by  
the AGM Canon Barry Gilbert

## CHURCH OFFICERS AND VESTRY

Priest in Charge	Canon B. Gilbert	Tel. 420665
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	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

The church year will once again be over at the end of November and it therefore seems an appropriate moment to highlight all that Barry Gilbert has done, and continues to do, for St Margaret's as our interim Priest-in-Charge. As well as taking regular services, he also provides a wise and experienced guiding hand to the Vestry. Thank you Barry!

Interviews for the post of shared Priest-in-Charge for St Margaret's and All Saints' Challoch took place at the end of September. There was unilateral agreement on a 'preferred candidate' who is to visit Galloway at the beginning of November. This will give them the opportunity to look round both charges and the Rectory, and to meet the Vestries, Dean and Bishop in person. Following this, the two Vestries will hope to make a formal offer of the post to the candidate (subject to references and PVG clearance). We will let you know just as soon as we have any ore news.

### 'SEA SUNDAY'

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 on 6<sup>th</sup> November.'*

## **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

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Remembrance Day Service on **Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November**, at 10.55 am at the War Memorial and afterwards in St. Margaret's, followed by refreshments. The Annual General Meeting will take place on **Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November** after the service on that day. All Saints Challoch are celebrating their 150 year anniversary with a special service led by Bishop Kevin at 11am on **Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November**. Donations from the service, to Blood Bikes. If you would like to attend please contact Lesley Miller by email: [lesleymiller3451@gmail.com](mailto:lesleymiller3451@gmail.com) or by phone 01988 402318 by 7<sup>th</sup> November.

### **Walking through Advent with the poetry of R S Thomas**

Rachel Inglis, who runs the Growth in Prayer and Reflective Living courses here in Galloway, is running a faith-sharing group for Advent and is inviting others to join. Rachel will be using the poetry of R S Thomas in a recently published book, *Frequencies of God*, by Revd Dr Carys Walsh, as an Advent reflection.

Rachel explains, "The book has a simple format; each day we are offered a different poem by R S Thomas, selected for its resonance with one of the Advent themes of waiting, accepting, journeying and birthing, and followed by a thoughtful reflection from Carys Walsh. Practically, how a faith-sharing group works is that during the week we each make space in our day for the daily reflection; we then we all meet up and listen to the fruit of our individual reflections, each of us sharing as much or as little as we feel comfortable doing. We don't give each other advice, or preach at one another, we simply offer the gift of listening to one another's faith journey – and discover that we ourselves have been heard and seen."

The group will meet in Kirkcudbright on the following Saturdays – November 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>, from 2pm – 3.30pm. Anyone interested or wanting to find out more, please contact Rachel on [rachelinkbt@gmail.com](mailto:rachelinkbt@gmail.com).

## **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.

## **REFRESHMENTS IN CHURCH**

The St Margaret's Guild continue to offer coffee or tea and biscuits after our Sunday services. Anyone preferring to remain seated can have refreshments brought to them. The Guild is always grateful for any donations in the 'pig' at the back of the church.

## **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

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

The Harvest Lunch took place on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October at Earlstoun, after the Harvest Festival Service and was a lovely social occasion. Many thanks to Derick and Venetia for their hospitality and for providing the wine and the Guild for providing the food.

The Guild AGM took place on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> October and it was good to report that our fund raising is back to our usual level. The joint Christmas Coffee Morning with the Kirk Guild will take place this year on **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December**, in Dalry Town Hall. All donations of baking, Christmas gifts and Raffle prizes gratefully received.

Christine Rankin  
St. Margaret's Guild President

## POETRY CORNER

### Lest We Forget

Remember those who died.  
Those we loved, the one's who cried.  
As I sit here in my room,  
I picture the banging and the boom.  
I try to pull myself together as I lie:  
They gave their lives to keep us free.  
To save the innocent like you and me.  
I am thankful for no war,  
As we wear our poppies in remorse:  
Let's work together to keep this country our's  
And on each Remembrance Day to wear a flower  
So put on a smile and don't sigh,  
Stay together and keep your head held high,  
If we stand together, no one will break our power.

*Anon*

### FLOWER ROTA

6 <sup>th</sup> November		Barry Gilbert
13 <sup>th</sup> November		Barry Gilbert
20 <sup>th</sup> November		Barry Gilbert
27 <sup>th</sup> November	Advent	No Flowers

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)



## NOVEMBER READINGS

6<sup>th</sup> November

Job 19. 23-27a

Nicholas Wise

2 Thessalonians 2. 1-5, 13-end

Nicolette Wise

20<sup>th</sup> November

Jeremiah 23. 1-6

Clive Brayshaw

Colossians 1. 11-20

Christine Rankin

27<sup>th</sup> November

Isaiah 2. 1-5

Rosalind Hall

Romans 13. 11-end

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 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.