

# **ST MARGARET'S NEW GALLOWAY**

**JANUARY 2023**



## **EPIPHANY St. Margaret's Church**

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## SERVICES FOR JANUARY

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Christmas, 1<sup>st</sup> January 10.30am Sung Eucharist  
Professor Revd Rob Gilbert

Epiphany 8<sup>th</sup> January 10.30am Sung Eucharist  
Revd John McHale

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany, 15<sup>th</sup> January 10.30am Sung Eucharist  
Ven Stuart Bain

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany, 22<sup>nd</sup> January 10.30am Sung Eucharist  
Revd David Humphries

Candlemas, 29<sup>th</sup> January, 10.30am Sung Eucharist  
Canon Barry Gilbert

## CHURCH OFFICERS AND VESTRY

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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](mailto:gilbertofglenkens@gmail.com)

## UPDATE FROM THE VESTRY

On Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> January, Bishop Kevin officially announced the appointment of the Reverend Dawn Matthew as Priest-in-Charge of St Margaret's New Galloway and All Saints' Challoch. The Licensing services will be on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> February – 11am at All Saints' and then 3pm at St Margaret's. Further information will follow in due course.

Dawn says, "I am very much looking forward to joining the Charges of St Margaret's New Galloway and All Saints' Challoch, and working with them to serve God together in our communities; sharing our faith and loving others as God loves us. My husband Nick, our family, and I are excited to be moving to Dumfries and Galloway, a part of Scotland that has become very dear to our hearts over the past few years. We have visited many times in our VW Campervan!"

Bishop Kevin says, "We are pleased to be able to welcome Dawn into the life of our Diocese after her service to the people of St John the Evangelist, Hinckley in the Leicester Diocese, where she has led them through the pandemic experience with her wisdom, prayerfulness and calm pragmatism. She comes to our Diocese with many years' experience of community engagement, and managing community projects as a bedrock for ministry and mission. It will be great to have Dawn as part of our diocesan community".

Following the Licensing service on 18<sup>th</sup> February, Dawn will have some time to settle into the Rectory here in New Galloway before starting her public ministry with us on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February.



Revd. Dawn Matthew

## **CHRISTMAS SERVICES**

Our Carol Service was well attended and the mix of traditional readings and modern poetry made for a thoughtful and sensitive telling of the Christmas story. Thanks to the St Margaret's Guild for hosting the enjoyable festive fellowship following the service. On Christmas Day itself the beautifully decorated church was packed and the congregational singing must surely have been heard throughout the village. Our grateful thanks to Barry Gilbert for master-minding both our Carol Service and the Christmas Day Eucharist, and to Hilary Craig for playing the organ.

At the AGM in early December, the congregation voted to donate our Christmas collections from the Carol Service and Christmas Day to **Médecins-sans-frontières** – an international, independent, humanitarian organisation providing medical assistance to people affected by conflict, epidemics or disasters. The February Newsletter will have a report from the Treasurer on how much money was raised.

### **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

## 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>

### HELPING CHILDREN IN UKRAINE - UPDATE

The St Margaret's Guild is underwriting a project to help children in Ukraine. Sarah Watson, who has recently joined the Guild, is a trained and experienced Play Therapist and earlier in 2022, with support from her last church, she compiled 100 Play Therapy kits to send to Ukrainian children suffering from trauma. St Margaret's aims to send a further 50 Play Therapy kits, organised and put together by Sarah, and £125 has already been raised towards this.

Sarah explains, "Each kit includes 12 specific items ranging from Play Dough to help with sensory regulation to colouring pens, paper and a journal to help the children externalise and process what they have experienced. These are all contained in their own easily transportable drawstring bag with an explanation in Ukrainian as to how to use the kits. Bulk-buying the items brings the cost down to around £10 per kit if we send a minimum of 50 kits."

It is important to note that the kits are designed to go to children where they will be supported to use them in a therapeutic way. Sarah says "the kits are not just toys and each item has a therapeutic value. And a nice addition is including a card with a simple signed message which is also therapeutic as it lets them know that someone is thinking and holding them in mind."

If any members of the congregation have not yet contributed to this project and would like to do so, please contact the Guild Treasurer, Nicolette Wise on 01644 430218 or [nicolette.wise2@gmail.com](mailto:nicolette.wise2@gmail.com). Alternatively, there is a box for donations at the back of the church marked Helping Children in Ukraine.

## **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

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

### **BIBLE STUDY GROUP**

The Bible study and fellowship group that previously met at the Manse in Dalry is now being hosted by David and Mary Humphries at 24 Kirkland Street, Dalry. The ecumenical group meets on Thursdays at 7.30pm and is open to all. David reports that "the group is currently halfway through studying the book of Revelation but discussing many other topics along the way. All are welcome to attend, either regularly or just when you can".

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

The Christmas Coffee morning was held in Dalry Town Hall for the first time due to New Galloway Town Hall being refurbished. It was a lovely Ecumenical event and raised over £483, of which St. Margaret's Guild received half the proceeds.

The next Guild meeting will take place on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> January, at 10.30am in Dalgowan.

Christine Rankin  
St. Margaret's Guild President

## FLOWER ROTA

1 <sup>st</sup> January	Nicolette Wise
6 <sup>th</sup> January	Nicolette Wise
15 <sup>th</sup> January	Cathy Agnew
22 <sup>nd</sup> January	Cathy Agnew
29 <sup>th</sup> January	Sarah Watson

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)

## POETRY CORNER

### Epiphany – The Three Kings Poem

Although they did not know his name, they sought  
Him in the bleak darkness of wintry night.  
It defied all the wisdom they'd been taught,  
Yet they were drawn to a mystical light.  
With pilgrims' keen eyes that see beyond stars,  
They followed the light until they found Him.  
They offered gold, frankincense and myrrh  
To the new born King of Kings without sin;  
In a humble stable of hallowed ground.  
They wondered how such bright glory dwelt there.  
Yet through it all, He slept without a sound.  
They realised their riches weren't so rare,  
Not compared to divine innocence's worth.  
That blessed night they perceived heaven on earth.

by Dominic Windram



# JANUARY READINGS

1<sup>st</sup> January

Isaiah 63: 7 – 9

Nicholas Wise

Hebrews 2: 10 - end

Cathy Agnew

8<sup>th</sup> January

Isaiah 60: 1 - 6

Christine Rankin

Ephesians 3: 1 - 12

David Humphries

15<sup>th</sup> January

Isaiah 49: 1 - 7

Helen Keron

1 Corinthians 1: 1 - 9

Rosalind Hall

22<sup>nd</sup> January

Isaiah 9: 1 - 4

Toby Wise

1 Corinthians 1: 10 - 18

Cathy Agnew

29<sup>th</sup> January

Malachi 3: 1 - 5

Nicolette Wise

Hebrews 2: 14 - end

Christine Rankin

# 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.