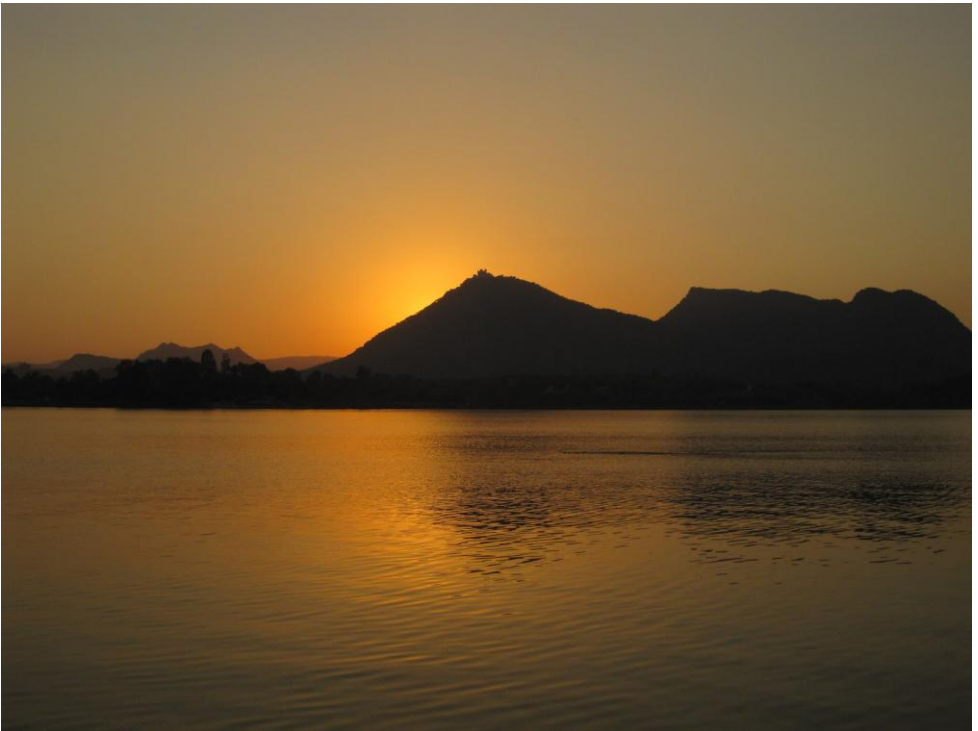


ST MARGARET'S NEW GALLOWAY

FEBRUARY 2023



St. Margaret's Church

NUMBER 453

Charity No: SCO12084

SERVICES FOR FEBRUARY

3rd Sunday before Lent, 5th February, 10.30am Sung Eucharist
Revd John McHale

2nd Sunday before Lent, 12th February, 10.30am Sung Eucharist
Revd David Humphries

Revd Dawn Matthew Licensing Service, 18th February, 3pm
Sung Eucharist
Bishop Kevin

Sunday before Lent, 19th February, 10.30am Sung Eucharist
Canon Barry Gilbert

Ash Wednesday, 22nd February, 6pm Said Eucharist with Ashes
Revd Dawn Matthew

1st Sunday of Lent, 26th February, 10.30am Sung Eucharist
Revd Dawn Matthew

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
	Mrs L. Garretty	Tel: 420829

BAPTISMS, MARRIAGES, FUNERALS

Priest-in-Charge (until 25th February) Canon Barry Gilbert
Priest-in-Charge (from 26th February) Revd Dawn Matthew

Barry Gilbert. Tel: 01644 420665 or email: gilbertofglenkens@gmail.com

Dawn Matthew Tel: 07543247180 or email: revdawnmatthew@gmail.com

UPDATE FROM THE VESTRY

On behalf of the congregation, we are delighted to offer a very warm welcome to Dawn and Nick who will be moving into the Rectory in New Galloway on 7th February. As our Priest-in-Charge, shared with All Saints' Challoch, Dawn does not officially start work until 26th February so we are particularly grateful that she has offered to take our Ash Wednesday Eucharist on 22nd February.

Our many thanks go to Barry Gilbert who has looked after us all so well during the Interregnum. His wisdom and experience, coupled with warmth and humour, have been invaluable to the Vestry.

LETTER FROM DAWN MATTHEW, PRIEST-IN-CHARGE

We move to the Rectory in New Galloway on 7th February and are pleased to have a bit of time to unpack and get settled before the Licensing on 18th February. My husband Nick and I have visited Scotland many times over the past few years in our VW Campervan and Dumfries and Galloway has become very dear to us. We are excited that it is now to become our home!

I'm looking forward to getting to know you all in the weeks ahead as I join the charges of St Margaret's and All Saints' Challoch, and to work with you all to serve God together in our communities; sharing our faith and loving others as God loves us.



Revd. Dawn Matthew

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.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

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 disaster. Due to everyone's generosity, we are delighted to report that £1175.20 was raised.

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 – DEADLINE 28TH FEBRUARY

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 over £130 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." Sarah has put together an example kit at the back of the church.

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."

The deadline for contributions is 28th February. If anyone would like to contribute, please contact the Guild Treasurer, Nicolette Wise on 01644 430218 or 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 continues 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.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

LICENSING SERVICE FOR REVD. DAWN MATTHEW

Everyone in the congregation will hopefully have received their invitation to the Licensing Service for Dawn Matthew on Saturday 18th February, at which Bishop Kevin will be preaching. We hope that many friends of St Margaret's from across Galloway, as well as the Diocese as a whole, will be able to attend. The St Margaret's Guild will be serving tea and cakes following the service.

The Licensing Service for Dawn at All Saints' Challoch will be on the same day at 11am.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

This year's service will take place on Friday 3rd March hosted by Carsphairn Guild. It has been written by the WDP committee of Taiwan with the theme "I have heard about your faith" from Ephesians Ch 1: v15 – 19. All are welcome. Further details in the March Newsletter.

LENT LUNCHESES

The St Margaret's Guild will once again be hosting a number of Lent Lunches. As in past years, the format remains the same – a simple lunch of homemade soup and rolls, cheese and biscuits, ending with coffee in return for a donation to the charity of the host's choice. In this way we are able to raise funds for a variety of local causes, as well as enjoying a delicious lunch amongst friends and neighbours. All are welcome.

Friday 24th February 12 noon – 2pm Dalgowan, New Galloway
in aid of Diabetes Scotland

Friday 17th March 12 noon – 2pm Whinnymuir, Dalry
in aid of Scottish Autism

Friday 31st March 12 noon- 1.30pm St Margaret's Church
in aid of MOOL
Dumfries and Galloway Refugee Action

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”. If you would like to know more, please call David on 01644 430533.

ST. MARGARET’S GUILD

The Guild met on Tuesday 17th January and as well as organising the Lent Lunches already detailed it was agreed to support the Ukrainian Children’s Therapy Packs. We will also be holding the Plant and Bake Sale on Saturday 29th April, this year in aid of Scotland’s Charity Air Ambulance.

Christine Rankin
St. Margaret’s Guild President

FLOWER ROTA

5 th February	Sarah Watson
12 th February	Venetia Forbes
19 th February	Venetia Forbes
22 nd February Ash Wednesday	No Flowers during Lent

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

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

POETRY CORNER

Keep Going

Is the goal distant, and troubled the road,
And the way long?
And heavy your load?
Then gird up your courage, and say 'I am strong,'
And keep going.

Is the work weary, and endless the grind
And petty the pay?
Then brace up your mind
And say 'Something better is coming my way,'
And keep doing.

Is the drink bitter life pours in your cup -
Is the taste gall?
Then smile and look up
And say 'God is with me whatever befall,'
And keep trusting.

Is the heart heavy with hope long deferred,
And with prayers that seem vain?
Keep saying the word -
And that which you strive for you yet shall attain.
Keep praying.

Ella Wheeler Wilcox

FEBRUARY READINGS

5th February

Isaiah 58: 1-9a

David Humphries

1 Corinthians 2: 1-12

Nicholas Wise

12th February

Genesis 1: 1 – 2-3

Nicolette Wise

Romans 8: 18-25

Christine Rankin

19th February

Exodus 24: 12-end

Rosalind Hall

2 Peter 1: 16-end

Helen Keron

26th February

Genesis 2: 15-17; 3: 1-7

Cathy Agnew

Romans 5: 12-19

Toby 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.