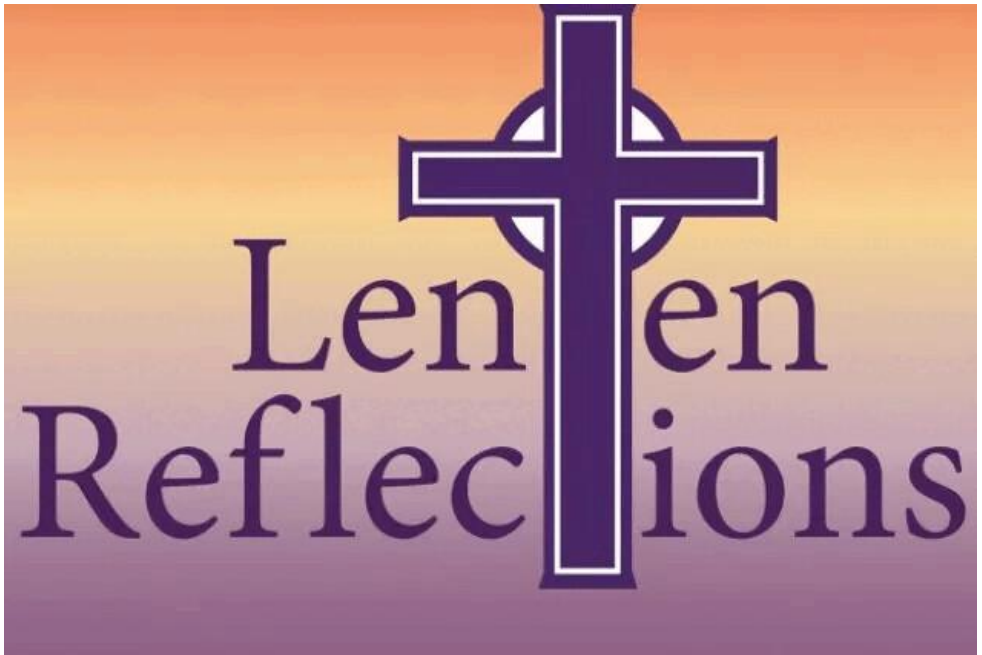


ST MARGARET'S NEW GALLOWAY

MARCH 2023



St. Margaret's Church

NUMBER 454

Charity No: SCO12084

SERVICES FOR MARCH

2nd Sunday of Lent, 5th March, 10.30am Sung Eucharist
Revd David Humphries

3rd Sunday of Lent, 12th March, 10.30am Sung Eucharist
Revd Dawn Matthew

Mothering Sunday, 19th March, 10.30am Sung Eucharist
Ven Stuart Bain

5th Sunday of Lent, 26th March, 10.30am Sung Eucharist
Revd Dawn Matthew

CHURCH OFFICERS AND VESTRY

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BAPTISMS, MARRIAGES, FUNERALS

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

PRIEST IN CHARGE

Hello, and greetings from St Margaret's Rectory! Firstly, Nick, our family and I, would like to thank you all for making us so welcome. Although we've only been here a few short weeks, we're already beginning to feel like part of this wonderful community. Visits to the Catstrand, and the first Lent lunch, have been great ways for us to meet people, and we look forward to playing our part in that welcome and community spirit in the times to come.

I'm mindful that I've arrived at a significant point in the Church year, as we move together through Lent and into the Easter season. Lent is a time for us to pause and reflect, to remember God's love for the world, shown in his perfect gift of the person of Jesus Christ, who gave his life for us on the cross.

Yet we are also an "Easter people", who live in the certainty of God's promise that there is more to come, as we look forward to celebrating on Easter Sunday, as we remember that Jesus defeated death, rising again to new life, and giving new life to the world.

Everyone is very welcome to any of our Lent and Easter services, and it would be a joy to worship together with friends and community.

Every blessing,

Dawn

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 COLLECTIONS

The sum of £1250 has been sent to Médecins sans Frontières being the total sum from the Christmas Collections.

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

St Margaret’s Guild has been raising funds to compile Play Therapy kits to send to Ukrainian children suffering from trauma. A combination of donations and Guild funds has allowed Sarah Watson, who is masterminding the project, to start compiling 50 kits.

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

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

This year's service will take place on Friday 3rd March at 2.30pm hosted by Carsphairn Guild in the Lagwyne Hall, Carsphairn. 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.

LENT LUNCHES

The following Lent Lunches will be taking place during March.

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

ECUMENICAL BIBLE STUDY GROUP

The Thursday night ecumenical group is starting a new study on 2nd March, so this is an opportunity for anyone who would like to come and see if they enjoy it. Evenings begin at 7.30 and the Book of Nehemiah will be the jumping off point for what is usually wide-ranging discussion. It will be at Mary and David Humphries' house, 24 Kirkland St, Dalry, [look out for the Narnia style lamppost in the drive] except on 9th March, when it will be back in the Manse on the A713 below the school. All are welcome.

DIOCESAN LENT QUIET DAY

The Lent Quiet Day will be held over Zoom on 1st April, 10am – 1pm. Everyone welcome.

Zoom details available on bit.ly/GGLentQuietDay2023. For more information, please email the Rev Les Ireland on Les949@btinternet.com

HOLY WEEK

The following services will take place during Holy Week.

Maundy Thursday - Said Eucharist at 6pm

Good Friday – Prayers and Reflection at 2pm

CONCERT – GEOFF DAVIDSON’S ‘THE PASSION’

Glenkens Church Choir in Dalry Church at 7.30pm on Saturday 8th April.
Admissions free. Donations in aid of ABBA’s Rest Orphanage Malawi.

ST. MARGARET’S GUILD

The first Lent Lunch took place in Dalgowan on Friday 24th February in aid of JDRF (Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. There was an excellent turnout and funds raised on the day amounted to £301.53. Thank you to everyone who helped or supported in any way.

Christine Rankin
St. Margaret’s Guild President

FLOWER ROTA

NO FLOWERS IN 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

Lenten Poem by Ann Weems

Lent is a time to take time to let the power
of our faith story take hold of us,
a time to let the events get up
and walk around in us,
a time to intensify our living unto Christ,
a time to hover over the thoughts of our hearts,
a time to place our feet in the streets of
Jerusalem or to walk along the sea and
listen to his Word,
a time to touch his robe
and feel the healing surge through us,
a time to ponder and a time to wonder....

Lent is a time to allow
a fresh new taste of God!
Perhaps we're afraid to have time to think,
for thoughts come unbidden.
Perhaps we're afraid to face our future
knowing our past.
Give us courage, O God,
to hear your Word
and to read our living into it.
Give us the trust to know we're forgiven
and give us the faith
to take up our lives and walk.

MARCH READINGS

5th March

Genesis 12: 1 – 4a

Nicholas Wise

Romans 4: 1 – 5, 13 - 17

Nicolette Wise

12th March

Exodus 17: 1 - 7

Christine Rankin

Romans 5: 1 - 11

David Humphries

19th March

Exodus 2: 1 - 10

Rosalind Hall

Colossians 3: 12 - 17

Helen Keron

26th March

Ezekiel 37: 1 – 14

Toby Wise

Romans 8: 6 - 11

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.