

# **ST MARGARET'S NEW GALLOWAY**

**APRIL 2023**



**St. Margaret's Church**

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## SERVICES FOR APRIL

Palm Sunday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> April,	10.30am	Sung Eucharist Canon Barry Gilbert
Maundy Thursday,	6pm	Said Eucharist Revd Dawn Matthew
Good Friday	2pm	Prayers and Reflection Revd Dawn Matthew
Easter Day, 9 <sup>th</sup> April,	10.30am	Sung Eucharist Revd Dawn Matthew
Easter II, 16 <sup>th</sup> April,	5pm	Sung Eucharist Revd Dawn Matthew
Easter III, 23rd April,	5pm	Sung Eucharist Revd Dawn Matthew
Easter IV 30 <sup>th</sup> April,	5pm	Sung Eucharist Revd Dawn Matthew

## CHURCH OFFICERS AND VESTRY

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## PRIEST IN CHARGE

Dear Friends,

Today as I write, the sun is shining through the clouds, and the kites are soaring over the hills and fields opposite the Rectory. This Sunday (26<sup>th</sup> March), I will have been serving in the charges of New Galloway and Challoch for exactly a month – how time flies indeed! There are still so many new things: new people, new places and new experiences; but increasingly there are familiar faces (please accept my apologies if I need a quick name reminder!) and places, and life has settled into a beautiful rhythm.

As Priest-in-Charge, part of serving the church and community is finding a rhythm that enables us all to flourish in the sharing of the gifts that God has given us. For me, being present and serving both church and community is of prime importance. Making space to spend goodly time with people, listening, caring, and sharing the love of Jesus is the way I believe God has called me to be present and minister here in New Galloway and Challoch.

To that end, as a church family, we've considered together what the optimum way forward will be in terms of service times. We've looked for the best way to facilitate me being at the Sunday services in both New Galloway and Challoch each week, so as to support and enable both the churches and the communities.

I've chatted with many of you, and emailed the church family with various options, and invited comments. I'm pleased to say that most people have responded, and the vestry and I have been heartened by people's generosity and spirit of flexibility. The vestry have agreed, and people are willing to try a new service time of 5.00pm to support ministry and hopefully grow the church, perhaps making new connections with people in the community too. I'd encourage you all to come and give it a try – it'll be a different time, but I do pray that it'll remain a time where God's people are gathered to worship together and build His kingdom.

Now we have a good sense of where people are, we'll make the change in a timely manner, so people aren't left wondering when it will all come to

pass. We'll therefore begin the new pattern from Sunday 16th April, with tea and cake each week before the service from 4.15pm, and a short time of quiet reflection before the service begins. We will trial this and review at the end of July. Please do keep feeding back to me during that time – let me know how you are finding the new rhythm.

One other area we've been considering is the restart of a daytime midweek gathering, so do watch this space for more details. We haven't quite finalised this as yet, but it'll follow as soon as I have.

With thanks again for your support and generosity of spirit as we settle into this new rhythm, and with prayers for the ways we will see God's Spirit at work within us and our community over this Easter season. Everyone is welcome to any or all of our Easter services at St Margaret's.

With 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.

## LENT APPEAL

This year, we revert to a home-based charity for Bishop Kevin's Lent Appeal, for which he has selected an enormously deserving recipient with close ties to our Diocese, the Mothers' Union of Glasgow and Galloway.

**Away From It All (AFIA)** is a diverse Mothers' Union Project offering Christian care for families. It is active throughout the UK, responding to families whose lives have met with adversity, providing holidays not just for a little respite but to create happy memories for a lifetime. A leaflet is attached, which will already have been seen by those attending Synod, and where we were hugely impressed to see the transformative life-changing effects of these holidays on so many grateful recipients.

**Please give as generously as you can in any of the following ways:**

**Electronically – and include an extra 25% through Gift Aid at no cost to yourself!**

The preferred and easiest way is to donate electronically and instantly to the appeal, either for individuals or for treasurers sending collected charge donations. For individual donations, it means that Gift Aid can be added to your donation, adding 25p to every pound donated (if you pay tax). **Whether donating as an individual or as a church via your Treasurer, please add the name of your church to the Donation Notes** (this is perfectly possible even if you are an individual who prefers to remain anonymous). Please donate through *this* page (which donation goes directly to the Lent Appeal) by clicking on the following link: **<https://www.justgiving.com/page/bishopkevinslentappeal2023>**

If you are reading this on a hard copy, a slightly quicker way to type the link is: **<https://bit.ly/BishopKevinLentAppeal2023>**

### **Cheque Payments**

For those who prefer to send cheques, they should be sent to the Diocesan Office. **Cheque payments** should be made payable to **Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway**, and please include a note to confirm the name of your charge and your contact details. Send to:

*Scottish Episcopal Church  
Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway  
Bishop's Lent Appeal  
49 Cochrane Street  
Glasgow G1 1HL*

Money will be transferred to Glasgow and Galloway's Mothers' Union on a regular basis, and included in the final JustGiving total. This will also apply to the following method.

**Electronic Transfer to the Diocese**

Although it remains easier to transfer electronically via our own JustGiving page, it remains possible to do so through the Diocesan account. Send by BACS to the following details:

**Sort code: 83-41-00**

**Account Number: 00162089**

**Account name: GW & GALL GEN FUND 7**

Please use the reference **Lent23** and your quota number for ID, and **also** email Iolanthe Stack at [iolanthe@glasgow.anglican.org](mailto:iolanthe@glasgow.anglican.org) to confirm a donation has been sent, and from which charge it has been sent. Iolanthe will acknowledge receipt by email. If you are sending a personal donation this way, also use **Lent23** and your surname for ID, again copying in Iolanthe for information, and she will reply to confirm receipt.

**Please do everything you can to support this hugely worthy appeal nominated by Bishop Kevin.**

Leaflets about AFIA are available at the back of the Church

**The AFIA Prayer: Spirit of God, we ask your blessing on all the places of refuge. May they be havens of peace for the bruised and broken to find comfort and a friendly face. Time to recover and to plan for the future. Thank you for all who work for, and support, the refuges. Amen.**

## 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 now completed their project to help children in Ukraine suffering from trauma. A successful fund-raising campaign allowed the Guild to put together 50 Play Therapy kits which are now on their way to Ukraine.

Sarah Watson, a trained and experienced Play Therapist, explains "Each kit contains specific items that have a therapeutic value, they're not just toys. They are packed in their own easily transported bag with an explanation in Ukrainian as to how to use the kits, and a card with a simple signed message letting them know that someone is thinking of them and holding them in mind"

The Guild is most grateful to all who contributed to this most worthwhile project.



## **REFRESHMENTS IN CHURCH**

The St Margaret's Guild will continue to offer refreshments as part of the Fellowship of 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.

## **LENT LUNCHESES**

The two Lent Lunches which have already taken place were both very well supported and very enjoyable occasions. Each raising over £300 for the host's chosen charity, JDRF (Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation) and Scottish Autism. Hosts welcomed many friends, members of the Church of Scotland as well as members of our own congregation. Thank you to everyone involved. The last Lent Lunch for this year takes place on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> at 12 noon to 1.30pm in St. Margaret's Church in aid of MOOL (Dumfries and Galloway Refugee Action)

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

### **ECUMENICAL BIBLE STUDY GROUP**

The Bible Study and Fellowship Group that previously met at the Manse in Dalry continues to meet in David and Mary Humphries' house 24 Kirkland Street, Dalry. The sessions are normally on Thursdays at 7.30pm – although they will not meet on Maundy Thursday but restart the following Thursday. Studies continue to focus on issues raised by the book of Nehemiah, but no prior knowledge is necessary and you might be surprised what there is to think and talk about. All our welcome, please call if you want to know more (07515172164)



## **DIOCESAN LENT QUIET DAY**

The Lent Quiet Day will be held over Zoom on 1<sup>st</sup> April, 10am –1pm.

Everyone welcome.

Zoom details available on [bit.ly/GGLentQuietDay2023](https://bit.ly/GGLentQuietDay2023). For more information, please email the Rev Les Ireland on [Les949@btinternet.com](mailto:Les949@btinternet.com)

## **CONCERT – GEOFF DAVIDSON’S ‘THE PASSION’**

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

## **PLANT AND BAKE SALE**

This will take place on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> April from 10.30am until 12 noon in St. Margaret’s Church in aid of Scottish Charity Air Ambulance

## **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 next Guild meeting will take place on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> April at 10.30am in Dalgowan.. All are welcome.

The annual Plant and Cake Sale will place on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> April. All donations of baking, preserves, plants etc. will be gratefully appreciated and can be brought to the Church on Friday afternoon 28<sup>th</sup> April or on the morning of the sale.

Christine Rankin  
St. Margaret’s Guild President

## **EASTER FLOWER ROTA**

April 8 <sup>th</sup>	3pm	Congregation
April 15 <sup>th</sup> & 22 <sup>nd</sup> April		Rosalind Hall
April 29 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> May		Nicolette Wise

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)

## **EASTER RECEPE**

### **Simmel Cake**

Traditionally eaten at Easter, although it used to be specifically associated with Mothering Sunday; offering a respite from 40 days of religious austerity. The twelve balls on top of the cake represent the 11 disciples (excluding Judas of course).

### **RECIPE (Mary Berry)**

#### **Ingredients**

175 g soft butter or margarine, plus extra for greasing  
175 g light muscovado sugar  
3 eggs  
175 g self-raising flour  
175 g sultanas  
90 g currants  
90 g glacé cherries, quartered, rinsed, and dried  
30 g candied peel, roughly chopped  
Grated zest of 1 large lemon  
1 tsp. ground mixed spice

## Decoration

500 g almond paste

2 tbsp. apricot jam

1 egg white

Deep 18 cm (7 in) round loose-bottomed cake tin

## Method

1. Roll out one-third of the almond paste and using the base of the cake tin as a guide, cut out an 18 centimetre circle.
2. Grease the cake tin and line the bottom and side with greaseproof paper.
3. Combine all the ingredients in a bowl. Beat well until thoroughly blended. Spoon half of the cake mixture into the prepared tin and smooth the surface. Top with the round of almond paste.
4. Spoon the remaining cake mixture on top and level the surface.
5. Bake in a preheated oven at 150°C/gas mark 2 for two and a quarter hours or until golden brown and firm to the touch.
6. Cover the top of the cake with greaseproof paper if it is browning too quickly. Leave to cool for 10 minutes, then remove from the tin, and leave to cool completely.
7. Warm the jam and use to brush the top of the cake.
8. To decorate, roll out half of the remaining almond paste and use the tin to cut out an 18 centimetre round. Put on top of the jam and crimp the edges. Roll the remaining almond paste into 11 even-sized balls. Place around the edge of the cake, attaching them with egg white.
9. Brush the tops of the balls and the almond paste with egg white. Place under a hot grill for one to two minutes, until the balls are golden.

# POETRY CORNER

## Easter Joy

Jesus came to earth,  
To show us how to live,  
How to put others first,  
How to love and how to give.

Then He set about His work,  
That God sent Him to do;  
He took our punishment on Himself;  
He made us clean and new.

He could have saved Himself,  
Calling angels from above,  
But He chose to pay our price for sin;  
He paid it out of love.

Our Lord died on Good Friday,  
But the cross did not destroy  
His resurrection on Easter morn  
That fills our hearts with joy.

Now we know our earthly death,  
Like His, is just a rest.  
We'll be forever with Him  
In heaven, where life is best.

So we live our lives for Jesus,  
Think of Him in all we do.  
Thank you Saviour; Thank you Lord.  
Help us love like you!

*By Joanna Fuchs*

## EASTER ANAGRAM QUIZ

Anagram	Answer
1. sorcerer unit	
2. Dody Figaro (2 words)	
3. fox Rici unci	
4. Andra duty mushy (2 words)	
5. arv clay	
6.shades yawned (2 words)	
7. angry rim iv (2 words)	
8. apple rusts (2 words)	
9. scope tent	
10. Salopian spy (2 words)	
11. claimer	
12.Alys DNA ump (2 words)	

**The answers to the quiz will be published in next month's newsletter.**

## APRIL READINGS

2<sup>nd</sup> April

Isaiah 50: 4 – 9a

Nicholas Wise

Philippians 2: 5 – 11

Nicolette Wise

9<sup>th</sup> April

Jeremiah 31: 1 - 6

Cathy Agnew

Acts 10: 34 - 43

Barry Gilbert

16<sup>th</sup> April

Acts 2: 14a, 22 - 32

Rosalind Hall

1 Peter 1: 3 – 9

Helen Keron

23<sup>rd</sup> April

Acts 2: 14a, 36 - 41

Toby Wise

1 Peter 1:17 - 23

Christine Rankin

30<sup>th</sup> April

Acts 2: 42 – end

Julian Watson

1 Peter 2: 19 – end

Sarah Watson

# 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.