

ST MARGARET'S NEW GALLOWAY

MAY 2023



ASCENSION DAY

NUMBER 456

Charity No: SCO12084

SERVICES FOR MAY

Easter V,	7 th May,	5pm	Sung Eucharist Revd Dawn Matthew
Easter VI,	14 th May	5pm	Sung Eucharist Revd Dawn Matthew
Easter VII,	21 st May,	5pm	Sung Eucharist Revd Dawn Matthew
Pentecost	28 th May,	5pm	Sung Eucharist Revd Dawn Matthew

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PRIEST IN CHARGE

Dear Friends,

Noted dramatist and folklorist, Lady Isabella Augusta Gregory is known as an early proponent of equal rights, and unusually for a woman of her time, was involved in the politics of the day. She celebrated the history that shaped her world, and the natural world that brought joy and life. Inspired by this, she wrote of May, “The month of May is the pleasant time; its face is beautiful; the blackbird sings his full song, the living wood is his holding, the cuckoos are singing and ever singing; there is a welcome before the brightness of the summer.”

I always feel that May is a month when so many things are possible. We look back to April and all its showers and tiny buds, we remember with thanks the joyful resurrection of Jesus Christ, and we look forward to all that might be.

This May, of course, we will be celebrating the Coronation of King Charles III, as he is anointed with holy oil, and becomes a regnal part of the life of faith in our nations. In the church calendar, we move on from Easter Day, and remember the Ascension of Jesus as he was restored to his Father God’s side in the heavenly realms. Although Jesus has left us physically, we still rejoice with the worldwide church as we approach the Day of Pentecost, when those first Apostles and thousands of others were filled with the ruach, the breath of the Holy Spirit – Jesus’ eternal presence with us.

Suddenly, so many more things became possible, as the followers of the way (as the believers became known) were empowered by God himself to follow the command of Jesus to fulfil the words of the Great Commission in Matthew 28 to, “Go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

This command was given to those first disciples, and it still stands for us today, as we seek to follow the Lord with all that we have and with all that we are, offering in service and grateful thanks, all that he has given us.

And surely he is with us, this day, and every day, moving among us in the power of his Spirit.

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.

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 CONSTITUTION

Now that we have a new Priest-in-Charge, our Constitution has had to be amended and updated. The Vestry have carefully examined all six pages and are happy with the content. But in order for it to be finalised it has to be ratified by the congregation and the Vestry feel it is best to do that now rather than wait for the AGM in November. Accordingly, there will be a very brief meeting after the service on 21st May for the congregation to ratify it after which it will be signed by Dawn and the Bishop. A draft printed copy is available at the back of the church for anyone wishing to read it, and please talk to any member of the Vestry if you have any questions about this.

REGIONAL COUNCIL

The Galloway Regional Council have recently said goodbye to the Revd Canon Stephen Hazlett who has just retired as Rector of Greyfriars Kirkcudbright and St Mary's Gatehouse. Stephen was an active and popular member of the Regional Council and served as Vice-Convenor for two years followed by Convenor for a further two years. We will miss his warmth and humour as well as wisdom gained from a long life of ministry in many different places. His last services took place on 23rd April with full congregations in both charges swelled by friends from further afield wanting to say their goodbyes to Stephen and his wife Hazel. The Revd Canon Gill Hart has been appointed interim Priest-in-Charge and is overseeing the worship and pastoral care of Greyfriars and St Mary's until a new minister can be appointed.

Nicolette Wise
Lay Representative

BISHOP'S LENT APPEAL

This year Bishop Kevin chose the Mothers' Union AFIA ('Away from it all') project for his Lent Appeal. AFIA is a diverse project, active throughout the UK in responding to families whose lives have met with adversity. In Glasgow and Galloway, a generous bequest in 2018

encouraged Trustees to think creatively by bringing together the launch of AFIA with a needful response to domestic abuse within the region. Since then, two successful AFIA holidays have been held with happy and positive outcomes for all the mother and child participants.

Plans are in place for the next AFIA holiday in the Diocese to be held in Dumfries and Galloway, working with local Women's Aid groups, Mothers' Union branches and local refuges. Speaking at the Diocesan Synod in March, Deacon Ann Wren, a Mothers' Union AFIA Trustee, spoke of the isolation and fear that some women and families experience every day due to domestic abuse and how an AFIA holiday can support and help. In the words of one mother, *"Please never underestimate the impact this break has had on all the families that participated – no words can express our gratitude. It has been life changing. Thank you."*

The St Margaret's Vestry are pleased to have donated £200 from the Easter collection to this worthy appeal. Leaflets about AFIA can be found at the back of the church if anyone would like to know more.

The AFIA prayer: Spirit of God, we ask your blessing on all 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>

GLENKENS HUB

The recently launched Glenkens Hub (see <https://glenkens.scot/>) is proving to be a great source of information about absolutely everything that is happening in the Glenkens. Amongst other things, the comprehensive calendar is useful for locals as well as visitors as it lists everything that is going on - St Margaret's are able to publicise the Plant and Bake Sale as well as all our services. We would urge all of you who have computers to visit the Glenkens Hub, there really is something to interest everyone!

REFRESHMENTS IN CHURCH

The St Margaret's Guild will continue to offer refreshments as part of the church Fellowship which will now be available from 4.15pm before the 5pm service. 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

ECUMENICAL BIBLE STUDY GROUP

The Thursday night ecumenical Bible study group continues each week at 7.30pm at Courthill, 24 Kirkland Street, Dalry, home of David and Mary Humphries. All are very welcome. Studies continue to focus on issues raised by the Book of Nehemiah but no prior knowledge is necessary and you might be surprised how much relates to life today. Do ask if you would like to know more - 07515 172164.

ASCENSION DAY SERVICES

The following services will be taking place on Thursday 18th May and all are welcome to attend. The Regional Ascension Day Service at St. Ninian's Portpatrick at 5pm and All Saints Challoch at 10.30am.

ST. MARGARET'S GUILD

LENT LUNCHESES

The St Margaret's Guild have once again had a very successful Lent Lunch season. Hosts welcomed many friends from the Church of Scotland, as well as our own congregation, for soup and rolls, followed by cheese and biscuits, and coffee or tea. The lunches are an enjoyable social occasion as well as raising funds for a variety of good causes. Over £850 was raised for *JDRF (Junior Diabetes Research Foundation)*, *Scottish Autism* and *MOOL: Dumfries & Galloway Refugee Action*.

HELPING CHILDREN IN UKRAINE

The 50 Play Therapy Kits have been successfully delivered to Ukrainian Children living in a War Zone. The kits were funded from donations and Guild funds and we are grateful to all who contributed to this worthy cause.

PLANT AND BAKE SALE

This is taking place on Saturday 29th April, from 10.30 am – 12 noon in aid of Scottish Charity Air Ambulance. All donations of baking, preserves, plants etc. will be gratefully appreciated and can be brought to the Church on Friday afternoon 28th April or on the morning of the sale.

Christine Rankin
St. Margaret's Guild President

FLOWER ROTA

6 th May	Nicolette Wise
13 th May	Barry Gilbert
20 th May	Barry Gilbert
27 th May	Sarah Watson
3 rd June	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

CORONATION QUICHE RECIPE

1 x 20cm flan tin | serves six

Ingredients

Pastry

- 125g plain flour
- Pinch of salt
- 25g cold butter, diced
- 25g lard
- 2 tablespoons milk

Or 1 x 250g block of ready-made shortcrust pastry

Filling

- 125ml milk
- 175ml double cream
- 2 medium eggs
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh tarragon
- Salt and pepper
- 100g grated cheddar cheese
- 180g cooked spinach, lightly chopped
- 60g cooked broad beans or soya beans

Method

- To make the pastry, sieve the flour and salt into a bowl; add the fats and rub the mixture together using your fingertips until you get a sandy, breadcrumb like texture. Add the milk a little at a time and bring the ingredients together into a dough. Cover and allow to rest in the fridge for 30-45 minutes
 - Lightly flour the work surface and roll out the pastry to a circle a little larger than the top of the tin and approximately 5mm thick
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- Line the tin with the pastry, taking care not to have any holes or the mixture could leak. Cover and rest for a further 30 minutes in the fridge
 - Preheat the oven to 190°C
 - Line the pastry case with greaseproof paper, add baking beans and bake blind for 15 minutes, before removing the greaseproof paper and baking beans
 - Reduce the oven temperature to 160°C
 - Beat together the milk, cream, eggs, herbs and seasoning
 - Scatter half of the grated cheese in the blind-baked base, top with the chopped spinach and beans and herbs, then pour over the liquid mixture
 - If required gently give the mixture a delicate stir to ensure the filling is evenly dispersed but be careful not to damage the pastry case
 - Sprinkle over the remaining cheese. Place into the oven and bake for 20-25 minutes until set and lightly golden
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10 FASCINATING FACTS ABOUT BRITISH CORONATIONS

1. Coronations have been held at Westminster Abbey for over 950 years. Just two months after his victory over Harold at the Battle of Hastings, William likely chose to have his coronation at Westminster Abbey to legitimise his reign in the eyes of the British public.

2. Westminster Abbey gets a makeover for each new monarch. The annexe for Queen Elizabeth II's coronation featured all the animals from her heraldry, and special grandstands had to be built within the Abbey to accommodate all 8,000 of her guests.

3. Only three British monarchs have not had a coronation. The first, Edward V, was locked in the Tower of London with his younger brother, and the princes disappeared before the ceremony.

The next was Lady Jane Grey, who had originally arrived at the Tower of London to prepare for her coronation only to find herself a prisoner of Edwards's older sister, Mary. She is famous for ruling for just nine days, before being executed. The final monarch was Edward VIII, who abdicated the throne following a scandalous love affair with Wallis Simpson. His brother, George VI, ascended to the throne in his place and was coronated on the same date that had been planned for Edward.

4.The most sacred part of the ceremony is closed to the public.

The holiest part of the coronation ceremony, when the monarch is anointed with the chrism oil, is so sacred that it is done in private. This moment is incredibly special, allowing the monarch to reflect on the responsibilities and duties that they are undertaking.

5.The holy chrism oil was destroyed in WWII. When preparing for the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II, it was discovered that the holy chrism that had anointed her father had been destroyed. Housed in the deanery near Westminster Abbey, the oil was lost due to a WWII bombing raid.

6.The anointing spoon survived a civil war. During the interregnum, many coronation artefacts were either stolen or melted down. The anointing spoon, an innocuous gilded silver spoon, was purchased by Mr Kynnersl, the Yeoman of Charles I's wardrobe, in 1649. Keeping the spoon safe throughout the interregnum and ensuing civil war, Mr Kynnersly returned the spoon to Charles II to use at his coronation. The spoon, which dates back to the 12th century, has continued to be used in every coronation since.

7.One of the most important coronation artefacts was stolen from Scotland. The Stone of Scone is a symbol of the Scottish monarchy. The ancient stone was used for centuries in the inauguration of Scottish kings before it was seized in 1296 by King Edward I. Incorporated into the coronation chair, contention

surrounding the stone's ownership led to a lot of debate as to where it should reside. On Christmas Day 1950, a group of Scottish students stole the stone, and it wasn't recovered until three months later when it was found 500 miles away on the altar of Arbroath Abbey. In 1996, the stone was officially returned to Scotland with the understanding that it will make short return visits to Westminster Abbey for all future coronations.

8.A night in the Tower. While it has since become to be known as a prison and dungeon, the Tower of London actually played a very large part in medieval coronations. New monarchs would typically move to the Tower in the nights leading up to their coronation to prepare for the ceremony.

9.We can thank Queen Elizabeth II's coronation for Eurovision. Following her father, whose coronation was the first to be broadcast publicly by radio, Queen Elizabeth II's coronation brought the ceremony into the homes of the general public by being the first to be televised. The first major world event to be broadcast live, the coronation was also shown across Europe thanks to new relay links. The success of this test broadcast went on to inspire the birth of the Eurovision Network, which eventually led to the creation of the Eurovision Song Contest.

10.Botched coronations. Not every coronation has gone to plan, but some coronations have been exceptionally bad. Queen Victoria's coronation was nicknamed '*the last of the botched coronations*' as so many things went wrong that a special committee of historians was tasked with drawing up a more regimented plan for future monarchs to follow. Hiccups on the day included the archbishop having to painfully force the coronation ring on her finger because it had accidentally been made too small, elderly peer Lord Rolle falling down the stairs, and a bishop announcing the end of the ceremony at the wrong moment.

POETRY CORNER

Ascension Day

“When Christ went up to Heaven the Apostles stayed”
Gazing at Heaven with souls and wills on fire,
Their hearts on flight along the track He made,
Winged by desire.

Their silence spake: “Lord, why not follow Thee?
Home is not home without Thy Blessed Face,
Life is not life. Remember, Lord, and see,
Look back, embrace.

“Earth is one desert waste of banishment,
Life is one long-drawn anguish of decay.
Where Thou wert wont to go we also went:
Why not today?”

Nevertheless a cloud cut off their gaze:
They tarry to build up Jerusalem,
Watching for Him, while thro' the appointed days
He watches them.

They do His Will, and doing it rejoice,
Patiently glad to spend and to be spent:
Still He speaks to them, still they hear His Voice
And are content.

For as a cloud received Him from their sight,
So with a cloud will He return ere long:
Therefore they stand on guard by day, by night,
Strenuous and strong.

They do, they dare, they beyond seven times seven
Forgive, they cry God's mighty word aloud:
Yet sometimes haply lift tired eyes to Heaven—
“Is that His cloud?”

by Christina Georgina Rossetti

EASTER ANAGRAM QUIZ ANSWERS

Anagram	Answer
1. sorcerer unit	Resurrection
2. Dody Figaro	Good Friday
3. fox Rici unci	crucifixion
4. Andra duty mushy	Maundy Thursday
5. arv clay	Calvary
6. shades yawned	Ash Wednesday
7. angry rim iv	Virgin Mary
8. apple rusts	last supper
9. scope tent	Pentecost
10. Salopian spy	Passion Play
11. claimer	Miracle
12. Alys DNA ump	Palm Sunday

MAY READINGS

7th May

Acts 7: 55 – 60

Barry Gilbert

Psalm 31: 1 – 5, 15 - 16

1 Peter 2: 2 – 10

Richard Agnew

John 14: 1 – 14

14th May

Acts 17: 22 - 31

Nicolette Wise

Psalm 66: 8 – 20

1 Peter 3: 13 - 22

Nicholas Wise

John 14: 15 – 21

21st May

Acts 1: 6 – 14

Julian Watson

Psalm 68: 1 – 10, 32 – 35

1 Peter 4: 12 – 14, 5: 6 - 11

Rosalind Hall

John 17: 1 - 11

28th May

Acts 2: 1 – 21

Helen Keron

Psalm 104: 25 – 35, 37

1 Corinthians 12: 3b - 13

Toby Wise

John 7: 37 - 39

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.