

ST MARGARET'S NEW GALLOWAY

JUNE 2023



TRINITY

NUMBER 457

Charity No: SCO12084

SERVICES FOR JUNE

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| Trinity Sunday | 4 th June | 5pm | Sung Eucharist Revd Dawn Matthew |
| 1 st After Trinity, | 11 th June | 5pm | Sung Eucharist Revd Dawn Matthew |
| 2 nd After Trinity, | 18 th June | 5pm | Sung Eucharist Ven. Stuart Bain |
| 3 rd After Trinity | 25 th June | 5pm | Sung Eucharist Revd Dawn Matthew |

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PRIEST IN CHARGE

Dear Friends,

One of my favourite songs of all time is Wonderful World. I love the idyllic notion that our world is filled with trees of green and skies of blue. As I was out walking in the countryside earlier today, the sun was indeed shining, the trees were in bloom, and as I often find, New Galloway is an exceptionally pleasing place to live!

These words paint a picture of a peaceful time, communing with nature and enjoying God's creation. However, had I been writing this a few weeks ago, I'm not sure my words would've had the same effect. As I endured my walk, the wind was howling and the rain lashed down, running into my eyes, and I wasn't feeling such peace – in fact, the world felt far from wonderful, and so did I.

To me, it felt like a fairly accurate reflection of how our world often feels. As we watch the news, it's often report after report of how stormy the world is: more widely with the war on Ukraine, unnecessary loss of life, and closer to home, as the rate of inflation remains at a shocking high and people struggle to make ends meet, and we wonder, *what next?* Then in stark contrast, we hear stories of generosity and sacrifice; often in the face of personal difficulty – such as Dame Deborah James, who, in the midst of her own devastating personal situation, selflessly raised over £6 million for Cancer Research UK charity, and has bequeathed a lasting legacy, raise awareness and opened the door for honest conversations. These are stories that give us hope, hope that while things are often difficult, there are people and places that shine a beacon of promise out into the world.

For me, as a Priest, it's in these stories of hope that I see the story of Jesus reflected out as that beacon for the world. Jesus often used the everyday things of the world when he spoke to people, and he often used nature in particular. At the feeding of the 5,000, he reminded his listeners not to worry about the little things, that if God cares for the tiny sparrows, then how much more does he care for us, his people. He encouraged people to

look for and value the beacons of hope in life, and to trust that, even in hard times, God is with us, and the world can still be wonderful.

So, when I'm stuck in that traffic jam, or inside and unable to enjoy the beauty of creation firsthand, I'm going to try and remember that God cares for me in each and every moment. In a world where sometimes many things feel difficult, it's a comfort to know that that God cares for me and cares for you, and we are part of his wonderful world.

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.

ECCLESIASTICAL TRUST 130 AWARD

We are delighted to receive news that St Margaret's Church has been awarded a donation of £130 as part of Ecclesiastical's Trust130 Home Insurance campaign. We had been nominated by one of their policyholders. Apparently, in line with their charitable ownership, every time a customer takes out a new home insurance policy with them, they offer to donate £130 to the church of their choice. They say 'it's a

wonderful way for our customers to help us to help churches. To date, we have given more than £460,000 to over 2,500 churches around the UK'.

The Vestry has decided that this windfall should be used to purchase a new SEC Notice board to stand outside the church. The current one is very elderly and dilapidated, and we are keen that St Margaret's should have more visibility in the local community.

Cathy Agnew
Treasurer

GALLOWAY REGIONAL COUNCIL

Members of the Regional Council met at St Ninian's Portpatrick on the 18th May for our Regional Ascension Service, conducted by Revd Elizabeth Breakey. It was the first time many of us had been to St Ninian's and we were delighted by the warm welcome we received. It is a tiny but charming church, quite similar in style to St Margaret's with lots of warm wood.

Our next meeting will be at St John's Moffat on 29th August as part of their 150th Anniversary events. The theme will be pilgrimage and John Macleod has kindly agreed to talk to us about what it is like to go on a pilgrimage (he has recently been on the Camino de Santiago pilgrimage route) and this will be followed by a group discussion about the various pilgrim routes in Galloway, and how we might become involved in promoting them. All ideas welcome!

Nicolette Wise
Lay Representative

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 a great source of information about absolutely everything that is happening in the Glenkens. Amongst other things, the comprehensive calendar lists everything that is going on on any particular day, including all the St Margaret's church services. If you haven't already visited the Glenkens Hub, please do so as there really is something to interest everyone.

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

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

TUESDAY MIDWEEK SERVICES

from 13th June

Since Dawn joined us, we have been thinking about ways to expand our service provision so that what we offer is accessible to more people, and available to our wider community. With this in mind, **every Tuesday** from 13th June, **11.00-11.45am**, we will be holding a short service followed by refreshments. We hope that this morning provision will be helpful to many,

and that it will be an ecumenical opportunity for us to worship together and build good relationships.

WEDNESDAY EVENING PRAYERS ON ZOOM from 7th June

In line with our vision to broaden the accessibility of our worship provision at St Margaret's, alongside All Saints Challoch we will also be offering a weekly time of joint online evening prayers from Wednesday 7th June. This will start at 7.30pm and last around 20 minutes. Our hope is that this will be another way that anyone can join in with our church families to worship and pray together. The Zoom link will be the same each week, as below. It will be emailed out next week. If you don't receive the email, and would like to, please let Dawn know.

ECUMENICAL BIBLE STUDY GROUP

The Thursday night ecumenical Bible study group continues each week at 7.30pm at Mary and David's house, Courthill, 24 Kirkland Street, Dalry and all are very welcome. The final chapter of Nehemiah will be the topic on June 1st, but on **June 8th** we will have our first **Big Questions Evening**. We invite everyone to come with their questions about life and faith, and we will try to respond on the night but then use some of those big questions as an agenda for the following weeks, so each session should make sense as a one-off. Do ask if you would like to know more, (07515 172164), or just come and see.

OBITUARY

Viscount Gough

The Vestry was sorry to learn of the death in April of Shane, 5th Viscount Gough. He was a generous benefactor to St Margaret's Church, having first attended over 50 years ago, when his mother was living in the area and was a loyal member of the congregation. Shane's funeral was held at St Anne's Episcopal Church, Strathpeffer.

RIP.

ST. MARGARET'S GUILD

The Guild will be running the Tombola at the Alternative Games on Sunday afternoon 6th August as usual. Donations nearer the time will be much appreciated. The next Guild meeting to discuss the arrangements for this will take place on Tuesday 6th June at 10.30am in Dalgowan.

All are very welcome

FLOWER ROTA

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| 4 th June | Sarah Watson |
| 11 th June | Cathy Agnew |
| 18 th June | Cathy Agnew |
| 25 th June | Rosalind Hall |

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

SOMETHING TO MAKE YOU SMILE

A flood struck a town, and one man was stuck on his roof. He prayed, asking God to save him.

Soon, a rowboat came by. The rower yelled, "Jump, I can save you."

The man replied, "No, I prayed, and God will save me."

Later, a motorboat came along. The motorboat operator yelled, "Get in, quick."

Again, the man on the roof said, "No, it's fine. God is going to save him."

A helicopter flew over and dropped a rope ladder onto the roof. Again, the man said no, that God would save him.

The waters rose, and soon the man was at heaven's pearly gates. He saw God at the entrance and said, "What happened? I prayed and trusted you would save me."

God said, "Well, I sent you two boats and a helicopter."

POETRY CORNER

OUR TRINITY

God is my Creator, Jesus is my Saviour, The Holy Spirit is my Guide,
These are the Three in One that I do humbly serve with great pride.
Boldly proclaiming their presence, as daily, I walk with The Trinity,
For They've given me the peace I enjoy, as I live my life in serenity.

God my Creator, created me in His image, that I might walk with Him,
Then when sin entered in, the Light between God and man grew dim.
Whenever God created man, he was pure and complete and sin free,
Until Satan convinced him to taste fruit from the forbidden tree.

Only perfect blood can cover sin and only Jesus had this in His veins,
Therefore God sent my Saviour to die for me, to remove my sin stains.
Jesus willingly died for a world of sin so all can be on heaven's roll,
Then in time, with our Saviour, on those golden streets we will stroll.

My Saviour is now with my Creator, however He's left me with a guide,
He gave The Holy Spirit to remind me when it's not God's rules I abide.
God's my Creator, Jesus' my Saviour, The Holy Spirit guides my way,
The Perfect Trinity needed to protect us during our earthly stay.

by Robert Hedrick

JUNE READINGS

4th June

Isaiah 40.12-17,27-31

Barry Gilbert

Psalm 8

2 Corinthians 13.11-13

Christine Rankin

Matthew 28.16-20

11th June

Hosea 5.15 - 6.6

Nicolette Wise

Psalm 50.7-15

Romans 4.13-25

Nicholas Wise

Matthew 9.9-13, 18-26

18th June

Exodus 19.2-8a

Cathy Agnew

Psalm 100

Romans 5.1-8

Rosalind Hall

Matthew 9.35 - 10.8

25th June

Jeremiah 20.7-13

Helen Keron

Psalm 69.8-11, 18-20

Romans 6.1b-11

Toby Wise

Matthew 10.24-39

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.