

ST MARGARET'S NEW GALLOWAY

JULY 2023



WORSHIP

NUMBER 458

Charity No: SCO12084

SERVICES FOR JULY

4 th After Trinity, 2 nd July	5pm	Sung Eucharist Revd Dawn Matthew
5 th After Trinity, 9 th July	5pm	Sung Eucharist Revd Dawn Matthew
6 th After Trinity, 16 th July	5pm	Sung Eucharist Ven. Stuart Bain
7 th After Trinity, 23 rd July	5pm	Sung Eucharist Revd Dawn Matthew
8 th After Trinity 30 th July	5pm	Sung Eucharist Revd Dawn Matthew

CHURCH OFFICERS AND VESTRY

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PRIEST IN CHARGE

Dear Friends,

Enjoy the Blessings of Summer: Embrace the Season of Growth and Renewal

As the sun's warm rays shine down upon us (most of the time!), and a bewildering array of shades of green adorn the Galloway Hills, we are reminded of the abundant blessings of the summer season. As we move into the season of holidays and revitalisation, why not take a moment to...

Savour the Beauty of Creation Take a moment to marvel at the wonders of God's creation all around us. Summer brings forth breathtaking beauty, from the delicate blooms of flowers to the lush greenery that blankets the earth. If you're able, take time to journey in nature, enjoy a picnic, and spend time with family and friends – whatever brings you joy.

Nurture Your Spiritual Growth Summer offers us an opportunity for personal and spiritual growth. It is a season of reflection, rejuvenation, and connection with our faith. Why not try praying outdoors as you walk – or even as you drive (remember to keep your eyes open!); or try making connections between verses of Scripture and what you see around you, or even explore inspiring books that can enrich your spiritual journey. Our midweek service, Tuesday at 11am, will continue through the summer – perhaps you might like to come along and give it a try?

Extend a Hand of Compassion The summer months present unique opportunities to extend love and compassion to those in need. Our local community is looking at different ways it can extend that hand of friendship. Take time to notice those around you that may be lonely or in need, or perhaps consider getting involved with whatever's going on in the community.

Recharge and Rest Amidst the busyness of the season, it's important to find time for rest and rejuvenation. Take advantage of the longer days to engage in activities that bring you joy and replenish your spirit. Whether it's a day at the beach, a hike in the hills, or simply sitting in a peaceful

garden, find solace in the beauty of God's creation and let your soul be refreshed.

May we seize the blessings of summer, embracing the warmth, growth, and renewal it brings. May this season be a time of deepening our faith, connecting with one another, and spreading God's love to the world. Remember, the church is not just a building; it is a community of believers united in Christ. Together, let us make this summer a season of purpose and inspiration.

Blessings,

Rev 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.

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

Every Tuesday, 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

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 on Wednesday evenings. 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.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://Wednesday Evening Prayers>

Meeting ID: 865 7597 6261

Passcode: 116824

ST. MARGARET'S GUILD

The Guild will be running the Tombola at the Alternative Games on Sunday afternoon 6th August from 2pm. This year all funds raised will go to Castle Douglas Hospital League of Friends. Donations of bottles or gifts will be much appreciated and can be placed in the box in the Church porch

FLOWER ROTA

2 nd July	Rosalind Hall
9 th July	Venetia Forbes
16 th July	Venetia Forbes
23 rd July	Nicolette Wise
30 th July	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:p.a.gilbert@hotmail.co.uk)

SOMETHING TO MAKE YOU SMILE

OUT-TAKES FROM PEW NEWS

Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our church and community.

'Help blow up and decorate the church with balloons on Easter morning. Meet at 7:30 am to help. Won't take long!'

Remember the annual spring cleaning of the Parish Hall this Saturday. We need lots of volunteers to join the work crew. We have a long list of items to be cleaned. The widows will need extra attention.

For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

POETRY CORNER

No Mistakes

When my hopes fade
And my dreams die.
And I find no answer
By asking why.
I just keep on trusting
And hang on to my faith.
Because God is just
He never makes mistakes.
Should the storms come
And trials I must face.
When I find no solution
I rest in God's grace.
When life seems unfair
And more than I can take.
I look up to the Father
He never makes mistakes.
God sees our struggles
And every bend in the road.
But no mistake is ever made
Cause He weighs every load.

by Lenora McWhorter

JULY READINGS

2nd July

Jeremiah 28: 5-9
Psalm 89: 1-4, 15-18
Romans 6: 12-23
Matthew 10: 40-42

Nicholas Wise

Nicolette Wise

9th July

Zechariah 9: 9-12
Psalm 145: 8-14
Romans 7: 15-25a
Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Christine Rankin

Cathy Agnew

16th July

Isaiah 55: 10-13
Psalm 65: 9-13
Romans 8: 1-11
Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23

Rosalind Hall

Helen Keron

23rd July

Isaiah 44: 6-8
Psalm 86: 11-17
Romans 8: 12-25
Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43

Toby Wise

Barry Gilbert

30th July

1 Kings 3: 5-12
Psalm 119: 129-136
Romans 8: 26-39
Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52

Nicolette Wise

Nicholas 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.