

ST MARGARET'S NEW GALLOWAY

OCTOBER 2023



ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH

NUMBER 461

Charity No: SCO12084

SERVICES FOR OCTOBER

17 th After Trinity,	1 st October	10.30am	Sung Eucharist
18 th After Trinity,	8 th October	10.30am	Sung Eucharist
19 th After Trinity,	15 th October	10.30am	Sung Eucharist
20 th After Trinity,	22 nd October	10.30am	Sung Eucharist
21 st After Trinity	29 th October	10.30am	Sung Eucharist

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PRIEST IN CHARGE

Autumn Blessings: Giving Thanks for Harvest and Looking Forward

Dear St Margaret's Family,

As we enter the beautiful month of October, we find ourselves surrounded by the warm hues of Autumn and the abundant blessings of the harvest season. It's a time to reflect on the bounty of the earth and give thanks for all that we have received. It has been wonderful over the summer months to welcome a wide variety of visitors into our beautiful church. The decision to open the church when possible during the week has been well-received, and has increased footfall, and awareness that we are here for one another, for our community, and for anyone God sends our way. I am thankful for the many conversations this has brought about, and for the gifts people have shared with us.

Finally, we celebrated our Harvest Festival, and a wonderfully decorated church. Thank you to those who spent time and effort in making God's house look so welcoming (including our harvest bread wheat sheaf). Thank you also to those who have given so generously to our local Foodbanks and Community Cupboards, I know it is appreciated. We enjoyed a wonderful Harvest Lunch together too, and big thanks to Christine and Maitland for hosting us, and everyone who contributed.

Looking Forward:

- **All Saints:** On Sunday 5th November at 10.30am within our morning service of Holy Communion, we will be spending time in reflection for those we love and have lost. There will be an opportunity to light a candle in memory of a loved-one. All are welcome.
- **Advent and Christmas Celebrations:** Keep your eyes open for details about our Advent and Christmas services. There will be carols and music galore, and definitely something for all ages!
- **Prayer Requests:** An important part of our faith is prayer, and as we prepare for Advent, I'd like to encourage you to continue sharing your prayer requests. We would be pleased to pray for you

and with you, about anything and everything – both joys and sorrows.

So, this Autumn, my words are words of thanks, for all the blessings we receive, and for all that God is doing in and through his people at St Margaret's, New Galloway. Your dedication, love, and support make our church a warm and welcoming place to grow in faith. May this Autumn be a season of gratitude, unity, and anticipation as we look forward to the future with hope.

Blessings and peace be with you,
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

NEW PAYMENT FACILITY

We now have our new electronic tablet and card reader at the back of church to enable us to receive card and cash donations and payments.

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.

GALLOWAY REGIONAL COUNCIL

The Galloway Regional Council met at St John's Moffat on 28th August.

We were given a warm welcome by St John's and it was nice to be part of their celebrations for the 150th Anniversary of their church.

The Revd John Macleod and his wife Maggie were guests. John had been the priest at St John's prior to Paul Singh, and he had been Convenor of the Regional Council. John had been asked to talk to us about his experience of pilgrimage – he came dressed as a pilgrim including his staff, scallop shell, hat etc. He spoke most movingly of his recent pilgrimage from Seville to Santiago de Compostela – 1000km and the longest of the Camino routes.

We then had an interesting group discussion about pilgrimage in Dumfries and Galloway and what we could do to promote/encourage this. Many interesting ideas were noted and the current Convenor (N Wise) and next Convenor (Janice Aiton) are meeting next month to try and put some flesh on the bones.

Items of interest from the meeting:

A report from the Diocesan Council included progress on the Diocesan Environmental Group which has now met two times – Canon Stuart Bain (Challoch) is Convenor. Bulletins have been prepared (and now sent) to all charges. As well as useful tips on eco best practice, these also use scripture to keep us all mindful of God's creation. Much discussion about NZAP (Net Zero Action Plan) from the Province – the DEG is trying to steer towards achievable outcomes in this Diocese.

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 happening 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 after the Sunday service. The Guild is always grateful for any donations in the 'pig' at the back of the church.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

SUNDAY SERVICES TIMES 10.30am

Please note that the Sunday service time is reverting back to 10.30am every Sunday for the foreseeable future.

TUESDAY MIDWEEK SERVICES

Every Tuesday, 11.00-11.45am, we will be holding a short service with refreshments available. 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.

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 Thursday evening, which 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

ALL SAINTS DAY SERVICE

This will be held at 10.30am on Sunday 5th November and be followed by Fizz and Canapés.

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

This will take place on Sunday 12th November at 10.55am at the War Memorial which will be led by Rev. Pam Bellis, Church of Scotland Locum Minister and after in St. Margaret's where Revd. Dawn Matthew will preside.

ST. MARGARET'S ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting will take place after the service on Sunday 26th November. The Annual Reports will be emailed out towards the end of this month and hard copies will be available at the back of the Church. Please try to attend if you can as we need sufficient people to approve the reports.

ST. MARGARET'S GUILD

The Guild would like to thank everyone who supported the Harvest Lunch either by providing food and drink or by attending. The Guild funds benefitted as a result. The next meeting which will be the AGM will take place on Monday 9th October at 10.30am in Dalgowan. All are welcome.

FLOWER ROTA

1 st October	Venetia Forbes
8 th October	Venetia Forbes
15 th October	Nicolette Wise
22 nd October	Nicolette Wise
29 th October	Barry Gilbert

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

HELP REQUIRED

Dawn would very much appreciate help during Sunday services, especially over the next few months when she is undergoing treatment. If you would be willing to receive training to administer the Chalice during Communion or to lead the Intercessions please contact Dawn who will arrange an induction. It would help greatly if Readers would also lead the Intercessions on the day they are down to read. There is a very helpful book available or the SEC set prayers could be used. We also need more Readers. If you would be willing to read occasionally please let Christine know. It goes without saying that if more people are willing to get involved the less they will be called upon to do.

Welcome to our Quiz About September

1. The name September comes from the Latin word 'septem', which means what?
2. Which two zodiac signs occur in the month of September?
3. True or false. September is the only month with the same number of letters in its name as the number of the month?
4. The Anglo-Saxons called the month Gerstmonath, after which crop usually harvested in September which they used to make beer?
5. September's birthstone is which precious gemstone, a variety of the mineral corundum?
6. In 1752, September had only 19 days in the UK as which calendar was changed to the Gregorian calendar?
7. In the United States, which federal holiday is observed on the first Monday of September?
8. Which biennial sporting event was postponed in 2001 after the September 11th terrorist attacks on New York City?
9. Which world famous festival, held annually in Munich, Germany, is a folk festival running from mid- or late September to the first Sunday in October?
10. The birth of Queen Elizabeth I happened on 17 September, 1533, can you name her mother?
11. What did Robbie Williams switch on in 2010, the Bee Gees in 1995, and Red Rum in 1977?
12. *September* is a 1987 drama film modeled on Anton Chekhov's 1899 play *Uncle Vanya* - who wrote and directed it?
13. Which American said: "My favourite poem is the one that starts 'Thirty days hath September' because it actually tells you something."?
14. Which British Prime Minister exclaimed on the 30 September, 1938, "I believe it is peace for our time"?
15. On the 9 September, 1513, James IV of Scotland is killed at which battle?

16. What name is given for the feast of Saint Michael the Archangel, celebrated on 29 September?
17. On 7 September 1838, which daughter of the keeper of Longstone lighthouse risked her life in a small rowing boat to rescue nine shipwrecked people?
18. On the 13th of September 1902, Harry Jackson became the first person in Britain convicted on what sort of evidence?
19. Every September the Egremont Crab Fair in Cumbria is home to which face pulling competition?
20. Which festival in the UK is about giving thanks for a successful crop yield over the year as winter starts to approach?

Answers in the November Newsletter

AUTUMN RECIPE

Courgette Curry: For that glut of courgettes!

Prep: 20 mins Cook: 40 mins Serves 4

Ingredients

3 medium courgettes
2-3 tbsp sunflower oil
1 red onion, halved and finely sliced
1-2 red chillies, finely chopped
40g ginger, peeled and finely grated
4 garlic cloves, finely grated
2 tsp garam masala
1 tsp ground cumin
1 tsp ground turmeric
400g can chickpeas, drained
400g can chopped tomatoes
400g can coconut milk cooked
basmati rice, to serve

Method

Step 1 Trim the ends of the courgettes, halve them lengthways and, using a teaspoon, scrape out the watery seed from the centre (it's fine if you don't get all of them). Roughly slice the courgette halves, then roughly chop the seeds and reserve for later.

Step 2 Heat 2 tbsp oil in a large frying pan over a medium heat and fry the sliced courgettes until golden, about 8-10 mins. Remove from the pan, leaving the oil behind, then add the onion and a further tablespoon of oil if necessary, along with a good pinch each of salt and pepper. Fry for 6-8 mins until soft and just starting to turn a light brown, then tip in the chillies, ginger and garlic, and cook for 2 mins until starting to soften. Stir in the spices and cook for another 30 seconds.

Step 3 Scatter in the chickpeas and pour in the tomatoes, coconut milk and reserved courgette seeds. Simmer over a medium-low heat for 10 mins before adding the courgettes back to the pan and cooking for a further 8-10 mins.

Serve with basmati rice and sides of your choice.

CLOCKS GO BACK ON SUNDAY 29TH OCTOBER

Just a reminder that it will be winter time again
but an extra hour in bed that day!

POETRY CORNER

Autumns Greeting

When Autumn comes to greet me,
God's beauty is all I see . . .
trees once draped with green leaves
now wear their golden sleeves.

As Autumn's days get shorter,
and the nights turn much colder
its full splendor begins to burst
and in its wonder, I'm immersed.

Autumn's splendid grandeur,
turns me into a scenic voyeur
I find myself taking to the streets
to crush, crispy colored treats.

As Autumn breezes blow,
its like watching a ballet show
leaves spinning all around . . .
toes twirling on the ground.

Autumn paints a lovely picture,
reminding me of the scripture
it is to God ~ we must cleave
unlike the changing leaves

by Deborah Ann Belka

OCTOBER READINGS

1st October

Nehemiah 2: 1-8

Nicolette Wise

Psalm 137 1-6

1 Corinthians 8: 1-13

Toby Wise

Luke 9: 57-62

8th October

Isaiah 5.1-7

Christine Rankin

Psalm 80.7-14

Philippians 3.4b-14

Cathy Agnew

Matthew 21. 33-46

15th October

Isaiah 25.1-9

Nicholas Wise

Psalm 23

Philippians 4.1

Rosalind Hall

Matthew 22.1-14

22nd October

Isaiah 45.1-7

Nicolette Wise

Psalm 96.1-9

1 Thessalonians 1.1-10

Helen Keron

Matthew 22.15-22

29th October

Leviticus 19.1-2,15-18

Cathy Agnew

Psalm 1

1 Thessalonians 2.1-8

Christine Rankin

Matthew 22.34-46

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.