

# ST MARGARET'S NEW GALLOWAY

NOVEMBER 2023



## REMEMBRANCE

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# SERVICES FOR NOVEMBER

All Saints/Souls Day Service      5<sup>th</sup> November **10.30am**      Eucharist

Remembrance Sunday              12<sup>th</sup> November **10.45am** at War Memorial  
followed by joint service with Kells in St. Margaret's

Patronal Festival: St. Margaret 19<sup>th</sup> November    **10.30am**      Eucharist

Christ the King & AGM            26<sup>th</sup> November    **10.30am**      Eucharist

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## 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>

# PRIEST IN CHARGE

## November: A Month to Remember

Dear Friends,

As November dawns upon us, it brings with it a time of reflection and gratitude. At St Margaret's, we will be marking our remembering in two ways.

Firstly, on **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November** within our usual **10.30am** service, we will marking the Feast of All Saints and All Souls, where we take time to remember those we love who have gone before us, alongside those whose lives have been examples of faith and sacrifice. Often they are people who have lived out their faith under difficult and dangerous circumstances.

Secondly, we will be joining millions of others across the world in commemorating Remembrance Sunday, a day when we pay tribute to the men and women who have sacrificed so much for the cause of peace and freedom. Those who lost their lives, and those who returned home forever changed.

## Remembrance Sunday Service

Please join us on **Sunday, November 12th**, for a special joint Remembrance Sunday service at St Margaret's, as we join with Kells Church to remember together. We will gather at the War Memorial from **10.45am**, in time to hold the two minute silence at 11.00am, marking the time in WWI when the guns fell silent. This will also involve the laying of poppy wreaths and the Last Post and Reveille. We will then move over to the church for a short service with hymns and prayers.

These are times for us to come together as a community, to remember those we love and miss so dearly, and those who served in times of conflict. We take a moment to offer our prayers for peace and unity, particularly in these times of discord and conflict that mark our world today.

May this November be a month of reflection, gratitude, and unity as we remember and honour those who have sacrificed for our freedom.

Blessings,

Revd Dawn Matthew

## **Why do we Wear a Poppy on Remembrance Day?**

The poppy is the enduring symbol of remembrance of the First World War. It is strongly linked with Armistice Day (11 November), but the poppy's origin as a popular symbol of remembrance lies in the landscapes of the First World War.

Poppies were a common sight, especially on the Western Front. They flourished in the soil churned up by the fighting and shelling. The flower provided Canadian doctor John McCrae with inspiration for his poem 'In Flanders Fields', which he wrote whilst serving in Ypres in 1915. It was first published in *Punch*, having been rejected by *The Spectator*. In 1918, in response to McCrae's poem, American humanitarian Moina Michael wrote 'And now the Torch and Poppy Red, we wear in honour of our dead...'. She campaigned to make the poppy a symbol of remembrance of those who had died in the war.

Artificial poppies were first sold in Britain in 1921 to raise money for the Earl Haig Fund in support of ex-servicemen and the families of those who had died in the conflict. They were supplied by Anna Guérin, who had been manufacturing the flowers in France to raise money for war orphans. Selling poppies proved so popular that in 1922 the British Legion founded a factory - staffed by disabled ex-servicemen - to produce its own. It continues to do so today.

Other charities sell poppies in different colours, each with their own meaning but all to commemorate the losses of war. White poppies, for example, symbolise peace without violence and purple poppies are worn to honour animals killed in conflict.

The poppy continues to be sold worldwide to raise money and to remember those who lost their lives in the First World War and in subsequent conflicts.

## **CHRISTMAS TREE**

If anyone is able to donate a real Christmas Tree maximum 6 feet, for use in the Church during the Christmas Services please let Dawn or a member of the Vestry know. The Church will be decorated on 22<sup>nd</sup> December.

## **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.

## **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

## **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://Thursday Evening Prayers>

**Meeting ID:** 865 7597 6261

**Passcode:** 116824

### **ALL SAINTS DAY SERVICE**

This will be held at 10.30am on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November and be followed by Canapés with Fizz, wine or juice.

## **BIBLE STUDY GROUP**

Beginning on Tuesday 7th November at 7.30pm, David and Mary Humphries will be offering a weekly meeting at their home, 24, Kirkland St, Dalry, to include Bible study and discussion looking at 'the Ways of Jesus', a time of prayer, and at about 9pm, a chance for fellowship over a cuppa. All are welcome. Please call or message them on 07515 172164 if you would like to ask anything beforehand.

## **REMEMBRANCE SERVICE**

This will take place on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November at 10.45am at the War Memorial which will be led by Revd. Pam Bellis, Church of Scotland Locum Minister and after in St. Margaret's where Revd. Dawn Matthew will lead the service.

## **ST. MARGARET'S ANNUAL MEETING**

The Annual Meeting will take place after the service on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November. The Annual Reports have been emailed out and hard copies are 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 Harvest Lunch which took place after the Harvest Festival Service was a lovely social occasion. The Guild held there AGM on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October at which it was agreed to 'top up' the funds raised from the Tombola for Castle Douglas Hospital League of Friends to £400. It was noted that the Guild had funded the Safe in the Church Vestry which will allow items to be kept securely. The Christmas Coffee Morning held jointly with the Kirk Guild will be taking place on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December in New Galloway Town Hall, donations of Baking and Christmas type gifts will be much appreciated. Further details in the December Newsletter.



## **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.

### **FLOWER ROTA**

5 <sup>th</sup> November	Barry Gilbert
12 <sup>th</sup> November	Venetia Forbes
19 <sup>th</sup> November	Sarah Watson
26 <sup>th</sup> November	Cathy Agnew

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)

### **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 one of the 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.

### **VESTRY MEMEBERS**

If you are interested in serving on the Church Vestry please contact Dawn or one of the Vestry members so that they can inform you of what is involved and propose you for election if you feel it is for you.

# Quiz About September

## Answers:

1. Seven.(It was the seventh month of the old Roman calendar.)
2. Virgo (until September 22) and Libra (September 23 onwards)
3. True. (Nine letters and the ninth month.)
4. Barley
5. Sapphire
6. Julian
7. Labor Day
8. Ryder Cup
9. The Oktoberfest
10. Anne Boleyn
11. Blackpool illuminations (always annually switched on in September)
12. Woody Allen
13. Groucho Marx
14. Neville Chamberlain
15. Battle of Flodden
16. Michaelmas Day
17. Grace Darling
18. Fingerprint evidence
19. The Gurning World Championships
20. Harvest Festival

# AUTUMN RECIPE

## Apple Crumble Cake – for the glut of Apples

Cook: 1hr 15 mins (or until golden). 360f or 180c, Gas 4 Serves 8/10

### Ingredients

4oz margarine

4oz castor sugar

Half teaspoon vanilla essence

2 eggs

6oz self raising flour

Pinch salt

1 tablespoon milk (optional)

12oz cooking apples peeled, cored and sliced

Topping:

3oz hard margarine

4oz self raising flour

3oz castor sugar 1 tablespoon water

### Method

**Step 1** Cream fat and sugar till pale and fluffy. Beat in eggs and vanilla essence.

**Step 2** Fold in flour and salt. Moisten with milk, if necessary, to make a still dropping consistency.

**Step 3** Turn mixture into a deep 8½ inch greased, loose bottom cake tin. Arrange apples on top.

**Step 4** Make topping – rub margarine into flour, stir in sugar and water.

**Step 5** Sprinkle topping over apples, bake in oven. Can be frozen.

# POETRY CORNER

## In Flanders Fields

In Flanders fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row on row,  
That mark our place; and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
Loved and were loved, and now we lie,  
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:  
To you from failing hands we throw  
The torch; be yours to hold it high.  
If ye break faith with us who die  
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow  
In Flanders fields.

by John McCrae

## NOVEMBER READINGS

5<sup>th</sup> November

Revelation 7: 9-end

Psalm 34: 1-10

1 John 3: 1-3

Matthew 5: 1-12

Nicholas Wise

Nicolette Wise

12<sup>th</sup> November

Micah 4: 1-5

John 15: 9-17

Remembrance Service

19<sup>th</sup> November

Proverbs 31: 10 – 13, 25 - 31

Psalm 112

2 Timothy 1: 1 – 7

Luke 11: 33 - 36

Helen Keron

Rosalind Hall

26<sup>th</sup> November

Ezekiel 34:11-16: 20-24

Psalm 95:1-7a

Ephesians 1:15-23

Matthew 25:31-46

Christine Rankin

Cathy Agnew

## **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.