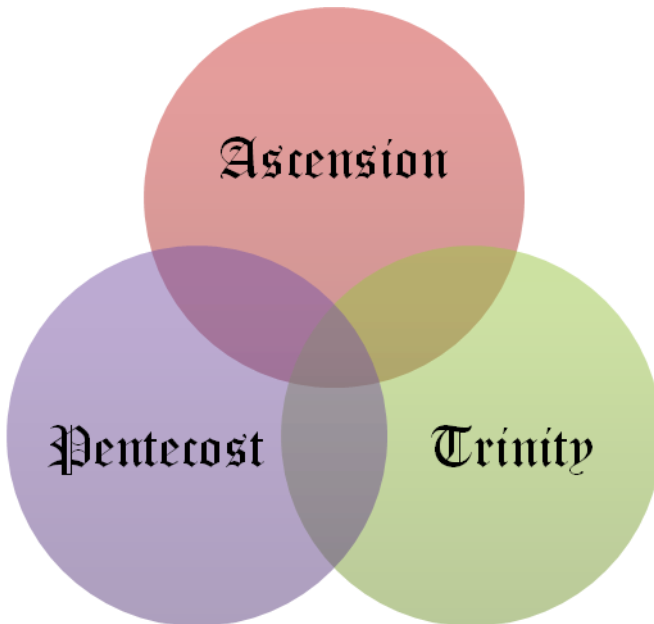




ST MARGARET'S NEW GALLOWAY

MAY 2024



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SERVICES FOR MAY

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| Rogation Sunday | 5th May | 10.30am | Eucharist |
| Easter 7 | 12 th May | 10.30am | Eucharist |
| Pentecost | 19 th May | 10.30am | Eucharist |
| Trinity Sunday | 26 th May | 10.30am | Eucharist |

CHURCH OFFICERS AND VESTRY

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| Priest in Charge | Revd. Dawn Matthew | Tel. 420431 |
| Secretary | Mrs C. Rankin | Tel. 420259 |
| Treasurer | Mrs C. Agnew | Tel. 430212 |
| Lay Representative | Mrs N. Wise | Tel. 430218 |
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| | Mr N. Wise | Tel: 430218 |
| | Mrs P. Gilbert | Tel: 420665 |
| | Mrs L. Garretty | Tel: 420829 |
| | Mr Marcus Maxwell | Tel: 420328 |

BAPTISMS, MARRIAGES, FUNERALS

Dawn Matthew Tel: 07543247180 or email: revdawnmatthew@gmail.com

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

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 forwards to all that might be. In the church calendar, we move on from Easter Day, looking forward to all that might be, remembered in 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.

**Easter blessings,
Rev. Dawn Matthew**

.DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

SUNDAY SERVICES TIMES 10.30am

Everyone is welcome to attend our services at 10.30am every Sunday.

TUESDAY MIDWEEK SERVICE SUSPENDED

Please note there will be **NO** Tuesday service over the Summer, from May to September. The last mid-week service will be on Tuesday 30th April. The Church will still be open on Tuesday and Thursday mornings for visitors and private prayer, when the 'church open' sign is displayed.

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 also offer a weekly time of joint online evening prayers on Thursday evening, which starts at 7.30pm and lasts around 20 minutes. Our hope is that this is 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 follows.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://Thursday Evening Prayers>

Meeting ID: 865 7597 6261

Passcode: 116824

THE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP GROUP

This takes place on Tuesday Evenings 7.15-9.00pm, in the Session House, Dalry Kirk. This is an open, friendly, opportunity for Christians or those seeking to know more, to meet casually together to look at and discuss the Bible in relation to our lives today. Refreshments are always served!

PLANT AND BAKE SALE

Saturday 4th May 10am – 12noon. Details under the Guild report

REFRESHMENTS IN CHURCH

St Margaret's Guild will continue to offer refreshments as part of the church Fellowship after the Sunday service and on special occasions. The Guild is always grateful for any donations in the 'pig' at the back of the church or of tea, coffee or biscuits.

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 GUILD

The annual Cake and Plant Sale will take place on Saturday 4th May in aid of Dumfries and Galloway Blood Bikes. There will be a Plant stall, a Baking stall and tea and cake will be served in the Church. Donations of plants, baking and preserves can be brought to the Church on Friday afternoon or Saturday morning before the event.

Christine Rankin
Guild President

GLENKENS HUB

The 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.

BOOKS OF THE BIBLE ANAGRAM QUIZ

| ANAGRAM | ANSWER |
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| 1. No Looms | |
| 2. Evil Is Cut | |
| 3. As Mule | |
| 4. See Sign | |
| 5. Hem Watt | |
| 6. Use Dox | |
| 7. On Mars | |
| 8. Nailed | |
| 9. Nominal Taste | |
| 10. Last Again | |
| 11. Haze Phina | |
| 12. A Sheep Sin | |
| 13. Moody Tenure | |
| 14. Hob Aida | |
| 15. I Jeer Ham | |
| 16. Hemp Lion | |
| 17. A Shoe | |
| 18. Be Shrew | |
| 19. Human | |
| 20. Social Sons | |

POETRY CORNER

ASCENSION DAY

“A Cloud received Him out of their sight.”

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 Rossetti

MAY READINGS

5th May

Acts 10: 44 - 48

Christine Rankin

Psalm 98

1 John 5: 1 – 6

Nicolette Wise

John 15: 9 - 17

12th May

Acts 1: 15 – 17, 21 - 26

Nicholas Wise

Psalm 1

1 John 5: 9 - 13

Andy Jones

John 17: 6 - 19

19th May

Ezekiel 37: 1 - 14

Dominique Pope

Psalm 104: 25 – 35. 37

Acts 2: 1 - 21

Cathy Agnew

John 15: 26 – 27, 16: 4b - 15

26th May

Isaiah 6: 1 - 8

Nicolette Wise

Psalm 29

Romans 8: 12 – 17

Rosalind Hall

John 3: 1 - 17

CHURCH ASSISTANTS ROTA

5th May

Intercessions

Chalice

Christine

Dominique

12th May

Nicolette

Linda

19th May

Dominique

Christine

26th May

Nicolette

Cathy

FLOWER ROTA

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| 5 th May | Kate Maxwell |
| 12 th May | Kate Maxwell |
| 19 th May | Barry Gilbert |
| 26 th May | Barry Gilbert |

If you read our Newsletter and would like to join our flower Rota, please phone or email Nicolette Wise - 01644430218/nicolette.wise2@gmail.com

PRAYER FOCUS

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| 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. |