



ST MARGARET'S NEW GALLOWAY

JUNE 2024



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SERVICES FOR JUNE

1 st Sunday after Trinity 2 nd June	10.30am	Eucharist
2 nd Sunday after Trinity 9 th June	10.30am	Eucharist
3 rd Sunday after Trinity 16 th June	10.30am	Eucharist
4 th Sunday after Trinity 23 rd June	10.30am	Joint Service at Challoch
5 th Sunday after Trinity 30 th June	10.30am	Eucharist

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BAPTISMS, MARRIAGES, FUNERALS

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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

From Spring to Summer

Dear Friends,

As we transition from the vibrant renewal of spring into the warmth and growth of summer, we find ourselves surrounded by the beauty of God's creation in full bloom. The change in seasons is a reminder of the ever-present hand of our Creator, guiding us through each phase of life with love and purpose.

A Season of Growth

Summer is a time of growth, not just in nature but also within our hearts and community. As the days grow longer and the sun shines brighter, let's use this time to deepen our faith and extend our outreach. Summer often brings opportunities for relaxation and reflection, making it a perfect season to reconnect with God, family, and friends.

A Season of Plenty

As we think about growth and abundance this summer, remember the story of Jesus feeding the five thousand. This Biblical account reminds us of Jesus' abundant generosity, compassion and care for all people, and his divine work in nature.

As we enjoy the beauty and warmth of summer, let's take time to nurture our spiritual lives, as we reflect on the abundant generosity of Jesus and how we are called to be of similar mind and heart. Pray and seek ways to nourish your generosity in faith, through community and service.

The transition from spring to summer is a beautiful reminder of the continuous process of growth in our spiritual lives. Let's embrace this season with open hearts, ready to receive and nurture the seeds of God's Word. Together, as a community, we can support one another in this journey, ensuring that we all flourish in His grace and love.

Prayer

Heavenly Father, we thank You for the seasons of renewal and growth. As we move into summer, help us to prepare our hearts to receive Your Word more fully. May we grow in faith, love, and service, bearing fruit that glorifies You. Amen.

**Every blessing,
Revd Dawn Matthew**

BISHOP KEVIN'S FAREWELL

The Right Revd Kevin Pearson, 15th Bishop of Glasgow and Galloway, is retiring in August as he reaches his three-score years and ten. Previously Bishop of Argyll and the Isles, Bishop Kevin was 'translated' to Glasgow and Galloway in 2020. As the country was in the middle of the Covid 19 pandemic, this was not an easy transition as anyone who started a new job during lockdown will know.

In his four years with our Diocese, Bishop Kevin has worked tirelessly: clergy recruitment has been remodelled, our Constitution has been brought into the 21st century, the new Diocesan Centre has been opened and systems and procedures have been updated. He and his wife Elspeth have travelled all over the Diocese meeting people and forging new friendships, not just in individual charges but at events such as Cop 26 in Glasgow.

On a personal level, I find Bishop Kevin an inspirational preacher – he makes me think and wonder and question, and his sermons are always delivered with humour and passion. And I will really miss his guidance; we are blessed to have had him as our Bishop.

Bishop Kevin's farewell service will be held at St Mary's Cathedral at **11am on Saturday 29th June**, when he will celebrate 45 years of ordained public ministry, and where he hopes as many as possible will be able to join together as a diocese. Refreshments will be available after the service. If anyone would like a lift to Glasgow, please let me know as there will be a few cars going.

In response to many queries and suggestions, the Diocese is intending to present Bishop Kevin with a farewell gift from us all on that day in gratitude for everything he has done during his four years with us. If anyone would like to contribute to this, please talk to Cathy Agnew or Dawn.

Nicolette Wise
Lay Representative

.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 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!

CONFIRMATION SERVICE

Sunday 23rd June at 10.30am

We will be holding a joint service with our sister church All Saints Challoch, where Bishop Kevin will be confirming a number of people from our church families, including Dominique. This will be held at Challoch, so there will not be a service in St. Margaret's on that day. Please do come and support this wonderful occasion.

BISHOP KEVIN'S LEAVING SERVICE

Saturday 29th June at 11am.

This will be held in St. Mary's Cathedral, Glasgow. As part of St. Margaret's Church, if you would like to contribute towards a leaving gift, please pass any monies onto our Treasurer, Cathy Agnew, or Rev. Dawn. Thank you.

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.

ST. MARGARET'S GUILD

The annual Cake and Plant Sale in aid of Dumfries and Galloway Blood Bikes was a huge success raising over £860. The next Guild event will be the Tombola at the Alternative Games on Sunday 4th August.

The next Guild meeting will be held on Monday 3rd June at 10.30am in Dalgowan. All are Welcome to attend.

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.

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

BOOKS OF THE BIBLE ANAGRAM QUIZ

ANAGRAM	ANSWER
1. No Looms	Solomon
2. Evil Is Cut	Leviticus
3. As Mule	Samuel
4. See Sign	Genesis
5. Hem Watt	Matthew
6. Use Dox	Exodus
7. On Mars	Romans
8. Nailed	Daniel
9. Nominal Taste	Lamentations
10. Last Again	Galatians
11. Haze Phina	Zephaniah
12. A Sheep Sin	Ephesians
13. Moody Tenure	Deuteronomy
14. Hob Aida	Obadiah
15. I Jeer Ham	Jeremiah
16. Hemp Lion	Philemon
17. A Shoe	Hosea
18. Be Shrew	Hebrews
19. Human	Nahum
20. Social Sons	Colossians

POETRY CORNER

TRINITY

For our anxious little realm,
for the fears that overwhelm...

There is a throne.

For mistakes we can't forget
and the sins that still beset...

We have a Lamb.

For our lost and lonely hearts,
for our gnarled and tangled paths...

We have a Shepherd.

For our dry and listless souls
and our thirst for being whole...

We have a Stream.

For regret and ravaged years,
for all sweet and bitter tears...

We have a Father.

For treks through burning sands,
To our home in promised lands,
This hope till all is done:
Our God the three-in-one.

JUNE READINGS

2nd June

Deuteronomy 5: 12 - 15

Nicolette Wise

Psalms 81: 1 - 10

2 Corinthians 4: 5 - 12

Christine Rankin

Mark 2:23 - 36

9th June

Genesis 3: 8 - 15

Andy Jones

Psalms 130

2 Corinthians 4: 13 - 5: 1

Dominique Pope

Mark 3:20 - 35

16th June

Ezekiel 17: 22 - 24

Cathy Agnew

Psalms 92: 1 - 4, 12 - 15

2 Corinthians 5: 6 - 10, 14 - 17

Nicholas Wise

Mark 4: 26 - 34

23rd June

Job 38: 1 - 11

Psalms 107: 1 - 3, 23 - 32

2 Corinthians 6: 1 - 13

Mark 4: 35 - 41

30th June

Wisdom of Solomon 1: 13 - 15, 2: 23 - 24

Rosalyn Hall

Psalms 30

2 Corinthians 8: 7 - 15

Nicolette Wise

Mark 5: 21 - 43

CHURCH ASSISTANTS ROTA

	Intercessions	Chalice
2 nd June	Christine	Linda
9 th June	Nicolette	Dominique
16 th June	Cathy	Christine
30 th June	Dominique	Cathy

FLOWER ROTA

2 nd June	Rosalind Hall
9 th June	Rosalind Hall
16 th June	Nicolette Wise
23 rd June	Nicolette Wise
30 th June	Cathy Agnew

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

- 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.