



ST MARGARET'S NEW GALLOWAY

AUGUST 2024



NUMBER 471

Charity No: SCO12084

SERVICES FOR AUGUST

10 th	Sunday after Trinity	4 th August	10.30am	Eucharist
11 th	Sunday after Trinity	11 th August	10.30am	Eucharist
12 th	Sunday after Trinity	18 th August	10.30am	Eucharist
13 th	Sunday after Trinity	25 th August	10.30am	Eucharist

CHURCH OFFICERS AND VESTRY

Priest in Charge	Revd. Dawn Matthew	Tel. 420431
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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

Creation and Forests

Dear Church Family

As we enjoy what is hopefully a wonderful summer, I (unusually for me) am eagerly anticipating the beauty of autumn and the start of our new initiative - Forest Church. To me, there are few better ways to celebrate creation than to gather together as a community and wonder at the many and varied ways we can connect with God through nature.

Forest Church Soft Launch

- **Date:** Sunday 18th September 2024
- **Time:** 1.00pm - 3:00pm
- **Location:** St Margaret's Church grounds and surrounding area
- **Details:** Join us for the inaugural gathering of Forest Church! We'd like to use themes around the beauty of our world, and the joy of living in such stunning surroundings to inspire us to be reflective and creative with crafts, reflections and food. Everyone of all ages is welcome to join us and see what it's all about!

The hope is that we'll hold these afternoons on the third Sunday of each month, depending on how they go! Flexibility is key... Please pray for Forest Church, and those involved, as we try this new mission initiative!

Creation Season

- **Dates:** From Sunday 1st September - Sunday 6th October
- **Time:** 10:30am
- **Location:** St Margaret's
- **Details:** During the Church's Season of Creation, our Sunday services will focus on the theme of celebrating God's creation. We'll have special music, readings, and a sermon centred on the

beauty and challenges of the natural world. After the service, join us for refreshments and fellowship.

Spiritual Reflection

As we look forward to autumn and the launch of Forest Church, let us reflect on the words of Genesis 1:31: "God saw all that he had made, and it was very good." Creation is a testament to God's glory, and through Forest Church, we aim to deepen our appreciation and care for the natural world.

Get Involved

Volunteers Needed for Forest Church: We are seeking volunteers to help with the organization and setup of our Forest Church gatherings. If you're passionate about nature and eager to help, please contact us at

revdawnmatthew@gmail.com

Closing Thoughts

As we prepare for the autumn season and the launch of Forest Church, let's take time to marvel at the beauty of God's creation all around us. Whether it's through a walk in the park, a moment of quiet reflection under a tree, or joining our Forest Church gatherings, we invite you to connect with God through nature.

**Every blessing,
Revd Dawn Matthew**

FROM THE TREASURER

Now that the last tax year has ended and we are three quarters of the way through our own financial year, it would seem to be a good moment to look forward and consider our own individual giving to St. Margaret's.

As you will be aware, we are in the very fortunate position of having Revd. Dawn Matthew, our shared Priest-in-Charge, living in New Galloway and serving the congregations and communities of both St. Margaret's and All Saints, Challoch. Whilst this is a very positive initiative from the Diocese, it is an arrangement that obviously comes at an increased cost to us. Not only do we pay a share of Dawn's stipend but, like everyone else, we have been affected by the cost-of-living crisis and huge rise in fuel bills.

Over the last year our expenditure has increased by approximately 10%. So if you felt able to increase your regular or ad hoc giving in any way, it would be very welcome. If you would like any further information relating to your general church giving, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you for your continued and vital financial support. I cannot stress how much your generosity is appreciated and is enabling St Margaret's to flourish.

Cathy Agnew
Treasurer

RECENT CONFIRMATIONS

At the end of June, on a happily dry day, we had a joint Confirmation service with our sister church, All Saints' Challoch, where Bishop Kevin confirmed a number of people, including Dominique and Toby from St Margaret's. With plenty of supporters from both churches, it was a most joyful service with a memorable sermon from Bishop Kevin involving jugs of water, ice cubes and an electric kettle. Following the service, the Challoch congregation provided wonderful refreshments which the new Confirmands and their supporters were able to enjoy.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

THE ALTERNATIVE GAMES – Sunday 4th August, 2pm

The Guild will be running the Tombola as usual, this year in aid of Catstrand Young Creatives, all gifts, chocolates, biscuits, wine, toiletries, children's toys – anything you can spare that would make a nice prize will be gratefully received! Donations can be left in the box at the back of the church or handed in to Christine at Dalgowan, preferably by 1st August to allow for ticketing.

SUNDAY SERVICES TIMES 10.30am

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

MIDWEEK SERVICE

Tuesday morning services have been paused over the summer to allow us to enjoy some Sabbath rest. We will look again at our midweek provision in the Autumn. The church will still be open for people to visit during the week on Tuesday mornings and Thursday afternoons. Please look out for the 'church open' sign.

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!

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

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.

ST. MARGARET'S GUILD

The next Guild meeting will be held on Monday 2nd September at 10.30am in Dalgowan. All are Welcome to attend.

Christine Rankin
Guild President

POETRY CORNER

“Christ has no body but yours,
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,
Yours are the eyes with which He looks
Compassion on this world,
Yours are the feet with which He walks to do good,
Yours are the hands, with which He blesses all the world.
Yours are the hands, yours are the feet,
Yours are the eyes, you are His body.
Christ has no body now but yours,
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,
Yours are the eyes with which he looks
compassion on this world.
Christ has no body now on earth but yours.”

poem attributed to St. Teresa of Avila

AUGUST READINGS

4th August

Exodus 16: 2 – 4, 9 - 15

Nicolette Wise

Psalm 78: 23 - 29

Ephesians 4: 1 – 16

Nicholas Wise

John 6: 24 - 35

11th August

1 Kings 19: 4 - 8

Rosalind Hall

Psalm 34: 1 - 8

Ephesians 4: 25 – 5: 2

Dominique Pope

John 6: 35, 41 - 51

18th August

Proverbs 9: 1 – 6

Andy Jones

Psalm 34: 9 - 14

Ephesians 5: 15 - 20

Nicolette Wise

John 6: 51 - 58

25th August

Joshua 24: 1 – 2a, 14 - 18

Cathy Agnew

Psalm 34: 15 - 22

Ephesians 6: 10 - 20

Christine Rankin

John 6: 56 - 59

CHURCH ASSISTANTS ROTA

	Intercessions	Chalice
4 th August	Nicolette	Cathy
11 th August	Dominique	Christine
18 th August	Cathy	Linda
25 th August	Christine	Dominique

FLOWER ROTA

4 th August	Barry Gilbert
11 th August	Sarah Watson
18 th August	Sarah Watson
25 th August	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

WELCOMERS ROTA

4 th August	Nicolette/Nick W
11 th August	Nick B
18 th August	Linda
25 th August	Christine

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.