



# **ST MARGARET'S NEW GALLOWAY**

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## SERVICES FOR JULY

6 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday after Trinity	7 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>10.30am</b>	Eucharist
7 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday after Trinity	14 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>10.30am</b>	Eucharist
8 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday after Trinity	21 <sup>st</sup> July	<b>10.30am</b>	Eucharist
9 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday after Trinity	28 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>10.30am</b>	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

## Embracing the Summer Sabbath Rest

Dear Church Family,

As we step into the heart of summer (hopefully with some more sunny days!), our recent Sunday Bible readings remind us of the beauty and necessity of rest. I'd like us to take into our summers the theme of *Summer Sabbath Rest*. I invite you to slow down, reflect, and rejuvenate in God's presence during these warm and peaceful days. Here are some Bible passages, themes, and ideas to guide your Sabbath summer reflections this season.

### **Bible Passages for Reflection**

#### **Genesis 2:2-3**

*By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he rested from all his work. Then God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done.*

**Reflection:** Consider how God's rest after creation sets a pattern for us. How can we make our Sabbath rest a holy time set apart for rejuvenation?

#### **Exodus 20:8-11**

*Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. Six days you shall labour and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God.*

**Reflection:** Reflect on the commandment to keep the Sabbath holy. How can we honour this commandment in our busy lives?

#### **Mark 2:27**

*Then he said to them, 'The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath.'*

**Reflection:** Jesus teaches that the Sabbath is a gift for our benefit. How can we embrace this gift without turning it into a burden?

## **Matthew 11:28-30**

*Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.*

**Reflection:** Meditate on Jesus' invitation to find rest in Him. What burdens do you need to lay down to experience His rest?

## **Psalm 23:1-3**

*The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he refreshes my soul.*

**Reflection:** Visualise the peaceful imagery of Psalm 23. How can you create spaces in your life that allow you to lie down in green pastures and be led beside quiet waters?

## **The Gift of Sabbath**

In Genesis, God rested on the seventh day after creating the world, setting a divine example for us to follow. The Sabbath is not just a day but a mindset, a sacred time to disconnect from our busy lives and reconnect with God. This July, let's embrace this gift and find peace and restoration in Him.

## **Summer Events and Opportunities**

**Music** is one of the ways that I connect with God, and find a beautiful peace and rest. This month, our sister church at All Saints, Challoch, is holding a **Musical Soirée** on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July beginning at 7.00pm. Why not go along and hear the talents of local musicians; from harp to guitar, it'll be a wonderful evening!

**The Scottish Alternative Games** will be held in our own New Galloway on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> August, from 2-5pm in the park. It's a great opportunity to connect with people, enjoy good food and relaxation. Of course, there's the added bonus of seeing the Gird 'n' Cleek World Championships being contested! St Margaret's is holding our traditional Tombola Stall, and any prizes - both for children and adults - would be gratefully received. Please drop them in the box in the church porch.

**Prayer** is an important part of Sabbath, and every Thursday evening at 7.30pm, we continue our weekly online service of **Evening Prayers**. Everyone is welcome to join us on Zoom, and the link is on our website.

**Holidays and Staycations:** Whatever you have planned for the summer, set time aside to **rest** in the beauty of God's creation, **recharge** your batteries - both physical and spiritual, and **remember** that God, who is love, is with you each day.

May this summer be a season of renewal for you and your loved ones. As we embrace the Sabbath rest, let us find joy and peace in the simplicity of God's love and grace.

**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**

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

### **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!

## **THE ALTERNATIVE GAMES – Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> August**

Preparations are underway for the Scottish Alternative Games being held on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> August in the Park at New Galloway. As in past years, the St Margaret's Guild will be running a Tombola and as always, funds raised are for a local cause and this year Guild members have chosen the **CatStrand Young Creatives** programme. Money raised will go towards a wide variety of activities that are offered to young people – art, drama, dance, singing or music lessons for piano, violin, ukulele or guitar.

The Guild would be grateful for all contributions to the Tombola which can be left in the box at the back of the church. Chocolates, biscuits, wine, toiletries, children's toys – anything you have spare that would make a nice prize! Just please ensure that food items are within their sell-by date. Any questions, please contact Christine or Nicolette

## **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 event is the Tombola at the Alternative Games on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> August. Funds raised this year are in aid of Catstrand Young Creatives. All donations of gifts, bottles etc. can be brought to Church before the event.

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

**Christine Rankin**  
**Guild President**

### **POETRY CORNER**

#### **OUR TRINITY**

God is my Creator, Jesus is my Saviour, The Holy Spirit is my Guide,  
These are the Three in One that I do humbly serve with great pride.  
Boldly proclaiming their presence, as daily, I walk with The Trinity,  
For They've given me the peace I enjoy, as I live my life in serenity.

God my Creator, created me in His image, that I might walk with Him,  
Then when sin entered in, the Light between God and man grew dim.  
Whenever God created man, he was pure and complete and sin free,  
Until Satan convinced him to taste fruit from the forbidden tree.

Only perfect blood can cover sin and only Jesus had this in His veins,  
Therefore God sent my Saviour to die for me, to remove my sin stains.  
Jesus willingly died for a world of sin so all can be on heaven's roll,  
Then in time, with our Saviour, on those golden streets we will stroll.

My Saviour is now with my Creator, however He's left me with a guide,  
He gave The Holy Spirit to remind me when it's not God's rules I abide.  
God's my Creator, Jesus' my Saviour, The Holy Spirit guides my way,  
The Perfect Trinity needed to protect us during our earthly stay.

By Robert Hedrick



## JULY READINGS

7<sup>th</sup> July

Ezekiel 2: 1 – 5

Dominique Pope

Psalm 123

2 Corinthians 12: 2 - 10

Rosalind Hall

Mark 6: 1 - 13

14<sup>th</sup> July

Amos 7: 7 – 15

Nicolette Wise

Psalm 85: 8 - 13

Ephesians 1: 3 – 14

Andy Jones

Mark 6: 14 - 29

21<sup>st</sup> July

Jeremiah 23: 1 - 6

Christine Rankin

Psalm 23

Ephesians 2: 11 – 22

Cathy Agnew

Mark 6: 30 – 34, 53 - 56

28<sup>th</sup> July

2 Kings 4: 42 - 44

Nicholas Wise

Psalm 145: 10 - 18

Ephesians 3: 14 - 21

Nicolette Wise

John 6: 1 - 21

## **CHURCH ASSISTANTS ROTA**

	<b>Intercessions</b>	<b>Chalice</b>
7 <sup>th</sup> July	Dominique	Linda
14 <sup>th</sup> July	Nicolette	Christine
21 <sup>st</sup> July	Cathy	Dominique
28 <sup>th</sup> July	Christine	Cathy

## **FLOWER ROTA**

7 <sup>th</sup> July	Cathy Agnew
14 <sup>th</sup> July	Nicolette Wise
21 <sup>st</sup> July	Nicolette Wise
28 <sup>th</sup> July	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](mailto:01644430218/nicolette.wise2@gmail.com)

## **WELCOMERS ROTA**

7 <sup>th</sup> July	Linda
14 <sup>th</sup> July	Nicolette/Nick W
21 <sup>st</sup> July	Nick B
28 <sup>th</sup> July	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.