



ST MARGARET'S NEW GALLOWAY

OCTOBER 2024



Harvest

NUMBER 473

Charity No: SCO12084

SERVICES FOR OCTOBER

Our regular weekly service

10.30am Eucharist each week

Special Services this Month

20th October - 1.00 - 3.00pm Family Forest Church

13th October - 4pm - Evensong

CHURCH OFFICERS AND VESTRY

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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

Autumn Leaves are Falling

Dear St Margaret's Family,

Embracing the Spirit of October: A Time for Reflection and Community

As the crisp autumn air settles in and the leaves transform into a vibrant tapestry of reds and golds, we find ourselves at the beginning of October—a month rich with opportunities for reflection, gratitude, and community.

Harvest of Blessings

October is a time when we reflect back on the abundance of the harvest season. It's a perfect moment to reflect on the blessings we've received throughout the year and to share our gratitude. Last month we celebrated our Harvest Festival, and a wonderfully decorated church. Thank you to those who spent time and effort in making God's house look so welcoming (including our harvest bread wheat sheaf). Thank you also to those who have given so generously to our local Foodbanks and Community Cupboards, I know it is appreciated. We enjoyed a wonderful Harvest Lunch together too. For the first time, we gathered at an external venue, the Town Hall, and the extra space allowed us to welcome our friends from the Kirk for an ecumenical lunch. Thank you to our Church Guild and everyone who cooked and helped in any way.

The Church is Open

Over the winter months, we will be keeping the church open on Tuesdays from 10am to 12 noon. Over the summer we have welcomed lots of visitors – from near and far – into our church, and we look forward to continuing to do that, as well as offering a place for prayer, reflection and conversation.

Spiritual Growth

In this season of change, we are also reminded of the importance of personal growth and spiritual renewal. Our October sermons continue our focus in Mark's gospel, encouraging us to follow Jesus in our everyday lives, as we explore how we can embrace change in our lives with faith and resilience. Join us each Sunday as we embark on this journey together, seeking wisdom and guidance to navigate life's transitions.

Family Activities

Last month saw our first Forest Church gathering – a relaxed way to welcome people to church through the gift of creation. We only had a few people visiting, but it was a good start, and thank you to everyone who helped out. Our next Forest Church will be on Sunday 20th October, with the theme of animals!

So, as we move through this beautiful season, let's hold fast to the spirit of gratitude and community that October embodies. May this month be a time of reflection, connection, and renewal for us all.

Every Blessing
Rev'd Dawn Matthew

Glasgow and Galloway Episcopal Election

Following the retirement of Bishop Kevin at the end of August, the Diocese has now started the process of finding a new Bishop of Glasgow and Galloway. The Right Reverend Andrew Swift, Bishop of Brechin, is our Acting Bishop in the meantime – I have now been at two meetings chaired by Bishop Andrew and he is absolutely on top of his brief; nice man.

Canon 4 sets out the whole process which kicked off with the Preliminary Electoral Synod at the end of September (the Electoral Synod is made up of all clergy and Lay Reps in the Diocese plus the high heidytins such as the Dean, Provost, Synod Clerk etc). At this we agreed the Diocesan description (all charges had earlier given their input), and the Preparatory Committee was elected (two clergy and two laity from the Diocesan Electoral Synod). Other members of the Preparatory Committee include Bishop Andrew (who will act as Convenor) Bishop John (Edinburgh) and various members, clergy and laity, of the Provincial panel for episcopal elections. As I am the Diocesan Lay Rep on the Provincial panel, I will be on the Preparatory Committee whose remit is to draw up a shortlist of candidates for the Diocesan Electoral Synod to vote on – hopefully in late January. Look out for the advertisement in the Church Times later this month!

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.

MIDWEEK PROVISION

During the winter months the Church will continue to be open most Tuesday mornings between 10am – 12noon. Revd Dawn is usually in the church during those times, so if you'd like to pop in for a chat and a coffee, you'd be most welcome. 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! For more information please contact Julian Watson on tel: 7966157848

FOREST CHURCH – 1pm – 3pm, Sunday 20th October

Join us for Forest Church in and around St. Margaret's Church! We will be using 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, and all offers of help are most welcome.

DATES OF FUTURE CHURCH EVENTS COMING UP

All Saint Service 3rd November. Remembrance Day Service 10th November, Church AGM 1st December, Carol Service 22nd December, Family Service 24th December, Christmas Service 25th December. Further details of all these will appear in the coming newsletters.

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.

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, which will be the AGM, will take place on Monday 4th November, at 10.30am in the Church. All Welcome

Christine Rankin
Guild President

POETRY CORNER

Have You Earned Your Tomorrow?

Is anybody happier because you passed his way?
Does anyone remember that you spoke to him today?
This day is almost over, and its toiling time is through;
Is there anyone to utter now a kindly word of you?

Did you give a cheerful greeting to the friend who came along?
Or a churlish sort of "Howdy" and then vanish in the throng?
Were you selfish pure and simple as you rushed along the way,
Or is someone mighty grateful for a deed you did today?

Can you say tonight, in parting with the day that's slipping fast,
That you helped a single brother of the many that you passed?
Is a single heart rejoicing over what you did or said;
Does a man whose hopes were fading now with courage look ahead?

Did you waste the day, or lose it, was it well or sorely spent?
Did you leave a trail of kindness or a scar of discontent?
As you close your eyes in slumber do you think that God would say,
You have earned one more tomorrow by the work you did today?

by Edgar Guest

OCTOBER READINGS

6th October

Psalm 139: 6 - 11

Job 38: 1, 12 – 21- 40: 3 - 5

Luke 12: 22 - 34

Nicolette Wise

13th October

Eucharist

Psalm 90: 12 - 17

Hebrews 4: 12 - 16

Mark 10: 17 – 31

Rosalind Hall

13th October

Evensong

Psalm 130

Isaiah 50: 4 – 10

Luke 13: 22 - 30

Christine Rankin

20th October

Psalm 91: 9 - 16

Hebrews 5: 1 – 10

Mark 4: 26 - 29

Andy Jones

27th October

Psalm 126

Hebrews 7: 23 – 28

Mark 10: 46 - 52

Dominique Pope

CHURCH ASSISTANTS ROTA

| | Intercessions | Chalice |
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| 6 th October | Dominique | Dominique |
| 13 th October | Andy | Dominique |
| 20 th October | Dominique | Dominique |
| 27 th October | Nicolette | Dominique |

FLOWER ROTA

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| 6 th October | Kate Maxwell |
| 13 th October | Kate Maxwell |
| 20 th October | Sarah Watson |
| 27 th October | Sarah Watson |

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

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| 6 th October | Nick B | |
| 13 th October | Morning | Nick W |
| 13 th October | Afternoon | Christine |
| 20 th October | Cathy | |
| 27 th October | Nicolette | |

COFFEE ROTA

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| 6 th October | Nicolette Wise |
| 13 th October | Christine Rankin |
| 20 th October | Sarah Waton |
| 27 th October | Carrie Winger |

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. |