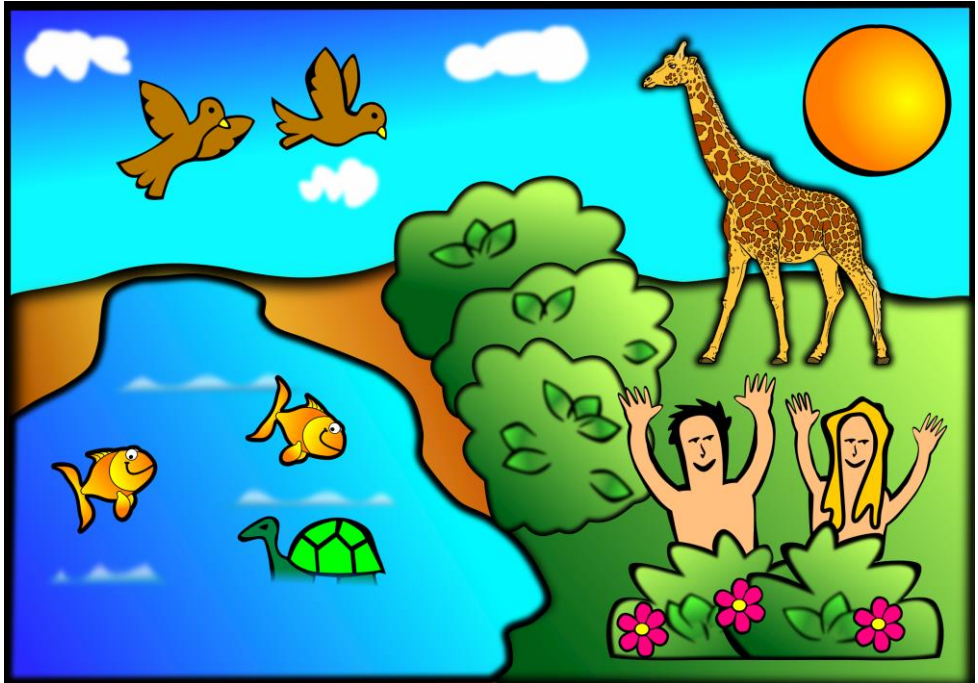




ST MARGARET'S NEW GALLOWAY

SEPTEMBER 2024



Creation

SERVICES FOR SEPTEMBER

Our regular weekly service

10.30am Eucharist each week

Special Services this Month

15th September – 1 – 3pm Family Forest Church

22nd September – Harvest Eucharist

CHURCH OFFICERS AND VESTRY

Priest in Charge	Revd. Dawn Matthew	Tel. 420431
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	Mr N. Wise	Tel: 430218
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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

Dear Friends,

As I write this, it is mid-August, and I was shocked on opening the curtains the other day, to find my front lawn covered in leaves! How are we at this point of the year already? As ever, of course we're thinking of harvest and creationtide. It's a time of reflection and gratitude as we gather to celebrate the blessings of the past season and anticipate the joys of the coming one, alongside considering the challenges of our duty of care for God's good acre.

Harvest Festival: A Time of Thanksgiving

Save the date! Our annual Harvest Festival is just around the corner on Sunday 22nd September at 10.30am. Join us for our service as we celebrate God's loving goodness in the world, and give thanks for the abundance of his provision for us. Living in a predominantly rural area, the rhythm of the seasons and farming life are especially important to us.

Everyone is invited to bring along donations of tinned and long-life foods, as well as toiletries and household products. These will be donated to local Foodbanks and Community Cupboards. In these austere times, we want to share God's love by helping those in need.

Tickets for the Ecumenical Harvest Lunch to be held at New Galloway Town Hall following the service, will be available from Christine Rankin. Booking is essential please, to help with catering.

The summer has been filled with encouragements for the life of our Charge, as, using our *Church Open* sign, we have welcomed visitors - local and international - into our church on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. A real variety of people have found their way through the doors of St Margaret's. Some have come to look around our beautiful building, some have come to pray, while others have come for a coffee and chat. It's been wonderful for our church to be open for those in our communities, and those pilgrims just passing through.

As we prepare for our Harvest Service and all that follows, giving thanks for God's provision, please do continue to pray for the life of our church, its people and the communities we serve. As we enter this next season, may we continue to grow in faith, compassion, and love for God and for one another.

**Blessings and peace be with you,
Rev'd. Dawn Matthew**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

SUNDAY SERVICES TIMES 10.30am

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

MIDWEEK PROVISION

Each week we open the church on Tuesday from 10am - 12noon, and Thursday afternoons from 2-4pm. This space is for anyone to come and visit - for private prayer, reflection, or simply to see what St Margaret's is all about. 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: 07966157848

FOREST CHURCH – 1pm – 3pm, Sunday 15th September

Join us for the inaugural gathering of 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 (this month we'll be offering soup and a roll). Everyone of all ages is welcome to join us and see what it's all about, and all offers of help are most welcome.

The hope is that we'll hold these afternoons on the third Sunday of each month, depending on how they go! The next gathering is planned for Sunday 20th October.

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.

ALTERNATIVE GAMES

As in past years, the St Margaret's Guild held a Tombola stall at the Alternative Games in New Galloway at the beginning of August. This year the Guild decided to send the money raised to the CatStrand Young Creatives programme – this includes a wide variety of activities that are offered to young people, such as art, drama, dance, singing or music lessons for piano, violin, ukulele or guitar.

The weather on the day looked less than promising but luckily the rain held off for most of the afternoon and the Park was packed with people, locals and visitors. Despite the attractions of Girding the Cleet, Snail Racing and the Tractor Pull, we were mobbed - people really do love a Tombola! Several people came round again and it was non-stop until we ran out of prizes. Our best moment was when a little girl, who had set her heart on a Paddington Bear she had spotted on our stall, won it with the first ticket her mother bought – the joy on her face was wonderful.

Many thanks to everyone for their generosity in donating the large and varied selection of prizes. And big thanks also to Christine who did all the ticketing. We are delighted to report that £250 is being donated to the CatStrand Young Creatives.

Linda and Nicolette

HARVEST FESTIVAL AND LUNCH

This year we will be hosting an Ecumenical Harvest Celebration by inviting the Kirk to join with us. To that aim we have booked the Lower Room in New Galloway Town Hall on Sunday 22nd September from 12.30pm until 2pm. Tickets will remain at £12 and the Guild will be providing the usual Main course of Cottage Pie with an Apple Dessert. Numbers will be limited so please put your name down to reserve your tickets as soon as possible on the Sheet at the back of the Church, or contact Christine to be included. The Guild would appreciate extra help on the day by either providing food, setting up, serving or clearing away. Please contact Dawn, Christine or Nicolette if you are able to help.

ST. MARGARET'S GUILD

The last Guild meeting was held on Tuesday 27th August at 10.30am in The Church. The arrangements for the Harvest Lunch were discussed and the Christmas Coffee morning held jointly with the Kirk which will take place on Wednesday 4th December in Dalry Town Hall.

Christine Rankin
Guild President

CAN YOU HELP?

Would you like to help in Church on a regular or occasional basis? Members of the Congregation can get involved by reading in Church, acting as a Welcomer, reading the Intercessions, serving the Chalice during communion or serving refreshments afterwards.

Please let Dawn, Nicolette or Christine know if you would like to get involved.

POETRY CORNER

HARVEST

The church's embrace, we gather close,
Thankful for the harvest, its joys we boast.
A communion of souls, in prayer we bind,
Gratitude overflowing, in every mind.

Fields of gold, a testament true,
To the wonders His miracles can do.
Together we reap, together we sow,
For through His grace, our blessings grow.

Hands joined in prayer, our voices raise,
Singing hymns of joy, our hearts ablaze.
For every seed and every stone,
God's love for us is clearly shown.

by Maya Anthony

SEPTEMBER READINGS

1st September

1 Kings 3: 5 -12	Nicholas Wise
Psalms 119: 129 - 136	
Romans 8: 26 – 39	Nicolette Wise
Matthew 13: 31 - 33	

8th September

Isaiah 55: 10 - 13	Dominique Pope
Psalms 65: 9 - 13	
Romans 8: 1 – 11	Rosalind Hall
Matthew 13: 1 – 9, 18 - 23	

15th September

Ezekiel 17: 22 - 24	Nicolette Wise
Psalms 92: 1 – 4, 12 - 15	
1 Corinthians 5: 6 - 17	Andy Jones
Mark 4: 26 - 29	

22nd September

Jeremiah 33: 14 – 16	Cathy Agnew
Psalms 25: 1 - 10	
1 Thessalonians 3: 9 – 13	Dominique Pope
Luke 13: 1 - 9	

29th September

Isaiah 5: 1 – 9	Nicholas Wise
Psalms 68: 1 – 8	
1 Corinthians 10: 1 – 13	Christine Rankin
Luke 13: 1 – 9	

CHURCH ASSISTANTS ROTA

	Intercessions	Chalice
1 st September	Nicolette	Christine
8 th September	Christine	Dominique
15 th September	Dominique	Cathy
22 nd September	Cathy	Dominique
29 th September	Nicolette	Christine

FLOWER ROTA

1 st September	Cathy Agnew
8 th September	Rosalind Hall
15 th September	Rosalind Hall
2pm on Friday 20th September	Congregation for Harvest
29 th September	Nicolette Wise

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

1 st September	Nick W
8 th September	Nick B
15 th September	Cathy
22 nd September	Christine
29 th September	Nicolette

COFFEE ROTA

1 st September	Christine Rankin
8 th September	Nicolette Wise
15 th September	Carrie Winger
22 nd September	Harvest Lunch - no coffee
29 th September	Pat and Barry Gilbert

PRAYER FOCUS

Sunday	Pray for Bishop Andrew, our Interim Bishop, 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.