



ST MARGARET'S NEW GALLOWAY

NOVEMBER 2024



REMEMBRANCE DAY
Lest We Forget

NUMBER 474

Charity No: SCO12084

SERVICES FOR NOVEMBER

Our regular weekly service

10.30am Eucharist each week

Special Services this Month

3rd November - All Saints Service

10th November – Remembrance Day Service

10th November - 12pm Family Remembrance Trail

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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 out with our normal Sunday worship. News from the Diocese can also be accessed via our website.

<https://stmargaretsnewgalloway.org>

PRIEST IN CHARGE

November: A Month to Remember

Dear Friends,

As November dawns upon us, it brings with it a time of reflection and gratitude. At St Margaret's, we will be marking our remembering in two ways.

Firstly, on **Sunday 3rd November** within our usual **10.30am** service, we will be marking the Feast of All Saints and All Souls, where we take time to remember those we love who have gone before us, alongside those whose lives have been examples of faith and sacrifice. Often, they are people who have lived out their faith under difficult and dangerous circumstances.

Secondly, we will be joining millions of others across the world in commemorating Remembrance Sunday, a day when we pay tribute to those who have sacrificed, and continue to sacrifice so much for the cause of peace and freedom. Those who lost their lives, and those who returned home forever changed.

Remembrance Sunday Service

Please join us on **Sunday, November 10th**, for a special joint Remembrance Sunday service at St Margaret's, as we join with Kells Church to remember together. We will gather at the War Memorial from **10.50am**, in time to hold the two minute silence at 11.00am, marking the time in WWI when the guns fell silent. This will also involve the laying of poppy wreaths and the Last Post and Reveille. We will then move over to the church for a short service with hymns and prayers.

These are times for us to come together as a community, to remember those we love and miss so dearly, and those who served in times of conflict, and those who continue to serve in these days. We take a moment to offer our prayers for peace and unity, particularly in these times of discord and conflict that mark our world today.

May this November be a month of reflection, gratitude, and unity as we remember and honour those who have sacrificed their lives for our freedom.

Every Blessing
Rev'd Dawn Matthew

Why do we Wear a Poppy on Remembrance Day?

The poppy is the enduring symbol of remembrance of the First World War. It is strongly linked with Armistice Day (11 November), but the poppy's origin as a popular symbol of remembrance lies in the landscapes of the First World War.

Poppies were a common sight, especially on the Western Front. They flourished in the soil churned up by the fighting and shelling. The flower provided Canadian doctor John McCrae with inspiration for his poem 'In Flanders Fields', which he wrote whilst serving in Ypres in 1915. It was first published in *Punch*, having been rejected by *The Spectator*. In 1918, in response to McCrae's poem, American humanitarian Moina Michael wrote 'And now the Torch and Poppy Red, we wear in honour of our dead...'. She campaigned to make the poppy a symbol of remembrance of those who had died in the war.

Artificial poppies were first sold in Britain in 1921 to raise money for the Earl Haig Fund in support of ex-servicemen and the families of those who had died in the conflict. They were supplied by Anna Guérin, who had been manufacturing the flowers in France to raise money for war orphans. Selling poppies proved so popular that in 1922 the British Legion founded a factory - staffed by disabled ex-servicemen - to produce its own. It continues to do so today.

Other charities sell poppies in different colours, each with their own meaning but all to commemorate the losses of war. White poppies, for example, symbolise peace without violence and purple poppies are worn to honour animals killed in conflict.

The poppy continues to be sold worldwide to raise money and to remember those who lost their lives in the First World War and in subsequent conflicts.

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

FOREST REMEMBRANCE TRAIL – 12pm - Sunday 10th November after the service

Taking place after the Remembrance Day Service. Join us for a different Forest Church in and around St. Margaret's Church! This month will reflect on Remembrance and the meaning of Poppies.

ALL SAINTS SERVICE – 3rd November – 10.30am

There will be an opportunity to light a candle in memory of someone you miss. St. Margaret's Guild will be providing special refreshments of wine and nibbles after the service. Please join us for this special service.

REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE – 10th November

This will start at the War Memorial from 10.50am led by Revd. Dawn Matthews and be followed by a service of Remembrance and refreshments in St. Margaret's afterward.

GLENKENS CHURCHES GUILD – 13th November – 2pm

A talk by Mr John Crosby entitled 'The Refugee Crisis and the work of MOOL' in the Session House Dalry. All are welcome to attend.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – 1st December

The Annual Reports will be emailed to all church members and hard copies will be available at the back of the church from the beginning of November. Our AGM will take place after the service.

DATES OF FUTURE CHURCH EVENTS COMING UP

Church AGM 1st December, Joint Churches Christmas Coffee Morning 4th December, Community Carol Service 22nd December, Family Nativity 24th December, Christmas Service 25th December. Further details of all these will appear in the coming newsletters.

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

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 Dalgowan. All Welcome.

The Christmas Coffee Morning held jointly with the Kirk Churches Guild will take place on Wednesday 4th December, in Dalry Town Hall. Donations of Baking, Preserves and Christmas type gifts will be much appreciated.

Christine Rankin
Guild President

POETRY CORNER

In Flanders Fields

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie,
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

by John McCrae

NOVEMBER READINGS

3rd November

Isaiah 25: 6 – 9

Christine Rankin

Psalm 24: 1 - 6

Revelation 21: 1 – 6a

Nicolette Wise

John 11: 32 - 44

10th November

Micah 4: 1 – 5

Kells Kirk

Philippians 4: 6 - 9

New Galloway

17th November

Psalm 112

2 Timothy 1: 1 - 7

Rosalind Hall

Matthew 13: 44 - 46

24th November

Psalm 93

Revelation 1: 4b - 8

Andy Jones

John 18: 33 - 37

CHURCH ASSISTANTS ROTA

	Intercessions	Chalice
3 rd November	Nicolette	Dominique
10 th November	Dominique	
17 th November	Andy	Dominique
24 th November	Christine	Cathy

FLOWER ROTA

3 rd November	Cathy Agnew
10 th November	Cathy Agnew
17 th November	Nicolette Wise
24 th November	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

3 rd November	Nick B
10 th November	Nick W
17 th November	Christine
24 th November	Nicolette

COFFEE ROTA

3 rd November	Nicolette Wise
10 th November	All
17 th November	Sarah Watson
24 th November	Carrie Winger

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.