



ST MARGARET'S NEW GALLOWAY

MARCH 2025



LENT

NUMBER 478

Charity No: SCO12084

SERVICES FOR MARCH

Our regular weekly service

10.30am Eucharist each week

Special Services this month

5th March – 6pm – Ash Wednesday & Imposition of Ashes

7th March – 2pm – World Day of Prayer - Balmaclellan Church

9th March – 4.00pm – Service of the Word with Music

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

<https://stmargaretsnewgalloway.org>

PRIEST IN CHARGE

A Season of Reflection

Dear St Margaret's Family,

I may have said this before, but I'm always surprised by how quickly times flies – not least of all in the church year. As March begins, we are confronted by the beginning of the Lenten season, as we ready ourselves for the more frivolous pursuit of consuming pancakes on Shrove Tuesday; its meaning often lost in the annals of history, that of repentance, absolution, and reconciliation.

Ash Wednesday

The following day, Ash Wednesday, marks the beginning of the Lenten season—a time of repentance, reflection, and preparation for Easter. Join us on Wednesday 5th March for a special Ash Wednesday service where we will come together to receive ashes as a sign of humility and a commitment to turn our hearts towards God, as we receive his love.

Fellowship Bible Study

Join us every Tuesday at 7.15pm through Lent, in the Session House at Dalry Church for our ecumenical Bible study and friendship, as we delve into the Word of God and explore its relevance in our lives.

Lent Reflections

I often find it helpful, during these specific seasons in church to have some kind of guide to help me reflect and more fully consider all that God is saying, and the ways that I am called to respond. There are some Lenten guides at the back of church, and one in particular is a weekly devotions guide, using the theme of Pilgrimage – please help yourselves!

May this Lenten time be a season of love, reflection, and spiritual growth. May the grace of God guide us through this journey, and may our hearts be open to the transformative power of His love.

Blessings,
Revd Dawn Matthew

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.

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.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

SUNDAY SERVICES TIMES 10.30am

Everyone is welcome to attend our services at 10.30am every Sunday.
2nd Sundays: 4.00pm Afternoon Service

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.

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

EVENING PRAYERS ON ZOOM

Each week, together with our sister church, All Saints, Challoch, we hold joint online evening prayers on Wednesdays, which begin at 7.30pm and last 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://Wednesday Evening Prayers>

Meeting ID: 865 7597 6261

Passcode: 116824

ASH WEDNESDAY 6pm Wednesday 5th march

A service with the Imposition of Ashes will be held in St. Margaret's on Ash Wednesday.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2pm Friday 7th March

This year's Ecumenical service will take place in Balmaclellan Church. The service called 'I Made You Wonderful' has been prepared by The Cook Islands. This will probably be the last occasion that Balmaclellan Church will be used for this service as it is due to close.

NEW AFTERNOON SERVICE 4pm Sunday 9th March

A monthly Service of the Word with Music will take place on second Sunday of the month at 4pm. We hope this relaxed service will help more people to come into our church and to find a spiritual home. The service will be based around music, Bible readings and prayer, and all are welcome.

LENT LUNCHESES

Members of St Margaret's Guild will once again be hosting a series of Lent lunches. This will follow the usual format of a simple lunch of soup and cheese, with coffee or tea to finish, between 12 noon and 1.30pm. The

congregation, as well as friends and neighbours, are all welcome in return for a donation to the host's chosen charity.

Friday 14th March, Whinnymuir, Dalry in aid of The Food Train

Friday 28th March, Dalgowan, New Galloway in aid of Dementia Scotland

Friday 11th April, St Margaret's Church, New Galloway in aid of Castle Douglas Hospital League of Friends.

DATES OF FUTURE CHURCH EVENTS

Plant and Bake Sale Saturday 26th April, 10am – 12 noon. Maundy Thursday Service 6pm, Good Friday 2pm Service of Reflection. Ascension Day Service Thursday 29th May 12 noon.

ST. MARGARET'S GUILD

Annual Plant and Bake Sale

The St Margaret's Guild has for many years now organised a Plant and Bake sale to raise funds for a local charity – an event that many in the community look forward to. The original date chosen for this year clashed with the Consecration of our new Bishop so it will now be held on:

Saturday 26th April

and all profits will be donated to the Scottish Charity Air Ambulance. As well as plants and home baking, we will be serving teas/coffees and cakes.

Unfortunately, some of our gardeners who have always provided seedlings and plants were hit badly by Storm Eowyn. So if anyone has any spare seedlings or annuals (flowers or veg) they could donate we would be very grateful. Or perhaps some perennials that have got too big could be split? Any questions, or if you could help, please call Nicolette on 07748 631820.

There will be more information about the sale in the April Newsletter but in the meantime please let us know if you could help with home baking or plants.

The Guild will also be running the usual Tombola at the Alternative Games on Sunday 3rd August and all donations of bottles, gifts, 'in date' items will be gratefully received nearer to the event.

The next Guild meeting will be held on Monday 16th June, All Welcome.

Christine Rankin
Guild President

POETRY CORNER

LENT

Ashes to Renewal

This poem reflects on the symbolism of ashes in Lent, signifying renewal and growth.

From ashes rise, new life begins,
In Lent's embrace, reflection wins,
A journey of the soul, within,
In ashes, our stories spin.

With each sacrifice, a lesson learned,
In humble acts, grace earned,
From ashes to growth, life turned,
In Lent, our faith affirmed.

As spring blooms from winter's end,
So from ashes, spirits mend,
In Lent's days, to God we bend,
From ashes, towards heaven we ascend.

Anon

FLOWERS

2nd March

Nicolette Wise

NO FLOWERS IN LENT

Please contact Nicolette if you are able to help - phone or message on 07748 631820, or email nicolette.wise2@gmail.com

CHURCH ASSISTANTS' ROTA

	Intercessions	Chalice
2 nd March	Nicolette	
9 th March	Dominique	Cathy
16 th March	Cathy	Dominique
23 rd March	Nicolette	Christine
30 th March	Christine	

WELCOMERS ROTA

2 nd March	Nicolette
5 th March	Christine
9 th March	Nick W
16 th March	Cathy
23 rd March	Nick W
30 th March	Christine

MARCH READINGS

2nd March

2 Corinthians 3: 12 – 4.2

Psalm 99

Luke 9: 28 – 36

Nicolette Wise

5th March

Joel 2: 1 – 2, 12 – 17

Psalm 51 1 – 18

Matthew 6: 1 – 6, 16 – 21

Christine Rankin

9th March

Romans 10: 8b – 13

Psalm 91 1 – 2, 9 - 16

Luke 4: 1 - 13

Cathy Agnew

16th March

Philippians 3: 17 – 4.1

Psalm 27

Luke 13: 31 - 35

Rosalind Hall

23rd March

1 Corinthians 10: 1 – 13

Psalm 63 1 - 8

Luke 13: 1 - 9

Nicholas Wise

30th March

1 Samuel 1: 20 – 28

Psalm 127 1 – 4

John 19: 25 - 27

Dominique Pope

COFFEE ROTA

2 nd March	Carrie Winger
9 th March	Sarah Watson
16 th February	Nicolette Wise
23 rd March	Christine Rankin
30 th March	Pat Gilbert

PRAYER FOCUS

- Sunday** Pray for Bishop elect Reverend Canon Dr Nicholas John Bundock, the Clergy of the Diocese, Lay Readers and Vestry Committee.
- 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.