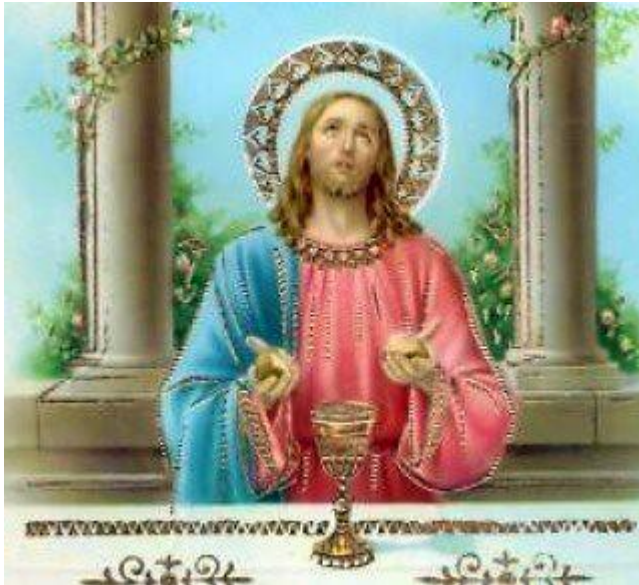




ST MARGARET'S NEW GALLOWAY

APRIL 2025



EASTER

NUMBER 478

Charity No: SCO12084

SERVICES FOR APRIL

Our regular weekly service

10.30am Eucharist on Sundays each week

Special Services this month

13th April – 4.00pm – Informal Service

17th April – 6pm – Maundy Thursday Eucharist

18th April – 2pm – Good Friday Reflection

CHURCH OFFICERS AND VESTRY

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

<https://stmargaretsnewgalloway.org>

PRIEST IN CHARGE

Celebrating the Resurrection: A Message of Hope and Renewal

Dear Church Family,

As we enter into this glorious season of Easter, we are reminded of the incredible hope we have in the resurrection of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Easter is not only a time of celebration but also a time of reflection on the profound truth that through His death and resurrection, we have been given the gift of a new and eternal life.

In Matthew 28 we read: The angel said to the women, ‘Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay.’

The empty tomb declares the victory of life over death, hope over despair, and light over darkness. Jesus has risen, and in His resurrection, we are invited to share in the eternal life He promises to all who believe. This is the heart of the Christian faith and the reason we celebrate Easter with such joy!

The resurrection is not just an event in history; it is a present reality for all who believe. It is through the resurrection that we are called to live transformed lives. In Romans 6, Paul writes: We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

Easter calls us to embrace this new life in Christ — to leave behind the old earth-bound ways and walk in the power of the resurrection. It is a reminder that no matter the struggles or burdens we carry, in the midst of them, we have the assurance that Christ has conquered them all, and there is more and better yet to come.

As we celebrate this season, let us reflect on the hope that Easter brings. May we rejoice in the victory of Christ’s resurrection, and may His love and grace fill our hearts as we live out our faith in the world.

We invite you to join us for any of our services this Easter season, as we celebrate the resurrection together, and I pray that we would each know the deep inner joy and abundant life we have in Christ.

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

With Easter blessings,
Revd Dawn

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.

BISHOP'S LENT APPEAL

Bishop Andrew has selected Refuweegee, a Glasgow based charity that offers a warm welcome and valuable support to refugees and asylum seekers in Scotland. You can find out more about their work at: <https://www.glasgow.anglican.org/bishop-lent-appeal-2025-refuweegee/>.

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

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

EASTER SERVICES

PALM SUNDAY 13th April

Eucharist 10.30am

Informal Service 4pm

MAUNDY THURSDAY 17th April

6pm Eucharist

GOOD FRIDAY 18th April

2pm Service of Reflection

EASTER DAY 20th April

Eucharist 10.30am

LENT LUNCHESES

Members of St Margaret's Guild are once again hosting a series of Lent lunches. This follows 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.

The Lent Lunch held at Whinnymuir in aid of The Food Train raised £300

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

The Galloway Regional Ascension Day Service will be held in St. Margaret's on Thursday 29th May at 12 noon. All welcome.

ST. MARGARET'S GUILD

Annual Plant and Bake Sale - Saturday 26th April 10am – 12pm

In aid of Scottish Charity Air Ambulance

As usual we will be providing tea and coffee as well as having both Plant and Baking Stalls. Please bring donations of baking, produce and plants to church on Friday afternoon 25th April from 3pm or on the morning of the sale.

If anyone needs any help to transport donations or if you could help, please call Nicolette on 07748 631820 or Christine 07749212201

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

Christine Rankin
Guild President

EASTER QUIZ

1. What was the Jewish feast which was being celebrated the week Christ was crucified?
2. When Jesus entered Jerusalem during what is known as His Triumphal Entry, what animal was He riding on?
3. Why is the Sunday before the resurrection called Palm Sunday?
4. Which disciple cut off the ear of the high priest's servant in an attempt to protect Jesus from being taken as a prisoner?
5. How many times did Peter deny Christ after he abandoned the Lord?
6. How many pieces of silver did Judas trade the life of Jesus for?
7. How did Judas identify Jesus to the soldiers?
8. In repentance Judas returned the money to the priests that he was given as the price of betrayal of the Lord and then did what?
9. Who was surprisingly released before Pontius Pilate sentenced Jesus to death?
10. What was the inscription above the cross?
11. When Jesus died there was darkness in the land. How long did it last?
12. What age was Jesus believed to be when he died?
13. Who was the first person to see the risen Christ?
14. Why does the date of Easter change each year?
15. What is traditionally eaten on Easter Sunday?

Answer in the May Newsletter

EASTER RECIPE

Simmel Cake

Traditionally eaten at Easter, although it used to be specifically associated with Mothering Sunday; offering a respite from 40 days of religious austerity. The twelve balls on top of the cake represent the 11 disciples (excluding Judas of course).

RECIPE (Mary Berry)

Ingredients

175 g soft butter or margarine, plus extra for greasing

175 g light muscovado sugar

3 eggs

175 g self-raising flour

175 g sultanas

90 g currants

90 g glacé cherries, quartered, rinsed, and dried

30 g candied peel, roughly chopped

Grated zest of 1 large lemon

1 tsp. ground mixed spice

Decoration

500 g almond paste

2 tbsp. apricot jam

1 egg white

Deep 18 cm (7 in) round loose-bottomed cake tin

Method

1. Roll out one-third of the almond paste and using the base of the cake tin as a guide, cut out an 18 centimetre circle.
2. Grease the cake tin and line the bottom and side with greaseproof paper.
3. Combine all the ingredients in a bowl. Beat well until thoroughly blended. Spoon half of the cake mixture into the prepared tin and smooth the surface. Top with the round of almond paste.

4. Spoon the remaining cake mixture on top and level the surface.
5. Bake in a preheated oven at 150°C/gas mark 2 for two and a quarter hours or until golden brown and firm to the touch.
6. Cover the top of the cake with greaseproof paper if it is browning too quickly. Leave to cool for 10 minutes, then remove from the tin, and leave to cool completely.
7. Warm the jam and use to brush the top of the cake.
8. To decorate, roll out half of the remaining almond paste and use the tin to cut out an 18 centimetre round. Put on top of the jam and crimp the edges. Roll the remaining almond paste into 11 even-sized balls. Place around the edge of the cake, attaching them with egg white.
9. Brush the tops of the balls and the almond paste with egg white. Place under a hot grill for one to two minutes, until the balls are golden.

TO MAKE YOU SMILE

Extracts from Church bulletins and newsletters

1. Thank you dead friends.
2. Thank you Steve, who once again has worked hard to clean the pastor off the basement floor.
3. The 'Over 60s Choir' will be disbanded for the summer with the thanks of the entire church
4. The outreach committee has enlisted 25 visitors to make calls on people who are not afflicted with any church
5. Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our church and community.
6. A cookbook is being compiled by the ladies of the church. Please submit your favourite recipe, also a short antidote for it.

POETRY CORNER

Easter Joy

Jesus came to earth,
To show us how to live,
How to put others first,
How to love and how to give.

Then He set about His work,
That God sent Him to do;
He took our punishment on Himself;
He made us clean and new.

He could have saved Himself,
Calling angels from above,
But He chose to pay our price for sin;
He paid it out of love.

Our Lord died on Good Friday,
But the cross did not destroy
His resurrection on Easter morn
That fills our hearts with joy.

Now we know our earthly death,
Like His, is just a rest.
We'll be forever with Him
In heaven, where life is best.

So we live our lives for Jesus,
Think of Him in all we do.
Thank you Savior; Thank you Lord.
Help us love like you!

By Joanna Fuchs

FLOWERS

19 th April	Congregation from 10am
27 th April	Cathy Agnew

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
6 th April	Dominique	Cathy
13 th April	Cathy	
17 th April	Nicolette	Christine
20 th April	Cathy	Dominique
27 th April	Nicolette	Christine

WELCOMERS ROTA

6 th April	Nicolette
13 th April	Cathy
17 th April	Christine
18 th April	Nick W
20 th April	Nicolette
27 th April	Christine

APRIL READINGS

6th April

Isaiah 43: 16 – 21
Psalm 126
John 12: 1 - 8

Nicolette Wise

13th April

Philippians 2: 5 - 11
Psalm 31: 9 - 16
Luke 19: 28 - 40

Cathy Agnew

17th April

Exodus 12: 1 – 4, 11 - 14
John 13: 1 – 17, 31b - 35

Christine Rankin

20th April

Acts 10: 34 – 43
Psalm 118: 1 – 2, 14 - 24
Luke 24: 1 - 12

Nicholas Wise

27th April

Acts 5: 27 – 32
Psalm 118: 14 - 29
John 20: 19 - 31

Rosalind Hall

COFFEE ROTA

6th April
13th April
20th April
27th April

Carrie Winger
Christine Rankin
NO COFFEE
Sarah Watson

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.