



# **ST MARGARET'S NEW GALLOWAY**

**JULY 2025**



## **TRINITY**

**NUMBER 481**

**Charity No: SCO12084**

# SERVICES FOR JULY

## Our regular weekly service

10.30am Eucharist on Sundays each week

## Monthly Community Service

This will resume after the Summer

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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 Summer of Reflection and Renewal**

Dear Friends,

As we move into the heart of summer, with the joy of its longer days and warmer evenings, I really enjoy sitting back and reflecting on the beauty and rhythm of this season. July can bring a great opportunity for a welcome pause - whether it's a holiday, a retreat into nature, or simply a slower pace at home (a kind of staycation!). It can be a moment to step back, breathe, and reconnect with the things that give us life.

In our churches, summer also offers an opportunity to reflect on the blessings we've experienced and to prepare for the seasons ahead. It is easy to get caught up in the busyness of life, but this quieter season gives us a chance to centre ourselves in God's love. Just as the earth rests and grows in the summer months, so we too can find rest and renewal in God's presence.

This month, I invite you to consider what it might look like for you to take time for personal reflection. Maybe it's a moment of stillness each day, a walk in the countryside, the enjoyment of a garden, or a pause before meals to offer thanks. Whatever it is, let it be an invitation to grow closer to God and to listen more deeply to His voice.

July is also a wonderful opportunity to renew fellowship within our church family. Why not take the time to meet up with other people for a coffee and chat, or go for a walk with a friend? The summer brings an opportunity to connect with one another outside the usual rhythm of church services and to celebrate the joy of community.

As we continue to journey through the year, let us remember the words of Jesus: "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." (Matthew 11:28). May we all find moments of peace and rest this summer, and may we be reminded that God's love is always with us, guiding and renewing us.

Wishing you a blessed and restful July,

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.

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

### **SUNDAY SERVICES TIMES 10.30am**

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

### **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

## **DATES OF FUTURE EVENTS**

Unfortunately, Bishop Nick's visit to St. Margaret's has had to be postponed due to a clash of dates with an event he has to attend. We hope to have details of when this will be rescheduled soon.

## **ALTERNATIVE GAMES – Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> August**

### **ST. MARGARET'S GUILD**

The Guild will be attending the Alternative Games as usual and this year it has been agreed to hold a Raffle with good quality prizes and a children's event of Guess the Name of the Bear. If you would like to donate a raffle prize please contact Christine or Nicolette.

**Christine Rankin**  
**Guild President**

# OBITUARY

## VENETIA FORBES

Venetia Forbes died very peacefully at home at Earlstoun, Dalry on 17<sup>th</sup> June, aged 91, with her family by her side.

Venetia's long involvement with St Margaret's began in 1995 following her marriage to Derick, after she had been widowed. She had previously lived in West Sussex where she was much involved in her local church at Elsted. She and Derick have been regular worshippers with us and loyal supporters of St. Margaret's, with many friends among the congregation. Venetia was a cheerful and conscientious President of the Ladies Guild for many years, turning her hand to whatever needed doing. Each year she would regularly help to run the Tombola Stall at the Alternative Games in New Galloway – whatever the weather - and delighted in using her flower arranging skills as often as she could. She took particular pleasure in helping decorate the Church at Christmas and Easter. She and Derick generously hosted social events for the Church at Earlstoun, including Games Nights, Lent Lunches and the annual Harvest Lunch. They were both gracious and welcoming hosts.

Venetia is already greatly missed. She was one of the kindest and gentlest of people. Whilst she was a much-loved member of the community, with a keen and playful sense of humour, her family meant everything to her.

Our sympathies go out to Derick and her children, grandchildren, great grandchildren and stepdaughters.

**A Service of Thanksgiving in celebration of Venetia's life will be held on Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> July at St. Margaret's at 11.30 am.**

## POETRY CORNER

### A list poem on the Trinity

Here's a list of words you didn't know you needed,  
Important words, doctrinal terms,  
(And most of them are creeded!)  
One.  
And Three.  
Easy, see?

We say that God is Trinity  
Not solely in economy  
(That's a fancy word for history)  
But also in eternity.

God is not one with different forms,  
Instead, self-differentiation is the norm.  
Eternally, relationally and ontologically  
God is Three.  
And One.  
So we say, 'Father, Holy Spirit, Son.'

These three persons are not made  
But made of the same stuff.  
That's '*homoousios*' for the theology buff.  
'Of the same being and nature' —  
That's the thesis,  
And their mutual indwelling  
Is called '*perichoresis*'.

They create together, baptise together,  
Judge, rule and save together.  
They bless in union, minister in union,  
Elect speak and commission in union.

With many names, but just one Name,  
Each is God  
And each is Lord.  
Many crowns, but just one reign,  
One throne, one will  
And one accord.

Still, there's order in their operations,  
*Taxis* within their divine relations.  
The Father creates through the Son  
And reconciles through the Son,  
Pours out the Spirit through the Son,  
Like, everything, is through the Son.

We come to the Father through the Son,  
We glorify God through the Son,  
It's not odd that it's through the Son  
Because, *monogenes*, there's only one,  
And the Father and the Son are one.

There's that word again.

All three persons are uncreated  
But the Son is eternally generated.  
So the Father, uniquely, is of none.  
Of the Father, is his begotten Son.  
Of the Father and Son,  
Is the Spirit who proceeds—  
And I'll spare you a lecture on the history of the creeds.

This order doesn't mean there's a hierarchy  
(Remember, we see through a mirror darkly!)  
All three are co-equal  
In authority and power,  
It's just there's a sequel  
Where for us and for our  
Salvation the Son came in subordination—  
Taking the form of a servant.



Yes, the Son, the eternal Word  
Was born in flesh, grew, bled and died,  
Unjustly tried and crucified,  
But the Father raised him up to life.  
And now having defeated death  
He will never die.  
And there are many more words  
I could give along these lines.

But as for the doctrine of the Trinity,  
It's a contemplated product of church history.  
There is no ending of its brain-bending twists,  
But this is the end of my didn't-need-to-know list.

*Anon*

## FLOWERS

6 <sup>th</sup> July	Nicolette Wise
13 <sup>th</sup> July	Nicolette Wise
20 <sup>th</sup> July	Cathy Agnew
27 <sup>th</sup> July	Cathy Agnew

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

## **CHURCH ASSISTANTS' ROTA**

### **Intercessions**

### **Chalice**

6 <sup>th</sup> July	Kirsty	Dominique
13 <sup>th</sup> July	Nicolette	Christine
20 <sup>th</sup> July	Cathy	Dominique
27 <sup>th</sup> July	Christine	

## **WELCOMERS ROTA**

6 <sup>th</sup> July	Julian
13 <sup>th</sup> July	Nicolette
20 <sup>th</sup> July	Cathy
27 <sup>th</sup> July	Christine

## **COFFEE ROTA**

6 <sup>th</sup> July	Sarah Watson
13 <sup>th</sup> July	Nicolette Wise
20 <sup>th</sup> July	Carrie Winger
27 <sup>th</sup> July	Christine Rankin

## **JULY READINGS**

### **6<sup>th</sup> July**

Galatians 6: 7 - 16

Psalm 66 1 - 9

Luke 10: 1 – 11, 16 - 20

Dominique Pope

### **13<sup>th</sup> July**

Colossians 1: 1 - 14

Psalm 25: 1 - 10

Luke 10: 25 - 37

Rosalind Hall

### **20<sup>th</sup> July**

Colossians 1: 15 - 28

Psalm: 15

Luke 10: 38 - 42

Dominique Pope

### **27<sup>th</sup> July**

Colossians 2: 6 - 15

Psalm 138

Luke 11: 1 - 13

Christine Rankin

## **PRAYER FOCUS**

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| <b>Sunday</b>    | Pray for Bishop Reverend Canon Dr Nicholas John Bundock, the Clergy of the Diocese, Lay Readers and Vestry Committee.   |
| <b>Monday</b>    | Pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to inspire churches and congregations around the world through prayers and worship.   |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | Pray for all those who suffer and are persecuted for their faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.  |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | 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 |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | Pray for the world-wide Anglican Communion and Church leaders of all Denominations.   |
| <b>Friday</b>    | Pray for His Majesty the King and his family and for all who serve under him.   |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | Pray for the work of missionary societies and aid agencies in the troubled parts of the world.  |