



ST MARGARET'S NEW GALLOWAY

AUGUST 2025



TRINITY

NUMBER 482

Charity No: SCO12084

SERVICES FOR AUGUST

Our regular weekly service

10.30am Eucharist on Sundays each week

Monthly Community Service

This will resume after the Summer

CHURCH OFFICERS AND VESTRY

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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 Time of Rest and Renewal

Dear Church Family,

As we move through the height of summer, we are reminded of the importance of rest, renewal, and the quiet moments of peace that allow us to reconnect with God and each other. This month, we might find ourselves reflecting on the blessings of Sabbath and the importance of taking time to rest, just as God did after the creation of the world. The summer season provides a perfect opportunity to embrace this idea of rest, and what better place to do so than the serene and tranquil setting of Loch Ken in the heart of Galloway!

Since I moved here, I've spent many an hour walking along the banks of, and swimming in Loch Ken, and have found it to be a beautiful and peaceful place to go, especially when I've been in need of rest and reflection. Whether by the loch, or in your own surroundings, I do pray that you've been able to find those precious moments to pause and take in the beauty of God's creation. It's all too easy to get caught up in the hustle and bustle of everyday life, but there is something truly special about slowing down, being present, and taking time to breathe deeply in a peaceful environment. Many of us can find God's presence in the quiet stillness of nature.

It's also very easy the importance of rest and rejuvenation. God commands us to observe the Sabbath, a day set apart for rest, to refresh our minds, bodies, and spirits. We can often feel guilty for taking this time, as there is always something to do or someone who needs our attention. However, just as God rested after His work of creation, He invites us to rest too.

In this month of August, I encourage you to take intentional time to rest and recharge. Whether that means a quiet afternoon in nature, a day of reflection, or simply enjoying time with family and friends, know that this time is not wasted. It's a moment to reconnect with your faith, your purpose, and your relationships.

As we move through these summer days, let us pray for the strength to embrace the gifts of rest and renewal. May we remember that in times of quiet and stillness, God is there, refreshing us and guiding us toward peace. Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.

Matthew 11:28

With blessings for peace and renewal, 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

Meeting with Bishop Nick – 9am Thursday 14th August in St. Margaret's

The Vestry and Congregation are invited to a meeting with our new Bishop +Nick. Bishop Nick is operating to a tight schedule of visits locally so the meeting will last for maximum of an hour and a half. To this aim the Vestry are considering the topics most important for the discussion. If you would like to attend the meeting and/or have a topic you would like to air please let the Vestry know as soon as possible

ALTERNATIVE GAMES – Sunday 3rd August

ST. MARGARET'S GUILD

Thank you to everyone who has donated Raffle Prizes for the Alternative Games Raffle which is being held in aid of Scottish Charity Air Ambulance. The next Guild meeting will be held on 25th August at 10.30am in Dalgowan. All welcome.

Christine Rankin
Guild President

POETRY CORNER

Our Trinity

God is my Creator, Jesus is my Savior, The Holy Spirit is my Guide,
These are the Three in One that I do humbly serve with great pride.
Boldly proclaiming their presence, as daily, I walk with The Trinity,
For They've given me the peace I enjoy, as I live my life in serenity.

God my Creator, created me in His image, that I might walk with Him,
Then when sin entered in, the Light between God and man grew dim.
Whenever God created man, he was pure and complete and sin free,
Until Satan convinced him to taste fruit from the forbidden tree.

Only perfect blood can cover sin and only Jesus had this in His veins,
Therefore God sent my Savior to die for me, to remove my sin stains.
Jesus willingly died for a world of sin so all can be on heaven's roll,
Then in time, with our Savior, on those golden streets we will stroll.

My Savior is now with my Creator, however He's left me with a guide,
He gave The Holy Spirit to remind me when it's not God's rules I abide.
God's my Creator, Jesus' my Savior, The Holy Spirit guides my way,
The Perfect Trinity needed to protect us during our earthly stay.

by Robert Hedrick

FLOWERS

3 rd August	Kate Maxwell
10 th August	Kate Maxwell
17 th August	Sarah Watson
24 th August	Sarah Watson
31 st August	Rosalind Hall

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
3 rd August	Christine	Dominique
10 th August	Nicolette	
17 th August	Cathy	Nicolette
24 th August	Dominique	Cathy
31 st August	Christine	Dominique

WELCOMERS ROTA

3 rd August	Nicolette
10 th August	Christine
17 th August	Cathy
24 th August	Julian
31 st August	Christine

COFFEE ROTA

3 rd August	Nicolette Wise
10 th August	Christine Rankin
17 th August	Nicolette Wise
24 th August	Sarah Watson
31 st August	Pat and Barry Gilbert

AUGUST READINGS

3rd August

Colossians 3: 1 - 11

Psalm 49: 1 - 12

Luk 12: 13 - 21

Dominique Pope

10th August

Hebrews 11: 1 – 3, 8 - 16

Psalm 33: 12 - 22

Luke 12: 32 - 40

Rosalind Hall

17th August

Hebrews 11: 29 - 12: 2

Psalm: 82

Luke 12: 49 - 56

Cathy Agnew

24th August

Hebrews 12: 18 - 29

Luke 13: 10 - 17

Nick Wise

31st August

Hebrews 13: 1 – 8, 15 – 16

Psalm 112

Luke 14: 1, 7 - 14

Christine Rankin

PRAYER FOCUS

- Sunday** Pray for Bishop 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.