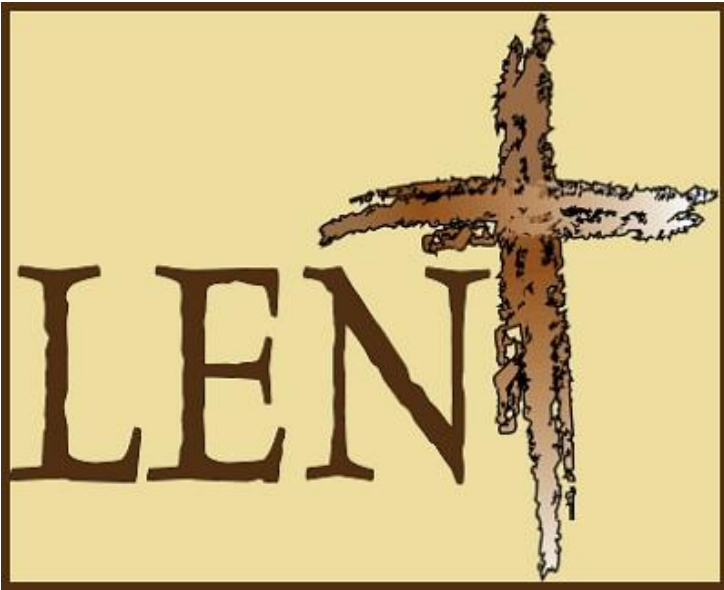




ST MARGARET'S NEW GALLOWAY

MARCH 2026



LENT

NUMBER 489

Charity No: SCO12084

SERVICES FOR MARCH

Our regular weekly service

10.30am Eucharist on Sundays each week

Special Service this month

10.30am – 29th March – Palm Sunday

CHURCH OFFICERS AND VESTRY

During a Vacancy, an Interim Priest is appointed to support the church, mainly to provide pastoral offices such as funerals, weddings and baptisms. The provision of Interim Priest-in-Charge for St Margaret's will be provided by a team of local clergy in the following order:

Revd Alison Hudson - 07725 467246, alison.hudson4@gmail.com

Canon Stuart Bain - 07852 308175, stuart.bain@mac.com

Canon Elizabeth Breakey - 07506344747, ebreaky@glasgow.anglican.org

BAPTISMS, MARRIAGES, FUNERALS

Please see Church Officers above, or call Christine Rankin, Vestry Secretary, on 07749212201, for advice.

VESTRY

Secretary	Mrs C. Rankin	Tel: 07749212201
Treasurer	Mrs C. Agnew	Tel: 430212
Lay Representative	Mrs N. Wise	Tel: 07748 631820
Alternate Lay Rep	Ms D. Pope	Tel: 07817582879
Guild President	Mrs C. Rankin	Tel: 07749212201
Property Convenor	Mr Marcus Maxwell	Tel: 01644420328
	Mr N. Wise	Tel: 01644430218
	Mrs P. Gilbert	Tel: 01644420665

FROM THE VESTRY

Welcome to the March edition of St Margaret's monthly Newsletter.

As you may know, although Revd. Dawn has taken up the role of Canon Missioner for the Diocese, she and her family are continuing to live in the Rectory until a house can be found for them in or around Glasgow. So, for the moment, we still have our good neighbours!

However, the church itself is now officially in interregnum or in Vacancy and so the administration of church life has been taken on by the Vestry. We are currently updating our Church Profile with a view to advertising shortly for a new priest on a half-stipend and we are fortunate to be able to offer the successful applicant rent-free accommodation in the Rectory. Hopefully, this is an 'opportunity' which will appeal to a number of people and we will be able to hold interviews in the early summer. We are working closely with our Rural Dean, Revd. Elizabeth Breakey, who is guiding us through this process.

Obviously, this means that we will be dependent on a wide range of clergy and lay readers to help us keep the church open and continue to hold a regular morning service each Sunday. Hopefully you will find the variety of worship styles stimulating and you will continue to give your support to St. Margaret's.

We are delighted that Bishop Nick Bundock will be coming to take our service at 10.30 a.m. on Sunday 1st March and hope you will take the opportunity to come and meet him. All are very welcome.

At last, some optimism with the lengthening of days and the blooming of spring flowers as we move through Lent with the hope of Easter on the horizon.

With all best wishes from
St Margaret's Vestry

NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE

Congratulations to the Revd Canon Dawn!

At Choral Evensong at St Mary's Cathedral, Glasgow, on Sunday 15th February, Revd Dawn was installed as the new Canon Missioner alongside her colleague Revd Elizabeth Breakey, Rural Dean for Galloway. The service was led by Bishop Nick with the providing beautiful After the main the Installation of the place. It was a simple ceremony whereby presented to the Provost, and the with prayer including enabled by God to responsibilities that in her priestly always be a good whole flock of then led Dawn to her chancel (and I now the term 'installation' her new stall, Dawn then led the intercessions. Everyone was in full voice for the closing hymn 'Lord enthroned in heavenly splendour'. It was all very majestic but somehow managed to be intimate at the same time. A great start for Dawn and Elizabeth's new ministries.



Cathedral Choir and uplifting music. service of evensong, new Canons took but moving each new Canon was Bishop by the Vice-Bishop responded "that she will be fulfil the duties and assigned to her and ministry she may example to the Christ". The Bishop own stall in the understand where comes from!). From

Nicolette Wise
Lay Representative

Autumn Retreat on the Island of Iona Bishop's House, Iona 03 to 10 October 2026

This October take the chance to recharge on the Hebridean island of Iona, one of the 'Thin Places' of the world

Stay at Bishop's House, hosted by the Scottish Episcopal Church.

Reconnect with God in your own time and at your own pace. Discover the natural beauty of the island with walks, birdwatching, windswept golf, wild swimming, or simply sit in the gardens and rest. Take advantage of the cosy common rooms to sit with pencil, brush, mug or knitting needle in hand, and simply day dream into the view.

Choose to reset through morning eucharist and evening compline services at Bishop's House, and enjoy the Iona Community evening services at the Abbey.

7 days full board with delicious home cooking .

Cost: £1050 /person (single room) or
£700/person (twin room)

50% payable on confirmation of the booking.

The size of the group will be from 16 to 23 max.

Arrive by afternoon of Sat 03 October,

Depart on the morning of Sat 10 October

For more information or to book a place: Please contact

Rev Dr Elizabeth Breakey

Call : 07506344747, ebreaky@glasgow.anglican.org



CHURCH HELPERS

We could do with more people assisting with Sunday services. If you would be willing to help with Welcoming, Reading, Intercessions, Communion or making Coffee after the service, either regularly or occasionally please contact Christine on Tel: 07749212201 or dalgowantraining@aol.com

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 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>

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

SUNDAY SERVICES TIMES 10.30am

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

BISHOP NICK – Sunday 1st March 10.30am

We are delighted that Bishop Nick will be taking our Sunday Eucharist, at the usual time of 10.30am on 1st March. Everyone is welcome.

MIDWEEK PROVISION

On Tuesday mornings, if the 'Church is Open' sign is displayed outside, you are welcome to come in for private prayer and reflection.

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

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

This annual event is held jointly with the Kirk Guild. This year the service which is entitled 'I will give you rest; - Come' has been compiled by the women of Nigeria and will take place on Friday 6th March at 2pm in Kells Church, New Galloway. All Welcome.

LENT LUNCHESES

Friday 13th March at Whinnymuir, Dalry in aid of Social Bite

Friday 20th March in the Church in aid of Befriending Project for Young People

DATES OF FUTURE EVENTS

HOLY WEEK

Maundy Thursday – 2nd April 6pm - Eucharist

Good Friday – 3rd April 2pm – Service of Reflection

Easter Day - 5th April – 10.30am - Eucharist

ST. MARGARET'S GUILD

The first Lent Lunch in aid for Cancer Research will be held on 27th February in Dalgowan between 12 – 2pm. Members of St. Margaret's Guild will be taking part in the World Day of Prayer with the Kirk Guild in Kells on 6th March at 2pm, all welcome. The annual Plant & Bake Sale will take place on 2nd May. We will continue to provide refreshments after the service and on special occasions.

The next meeting will be held on Monday 13th April.

Christine Rankin
Guild President

POETRY CORNER

Fasting's Gift

This poem explores the practice of fasting during Lent, highlighting its spiritual benefits.

In fasting's grasp, we find our strength,
Denying wants, at length,
In sacrifice, our spirits drench,
Lent's lesson, in depth.

Hunger pangs, a reminder clear,
Of greater needs, far and near,
In fasting, compassion we rear,
Lent's gift, drawing God near.

Through fasting's trial, clarity sought,
In simpler life, wisdom caught,
In Lent's fast, battles fought,
Spiritual nourishment, our thought.

CHURCH ASSISTANTS' ROTA

WELCOMERS ROTA

1 st March	Cathy
8 th March	Nicolette
15 th March	Christine
22 nd March	Nick
29 th March	Christine

FLOWERS

No flowers during Lent

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

REFRESHMENT ROTA

1 st March	Christine Rankin
8 th March	Nicolette Wise
15 th March	Sue Heritage
22 nd March	Sarah Watson
29 th March	Nicolette Wise

MARCH READINGS

1st March

Gensis 12: 1-4a
Psalm 121
John 3: 1-17

Cathy Agnew

8th March

Exodus 17: 1-7
Psalm 95
John 4: 5-26(27-42)

Nicolette Wise

15th March

Ephesians 5: 8-14
Psalm 23
John 9: (1-12)13-41

Rosalind Hall

22nd March

Ezekiel 37: 1-14
Psalm: 130
John 11: (1-16)17-45

Nicholas Wise

29th March

Philippians 2: 5-11
Psalm 31: 9-16
Matthew 26: 14-27

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.