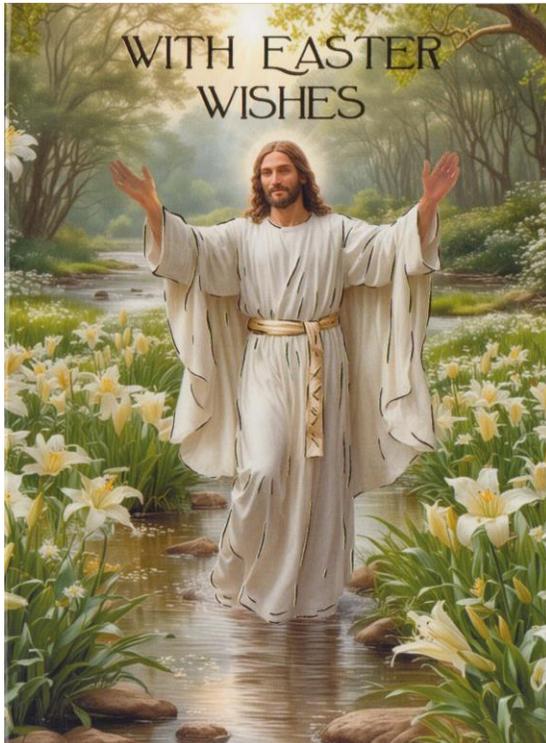




ST MARGARET'S NEW GALLOWAY

APRIL 2026



EASTER

NUMBER 490

Charity No: SCO12084

SERVICES FOR APRIL

Our regular weekly service

10.30am Eucharist on Sundays each week

Special Services this month

6pm – 2nd April – Maundy Thursday – Eucharist

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

10.30am Easter Day - Eucharist

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, ebreakey@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: 07796176124
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

As we move through Holy Week, we look forward to the joy of Easter Day and the glorious Easter season that follows. Last year Dawn reminded us that “it is through the Resurrection that we are called to live transformed lives” – Romans 6, ‘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’.

The Vestry are very grateful to Barry Gilbert and Stuart Bain for regularly helping with our Sunday services, and also to Rob Gilbert for taking our Easter Day service. But in any church and particularly in a vacancy, there are a lot of people helping behind the scenes – just as St Paul said to the Corinthians, ‘there are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work’.

Hopefully by now you will all have seen our proposed Profile, and our new video will be ready shortly. The plan is to advertise our vacancy early in April so please pray we find someone to lead us and to carry on the great work Dawn started.

We wish all of you a joyous and blessed Easter!

With all best wishes from
St Margaret’s Vestry

NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE

The Diocesan Synod this year took place at Holy Trinity, Kilmarnock which has the most beautiful pre-Raphaelite interior. The wall paintings in the chancel are truly inspiring so for me (and others) the opening Eucharist was off to a flying start with the first hymn *O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness*. After the service we moved to the Howard Centre over the road for the business of the day including elections of Representatives to General Synod, Faith & Order Board, Mission Board and Diocesan Council.

Then came Bishop Nick’s presentation where he talked about his vision for the Diocese with the strapline ‘becoming a church for everyone’. This was

very inspiring and went down well with clergy and laity. He is very passionate but also grounded and practical - there are 54 congregations in the Diocese and he is fully aware that each one is unique with different challenges that will require different forms of help.

In order to get a handle on what help a particular charge requires, he wants to use a tool called Natural Church Development. He has used this before and is keen on it because it tailors itself to each church and can be used to identify any areas where help is needed (and there is an 'enablement budget'). Nice and simple to do, just a series of multiple-choice questions with no right or wrong answers. And Dawn, as Canon Missioner, will be guiding congregations each step of the way.

Nobody is being forced to undertake NCD but any charge in receipt of a Diocesan grant will be strongly encouraged to take part. And as we are currently reliant on financial help from the Diocese, the Vestry feel it would be best to sign up for this sooner rather than later.

Another area the Bishop is working on involves ministry for children and young people (up to age 18). Each table at Synod had discussions round what such a ministry could look like with lots of innovative ideas coming forward. Bishop Nick plans to appoint a team to take this forward so watch this space.

Lastly, we had a presentation from 'the Daisy Project' which has been chosen for this year's Bishop's Lent Appeal. DAISY is a domestic abuse support and advocacy service that has worked in Glasgow for over 25 years providing safe, compassionate and community-based support to women and children affected by domestic abuse. Their core services are funded by Glasgow Communities Fund and the National Lottery and with further support from churches and faith communities, DAISY can continue to help women and children heal, recover and thrive within their local communities. All support offers hope, safety and dignity.

Nicolette Wise
Lay Representative

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.

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.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES - ALL ARE WELCOME

MAUNDY THURSDAY EUCHARIST 2nd April 6pm

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE OF REFLECTION 3rd April 2pm

EASTER DAY EUCHARIST 5th April 10.30am

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

LENT LUNCHESES

Many thanks to all those who helped and supported the Lent Lunches which raised £315 for Cancer Research, £200 for Social Bite (ending homelessness) and £110 Befriending Young People Project.

DATES OF FUTURE EVENTS

**PLANT AND BAKE SALE – Saturday 2nd May 10.30 – 12pm
in aid of Castle Douglas Hospital League of Friends**

We will be looking for donations of baking (to be sold and for tea/coffees), preserves and garden plants. If you are sowing seeds or thinning or splitting in the garden please remember this event. Donations of plants can be brought to the church during week commencing 27th April and baking on the afternoon of Friday 1st May when we will be setting up or on the morning of the sale. All help much appreciated.

POETRY CORNER

Freedom in the Cross

There's something that occurred
on that evening at Calvary
that created such a lavish stir
in all of history."

"Upon that old rugged cross
our Savior bared it all
and offered himself a sacrifice
to overspread humanity's fall."

"The sacred blood that was spilled
wiped clean the sinner's slate.
Christ paid the price for everyone
and carried our weight."

"A willing heart endured the pain,
and purpose paved His way.
He opened the eyes of every man
To whom He came to save.

"Though the tragedy of that day
will be mourned by those around,
our joy is found three days later
when He arose from the very ground."

"And through that selfless act of love,
we were given new life in Him,
set loose from our bondages
to experience true freedom within."

By Olivia Lakis

ST. MARGARET'S GUILD

Thank you to everyone who supported the Lent Lunches which were well supported and raised a Total of £625. The World Day of Prayer which took place in Kells on 6th March was a lovely ecumenical service and was well attended. The next Guild meeting will take place on Tuesday 7th April at 10.30am in Dalgowan and will mainly be to discuss and plan the annual Plant & Bake Sale which will take place on 2nd May. All welcome.

Christine Rankin
Guild President

CHURCH ASSISTANTS' ROTA

WELCOMERS ROTA

2 nd April	Nicolette
5 th April	Cathy
12 th April	Christine
19 th April	Julian
26 th April	Christine

FLOWER ROTA

Saturday 4th April 10.30am

All are welcome to decorate the church for Easter

12 th April	Nicolette Wise
19 th April	Nicolette Wise
26 th April	Kate Maxwell

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

REFRESHMENT ROTA

12 th April	Christine Rankin
19 th April	Sarah Watson
26 th April	Nicolette Wise

APRIL READINGS

2nd April

1 Corinthians 11: 23-26	Toby Wise
Psalm 116: 1, 10-17	
John 13: 1-17, 31b-35	

5th April

Acts 10: 34-43	Cathy Agnew
Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24	
John 20: 1-18	

12th April

Acts 2: 14a, 22-32	Christine Rankin
Psalm: 16	
John 20: 19-31	

19th April

Acts 2: 14a, 36-41	Nicholas Wise
Psalm 116: 1-3, (4-9) 10-17	
Luke 24: 13-35	

26th April

Acts 2: 42-47	Barry Gallacher
Psalm 23:	
John 10: 1-10	

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.