



ST MARGARET'S NEW GALLOWAY

MAY 2026



ASCENSION

NUMBER 491

Charity No: SCO12084

SERVICES FOR MAY

Our regular weekly service

10.30am Eucharist on Sundays each week

Special Services this month

12noon – Thursday 14th May Ascension Day - All Saints Gretna

10.30am- 24th May – Pentecost

10.30am - 31st May – Trinity 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, 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

It was wonderful to welcome such a large crowd for our Easter Day service – we think that the age range went from 9 months to 90... And we were grateful to Rob Gilbert for taking our service. Rob has helped us out many times over the years, but his life is now changing as he has given up being Professor of Bio-Physics at Oxford University and is starting a new job as Team Rector of Cherwell Valley Benefice. We all wish him much success in his new role.

May kicks off with our annual Plant and Bake Sale, a much-anticipated event in local diaries. Let's hope sunny weather makes an appearance on Saturday 2nd May! This year the Guild has voted that all profits from the sale will be going to Friends of Castle Douglas Hospital. May is also a busy month in the church calendar with Ascension Day, Pentecost and Trinity Sunday. We are lucky to have a team of clergy and laity helping with our services – this month we are delighted to welcome back Chris and Anne Wren, as well as Canon Stuart Bain and Kirsty Anderson (Lay Reader) from Challoch, and also Canon Barry Gilbert and Dominique Pope from our own congregation.

Vacancy update: various small glitches in the paperwork and video have now been ironed out and we will be advertising for a new priest this month, in the Church Times and on the Scottish Episcopal Church website. Please continue to pray we find someone to lead us and carry on the great work Dawn started.

With all best wishes from
St Margaret's Vestry

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. www.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.

ASCENSION DAY SERVICE

The Regional Ascension Day service is this year taking place in All Saints Gretna at 12noon on Thursday 14th May. All welcome

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

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. 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.

ST. MARGARET'S GUILD

The Annual Plant & Bake Sale which will take place on 2nd May. The next Guild Meeting will be the 8th June to discuss the Alternative Games at which we will again run a Raffle. All welcome.

**Christine Rankin
Guild President**

POETRY CORNER

ASCENSION DAY

“A Cloud received Him out of their sight.”

When Christ went up to Heaven the Apostles stayed
Gazing at Heaven with souls and wills on fire,
Their hearts on flight along the track He made,
Winged by desire.

Their silence spake: “Lord, why not follow Thee?
Home is not home without Thy Blessed Face,
Life is not life. Remember, Lord, and see,
Look back, embrace.

“Earth is one desert waste of banishment,
Life is one long-drawn anguish of decay.
Where Thou wert wont to go we also went:
Why not today?”

Nevertheless a cloud cut off their gaze:
They tarry to build up Jerusalem,
Watching for Him, while thro’ the appointed days
He watches them.

They do His Will, and doing it rejoice,
Patiently glad to spend and to be spent:
Still He speaks to them, still they hear His Voice
And are content.

For as a cloud received Him from their sight,
So with a cloud will He return ere long:
Therefore they stand on guard by day, by night,
Strenuous and strong.

They do, they dare, they beyond seven times seven
Forgive, they cry God’s mighty word aloud:
Yet sometimes haply lift tired eyes to Heaven—
“Is that His cloud?”

By Christina Rossetti

CHURCH ASSISTANTS' ROTA

WELCOMERS ROTA

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

FLOWER ROTA

3 rd May	Kate Maxwell
10 th May	Cathy Agnew
17 th May	Sarah Watson
24 th May	Rosalind Hall
31 st May	Rosalind Hall

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

REFRESHMENT ROTA

3 rd May	Susan Heritage
10 th May	Nicolette Wise
17 th May	Sarah Watson
24 th May	Christine Rankin
31 st May	Nicolette Wise

MAY READINGS

3rd May

Acts 7: 55-60

Psalm 31: 1-5, 15-16

John 14: 1-14

Christine Rankin

10th May

Acts 17: 22-31

Psalm: 66: 7-18

John 14: 15-21

Cathy Agnew

17th May

Acts 1: 6-14

Psalm 68: 1-10, 33-36

John 17: 1-11

Rosalind Hall

24th May

Day of Pentecost

Acts 2: 1-21

104: 25-35, 37

John 20: 19-23

Nicholas Wise

31st May

Trinity Sunday

2 Corinthians 13: 11-13

Psalm 8

Matthew 28: 16-20

Nicolette Wise

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.