



ST MARGARET'S NEW GALLOWAY

AUGUST 2026



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SERVICES FOR AUGUST

Our regular weekly service

10.30am Eucharist on Sundays each week

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: 07796176124
Lay Representative	Mrs N. Wise	Tel: 07748 631820
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	Mr N. Wise	Tel: 01644430218
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FROM THE VESTRY

Following our advertisement for a Priest in the Church Times we are doing initial interviews on zoom with Bishop Nick and Elizabeth Breakey, our Rural Dean, later this month. If we have a 'preferred candidate' after that then a visit will be arranged. We will keep you all updated but in the meantime ask for your prayers during the process.

We are sad to be saying goodbye to Dominique this month but for all the best reasons as she embarks on the next stage in her vocation. During the last three years she has been a valuable part of our Ministry team and she will be much missed. Thank you Domi for your quiet and thoughtful contribution and we wish you all the best in the next tranche of your training.

**With all best wishes from
St Margaret's Vestry**

FAREWELL

We live in a world of goodbyes, where going and coming are inevitable realities. Jesus knew the ache of departure: weeping when his friend Lazarus died, saying a complicated goodbye to both Judas and Peter who abandoned him, and a tearful farewell to his earthly mother Mary before going to the cross. As I get ready to move away to Glasgow for priestly training, I honour this bittersweet ache of separation, recognising that sad farewells mean we are relinquishing a good thing.

I came to New Galloway on the back of a challenging and disappointing few years – not a decision that many people in their twenties would want to make! It took some time to settle, regroup, and find my feet again in this remote area, having spent the previous few years of my life in England's two biggest cities.

This process was helped by the new friends I made – ones I wasn't looking for but now can't imagine life without. I will be forever grateful that we found each other at just the right time, making space for one another in our already crowded lives.

I arrived having had a somewhat meandering journey of faith, full of personal, intellectual, and spiritual trials. After a damaging experience in

the Church of England, I certainly didn't expect the last few years to be marked by such growth. I've gone from reading and praying during services to becoming a lay worship leader able to lead services of Communion from the Reserved Sacrament to following the call to priestly ministry.

Reflecting on the past three years, this

become a key point in journey, proof that always present in that He makes in its time. I am that I've been who feel like home, grow and learn in In the coming days that we can say what these tender moments grace for all that is wrap our memories in



unforeseen turn in my life has

my vocational God's purposes are shaping our lives and everything beautiful eternally thankful surrounded by people who have helped me church and beyond.

and weeks, I pray needs to be said in of parting and have left unsaid. May we thick layers of

gratitude and joyfully press on to discover what the next season of life will hold – both for me as I begin training and for St Margaret's as you find a new priest. Let us trust that whatever comes next is held securely in God's hands. Amen!

Dominique Pope
Lay Worship Reader

FROM THE TREASURER - GIVING

If you would prefer to donate to St. Margret's by standing order the bank details are below.

Bank: Virgin Money

Account Name: St. Margaret's Episcopal Church

Account Number: 70077006 **Sort Code:** 82-66-33

Cathy Agnew
Treasurer

FROM THE DIOCESE

Diocesan group goes to Holyrood

I was very honoured to be part of the Diocesan contingent attending the Royal Garden Party at the end of June. Bishop Nick had included Jenny Whelan (St Margaret's Newlands) and myself on the invitation list as we had both finished a long stint on the Diocesan Council. Despite the on/off rain we had a terrific time: the gardens were looking amazing, and the setting of the Palace with Arthur's Seat as a backdrop is hard to beat. We didn't meet the King but Bishop Nick was introduced to the Queen and the photo appeared on the BBC website.

Altogether a great day!

Nicolette Wise
Lay Representative



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

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 is a local group for anyone seeking to meet up with Christians in the local area regardless of which church they attend or not for Bible study and fellowship. It is also open to anyone who would like to explore more about Faith and what God says of himself and Jesus through his word, The Bible.

They have weekly group discussions and prayer over Tea/coffee and CAKE! There is no expectation to contribute if this is not something you feel comfortable with, just coming and listening is fine.

They meet in The Session House, Dalry Parish Church on Tuesday evenings, starting with refreshment at 7.15pm and finishing by 8.30pm. For more information or to express and interest in coming please contact Julian Watson on 07966157848 or just turn up.

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](https://stmargaretsnewgalloway.org)

DATES OF FUTURE EVENTS

ALTERNATIVE GAMES – SUNDAY 2ND AUGUST

The first Sunday in August is now a permanent fixture in Glenkens diaries: the Alternative Games is always popular with visitors as well as locals with many folk trying their hand at the Gird 'n' Cleek World Championship, Tossin' the Sheaf, Hurlin' the Curlin' Stane, the Tractor Pull, a Snail Race and a classic car show.

Once again, the St Margaret's Guild will have a table at the Games (held in the Park in New Galloway) on Sunday 2nd August. Members of the Guild will be running a Raffle and a Children's Tombola, with all profits going to the CatStrand Youth Players.

We would be grateful for donations of good quality raffle prizes, and/or small inexpensive Children's Tombola items. These can be brought to the church where there will be a box in the porch.

ST. MARGARET'S GUILD

The next meeting of St. Margaret's Guild will be the AGM on 19th October; new members would be very welcome. Prior to this the Guild will be attending the Alernative Games see above and hosting the Harvest Lunch after the Harvest Festival Service on 27th September.

Christine Rankin
Guild President

POETRY CORNER

Tongues of Wind, Tongues of Flame

The air was ordinary—
dust drifting in the rafters,
the slow creak of beams in the heat—
until the wind arrived,
not from any window,
but from the marrow of the world.
It spoke in a thousand accents,
each syllable a spark
that leapt from lip to lip,
igniting the hollow places
where fear had made its nest.
Flame rested on each brow
like a crown of sudden knowing,
yet burned nothing away
but the walls between us.
We stepped into the streets
with voices newly born,
and the world, startled awake,
heard its own name
in every language of the heart.

Anon

CHURCH ASSISTANTS' ROTA

WELCOMERS ROTA

2 nd August	Cathy
9 th August	Christine
16 th August	Nicolette
23 rd August	Christine
30 th August	Julian

FLOWER ROTA

2 nd August	Rosalind Hall
9 th August	Rosalind Hall
16 th August	Cathy Agnew
23 rd August	Cathy Agnew
30 th August	Nicolette Wise

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

REFRESHMENT ROTA

2 nd August	Susan Heritage
9 th August	Christine Rankin
16 th August	Nicolette Wise
23 rd August	Nicolette Wise
30 th August	Sarah Watson

AUGUST READINGS

2nd August

Isaiah 55: 1-5
Psalm: 145: 8-9, 15-22
Matthew 14:13-21

Cathy Agnew

9th August

1 Kings 19: 9-18
Psalm: 85: 8-13
Matthew 14: 22-33

Christine Rankin

16th August

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8
Psalm 67
Matthew 15: (10-20) 21-28

Nicolette Wise

23rd August

Isaiah 51: 1-6
Psalm 138
Matthews 16: 13 -20

Rosalind Hall

30th August

Romans 12: 9-21
Psalm: 26: 1-8
Matthew 16: 21-28

Nicholas Wise

PRAYER FOCUS

- Sunday** Pray for our Bishop, the Right Reverend Canon Dr Nicholas John Bundock, the Clergy of the Diocese, Lay Readers and Vestry Committees.
- 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.
- 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.