



ST MARGARET'S NEW GALLOWAY

OCTOBER 2026



AUTUMN

NUMBER 496

Charity No: SCO12084

SERVICES FOR OCTOBER

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
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

September finished with our Harvest Thanksgiving Service. The church looked colourful and autumnal with a warm scent of apples, and Carrie Winger's glorious harvest loaf, complete with plump mouse, completed the scene. Our thanks to all who helped decorate the church, and to Barry for taking the service. The St Margaret's Guild organised a Harvest lunch for members of the congregation afterwards which was convivial and sustaining; thanks to Christine and Maitland for hosting.

We continue to have a number of visitors to our Sunday services, from as far afield as Brazil! And a visit from pupils at Kells and Dalry Primary Schools is scheduled this month as part of their religious education lessons.

The vacancy process continues. We have had some interest from a few potential applicants but nothing concrete as yet. Work on the Rectory has now been completed with just some painting and decorating left to do.

As always, we are grateful for all who help with our regular services, both priests and congregants.

**Best wishes from
St Margaret's Vestry**

FROM THE TREASURER - GIVING

If you would prefer to donate to St. Margaret'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**

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 an 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

ALL SAINTS DAY SERVICE - 1st November

REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE – 8th November

ST. MARGARET'S AGM – 29th November

ST. MARGARET'S GUILD

The next meeting of St. Margaret's Guild will be the AGM on 19th October in Dalgowan at 10.30am; new members would be very welcome.

The Christmas Coffee morning held jointly with the Kirk Guild will be going ahead as usual in December; further details in the next Newsletter.

**Christine Rankin
Guild President**

POETRY CORNER

Poem for Trinity

For our anxious little realm,
for the fears that overwhelm...

There is a throne.

For mistakes we can't forget
and the sins that still beset...

We have a Lamb.

For our lost and lonely hearts,
for our gnarled and tangled paths...

We have a Shepherd.

For our dry and listless souls
and our thirst for being whole...

We have a Stream.

For regret and ravaged years,
for all sweet and bitter tears...

We have a Father.

For treks through burning sands,
To our home in promised lands,
This hope till all is done:
Our God the three-in-one.

Anon

CHURCH ASSISTANTS' ROTA

WELCOMERS ROTA

4 th October	Cathy Agnew
11 th October	Christine Rankin
18 th October	Nicholas Wise
25 th October	Julian Watson

FLOWER ROTA

4 th October	Kate Maxwell
11 th October	Sarah Watson
18 th October	Sarah Watson
25 th October	Cathy Agnew

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

REFRESHMENT ROTA

4 th October	Susan Heritage
11 th October	Christine Rankin
18 th October	Nicholas Wise
25 th October	Sarah Watson

OCTOBER READINGS

4th October

Isaiah 5: 1-7
Psalm: 80: 7-14
Matthew 21: 33-46

Cathy Agnew

11th October

Philippians 4: 1-9
Psalm: 23
Matthew 22: 1-14

Christine Rankin

18th October St. Lukes Day

2 Timothy 4.5 – 13 (14-17)
Psalm 147: 1-7
Luke 10: 1-9

Nicholas Wise

25th October

1Thessalonians 2: 1-8
Psalm 1
Matthew 22: 34-36

Rosalind Hall

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.