



**St. Mary's Scottish Episcopal Church, Gatehouse of Fleet**  
**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2026    Second Sunday of Lent**  
**Celebrant and Preacher: Rev'd Alison Hudson**

**Please pray for** Laura Durling, Sally-Anne and Peter Madeley, Carol Ducker, Rowan Huggitt, Barbara Graham, Sonia Perry and Dee DuRose

**Lent observances** Churches Together **Lent Lunches** take place each Wednesday through to 25<sup>th</sup> March with a short reflection at 12.20pm in the Parish Church, followed by a soup lunch in the Hall at 12.30pm. Donations this year will go to Barcaple for the Ukrainian children's summer visit. Anyone is welcome to attend the **Lent Groups** meeting at 11am each Thursday in the Parish Church Hall led by Revd Val Ott, or at 7pm in Fleet Valley.

**Pause for Prayer** is at Denis and Judy's house at 10am each Wednesday morning, please do join us when you can as we pray for our church, community and the wider world. During Lent we will incorporate a Lenten devotion into this time.

**New hymn books** This morning, thanks to a generous donation and with Vestry approval, we will be using our new hymn and service books today. These will give us broader seasonal variations and hymn choices, without losing any of our old favourites!

**Diocesan Synod** takes place on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March in the Howard Centre, Kilmarnock. Synod begins with the Eucharist at Holy Trinity, Kilmarnock at 10am. The Eucharist is open to all, and the proceedings of the Synod are open to communicant members of the Scottish Episcopal Church who are resident in the Diocese. Synod is attended by Clergy and the Lay Representative from each charge. If you wish to attend Synod as a visitor, please contact the Diocesan Secretary – [diocesansecretary@glasgow.anglican.org](mailto:diocesansecretary@glasgow.anglican.org)

**Stewartry Food Bank** The next collection will be 10<sup>th</sup> March. Donations can be left at Gatehouse Post Office

**Joint Vestry** The next meeting will be held in Greyfriars House on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March at 6.00pm

**Mothering Sunday** we will be creating a memories garden at the front of the church for Mothering Sunday and invite people from the congregation and community to leave a pot of spring flowers in memory of their mothers.

**A retreat to Iona** Revd Dr Elizabeth Breakey is organising a retreat to Iona for people within the Galloway Region. It is on 3-10 October 2026, and will cost £680 for a twin room, £1,040 for a single, full board. There are a few places left, if you're interested, see the poster on the noticeboard, or speak to Alison.

**Gift Aid and Giving** If you are a visitor, and you are a tax payer, you may want to complete one of the green envelopes in the pew (not forgetting to include your name and address) in order that we can reclaim the tax. As we can no longer pay in cheques in Gatehouse, if you can avoid making donations by cheque it would be much appreciated. If you would rather give a regular amount, by standing order or weekly envelope, please contact the treasurer Linda Gaston 07353 283870 or [lgaston57@icloud.com](mailto:lgaston57@icloud.com)

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