



St. Mary's Scottish Episcopal Church, Gatehouse of Fleet
Sunday 10th May 2026 – Sixth Sunday of Easter
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, Dee DuRose, Canon Stephen Hazlett and Judy Parker

Pause for Prayer each Wednesday we meet at Denis & Judy's at 10am for about half an hour to pause and pray together. Do join us when you can.

Stewartry Food Bank the next collection will be Tuesday, 12th May. Items can be left at Gatehouse Post Office. Monetary donations can also be sent via Revd Alison. At this time of rising costs the food bank are giving out considerably more parcels and therefore are in need of greater support. In particular, cereals, tinned main meals, pasta, rice pudding and soups will be gratefully accepted. Thank you for all that you are able to do to support the Food bank.

Ascension Day Service There is a Galloway Regional Service at 12 noon at All Saints, Gretna, to which all are invited to attend. There will be a soup lunch following the service, and then the Regional Council meeting.

YMCA Gatehouse AGM – Gatehouse Drop in Centre. The Annual General Meeting is on Wednesday, 20th May 2026 at 6.30pm This is a key time for the future of the Drop In. If at all possible come along and tell us what you think.

Removal of Pews following permission for experimental re-ordering, we will now proceed to request permanent permission. Once that is granted we will replace the piece of carpet in that area and re-fashion the seat cushions.

Summer Outing Would you be interested in a trip to Levens Hall, Kendal in Cumbria? – it's a 16th century home with world famous topiary gardens. A coach trip is planned for **Tuesday 23rd June**, picking up from Gatehouse of Fleet and Kirkcudbright. The approximate cost would be £45 per person which includes entry to the garden. In order to gauge support and book the coach, please indicate interest to Helen Wood by 17th May – 01557 815015.

Mission to Seafarers A parcel of knitted items, scarves, hats, balaclavas and socks has been sent to the Mission to Seafarers for distribution at Grangemouth. Thank you to all knitters. If you would like to knit for this charity, there are patterns and wool on the table in the porch.

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 are able to give a regular amount, by standing order or weekly envelope, please contact the treasurer Linda Gaston on 07353 283870 or lgaston57@icloud.com

The following events take place at Greyfriars Church in Kirkcudbright, all are warmly welcome:

Art History Lunch Time Talks Dr Jo Chapman-Campbell will bring us another series of lunch talks on **Wednesdays 13th, 20th and 27th May**, from 12-1pm. These talks will cover the Ruthwell Cross, Pictish carving and culture and the Book of Kells. Entry by donation, bring your own lunch, refreshments provided.

National Fishing Remembrance Day hosted by The Fishermen's Mission. There will be an outdoor service to remember those who have lost their lives while bringing home the catch on **Sunday 10th May**, 2.30pm at Kirkcudbright Harbour Square.

Dumfries & Galloway Arts Festival As part of the festival Greyfriars is hosting **Flute & Guitar Duo** Rebecca Carson & Anne Chaurand, on **Sunday 24th May at 4pm**. Tickets are £12, bookable online at www.artsdg.org.uk or call 01387 253383. There are festival brochures at the back of church.

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