

St Columba's

Scottish Episcopal Church

Largs

November 2014



*'Greater love has no one than this,
that someone lay down his life of his friends.'*

John 15:13

The Scottish Episcopal Church is a self-governing province of the world-wide Anglican Communion. This is a family of over 70 million Christians in more than 160 countries. Our nearest relations are the Church of England, the Church in Wales and the Church of Ireland. Through the Porvoo agreement we are also in full communion with many other branches of the Church.

St Columba's in Largs, is one of over 60 Episcopal congregations that work and worship within the Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway. We are part of Ayrshire Region and our neighbours include congregations in Ardrossan, Dalry, Irvine, Troon, Kilmarnock, Prestwick, Ayr and Maybole.

The area covered by St Columba's includes Largs, Skelmorlie, Fairlie and West Kilbride and ecumenically we play a very active part in Largs Churches Together.

SERVICES AT ST COLUMBA'S

Sunday: 8.00am Said Eucharist

11.00am Sung Eucharist (*Choral Matins on second Sunday of the month*)

6.30pm Evening Prayer

Refreshments are served in the hall following the 11.00am service

Wednesday: 10.00am Said Eucharist

Festivals and Saints Days as announced

The Daily Offices of **Morning Prayer** (8.00am) and **Evening Prayer** (5.00pm) are offered publicly in church on most weekdays.
Please check the church noticeboard for details.

The church building is also open for private prayer on most days.

Visit our website www.largs-church.co.uk

Dear Friends,

'Blood Swept Lands and Seas of Red'. This is the poignant title of a huge art installation that has been growing and evolving since August this year. It was created by ceramic artist Paul Cummins, with setting by stage designer Tom Piper.

Many of you may have seen this installation on TV. It is made of a staggering 888,246 individual ceramic poppies that pour down the ramparts of the Tower of London and wash around the huge moat.

It was in this very moat that many young men from the city gathered 100 years ago to sign-up to serve their king and country. Now the moat is filled again - filled with red flowers, each representing a life cut short - each an individual killed in the Great War.

It is good art in that it helps us gasp our world and some truth in a way that would otherwise be outwith our reach. This is why the observer can, at one glance, glimpse both individuals and also something of the overwhelming scale of loss.

Each evening, from the midst of the redness, the Last Post is played and people are invited to nominate a member of the Commonwealth forces who was killed in the First World War.

This month we, too, will remember them. On Remembrance Sunday and also on 11 November we will be asked to think of them in the silence.

In this centenary year it somehow seems more relevant than ever; this remembering. In a modern world that is still so full of pain and conflict, let us remember in our daily lives and through our actions and attitudes as well as in the silence.

yours in the faith of the Prince of Peace,

Gordon

Services for November

- Sunday, 2 Nov** 8.00am Said Eucharist
All Saints 11.00am Sung Eucharist
6.30pm Evening Prayer
- Monday, 3 Nov** 7.00pm All Souls' Requiem
- Wednesday, 5 Nov** 10.00am Said Eucharist
- Sunday, 9 Nov** 8.00am Said Eucharist
Remembrance 10.50am Act of Remembrance and Choral Matins
6.30pm Evening Prayer
- Wednesday, 12 Nov** 10.00am Said Eucharist
- Sunday, 16 Nov** 8.00am Said Eucharist
St Margaret of Scotland 11.00am Eucharist Together
3.00pm *Service at Moorburn Manor*
6.30pm Evening Prayer
- Wednesday, 19 Nov** 10.00am Said Eucharist
- Sunday, 23 Nov** 8.00am Said Eucharist
11.00am Sung Eucharist
6.30pm Evening Prayer
- Wednesday, 26 Nov** 10.00am Said Eucharist

From the Registers

Baptism

Robyn Isabella McDonough - 26 October 2014

Year's Mind

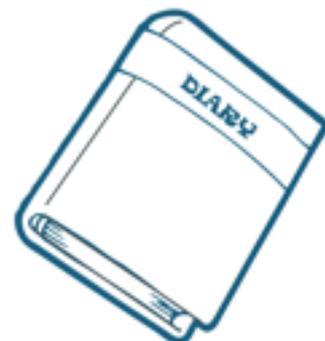
*Please remember before God those who have died
and whose year's mind falls in November*

4th Sheena Swan, Harry Hart
5th John Hutton
7th Georgina McGowan
8th Tom Smith,
9th Mary Williamson
14th James Simpson
15th Joseph Griffiths
19th Mary Williamson
22nd Basil Young, June Law
28th Harry Maddox, Campbell Paterson
29th Sydney Warren



Dates for your diary:

2 Nov	Deadline for return of Blythwood Care Christmas Boxes
3 Nov	7.00pm All Souls' Requiem
12 Nov	12.00noon Beginning of Study Group
16 Nov	3.00pm Service at Moorburn Manor
18 Nov	7.30pm Regional Council, Ardrossan
25 Nov	10.00am Service to Commemorate International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women
29 Nov	Vestry Away Day
6 Dec	2.00pm Yuletide Afternoon
7 Dec	4.00pm Taize Service
15 Dec	10.00am Largs Monday Toddlers Christmas Party
21 Dec	3.00pm Service at Haylie House
21 Dec	6.30pm Nine Lessons & Carols
22 Dec	6.30pm Carol Singing at Hutton Park
22 Dec	7.30pm Rector's 'At Home'



November Prayer Calendar

- 1: *(All Saints)* Thanksgiving for all God's Saints
- 3: Those whom we love but see no longer
- 4: All diocesan network convenors
- 5: Columba's Creatives
- 6: Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury
- 7: Gregor, our Bishop
- 8: The Church of England
- 10: H.M. Armed Forces
11. Those who gave their life for our freedom
12. The United Nations
- 13: Justice and Peace
- 14: All refugees
- 15: Those living with the threat of the Ebola virus
- 17: All Carers
- 18: Ayrshire Regional Council of Churches
- 19: Local Schools and Colleges
- 20: Local Nursing Homes - residents and staff
- 21: The Church in Wales
- 22: The Church of Ireland
- 24: Largs Churches Together
- 25: Lay learning within the diocese
- 26: Vacant Charges
- 27: The recently bereaved
- 28: Local businesses
- 29: Our Vestry



The 2014 Blythswood Shoe Box Appeal

Please return your filled shoebox no later than
Sunday 2 November.

Thank you.

Thank You!

Dear fellow Columbans!

What a surprise I had when I got home after my last AGM as Treasurer, and opened the envelope that the Rector gave me from you all at the meeting.

Your generosity overwhelms me, and all for something I have enjoyed doing, and which would not have been possible without your help, support, trust and generosity.

As I will have more time now for family, music, sailing, cooking and various home and technical projects, there is no end of possibilities for your gift, but the challenge is to think of something appropriate, that will remind me of you all, and help me spiritually. Yes - I think something in the right sort of spirit (malt perhaps) will certainly be part of it! Also, on the theme of the books, something to do with cookery.

Thank you all very much indeed. I look forward to continuing to be part of St Columba's with you all.

Gib

Mr Gordon Hodgson has asked me to pass on his thanks to the congregation for the kind gift presented to him at the AGM for his many years of faithful service as our Property Convenor.

The Rector

Regional Council

There will be a meeting of the Ayrshire Region at St Andrew's, Ardrossan from 7.30pm on Thursday, 18 November. Lorraine Darlow will offer a presentation on the work of the diocesan network for children and young people. All are most welcome to attend.

Vestry Away Day

The Vestry Away Day will take place at 9 Aitken Street, Dalry, KA24 4BX from 10.30am - 3.30pm on Saturday, 29 November.

Christmas Greetings 2014

For the last few years, some of us have published our greetings to the congregation on a special Greetings page in the magazine, instead of sending individual cards. The money which would have been spent on cards is instead donated to church funds. This has raised over £200 each year.

As most of us see each other and can exchange personal Christmas greetings at this season, I would encourage more of you to join this scheme - and help save the rain forests!

If you wish to participate, please fill in the form below and put on the collection plate in an envelope makes 'Christmas Greetings', or hand it to John Lamb or any sides person before 22 November, so that your greetings can appear in the December magazine.

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Christmas greetings:

From

Donation:

Compline anyone?

Instead of saying Evening Prayer at 6.30pm each Sunday a service of sung Compline will be offered during the season of Advent, beginning from 30 November.

Do come along and make this part of your preparation for the Christmas season.

Study Group

A five-week study group will meet each Wednesday in the Rectory 12.00noon until 1.30pm from 12 November until 10 December.

We will use *'Up the Crow Road'*, a series of reflections by Revd Les Ireland, Rector of St Cyprian's, Lenzie.

A simple soup and sandwich lunch will be supplied and all are very welcome to participate.

Food Bank Contributions

Please make use of the box at the back of church to help contribute to a local Food Bank. Donations of dried goods (i.e. pasta) and tinned goods would be very welcome.

Largs Churches Together

There will be a meeting of the Largs Churches Together Committee in our church hall at 7.30pm on Sunday, 16 November.



Scottish Pilgrimage to The Anglican Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham



Yes, it was a long journey, but one which passed relatively quickly in the company of friends and fellow pilgrims, and certainly disappeared into distant memory the moment we arrived at the Shrine. It's almost impossible to describe the atmosphere with which we were surrounded, and it would not be exaggerating to say it was with a sense of wonder that we took our first steps into the grounds of this holy place. The still of evening, dark gardens gently lit, the silhouettes of the Shrine Church and

welcome glow from the window of the All Souls Chapel all contributed to the immediate impression of peace, prayerfulness, worship and community.

Aubrey and I shared a twin room in Milner Wing, which offered modern and comfortable accommodation. Meals at the impressive refectory were always wonderful, and there are other beautiful areas to sit and enjoy coffee in the gardens. These are the practical details; what I wish I could convey is the closeness to God which we felt during our weekend. It's not a small place, and the Shrine Church was packed during services there, but there are plenty of opportunities for more intimate group worship (for example, Stations of the Cross, led for us by our Rector in the gardens); and, of course, for private reflection and prayer.

Aubrey, at the age of ten, thoroughly enjoyed his time in Walsingham, and even officiated as boat boy during the candlelit Procession of the Image of Our Lady. Other times he had freedom within the shrine, and even made friends with ladies from London through his piano playing in the common room!

If you are considering joining the Pilgrimage next year, please, please do take the step and sign up. I'm so glad I was encouraged to do so by other pilgrims and by the service of The Annunciation of Our Lady at St Bride's in March. Look out for the date and venue of next year's Walsingham Annunciationtide Festival and get an idea of what the Pilgrimage is like. It's a trip I plan to take every year from this moment forward, God willing, and a blessing to have the opportunity to do so through the Scottish Pilgrimage, led by our Rector.

Jane McCance

25th Nov - 10th Dec 16 Days of Activism against Gender Violence

Tuesday 25th November is International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women

During these 16 days people worldwide are hoping to raise awareness of different types of gender based violence which takes different forms according to its cultural context, demonstrate solidarity against violence and put pressure on governments to take action. These 16 days also encompass International Human Rights Day on 10th Dec, International Women Human Rights Defenders Day, 29th November, and 1st December, World Aids Day.

There are some startling statistics. It is estimated that between 23 - 37% of women across the different regions of the world suffer violence from an intimate partner; and that 38% of all women murdered across the world are killed by their partner. Sexual violence is endemic across the world. In the DR of Congo, 48 women are raped every hour and in Lesotho, 61% of women report having suffered sexual violence at some point in their lifetime.

I hope that a few people will join with me in a short service to pray for these concerns and to raise awareness of these issues at St. Columba's along with Largs Churches together and anyone who would like to join us in church. Hilary



Tuesday 25th November 10am St. Columba's Episcopal Church

A short service to commemorate

International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women

Followed by tea/coffee

With resources supplied by the Mothers' Union

Largs Monday Toddlers

My report for the AGM didn't bring out the problems we have had this term with filling the rota. We actually now have only 8 church members on the rota, with 2 friends/family also on it. As we need 3 people on each week and each of us doing just one session a month, you can see our problem, especially fitting it around holidays! I'm asking today for a bigger commitment from everyone at church. It is a church run and insured venture, which is really making connections with young families, but we need more volunteers, so that those we have don't feel it is demanding on their time. We can't have too many outside people helping as it then won't be a church venture and our insurance won't cover it. It isn't just for the women of our congregation, Gordon helps out and quite enjoys it I think.

This term we have been helped out by a couple of church members who do an occasional session when we are really stuck, may be more of you could volunteer yourselves for this? Age is no barrier, most of us are getting on a bit!

I would like to add that it is a very enjoyable way to spend a morning, please come and see for yourselves with no obligation to stay if you don't like it. Please give me a ring. **Hilary** 686213.

Fairlie FairTrade Initiative

Christmas Preview

Fairlie Bowling Club - 4.00pm - 7.00pm

Saturday, 7 November

Refreshments - Tea, Coffee, wine

Help fight poverty with Fair Trade purchases!



Yuletide Afternoon



Our annual Yuletide afternoon will take place from 2.00pm on Saturday, 6 December. Please speak to Vicky or Norma if you can assist on any of the stalls and they will also be very happy to receive any donations towards the sale.

Remembrance Sunday

Remembrance Sunday falls on 9th November this year. The service of Choral Matins will begin with an act of remembrance timed to coincide with other acts of remembrance at 11.00am. Please remember to come to church slightly earlier than usual (be seated by 10.50am) in order to allow for this.

The service at the town's War Memorial will follow our morning worship at 12.15pm. *The Rector*

All Souls' Requiem

Our annual All Souls' Day requiem will be offered at 7.00pm on Monday, 3 November. Those from our congregation who have died in the past year will be remembered in the prayers. If you would like a departed loved one included, please PRINT their name on the list provided at the back of the church.

The Rector

Dog's Bedtime Prayer

Now I lay me down to sleep, the king-sized bed is soft and deep. I sleep right in the centre groove, my human beings can hardly move. I've trapped their legs, they're tucked in tight, and here is where I pass the night.



No one disturbs me or dares intrude, til morning comes and "I want food!" I sneak up slowly to begin, and nibble on my human's chin. For morning's here, it's time to play, I always seem to get my way.

So thank you Lord, for giving me, this human person that I see. The one who hugs me and holds me tight, and shares their bed with me at night.

Services and Rotas for November

Day	Services and Sunday readings	Duty at Sunday 11.00am
Sunday, 2 <i>All Saints</i>	8.00am Said Eucharist 11.00am Sung Eucharist 6.30pm Evening Prayer <i>Rev 7:9-17 ; 1 John 3:1-3 ; Matt 5:1-12</i>	Server: Hilary Moran Reader: Gib Fitzgibbon Intercessor: Alice MacDonald
Wednesday, 5	10.00am Said Eucharist	
Sunday, 9 <i>3 before Advent</i>	8.00am Said Eucharist 11.00am Choral Matins 6.30pm Evening Prayer <i>Wis 6:12-16 ; 1 Thes 4:13-18 ; Matt 25:1-13</i>	Reader: Chris Evans Intercessor: Alison Jones
Wednesday, 12	10.00am Said Eucharist	
Sunday, 16 <i>St Margaret of Scotland</i>	8.00am Said Eucharist 11.00am Eucharist Together 6.30pm Evening Prayer <i>Prov 31:10-13,25-31 ; 2 Tim 1:1-7 ; Matt 13:44-46</i>	Server: Imogen Harvey Reader: Linda Young Intercessor: Jennifer Fitzgibbon
Wednesday, 19	10.00am Said Eucharist	
Sunday, 23 <i>Christ the King</i>	8.00am Said Eucharist 11.00am Sung Eucharist 6.30pm Evening Prayer <i>Ezekiel 34:11-16,20-24 ; Eph 1:15-23 ; Matt 25:31-46</i>	Server: Alice MacDonald Reader: Elspeth Robertson Intercessor: Ken Hinshalwood
Wednesday, 26	10.00am Said Eucharist	
Sunday, 30 <i>Advent Sunday</i>	8.00am Said Eucharist 11.00am Sung Eucharist 6.30pm Compline <i>Isa 64:1-9 ; 1 Cor 1:3-9 ; Mk 13:24-37</i>	Server: William Clark-Ferguson Reader: Joan Hutton Intercessor: Rector

Readers for December:

*7th: May Kidd,
21st: William Clark-Ferguson,*

*14th: Elspeth Robertson,
28th: Rose Oliver*

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The Vestry

Elected by the congregation to work with the Rector in the administration of the church. Meets in January, March, September, November and as required.

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Secretary	Ray Young	672410
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<i>(Alt Lay Representative)</i>	<i>Hilary Moran</i>	<i>686213</i>
Rector's Warden	Linda Young	672410
People's Warden	Alice MacDonald	673370
Members	Gordon Hodgson	674008
	Eleanor Witt	676322
	Vicky Johnston	329722
	Jane Evans	673757
	Elsie Hinshalwood	686984
Treasurer	Chris Evans	673757

Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals, Confessions by arrangement with the Rector
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Flowers	Audrey Hodgson	674008
Sidesmen	Alice MacDonald	673370
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	Jane Evans	673757
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Regional Council	Eleanor Witt	676322
Intercessions Rota	Frances Robertson	686947
Altar Servers	Alice MacDonald	673370
Readers Rota	Rector	673143
	<i>If you would like to join any of the above, please see Frances, Alice or the Rector</i>	
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