

St Columba's

Scottish Episcopal Church

Largs

October 2014



'God will give us his good gifts, and our land will yield its fruit.'

Psalm 85:12

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,

This past month has been really quite historic; one in which the people of Scotland voted to decide the future shape of our political landscape. The true victor in this process appears to me to be the democratic system, one that gives a voice to all who seek to participate in it and one that I was glad to see drew the participation of such a large percentage of the population.

Although the voting is over, the process of politics and of each of our daily lives continues. There are always more tasks to be faced and more things to be done.

This month we are reminded of this with our celebration of harvest. In our harvest festival we celebrate the hard work of many who seek to ensure we come to enjoy the good things of the earth and delight in its abundance. But there is more to harvest than this, important as it is; harvest is also a challenge. It reminds us of just how dependent we are on others and calls us to be good stewards of the earth's bounty.

Much has been done, but much continues to be done if the hungry of the world are to be fed and those in need are to have those needs met.

As disciples of Christ, each of us are called to play our part in attending to the needs of the poor of the earth. I ask that some of you take seriously the call to membership of the local Largs Christian Aid Committee. We are all aware of the great work achieved by this small group over the past 40 years, and I pray that new members come forward to offer their gifts and talents that this vital work may continue to be done in our local community and to the blessing of those in need.

In our thanksgivings and in our service let us never forget; *"All good things around us are sent from heaven above. Then thank the Lord, Oh, thank the Lord for all his love."*

yours in the faith,

Gordon

Services for October

- Wednesday, 1 Oct** 10.00am Said Eucharist
- Saturday, 4 Oct** *St Francis* 4.00pm Blessing of Animals
- Sunday, 5 Oct** 8.00am Said Eucharist
Harvest Festival 11.00am Sung Eucharist
12.15pm Harvest bring and share lunch
- Wednesday, 8 Oct** 10.00am Said Eucharist
- Sunday, 12 Oct** 8.00am Said Eucharist
11.00am Choral Matins
6.30pm Evening Prayer
- Wednesday, 15 Oct** 10.00am Said Eucharist
- Saturday, 18 Oct** *St Luke* 6.00pm Prayers for Healing Service
- Sunday, 19 Oct** 8.00am Said Eucharist
11.00am Sung Eucharist
12.00noon Congregational AGM
3.00pm Service at Auchinlea Nursing Home
6.30pm Evening Prayer
- Wednesday, 22 Oct** 10.00am Said Eucharist
- Sunday, 26 Oct** 8.00am Said Eucharist
11.00am Sung Eucharist and Holy Baptism
6.30pm Evening Prayer
- Wednesday, 29 Oct** 10.00am Said Eucharist

Year's Mind

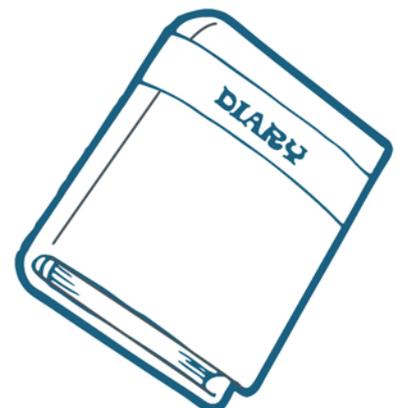
*Please remember before God those who have died
and whose year's mind falls in October*

2nd Billy Kay, Ann Hay
9th Keith Malcolm Reader
11th Angus Shaw
14th Elsie Cook, John Ferguson
18th John Ferguson
20th Bob Lees, Frank Chappell, Betty McNae
21st Jack Sergeant
23rd Brenda Watt
24th Frederick Goldie (*Bishop*)
26th Marion Davis, Elizabeth Griffiths
30th Maurice Logue (*Priest*), Thomas Battle
31st Maggie Veriod



Dates for your diary:

2 Oct 7.30pm Pastoral Team Meeting
4 Oct 4.00pm Blessing of Animal Companions
5 Oct 11.00am Harvest Festival and Lunch
9 Oct 6.30pm Unity Supper at the Benedictine Monastery
18 Oct 12.00noon Cascade Conversation at Ayr
18 Oct 6.00pm Service of Prayers for Healing
19 Oct 12.00noon Congregational AGM
27 Oct 7.00pm Vestry Meeting



October Prayer Calendar

- 1: Bishop Gregor
- 2: The College of Bishops
- 3: Those who work the land
- 4: (*St Francis of Assisi*) Animal Companions
- 6: All who suffer famine and want
- 7: The congregations of the Largs area
- 8: Revd David Watson; new minister of Clark Memorial
- 9: Those who work at sea
- 10: The Diocese of Aberdeen and Orkney
- 11: The Diocese of Argyll and the Isles
- 13: The Diocese of Brechin
- 14: The Diocese of Edinburgh
- 15: The Diocese of Glasgow & Galloway
- 16: The Diocese of Moray, Ross & Caithness
- 17: The Diocese of St Andrew, Dunkeld and Dunblane
- 18: (*Luke the Evangelist*) The sick in body, mind or spirit
- 20: Amnesty International
- 21: Justice and Peace
- 22: Housebound and Home Communicants
- 23: All Carers
- 24: The Provincial Cascade Conversation process
- 25: The long term unemployed
- 27: The newly baptised
- 28: Our loved ones
- 29: Columba's Creatives
- 30: Lay Readers



The 2014 Blythwood Shoe Box Appeal

This year is the 21st anniversary of Blythwood running the appeal and over 1.7 Million boxes have been donated and distributed through the years.

You can help Blythwood this year by filling a box as part of the congregation of St Columba's. It's very easy to put some basic items together. It's not difficult to choose gifts for someone who has so little.

Things we take for granted can often be luxuries for people living in desperate poverty.

Boxes will go to Albania, Bulgaria, Hungary, Kosovo, Moldova, Pakistan, Romania and Serbia this year.

For Christmas delivery your shoebox should be filled and returned no later than 2 November.

By filling a shoebox you can bring some joy and laughter this year and share the true meaning of Christmas from heart to heart.

Christian Aid needs YOU!



AGM of the Largs Christian Aid Committee will take place in the Centenary Lounge of Clark Memorial Church at 7.00pm on Wednesday, 22 October.

Joan Hutton has stepped down from the committee after many years of faithful service and Fiona Reader intends leaving the committee at the AGM on 22 October. I am grateful for all that they have offered to further the work of Christian Aid and would greatly appreciate it if two new volunteers could represent our congregation on the Largs Christian Aid Committee. Please speak to me if you would be interested in the serving the Church in this way.

The Rector

Garden Tidy Team

In order to assist in keeping our beautiful grounds in good order, please come and lend a hand for a couple of hours from 10.00am - 12.00noon on Saturday, 4 October. Your help would be greatly appreciated. Remember, "Many hands make light work!"

The Rector



Largs Monday Toddlers

We have started again and have many of our regular families are back again. They seem very pleased to be back after the long summer break and getting back with friends they have made through our group. Thanks to all of the 13 volunteers who are the ones who make this church venture of ours a success, we couldn't do it without all your commitment and support. We were lucky enough to have outside play this Monday morning and much splashing was happening in the water play and a few wet T shirts went home! My new grandson made an appearance also, everyone likes to see a new born baby. We just need you to help us publicise it a bit more for us, tell your neighbours/hairdressers/friends with babies and toddlers, as some of our older children have now started nursery school, so won't be back.

Many thanks,

Hilary

Vestry Meeting

There will be a meeting of the Vestry in the Rectory
from 7.00pm on Monday, 27 October.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Victor and Cisley Moss who celebrated their
Diamond Wedding Anniversary on Wednesday, 10 September.

Many congratulations, too, to Bishop Idris who will be made Deacon
Convenor of the Trades of Glasgow on Wednesday, 8 October.

Columba's Creatives

'Columba's Creatives' has been meeting each week now for a month. The Primary School aged children who attend have very quickly got to know each other and enter into the spirit and theme of each new week.

Together, through games, stories and crafts, we have explored themes including 'Friendship', 'Conflict', 'Family' and 'Creation'.

Please continue to remember this initiative in your prayers and encourage any children you know to join in the fun at 'Columba's Creatives'!

The Rector

Regional Council

At the recent meeting of the Ayrshire Regional Council, held at Ayr on Tuesday, 9 September, we heard a challenging and informative presentation from both Revd Drew Sheridan and Revd Liz O'Ryan regarding the W.I.N.G.S. - the Welcome, Integration and Numerical Growth strand of the Diocesan intention for growth.

The next meeting of the Regional Council will be on Tuesday 18th November at 7.30pm in Ardrossan and the AGM will be held at Irvine at 7.00pm on Thursday, 15 January 2015.

Give A Penny 'GAP'

Please bring your GAP coin donations to church on Harvest Sunday, 5 October. If you are a tax payer please include your name or envelope number inside your donation to enable Gift Aid to be claimed. Donations of coins are most welcome in any package or container. Many thanks to all who support GAP.

John Lamb

Looking at Labyrinths... *continued*

Following last month's article on the ancient Christian use of labyrinths, some of you may have been interested to see a temporary one placed at the centre of this year's Largs Viking Festival. It was made of rope, pegged out into the ground to make the pathway and allow participants to enter a prayer walk in the midst of all the business.

I use it myself and found it to be most effective at lifting me out of the pressing issues of the day and into an oasis of peace and reflection for those few minutes in a busy day.

The labyrinth was the idea of Simon Lidwell, a youth chaplain working with St John's Church in Dumfries. He told me that this form of prayer exercise was used at this year's Provincial Youth Camp at Glen Almond.

This past month also saw a retreat being led over at the Cathedral of the Isles and College of the Holy Spirit in Cumbrae on this very subject. Revd Joyce Pow found it an interesting experience and visitors to the College grounds can continue to make use of the labyrinth cut into the lawn in front of the North College building.

The Rector

Cascade Conversation

A Provincial 'Cascade Conversation' took place at Pitlochry over two days at the end of April this year. Each of our seven dioceses were represented by up to six participants at this gathering. The idea was to provide a safe place in which participants, of many backgrounds and opinions, would be facilitated in sharing and in listening to one another regarding same sex relationships. Some reflections from this meeting have been shared, including at this year's meeting of General Synod. You can view some of this material on the Provincial web site (www.scotland.anglican.org)

It is called a 'Cascade Conversation' because it is hoped that what was experienced in April by members across the Province, might continue to be shared by groups within each diocese.

The Cascade Process will run during the rest of 2014 and it is intended that these meetings will provide a contribution to the discernment process for the Faith and Order Board of the church as it determines the way forward by the General Synod in 2015.

Within our own diocese of Glasgow & Galloway this will happen in three meetings; one to the north, one in the centre and one to the south. The conversation for Ayrshire Region will take place in the halls of Holy Trinity Church in Ayr from 12.00am (lunch) until 4.00pm on Saturday, 18 October. See more details on the poster in the porch and sign-up on the list if you are interested in participating in the conversation process.

The Rector

AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the congregation will take place following the 11.00am service on Sunday, 19 October. In preparation for this it would be helpful if you could check and, if required, amend your details recorded in the copy of the congregational role which is currently displayed at the back of church.

As is usually the case, it is hoped that we can appoint some new members from the congregation to serve on the Vestry. Please think about this and speak to the Vestry Secretary at any point over the next couple of weeks if you are interested finding out more of what Vestry membership entails.

If there are any issues you would like discussed at the AGM please pass these on to the Vestry Secretary up to one week before the AGM takes place.

Reports from those involved in the various aspects of the congregation's life and work should be passed to the Vestry Secretary by the beginning of October in order that they can be printed off and shared in advance of the meeting.

The Rector



Church Mice.

CHURCH LIBRARY
Latest additions, Autumn 2014.

Most of the books on this list were selected from a collection offered to the Church for the Car Bootsale of June, 2014. They include some beautiful coffee-table style of volumes. Even if you do not wish to borrow them, I would recommend that you at least look at them for their own sake.

Commentaries, etc.

GUY, H A *The Life of Christ: notes on the narrative and teaching in the Gospels.* While not a "commentary" as such, this book does aim to help exam students as well as those "who wish ...a book of convenient reference". (B469).

THOMAS NELSON, publisher. *The King and the Beast: a student New Testament.* The Beast, on the prowl, is looking for a chance to attack God's children. But he ought to know better. King Jesus has already beaten him. Scriptural text with parallel comments is enhanced by occasional sketch maps. (B470).

Ancient Lands.

ISACHAR, Hanan, photographer. *Images of the Holy Land.* This coffee-table sized paperback consists of coloured photographs. They range from overall views to details of interiors. The captions include Biblical references as well as historical and archaeological information. (C471).

PARTNER, Peter, Two Thousand Years. These two large hardback books (spanning the First and Second Millennia respectively) were produced as companions to the major TV series of 1999. Together they tell a powerful and dramatic story of politics, culture, scientific and social history. They are also works of art in their own right. (C472, C473).

Inspirational Writings.

ARNOTT, John. *Keep the Fire: allowing the Spirit to transform your life.* "Speaking more from the heart than the head", the pastor of Toronto Airport Vineyard Church shares experiences of the renewal of the Spirit as he found them in visitors to his church. The upsurge led to the term "Toronto Blessing". (F474).

Daily Meditations and Prayers.

EVANS, David. *Daily Encouragement.* Though the Biblical texts are "daily", the comments form the continuous chronological story of the Bible. The story of Abraham is, for example, spread over several days and is best appreciated when read as an entity. (G480.)

FOSTER, Richard, and YANNI, Kathryn. *Celebrating the Disciplines.* Working on a week to week basis, this book is more of a study guide with advice and space for notes, than a narrative text. The disciplines include Fasting, Simplicity, Service and Guidance. (G476).

KEATING, Thomas *Awakenings.* This book, in the form of a series of reflections on the Gospels, hopes to inspire the reader to new levels of awareness. The preface says " Christian life is a process of spiritual growth. (G477).

General/Miscellaneous.

SHEPPARD, Grace *An Aspect of Fear.* Shortly after marrying David, the cricketer who became Bishop of Liverpool, Grace was struck by an illness which made her afraid to leave her own home. This book tells how with help, human and divine, she overcame her fears. (H478).

WIERSBE, Warren W *Heirs of the King: Living the Beatitudes.* The Beatitudes are more than a collection of idealistic sayings. As part of the Sermon on the Mount, they are a "glorious explanation of what life is really like when you reign through the power of the Holy Spirit". (H479).

Ken Hinshalwood, Librarian.



Now that Cailin, our Director of Music, is feeling much improved, our choir - including any newcomers - are invited to come to rehearsals each **Thursday from 7.15pm - 9.00pm.**

Services and Rotas for October

Day	Services and Sunday readings	Duty at Sunday 11.00am
Wednesday, 1	10.00am Said Eucharist	
Saturday, 4	4.00pm Blessing of Animals	
Sunday, 5 <i>Harvest Festival</i>	8.00am Said Eucharist 11.00am Sung Eucharist 6.30pm Evening Prayer <i>Deut 8:7-18; 2 Cor 9:6-15; Luke 12:16-30</i>	Server: Hilary Moran Reader: Rose Oliver Intercessions: Jennifer Fitzgibbon
Wednesday, 8	10.00am Said Eucharist	
Sunday, 12 <i>Trinity 17</i>	8.00am Said Eucharist 11.00am Choral Matins 6.30pm Evening Prayer <i>*Isa 25:1-9; Phil 4:1-9; *Matt 22:1-14</i>	Reader: Dorothy Bailey Intercessor: Revd James Currall
Wednesday, 15	10.00am Said Eucharist	
Saturday, 18	6.00pm Prayers for Healing	
Sunday, 19 <i>Trinity 18</i>	8.00am Said Eucharist 11.00am Sung Eucharist 6.30pm Evening Prayer <i>Isa 45:1-7; 1 Thes 1:1-10; Matt 22:15-22</i>	Server: Chris Evans Reader: Imogen Harvey Intercessor: Frances Robertson
Wednesday, 22	10.00am Said Eucharist	
Sunday, 26 <i>Trinity 19</i>	8.00am Said Eucharist 11.00am Sung Eucharist 6.30pm Evening Prayer <i>Lev 19:1-2; 1 Thes 2:1-8; Matt 22:24-46</i>	Server: Alice MacDonald Reader: Elspeth Robertson Intercessor: William Clark-Ferguson
Wednesday, 30	10.00am Said Eucharist	

Readers for November:

*2nd: Gib Fitzgibbon, 9th: Chris Evans,
16th: Linda Young, 23rd: Ken Hinshalwood, 30th: Joan Hutton*

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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.

Chair	Rector	673143
Secretary	Ray Young	672410
Lay Representative	Rose Allan	673185
<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
	David Anderson	670730
	Stuart Robertson	675681
	Jane Evans	673757
Treasurer	Elsie Hinshalwood	686984
	Chris Evans	673757

Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals, Confessions by arrangement with the Rector
Scottish Charity Number SC004796

The deadline for the October magazine is Sunday 18 October.
magazine articles should be sent to gordon.fyfe@virginmedia.com

Life at St Columba's

Director of Music	Cailin Anderson	07967 114624
Property Convenor	Gordon Hodgson	674008
Fundraising Committee	William Clark-Ferguson	07835 454534
Protection of Vulnerable Groups	Linda Young	672410
	<i>Appointed by the Vestry and approved by the Bishop</i>	
Mothers' Union	Hilary Moran	686213
Church Hall Diary	May Walker	673873
	<i>Deals with hall bookings</i>	
Flowers	Audrey Hodgson	674008
Sidesmen	Alice MacDonald	673370
Christian Aid	Fiona Reader	689220
	Nessie Rankin	672357
	<i>Representatives on inter-church Christian Aid Committee</i>	
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>	
Largs Churches Together	Nessie Rankin	672357
	Eleanor Witt	676322
Press Officer	Hilary Moran	686213
Junior Church	Linda Young	672410
Health & Safety Officer	William Clark-Ferguson	07835 454534

Pastoral Visitors in the congregation
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Elsie Hinshalwood, Joan Hutton and May Kidd