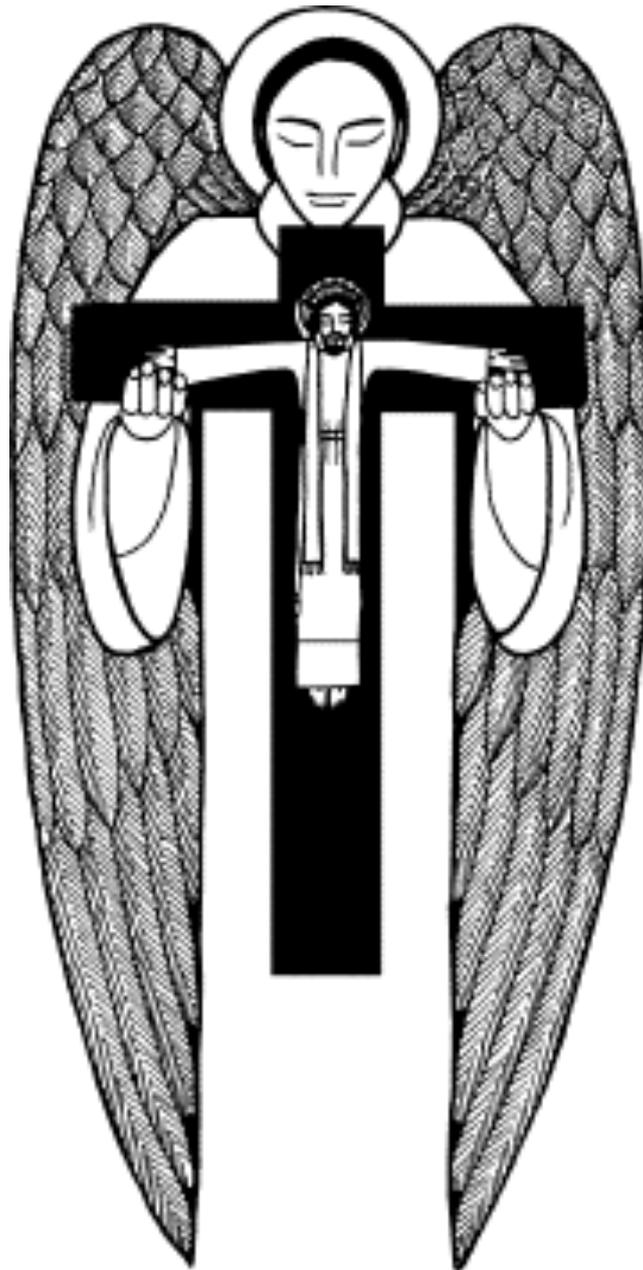


St Columba's

Scottish Episcopal Church

Largs

September 2014



'O God, I will sing your praises in the sight of the angels.'

Psalm 138:1

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 Eucharist *(said)*

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

6.30pm Evening Prayer *(said)*

Refreshments are served in the hall following the 11.00am service

Wednesday: 10.00am Eucharist *(said)*

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 weekend I found myself participating in the 'Ice Bucket Challenge'. This involves being nominated to be filmed pouring a large container of iced water over ones head and nominating a further three individuals to do the same. The object of all of this is that each participant then donates to a charity (in the case of many in the UK the charity is MacMillan Cancer Support).

Thanks to the wonders of modern multimedia this has 'gone viral' and many people all over the world, including politicians, singers and film stars have taken up the challenge. Among my own circle, people as young as the 10 year old Aubrey and as old as my 85 year old dad have entered into the spirit of the challenge and amused their friends and family by publicly drenching themselves for the good of others.

Whoever thought up this fundraising venture has done very well indeed, for they have managed to harness the good will of many millions with the potential of the technology most of us now have access to. The result is a perviously unheard of phenomena - the 'icebucket challenge'.

It seems to me that this mirrors the task of the Church in each new generation; the challenge of how best to reach a needy and suffering world with the good news of the gospel. This is certainly what we have been wrestling with in our Mission Action Planning here at St Columba's.

This coming year through initiatives like 'Columba's Creatives', 'Film and Discussion' evenings and planning the installation of a labyrinth, we hope to make connections with those around us and create space in which friendships are made, issues explored and God can be encountered in a new way.

I ask that all of these endeavours are supported by your prayers and that we, as a community of faith here in Largs, might imaginatively celebrate and share good news of Jesus Christ in our own day and generation.

yours in the faith,

Gordon

Services for September

Wednesday, 3 Sept	10.00am Eucharist (said)
Sunday, 7 Sept	8.00am Eucharist (said) 11.00am Sung Eucharist <i>4.00pm Largs Churches Together Largs Viking Festival Open Air Service (esplanade)</i>
Wednesday, 10 Sept	10.00am Eucharist (said)
Sunday, 14 Sept	8.00am Eucharist (said) 11.00am Choral Matins 6.30pm Evening Prayer (said)
Wednesday, 17 Sept	10.00am Eucharist (said)
Saturday, 20 Sept	10.30am Memorial Service for Stanley Bailey
Sunday, 21 Sept	8.00am Eucharist (said) 11.00am Sung Eucharist <i>3.00pm Service at Hutton Park Nursing Home</i> 6.30pm Evening Prayer (said)
Wednesday, 24 Sept	10.00am Eucharist (said) <i>Bishop's Visitation</i>
Sunday, 28 Sept	8.00am Eucharist (said) 11.00am Sung Eucharist <i>6.30pm Largs Churches Together Service at St John's</i>

Year's Mind

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

1st Jessie Cuthbertson
2nd Sylvia Paling, Martha Stott
7th Mary Moir
9th Eliza Hellens
10th Margaret Ellison, Lillian Campbell
12th Ian Jenkins
17th Kirsty Gusterson
18th James Alexander MacFarlane
19th Wilfrid Moon
20th Beatrice Scott
23rd Denzyl Holroyd
24th Eric Clayton Hibbot
27: Vera McKenna
29th John Hay



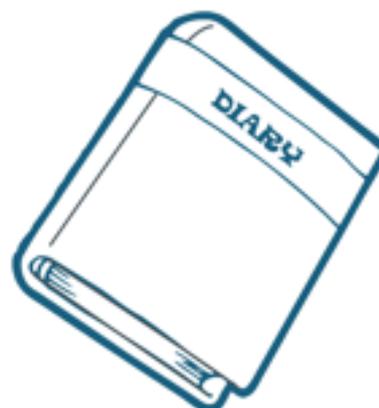
September Prayer Calendar

- 1: Our Vestry
- 2: The Learning and Discipleship Development Team
- 3: Columba's Creatives
- 4: Visitors to the Largs Viking Festival
- 5: Gregor, our Bishop
- 6: The College of Bishops
- 8: (*Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary*) The Mothers' Union
- 9: Ayrshire Regional Council
- 10: Justice and Peace
- 11: Organisations that use our hall
- 12: Housebound Communicants
- 13: H.M. Armed Forces
- 15: (*Cyprian of Carthage, Bp, Martyr, 258*) St Cyprian's, Lenzie
- 16: (*Ninian, Bp, c.432*) All congregations dedicated to St Ninian
- 17: Local Government
- 18: Guidance for the people of Scotland
- 19: Residents of Nursing Homes
- 20: Lay Readers
- 22: Largs Monday Toddlers
- 23: Local Schools and Colleges
- 24: Those living with depression
- 25: All Carers
- 26: The Scottish Pilgrimage to Walsingham
- 27: All involved in the Glasgow Cascade Conversation
- 29: (*St Michael and All Angels*) The church in Helensburgh
- 30: The recently bereaved



Dates for your diary:

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| 1 Sept: | 7.00pm Vestry Meeting |
| 7 Sept | 4.00pm Largs Churches Together Viking Festival Open-Air Service (<i>esplanade</i>) |
| 9 Sept | 7.30pm Regional Council Meeting at Holy Trinity, Ayr |
| 13 Sept | 10.00am Christian Aid Roadshow at Clark Memorial Church Hall |
| 20 Sept | 10.30am Memorial Service for Stanley Bailey |
| 21 Sept | 3.00pm Nursing Home Service at Hutton Park |
| 24 Sept | Bishop Gregor's Visitation to St Columba's |
| 4 Oct | 4.00pm Blessing of Animal Companions |
| 5 Oct | 11.00am Harvest Festival |
| 18 Oct | 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 |



Thank you!

Many thanks to everyone who worked so hard to make this year's children's summer mission 'Circus Maximus' the great success it turned out to be. Thank you, too, for your willingness to continue this important work by signing up for the heavy commitment that 'Columba's Creatives' will certainly prove to be.

Thank you to everyone who has so tirelessly worked on this year's car boot sales. The income from these events, together with the raising of our profile in the surrounding community, is very valuable indeed.

Thank you to Norman Veriod for the generosity of his gift given in memory of his late wife Maggie. This donation has allowed our organ to be completely repaired and returned to its full potential. The remainder of the bequest will be used in relation to church music.

The Rector



St Columba's Choir

The new session for the Choir commences on Thursday 28th August at 7.30pm. The Choir and the Director of Music will be very pleased to welcome new members. If you are considering joining us simply speak to any member or the Director of Music. The numbers remain rather critical but in order for the Choir to lead the singing, and to contribute to the worship, it would be lovely to see some more of those who love their music to join the others in the choir stalls.

Rehearsals on Thursdays are, in the main, light hearted, and even if you wish to only try a session or two to get the "flavour" of the sacred music which we provide, then do come along. We also rehearse in the church hall on Sundays from 10.20

C Anderson, Director of Music



NEWS RELEASE

CHRISTIAN AID ROADSHOW BRINGS VISION OF AN END TO POVERTY TO LARGS

Christian Aid's Scottish roadshow will be arriving in Largs this month - opening the doors of Clark Memorial Church Hall to members of the surrounding community who want to find out how they can help make a difference to the world's poorest people.

Christian Aid invites locals who share Christian Aid's vision to end poverty to come along on Sat 13th September at 10am to find out more about playing their part through fundraising, volunteering, campaigning and prayer.

The morning will comprise of a presentation from a staff member who has visited partners in Israel and the occupied Palestinian territories, and will explain how Christian Aid are responding to the current emergencies in the Middle East, as well as information on our climate change campaign and new fundraising ideas.

Val Brown, from Christian Aid Scotland, said:

“We are very pleased that the Christian Aid roadshow is visiting Largs to allow local people to hear more about our work to bring about lasting change to those in need. We are always delighted to meet with anyone from the local churches or community who is interested in joining us in the fight against global poverty.”

The Largs Roadshow event is free and will take place in Clark Memorial Church Hall, Bath Street, Largs, KA30 8BL from 10am – 12noon on Saturday 13th September 2014.

Vestry Meeting

There will be a meeting of the Vestry in the Rectory from 7.00pm on Monday, 1 September.

Memorial Service

Dorothy Bailey extends a warm invitation to you to attend a memorial service for her late husband Stanley. This will take place in church at 10.30am on Saturday, 20 September.

Columba's Creatives

On Wednesday, 27 August some members of our congregation will begin a new and exciting work among children and young people. The idea came from the success of the annual children's summer mission (up to 30 children attended this again in July).

'Columba's Creatives' will offer a space for school aged children to meet and make friendships within the context of a Christian setting. We will offer an activity, usually a craft of some description, and encourage those who come along to develop their own particular creative gifts and talents.

Please pray for the children who attend and remember all those involved in planning and offering this important venture.

The Rector

Regional Council

There will be a meeting of the Ayrshire Regional Council at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 9 September. The meeting will take place at Holy Trinity Church in Ayr. As well as our official representatives, any member is most welcome to attend these meetings.

Sabbatical Reflections

I have now been back home twice as long as I was away on sabbatical in Georgia, U.S.A.! Much of it seems to be a fast-fading memory.

It was a privilege to be able to spend 5 weeks reflecting and learning from others in another part of the Anglican Communion; being surprised by what we have in common and challenged by the differences of culture and approach to the work and witness of the Church.

The great thing that prevented me feeling too homesick was the opportunity to stay with my sister Sadie and her husband Bill. From this base I was able to worship in many congregations and be reminded of just what it feels like to be stranger faced with the unfamiliar. This is no bad thing - especially if it stays with us and encourages us to be that little bit more thoughtful when new faces appear in our midst in our own congregation.

Being the convenor of the Learning and Discipleship Development Team, I had gone out to America to gain insights into Lay Learning within the Diocese of Georgia. I observed part of a course offered to those in positions of leadership within congregations, spent a week participating in an 'emotional intelligence'

workshop and spoke to many involved in 'Education for Ministry' - a very popular, though demanding, lay education course developed in the University of the South at Swanee.

I gained much insight of programmes and courses, but most important of all, and thanks to raters for the emotional intelligence workshop, insight into myself. This self-awareness is vital for all of us if we are to reach our potential and be free to relate to one another in an authentic way.

Anyway, too much happened to be recorded here. You are very welcome to read my report to Bishop Gregor if you would like more details. The Vestry have already been offered that opportunity.

Perhaps, in the not too distant future, I may organise an 'American evening' and give an illustrated talk on the time I spent away from y'all!

The Rector



Bishop's Visitation

Bishop Gregor will visit Largs on Wednesday, 24 September. Full details of his itinerary are still to be worked out, but it is hoped that he will celebrate the 10.00am Eucharist, meet with the Rector, visit some housebound members, pop-in on the new 'Columba's Creatives' and meet-up with Vestry/MAP Group at some point during his day with us.

Looking at Labyrinths

Some you may have come across labyrinths in a church setting.

I know I have seen a lovely one in the lawn of the Cathedral of the Isles on Cumbrae. I know of one in the grounds of Smithston House, near Kilwinning, and I was pleased to discover another during my sabbatical. It made up the floor of the nave of a new Episcopal church building in Kingsland, Georgia.

Following the Mission Action Planning Group's intention to explore the possibility of creating a 'Largs Labyrinth' within our own church grounds,



Alison Jones shared the following information from her visit to the cathedral in Nelson city, New Zealand. A building that has installed its own labyrinth:

“Over the centuries, labyrinths have been a feature of many churches and cathedrals. One of the best remaining examples dates from the Middle Ages and is found in Chartes Cathedral in northern France. The Middle Ages were a time of pilgrimage, but because many could not make the pilgrimage to Jerusalem, (considered at the time to be the centre of the world and symbolising the Kingdom of Heaven), they would instead make pilgrimages to cathedrals like Canterbury, Santiago de Compostella and Chartes. When pilgrims arrived at Chartes they would complete their pilgrimage by walking the labyrinth, slowly retracing their steps before finally rejoining the ‘outside world’. Labyrinths were also used for repentance.

As with a pilgrimage, walking the labyrinth was a questing: a searching journey with the hope of becoming closer to God. When used for repentance, the pilgrims would walk on their knees.

Sometimes, this eleven circuit labyrinth would serve as a substitute for an actual pilgrimage to Jerusalem and, as a result, came to be called the Chemin de Jerusalem or Road to Jerusalem.

Unlike a maze, a labyrinth has only one path; there are no dead ends. The path is circuitous and winds into the centre. The person walking it uses the path to return and the entrance then becomes the exit. Because the path is in full view, it allows a person to be quiet and to focus internally.

Generally, there are three stages to the walk; releasing on the way in; receiving in the centre; and returning, taking back out into the world that which has been received.

There is no right way and no wrong way to walk a labyrinth. You can use the labyrinth in a way that meets your need. Today, people walk a labyrinth slowly, as an aid to contemplative prayer and reflection, as a spiritual exercise, or even as a form of pilgrimage.

Labyrinths have recently experienced something of a revival. Partly, this is due to the way in which the labyrinth engages so profoundly with many people’s more overt exploration and life-journey, a characteristic feature of ‘post-modernity’.

Labyrinths have become an ancient and modern classic of cathedrals and are currently being used world-wide as a way to quiet the mind, find balance, and encourage meditation insight and celebration. They are open to all people as a non-denominational, cross-cultural tool of wellbeing.”

The Rector

MAP Review

The Mission Action Planning Group met with Revd Liz O’Ryan (our MAP facilitator) on 19 August to decide on the way ahead for the third year of our Mission Action Planning process. It was agreed that, together with our ongoing activities, we would work towards the following activities:

1. Begin a new initiative for school aged children: a weekly hour-long meeting called ‘Columba’s Creatives. The group would offer a space in which to build up a faith-based peer group that encourages the creative gifts so many young people have. Columba’s Creatives will begin on 27 August and run each Wednesday from 6.00pm - 7.00pm throughout the year during school term time.
2. Investigate funding sources for the creation of the Largs Labyrinth. This would be a quiet area for personal prayer and reflection and would be sited in the small wooded area behind the church hall.
3. Offer relaxed and social film and discussion evenings in the church hall. These would provide opportunity for members and friends of the congregation to reflect on and explore topical issues that impact on society today.

Please remember to support each of these ventures in your prayers.

The Rector

Cascade Conversation

You may be aware that 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 the Diocesan Council has agreed that this could best happen in three meetings; one to the north, one in the centre and one to the south. These are still very much at the planning stage, but it is likely that the conversation for Ayrshire Region may take place in the halls of Holy Trinity Church in Ayr from around 12.00am (lunch) until 3.30pm or 4.00pm on Saturday, 18 October.

Please put this date in your diary and consider participating in this important listening process. More details will follow in the October edition of the magazine.

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 will be displayed at the back of church for three weeks before the AGM.

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 few 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

Walsingham Pilgrimage

The Rector and Curate will be part of the 2014 Scottish Pilgrimage to the Anglican Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham. Bishop Idris will celebrate and preach at the services on Sunday, 28 September and can be contacted if the services of a priest are urgently required from Friday, 26 - Monday, 29 September: Tel - 01475 674919.

Top Ten Reasons to be an Episcopalian

(from the comedian Robin Williams, who died in August this year and was an Episcopalian)

10. No snake handling.
9. You can believe in dinosaurs.
8. Male and female God created them; male and female we ordain them.
7. You don't have to check your brains at the door.
6. Pew aerobics.
5. Church year is colour-coded.
4. Free wine on Sunday.
3. All of the pageantry - none of the guilt.
2. You don't have to know how to swim to get baptised.

And the Number One reason to be an Episcopalian:

1. No matter what you believe, there's bound to be at least one other Episcopalian who agrees with you.

Largs Churches Together

The Revd James Currall will be the preacher at this year's Largs Churches Together open-air service to mark the close of the 2014 Largs Viking Festival. The service will take place between the food tent and the viking village at 4.00pm on Sunday, 7 September. All are very warmly invited to participate in this act of worship and public demonstration of our unity in Christ.

Car Boot Sale

Many thanks to everyone who has assisted in any way to the success of this year's car boot sales. Your support and hard work are greatly appreciated.

This is the final Car Boot Sale of 2014. So a big thank you everyone, it has been a magnificent effort by all of you.



Services and rotas for September

Day	Services and Sunday readings	Duty at Sunday 11.00am
Wednesday, 3	10.00am Eucharist (said)	
Sunday, 7 <i>Trinity 12</i>	8.00am Eucharist (said) 11.00am Sung Eucharist <i>Ezek 33:7-11 Rom 13:8-14 Matt 18:15-20</i>	Server: Alice MacDonald Reader: Joan Hutton Intercessions: Ken Hinchalwood
Wednesday, 10	10.00am Eucharist (said)	
Sunday, 14 <i>Trinity 13</i>	8.00am Eucharist (said) 11.00am Choral Matins <i>Rom 14:1-12 Matt 18:21-35</i>	Reader: Jennifer Fitzgibbon Intercessor: Alice MacDonald
Wednesday, 17	10.00am Eucharist (said)	
Sunday, 21 <i>Trinity 14</i>	8.00am Eucharist (said) 11.00am Sung Eucharist 6.30pm Evening Prayer (said) <i>Jon 3:10-4:11 Phil 1:21-30 Matt 20:1-16</i>	Server: W. Clark-Ferguson Reader: Aubrey McCance Intercessor: Rector
Wednesday, 24	10.00am Eucharist (said)	
Sunday, 28 <i>Trinity 15</i>	8.00am Eucharist (said) 11.00am Sung Eucharist <i>Ezek 18:1-4, 25-32 Phil 2:1-13 Matt 21:23-32</i>	Server: Imogen Harvey Reader: Gill Beresford Intercessor: Bishop Idris

Readers for October:

5th: Rose Oliver, 12th: Dorothy Bailey,

19th: Imogen Harvey, 28th: Elspeth Robertson

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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
	Elsie Hinchalwood	686984
Treasurer	Gib Fitzgibbon	01294 823992

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

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magazine articles should be sent to alicemacdonald@live.co.uk

Life at St Columba's

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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
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Pastoral Visitors in the congregation
Eileen Binns (Coordinator, tel: 673580)
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