

St Columba's

Scottish Episcopal Church

Largo

February 2015

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AND SERVE
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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 (*or Sung Compline in Lent*)

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**](http://www.largs-church.co.uk)

Dear Friends,

As I prepare this edition of the church magazine I am also preparing for the funeral of Joyce Pow. It is a sad time for all of us. Each of us will have our own special memories of her and will really miss her very much in the weeks and months ahead.

The long and full life and work and witness Joyce shared among us is a reminder to all of us of God's gift of life; life with all its potential and its many opportunities. In our loss we are reminded, too, of the great gift to us of our church family and of the support we can gain and offer one another through the many changes and circumstances life brings.

At this time of loss; loss of a priest, loss of a sister in the faith, and the loss of a dear friend, it is a great consolation to know that death is not the end, but rather the gate of life eternal.

This month we turn from gazing back through Epiphany to Christmas and, instead, turn towards Lent and beyond it to the celebration of our Lord's resurrection at Easter. In all our times of joy or sorrow, may we know ourselves to be loved from all eternity by the one who made us and gave us the gift of life itself; the one who, in Christ our Lord, will raise us to the fulness of life in his presence.

Yours in the faith,
Gordon

Year's Mind

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

1st Ann Estill, Florence Powell, Bill Chalmers
2nd Di Sugden, Richard Yeomans
6th Catherine Rodger
9th Joan Jolley
10th Bill Russell
14th Ed Duncan, Olive Robinson
15th Catherine Foster, David Johnston
17th Billy Rodger
18th Elisabeth Willetts
19th Mary Williams
20th Liam Chalmers
22nd Jennie Stewart
27th Jean Mensing, Norman Spragg
28th Ken Bills



From the Registers

Funerals

Mrs Marjorie Sergeant - 19 December 2014

The Revd Canon Joyce Pow - 22 January 2015

Pastoral Team Training

Members of our Pastoral Team will soon attend the 5 session training course covering material provided by the Diocese. Following this, they will be granted a license by Bishop Gregor. The course will be led by the Rector and Curate.

Please remember the Pastoral Team, and those they visit in the name of the Church, in your prayers.

Thank you

Many thanks to everyone who helped make the Yuletide Afternoon the success that it was. Despite the terrible weather we raised a great amount. Special thanks to Vicky and Norma who planned the day and all those who staffed the stalls and the tea room; to those who donated baking and goods and to Joan for the lovely Christmas Hamper. Perhaps I'll win it next year! I was glad to know Philip and his friends enjoyed it.

Thank you to everyone who made the Christmas services go well and had the church looking so beautiful with flowers. Thank you, too, to Colleen and members of our choir for a lovely Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols and beautiful music at services throughout the Christmas season.

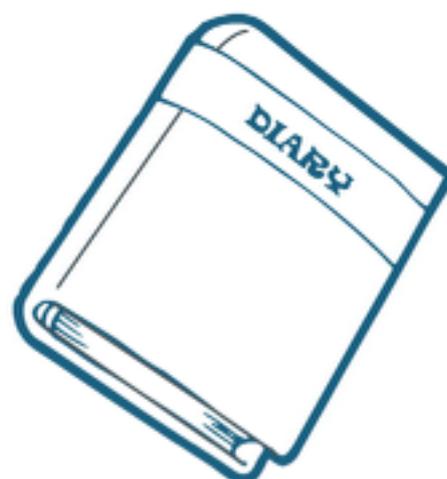
A special thanks to Jane McCance for gifting the stunning new Christmas altarpiece. It is very striking indeed and its contemporary beauty compliments our gothic-revival building as well as speaks to us of the deep truths of the prologue to John's gospel.

Thank you to William for arranging this year's congregational lunch, to John for taking the money and to Gib for his entertaining pantomime - not forgetting to mention the huge and talented cast who performed it!

The Rector

Dates for your diary:

1 Feb	6.30pm LCT Candlemas Service
13 Feb	7.00pm Social Event
18 Feb	ASH WEDNESDAY
25 Feb	Lent Study Groups begin
6 March	World Day of Prayer - at St Mary's
10 March	7.00pm Vestry Meeting





Car Boot Sale Dates 2015

Car boot sales will be held in our church grounds on the following Saturdays from 9.00am - 1.00pm:
18 April, 30 May, 18 July, and 29 August.

February Prayer Calendar

- 2: (*Presentation of Christ in the Temple*) That we carry the light of Christ
- 3: The recently departed
- 4: Those living with long-term illness
- 5: All carers
- 6: Gregor our Bishop
- 7: The Cathedral Chapter
- 9: The College of Bishops
- 10: All involved in the children's hearings system
- 12: Those who must use Food Banks
- 13: Local Clergy
- 14: Local hospitals and hospices
- 16: The churches of the Ayrshire Region
- 17: The depressed
- 18: (*Ash Wednesday*) A spirit of penitence
- 19: All refugees and displaced peoples
- 20: Those living in places of conflict
- 21: Our friends and loved ones, both near and far
- 23: Local Schools and Colleges
- 24: The Promotion of Fair Trade
- 25: Members of the Lent Study Group
- 26: The frail elderly
- 27: Local nursing homes
- 28: Home Communicants



Compline anyone?

Instead of saying Evening Prayer at 6.30pm each Sunday a service of Sung Compline will be offered during the Sundays of Lent (22 February - 29 March).

Do come along and make this part of your preparation for the celebration of Easter.

Lent Study Groups



This year's Lent Study Groups will meet each Wednesday, from 25 February, in the Rectory at the following times:

11.30am - 12.30pm and
7.30pm - 8.30pm

Please come to whichever one meets at a time that suits you.

We will reflect on paintings as a means to explore our Christian faith.

Christian Aid Lent Lunches

Remember to come to the soup and sandwich Christian Aid Lent lunches each Wednesday from 12.00noon - 1.30pm in the halls of Clark Memorial Church. These begin on Ash Wednesday (18 February).

Also, please sign-up if you would like to volunteer to serve at any of the lunches this year. Your help is essential!



Magazine articles

I am always greatly encouraged to have articles passed on to me for inclusion in the church magazine. These allow us all to share experiences and information. Please don't be shy at making your contribution - remember it is YOUR magazine!

Easy and effortless fundraising for the church

How many of you buy something on line? A fair few of you I should think. Read more to find out how to make money for our church in the process.

Shop Online and Raise Money!

Have you heard about easyfundraising yet? It's the easiest way to help raise money for St Columba's Scottish Episcopal Church - Largs! If you already shop online with retailers such as Amazon, M&S, Argos, John Lewis, Comet, Vodafone, eBay, Boden and Play, etc, then we need you to sign up for free to raise money while you shop! The three of us who have joined have raised £120 for church funds.



So how does it work?

You shop directly with the retailer as you would normally, but if you sign up to www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stcolumbasscottishepiscopalchurchlargs for free and use the links on the easyfundraising site to take you to the retailer, then a percentage of whatever you spend comes directly to us at no extra cost to yourself.

How much can you raise?

Spend £100 with M&S online or Amazon and you raise £2.50 for us. £100 with WH Smith puts £2.00 in our pocket and so on. There are over 2,000 retailers on their site, and some of the donations can be as much as 15% of your purchase.

Save money too!

easyfundraising is FREE to use plus you'll get access to hundreds of exclusive discounts and voucher codes, so not only will you be helping us, you'll be saving money yourself.

Sign up at www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stcolumbasscottishepiscopalchurchlargs and start making a difference...simply by shopping. To remind you to use the website write a post stick with the address on and keep it beside your computer.

Hilary

My holiday 'Down-under'



On Monday, 1st of December I flew to Perth, Australia to visit my grand daughter Lynn and family who emigrated there almost 2 years ago. She and Scott have two lovely daughters; Rachel who is 5 years old and Lucy who is 3 and a half.

Rachel had her 5th birthday on 5th December, so I was there to share in the fun. The theme was Disney's 'Frozen', which was all the rage for Christmas 2014. Both she and Lucy have Anna and Elsa outfits, so they enjoyed dressing up and acting out the story whilst watching it on the mini iPads they had received from Santa.

Lynn stays in a lovely area 'Cabin Grove', where they rent their accommodation as they await the completion of their own home. The house should be built by November this year. I saw the plot they have just bought, so I can visualise where they will eventually be living.

During my 4 weeks stay I went to many places of interest, but the highlight of my holiday was Lynn taking me to St George's Cathedral in Perth city centre on 21st December for the festival of Nine Lessons and Carols. It was a very significant day as it was 60 years since my wedding day. I relived many happy times as I sat with Lynn in that really magnificent Cathedral enjoying the service. The organ music and choir were wonderful, also the singing of the congregation was up-lifting.

Of course it was a full house. Not a vacant seat was to be had.

The fans were going full-blast as it was so warm. Another feature was the emergence of trumpets overhead at the rear of the church as we sang 'O come all ye faithful'. A truly wonderful sight and sound. I felt privileged to be part of it all; also, grateful to Lynn for taking me to such a memorable service, as Lynn said "O, wasn't it awesome, Gran!"

I returned home on 29th December having had an enjoyable and interesting holiday seeing how they live down-under and knowing that Lynn and family are quite settled and loving the Ozzy life. It is definitely a country for the young - unfortunately too warm for me. I prefer my own Bonnie Scotland even with the stormy weather. I can cope with that, but will still have many cherished memories of my trip to Perth Australia.

Rose Stevenson

Vestry Awayday

Nine members attended the Vestry Awayday which was held in Dalry on Saturday, 29 November 2014 and commenced with Morning Prayer.

The Treasurer, Chris Evans, submitted a help sheet on “Fit and Proper Persons” and following discussion those present completed and signed declarations to that effect along with that of Charity Trustee. Copies of the Constitution were also distributed. The Treasurer and Secretary will prepare a St Columba’s Episcopal Church Guide for New Vestry Members which will include Roles and Responsibilities, etc. so that in future new Vestry Members could receive on appointment a pack containing the Guide, the Constitution and the forms for “Fit and Proper Persons” and Charity Trustee.

The Vestry discussed which charities should receive 20% of the proceeds of net fundraising in 2015 and determined that one should be local and one national. It was agreed that the local charity be the North Ayrshire Food Bank and the national one Médecins Sans Frontières. The logos for these charities will be included inside the front cover of the magazine and on publicity for fundraising events, such as car Boot Sales. It was further agreed that the collection at Christingle go to the Aberlour Trust and those at the Midnight/Christmas Day Services go to Glasgow City Mission.

The Vestry set the Calendar for 2015 and agreed that the Congregational Retreat be to the Cathedral of the Isles on either 5 – 7 or 12 - 14 June and led by James Currall with the Congregational Awayday to The Holy Island of Lindisfarne on 15 August.

There was an open discussion exploring what the Church has to offer and how to remove barriers to enable others outside the Church to get involved. The consensus was that the main barrier was with the person making the decision to come to our Church not knowing what there is beyond the doors and what would be expected of them. It was felt that we are welcoming and members and Sidepersons do make an effort to ensure people visiting the Church for the first time do feel accepted and comfortable and they strike the right balance between being welcoming without being suffocating. It was also felt that there were ways in for people through the small groups we run, such as the Monday Toddlers Group, Study Group and Columba’s Creatives, and attendance at these were already showing results in Church attendance.

The Vestry discussed correspondence received from the General Synod Office regarding the work of the Church in Society Committee and requesting feedback on any actions our Church has taken to develop the concept of Good Society through links with the local Community. The secretary undertook to respond on actions taken through the Monday Toddlers Group, where we saw a need and responded positively

to it, Columba's Creative, our Summer Mission where we provide for local children and our involvement in the ecumenical Lent Lunches and the North Ayrshire Food Bank.

The Secretary reported on advice received from the College of Bishops to all Clergy and Lay Readers on the new drink drive limit from 5 December in relation to social functions and Services, details of which were noted. The Rector undertook to write an article for the magazine on taking Communion and to discourage the practice of intinction.

The Rector advised on proposals to help our monthly 'Eucharist Together' to be more accessible with a specific order of service produced for the third Sunday of each month from January 2015 for an initial trial period of 6 months. This service will have age-appropriate hymns, two readings, no Psalm, and use the Peruvian Gloria and Eucharistic Prayer 5. The homily will usually be more interactive than other Sundays. He also proposed to hold a further meeting of families with children.

The Rector further advised that in January 2015 the congregation will have the opportunity to name their favourite hymns and that he hopes to include these, as appropriate, in the Sunday services over the coming months.

The Vestry discussed progress on the three areas of MAP being pursued at this stage as follows:

Columba's Creatives: This is now established and going really well. Vestry members were invited to their Christmas party on 17 December at 6 p.m.

Labyrinth: Finance to construct the labyrinth was being sought by William.

Film Study Group: Gib is pursuing this with advice received from others who run such groups as to suitable films to watch and then discuss. One is likely to be that taken by the family of Ann Guthrie once it has been released through a film festival. Gib has ordered three DVDs which he will watch as to their suitability with a view to holding the first Study Group in January 2015.

The Vestry thanked James and Anna Currall for kindly accommodating the Awayday and providing lunch and refreshments.

The Awayday closed with Evening Prayer.

Ray Young - Vestry Secretary

CHRISTMAS CHARITY DONATIONS

I am pleased to report that the retiral collection at the Christingle Service on Christmas Eve raised £119.88, which has been donated to the Aberlour Child Care Trust.

I am further pleased to report that following a number of services over the Christmas period, we collected a total of £382.22 for the Glasgow City Mission.

Members of the congregation may wonder why the above figures have not been “rounded up”, but I hope they will recall that it was agreed at our last AGM we would simply give what we had collected and then make a general donation to charities at the end of our accounting year.

Chris Evans
Treasurer

Largs Monday Toddlers



The toddlers had a very enjoyable Christmas party with Santa appearing with his sack and lovely live music with Armored playing her cello, Jacqueline on her various recorders and friend Caroline on flute. The mums are becoming good friends with us now and the volunteers enjoy seeing how the little ones are growing up. We are thankful to both Alison Jones and Ray for becoming new volunteers as we have two volunteers that are leaving us, we are still looking for more helpers. You are very welcome to see what we are about before committing. Check us out on Facebook, Largs Monday Toddlers.

Hilary Moran

Fairtrade Fortnight

23 February – 8 March 2015

There will be the usual raffle
for a hamper of Fairtrade goodies on
Sunday 8th March in the hall after the 11 am service.

Raffle tickets will be available from May Kidd or
Jennifer FitzGibbon from Sunday 22nd February
onwards.

Each Fairtrade label handed in – will be 'swapped'
for one raffle ticket; 3 labels handed in together will
qualify for 5 raffle tickets, and each Fairtrade wine
label for 2 raffle tickets. (3 wine labels - 10 tickets!!
Products can be from a supermarket or anywhere
as long as they have Fairtrade or Traidcraft logo.

Most supermarkets do a wide range of FT goods –
bananas, oranges, avocados, juice – and Fairtrade
chocolate including Cadbury's – as well as tea
coffee biscuits & sugar. (If it is easier to bring along the jar or packet
rather than getting the label off that's OK – we'll return it with the raffle
ticket.



ASH WEDNESDAY



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Please check these rotas and note if you are included.

Please feel free to swap with others to ensure duties are covered for all services.

Services and Rota for February

Day	Services and Sunday readings	Duty at Sunday 11.00am
Sunday, 1 <i>Epiphany 4</i>	8.00am Said Eucharist 11.00am Sung Eucharist 6.30pm LCT Candlemas Service <i>Dt 18:15-20; Ps 111; 1 Cor 8:1-13; Mk 1:21-28</i>	Server: Alice MacDonald Reader: May Kidd Intercessor: Frances Robertson
Monday, 2 <i>Presentation of Christ in the Temple</i>	7.00pm Said Eucharist	
Wednesday, 4	10.00am Said Eucharist	
Sunday, 8 <i>Epiphany 5</i>	8.00am Said Eucharist 11.00am Choral Matins 6.30pm Evening Prayer <i>Isa 40:21-31, Ps 147:1-12; Mk 1:29-39</i>	Reader: Elspeth Robertson Intercessor: Alice MacDonald
Wednesday, 11	10.00am Said Eucharist	
Sunday, 15 <i>1 before Lent</i>	8.00am Said Eucharist 11.00am Eucharist Together <i>(2.00pm Service at Warren Park)</i> 6.30pm Evening Prayer <i>2 Kg 2:1-12; Mk 9:2-9</i>	Server: Hilary Moran Reader: Hannah Harvey Intercessor: Linda Young
Wednesday, 18 Ash Wednesday	10.00am Said Eucharist 7.00pm Sung Eucharist <i>both with imposition of ashes</i>	
Sunday, 22 <i>Lent 1</i>	8.00am Said Eucharist 11.00am Sung Eucharist 6.30pm Compline <i>Gen 9:8-17; Ps 25:1-9; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:9-15</i>	Server: Alice MacDonald Reader: Gib Fitzgibbon Intercessor: William Clark-Ferguson
Wednesday, 25	10.00am Said Eucharist	

Readers for March:

1st: Linda Young,

8th: Alice MacDonald,

15th: Aubery McCance,

22nd: Hilary Moran

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The Clergy

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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
	Vicky Johnston	329722
	Jane Evans	673757
	Elsie Hinshalwood	686984
Treasurer	Chris Evans	673757

Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals, Confessions by arrangement with the Rector

Scottish Charity Number SC004796

The deadline for the March magazine is Sunday 22 February.
magazine articles should be sent to gordon.fyfe@virginmedia.com

Life at St Columba's

Director of Music	Cailin Anderson	07967 114624
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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	Nessie Rankin	672357
	Jane Evans	673757
	<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
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Elsie Hinshalwood, Joan Hutton and May Kidd