

St Columba's

Scottish Episcopal Church

Largs



June 2015



*'Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's
good pleasure to give you the kingdom.'*

Luke 12:32

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 (*check noticeboard for details*)

Refreshments are served in the hall following the 11.00am service

Wednesday: 10.00am Said Eucharist (*Scottish Liturgy 1970*)

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,

This month we will, once more, celebrate our patronal festival here at Largs. On that day (9th of June) we will offer our thanks and praise for the life and work and witness of Saint Columba of Iona.

Columba, of course, was not originally from the island of Iona. Nor was he even Scottish. He was an Irishman who, for various reasons, was moved to set sail from his homeland, and all that was familiar to him, in order that he might take the light of the gospel of Jesus Christ out to those who lived on the very fringes of the Churches influence.

It is because of Columba's dedication and vision to reach the 'other', that Christianity came to much of Scotland. The dark age of paganism was driven back by the good news of God's eternal love for us in his Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Today the Church has the same calling. We are challenged never to be content with the faith we have, but are called, and prompted by the Holy Spirit, to venture out into the wide world with the message of salvation.

Someone once said "As a fire was meant for burning, so the Church is meant for mission." Mission is at the very heart of what it is to be a follower of Jesus, who himself left eternity to enter time and space and our own human life and experience.

How are people to know of God's love unless someone speaks of it, or lives it out in their midst?

Please continue to pray for our witness to God's love here at St Columba's, especially for the Mission Action Planning initiatives and, this month, for our work among young families through the children's summer mission.

yours in the faith,

Gordon

Year's Mind

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

1st Brian Warren

5th Margaret Cuthbertson

8th George Watson

13th Joan Angus, Joyce Riddett

16th Alan Estill

22nd Barbara Mullins, Sheila Phillips, Stanley Bailey

23rd Frank Perry

24th Lillian Maxwell, Edna Ramsden, Isabella McGowan

30th John King



From the Registers

Baptisms

Susan Birch - 24 May 2015

Sophie Grace Birch - 24 May 2015

Lucy Janet Birch - 24 May 2015

Confirmation

Susan Birch - 24 May 2015

*For your
Diary*

30 May - 9.00am Car Boot Sale

7 June - 11.00am M.A.P. Service and Review

8 June - 7.00pm Bishop's Lecture at Paisley

9 June - 7.00pm Patronal Festival & Social

17 June - Regional Wine & Nibbles at Troon

22 June - 10.00am Largs Monday Toddler's

Teddy Bear's Picnic

29 June to 3 July - 10.30am 'Ship of Dreams' Children's Summer Mission

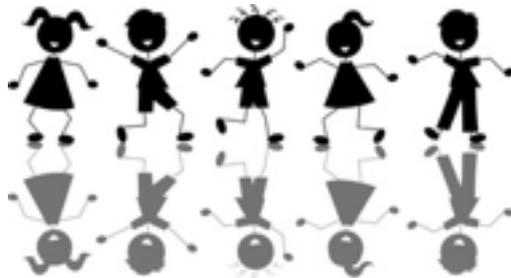
6 July - 7.00pm Vestry Meeting and Social

18 July - 9.00am Car Boot Sale

25 July - 3.00pm Memorial Service for Revd Canon Joyce Pow
at the Cathedral of the Isles

June Prayer Calendar

- 1: Gregor, our Bishop
- 2: The newly Baptised and Confirmed
- 3: New members to our congregation
- 4: (*Corpus Christi*) Thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Holy Communion
- 5: Members of the General Synod
- 6: The College of Bishops
- 8: Our Choir and Director of Music
- 9: (*Columba of Iona, Abbot, 597*) Our Congregation
- 10: Columba's Creatives
- 11: (*Barnabas, Apostle*) Holy Trinity & St Barnabas, Paisley
- 12: Local congregations
- 13: Our Pastoral Team and those they visit
- 15: Housebound Communicants
- 16: Churches of Ayrshire Region
- 17: (*Alban, Martyr*) Diocese of St Alban's
- 18: Visitors to our church
- 19: Organisations that use our hall
- 20: Those who need to use Food Banks
- 22: Those suffering from addiction
- 23: The depressed and anxious
- 24: (*Birth of John the Baptist*) Lay Readers
- 25: Schools and Colleges
- 26: Holidaymakers to Largs
- 27: Our Children's Summer Mission
- 29: (*Peter & Paul, Apostles*) Vocations to the priesthood
- 30: Young Families



Largs Monday Toddlers

We finish the term with our Teddy Bears picnic on 22nd June, to which all volunteers are invited. The meeting to organise this is the week before on 15th June. Ideas for the picnic are very welcome from any volunteer.

Hilary



The following matters were discussed and decisions made at the meeting of the Vestry on 27 April:

The Director of Music, Colleen Anderson, gave her second annual report to Vestry highlighting the contribution the Choir makes to enriching and leading worship in the Church. Colleen reported that Norman Veriod had left the Choir as he felt the time was right and Linda Young and Heather Upfield had joined. Norman was thanked for his valued contribution.

Colleen reported (a) that she was bringing the music inventory up to date and had valued the music stock at some £2,500 (the Treasurer undertook to check our insurance policy to see if the cover for music was adequate) and (b) repairs to the organ carried out last year had been successful and we now have an excellent organ of historic significance. Advice will be sought from Harrison and Harrison Ltd. on how to minimise draughts from under and over the pedal boards as a possible alternative to insulating the dunny ceiling. Colleen would like a page on the Church website for Music/Choir and James agreed to pursue this with her.

The Vestry agreed to (i) record in the Minutes their satisfaction with the way the musical life of the Church continued to develop under Colleen's enthusiastic guidance and to acknowledge her strong commitment, flexibility and work behind the scenes; (ii) thank the volunteers of the Choir for their efforts and for the great sound they provide at Services; and (iii) advise Colleen and the Choir that the Vestry is there to support them and would be happy to consider any suggestions from Colleen regarding the purchase of appropriate music.

The Rector reported that no one had expressed an interest in the retreat at the Cathedral in Millport and St Paul & St John the Evangelist, Monklands, Airdrie had been advised accordingly.

An article in the May magazine hoped to gauge interest in the proposed Congregational Awayday to Lindisfarne and meantime Vicky was working on arrangements for the visit.

The bagging of compost from behind the garage was proving to be very popular with bags selling at £2 each or three for £5. To date 42 bags had

been sold and £75 raised and orders were still coming in. The Vestry commended Alice and her husband John for leading this initiative.

The Vestry have agreed that Eileen Binns, Joan Hutton, May Kidd and Elsie Hinshalwood, having been trained as Pastoral Visitors, be invited to sign a working agreement with a view to them being Licensed by Bishop Gregor at Pentecost.

Hilary Moran had asked that the Vestry support the outcomes of the conference of Anglican Bishops in relation to urgent action on climate justice. After considering the steps churches are asked to take in relation to energy conservation measures in church buildings, biodiversity on church land, sharing of resources, etc. it was agreed to support the outcomes where they are appropriate for our Church.

An application by the Rotary Club of Largs for the use of the Church Hall and Grounds on Saturday 8 August 2015 for a charitable Car Boot Sale was approved.

The Vestry was made aware of changes in legislation regarding waste collection and recycling. The Church is exempt from the legislation but the hall is treated as commercial and has to have its own bins which are charged at the charitable rate of £3 a week per bin for uplift. Signage is being placed above hall bins advising on the contents of each to aid recycling and instructions regarding the disposal of waste are being added to the Hall Conditions of Use when next revised.

Arrangements are being made to update the fuse box in the Rectory, to sort the light above the hall front door which was on all day and to rectify a faulty door in the ladies' toilet.

Quotes received from five companies for the sanding and sealing of the hall floor with a water based sealant were considered and the offer by GD Floors of Kilwinning to undertake the work at a cost of £1,960 + VAT was approved subject to survey. The Secretary will now arrange to meet the company on site regarding their offer and, if satisfied, the work will be arranged for July.

After hearing the Treasurer on the recommendations of a recent meeting of the Investment Sub-Committee, the Vestry agreed (a) to sell the Church holdings in Unilever, BP and Royal Dutch Shell B and to re-invest the proceeds in 3 Global Equity; (b) to invest £5,000 of a recent legacy in the stock market when appropriate and (c) to note that two members of the Sub-

Committee wished to retire in due course and that new members were being actively sought.

The Treasurer reported on Receipts and Payments against the Budget to 22 April 2015 and it was noted (i) that there was currently a budget surplus of £16,606.33 due primarily to an increase in giving, to savings on property costs and a generous bequest of £10,000; (ii) that a Gift Aid claim had now been submitted and (c) that the Bishop's Lenten appeal had raised £180.

Four members already holding PVG registration will be going through the process in April so that by end June all those working with vulnerable children or adults will be PVG registered.

The step from the Church into the Vestry passage is to be coated with white non-slip paint.

An updated copy of the Congregational Roll has been circulated to Vestry members and to other members of the congregation reliant on the information.

Arrangements for Bishop Gregor's visit on 7 June to undertake the annual MAP Review were discussed. The Rector will plan a structure for the visit in consultation with James and Linda and Jane undertook to arrange soup and filled rolls for a light lunch.

The Secretary will write a letter to Rt Revd Dr Idris Jones thanking him for arranging the recent congregational visit to the Trades House and for the hospitality provided on the day.

The Vestry and congregation in general were happy with readings being omitted from the Service sheet but it did mean that Readers required to project their voices. The difficulty some members find remembering responses at Intercessions when the reader isn't using the two standard responses was also discussed. The Rector pointed out that Intercessors should advise him in advance if the response is not following the standard two so that it can be included in the Service sheet. A meeting of Readers and Intercessors will be arranged to discuss these and other matters.

A member had suggested that an emailed weekly Church newsletter be considered which members could sign up to receive. James undertook to set this up through the Church website.

It was agreed that a cruet set for the water and wine on a Sunday, suitably engraved, would be an appropriate memorial to the late Revd Canon Joyce Pow and members of the congregation will be invited to contribute to the cost involved.

The next Vestry meeting will be held on 6 July, 2015 in the Rectory at 7.00 p.m. followed by a social gathering at 8.00 p.m. to which partners of Vestry members are invited.

Ray Young, Vestry Secretary

† Columba's Choir



The Choir has been very busy making its contribution to the worship, and in the next few weeks will take its summer recess. It may be rather lonely for me at the organ during those weeks of recess - I will miss the choir members "having my back", as it were. Many churches express the opinion that the recess makes things all the more special when their choirs return to lead worship.

We have had some highlights this session; Advent, which brings the special atmosphere generated by our Lessons and Carols Service, Christmas Eve, Candlemas and Easter. The choir has been joined on those occasions by singers from friends, family and other choirs in the area, which lends a conviviality to the efforts. More recently we were joined by the choirs of St Ninian's, Troon and Holy Trinity, Ayr, for a special Sung Eucharist for Ascension. The combined choirs raised the roof in praise - job done! My thanks goes to all those who have joined us for any of these occasions.

My thanks goes to our Rector for his interest and support through the session, and to our choir members who give their time to support the worship in St Columba's. Thanks also to Norman Veriod, who has decided

the time has come to leave us, having given sterling support in recent years. We welcomed Heather Upfield and Linda Young.

Please support the choir in your prayers and devotions. I would like to think that we could expand the membership in order to keep up the musical contribution which is so important. With a small membership numbers are crucial each and every rehearsal, and also each and every Sunday. I am hopeful that there may be an increase in membership, as people make the effort to join the choir. I always seem to end any article about the music in church with such a plea, but throughout our nation church choirs are experiencing many difficulties with both choir membership and the recruitment of suitable church musicians. Many mid-week choir rehearsals are giving way to Sunday-only practices which, in my opinion, leads to a drop in standards and a dumbing-down of music in church.

Please speak either to myself or any choir member if you think you might like to come along to a rehearsal, even to see if you feel you might join the choir.

C Anderson; Director of Music

It's not too late to help make bunting by cutting out the material left at the back of church to the pattern supplied.



Congregational Away Day

It is hoped that a congregational away day might be possible one Saturday in September. Please sign-up on the sheet in the church porch if you would be interested in journeying together to the Holy Island of Lindisfarne.

The Rector

Columba's Compost

A new type of 'Miracle Grow' is still on offer! High quality all purpose compost is currently being sourced from an area in the church grounds and can be purchased at £2 for one 20 litre bag or £5 for three 20 litre bags. Please see the notice in the porch for further details and to place your order, or simply speak to Alice.



Children's Summer Mission 2015

'SHIP OF DREAMS'

The story of a dreaming Joseph



*Monday, 29 June - Friday, 3 July
St Columba's Episcopal Church Hall
For passengers of Primary School Age*

Please continue to hand-in your kitchen roll inner cardboard tubes for our craft work with the children! Thanks



PERHAPS SPRINKLING WITH HOLY WATER
WAS NOT THE BEST WAY TO
LAUNCH THE CHURCH WEBSITE

Beauty

“Some people, no matter how old they get, never lose their beauty. They merely move it from their faces into their heart.”

Holiness

“How little people know who think that holiness is dull... When one meets the real thing, it's irresistible!” - C.S. Lewis

Peace of Mind

“Restlessness and impatience change nothing except our peace and joy. Peace does not dwell in outward things, but in the heart prepared to wait trustfully and quietly on Him who has all things safely in His hands.”

- Elisabeth Elliot



“Welcome to our church—even though you're sitting in our family pew . . .”

Patronal Festival

We will celebrate our Patronal Festival on St Columba's Day, Tuesday, 9 June at 7.00pm. The Sung Eucharist will be followed by a 'bring and share' supper. Please sign-up on the list in the porch.

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 June

Day	Services and Sunday readings	Duty at Sunday 11.00am
Wednesday, 3	10.00am Said Eucharist (1970)	
Sunday, 7 <i>Trinity 1</i>	8.00am Said Eucharist 11.00am Sung Eucharist 6.30pm Evening Prayer <i>Gen 3:8-15; Ps 130; 2 Cor 4:13-5:1; Mk 3:20-35</i>	Server: Alice Reader: Joan Hutton Intercessor: Ken Hinshalwood
Tuesday, 9 Patronal Festival St COLUMBA	7.00pm Sung Eucharist <i>Isa 61:1-3; Ps 34; 1 Thes 2:2-12; Lk 12:32-37</i>	All Available Servers Reader: Ken Hinshalwood Intercessor: Revd James Currall
Wednesday, 10	10.00am Said Eucharist (1970)	
Thursday, 10 <i>St Barnabas</i>	7.00pm Said Eucharist	
Sunday, 14 <i>Trinity 2</i>	8.00am Said Eucharist 11.00am Choral Matins 6.30pm Evening Prayer <i>Ezek 17:22-24; Ps 92:1-4, 11-14; Mk 4:26-34</i>	Reader: Elspeth Robertson Intercessor: William Clark-Ferguson
Wednesday, 17 <i>St Alban</i>	10.00am Said Eucharist (1970)	
Sunday, 21 <i>Trinity 3</i>	8.00am Said Eucharist 11.00am Eucharist Together (3.00pm Service at Haylie House) <i>Job 38:1-11; Mk 4:35-41</i>	Server: William Reader: Aubery McCance Intercessor: Revd Gordon Fyfe
Wednesday, 24 <i>Birth of John the Baptist</i>	10.00am Said Eucharist (1970)	
Sunday, 28 <i>Trinity 4</i>	8.00am Said Eucharist 11.00am Sung Eucharist <i>Wis 1:13-15, 2:23-24; Ps 30; 2 Cor 8:7-15; Mk 5:21-43</i>	Server: Chris Reader: Gib Fitzgibbon Intercessor: Ray Young
Monday, 29 <i>St Peter & St Paul</i>	7.00pm Said Eucharist	

Readers for July:

*5th: Hannah Harvey, 12th: May Kidd,
19th: Ray Young, 26th: Nessie Rankin*

Diocesan website: www.episcopalglasgow.org.uk

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 June magazine is Sunday 21 June.

magazine articles should be sent to gordon.fyfe@virginmedia.com

Life at St Columba's

Director of Music	Cailin Anderson	07967 114624
Property Convenor	<i>Vacant</i>	<i>(Contact Rector)</i>
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
Junior Church	Linda Young	672410
Health & Safety Officer	William Clark-Ferguson	07835 454534

Pastoral Visitors in the congregation
Eileen Binns (Coordinator, tel: 673580)
Elsie Hinshalwood, Joan Hutton and May Kidd