

# *St Columba's*

*Scottish Episcopal Church*

*Largs*



*May 2015*



*‘Jesus said, I am with you always:  
to the end of the world.’*

*Matthew 28:20*

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**

*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,

The month of May will be a busy and significant one for our congregation. Forty days after Easter Day, we will host the Regional Ascension Day service. I do hope that, as members of the congregations of Ayrshire gather here, we will be well represented at that special celebration. It is a day in which we are reminded that our human nature has gone into the very life of God himself forever; that we are never alone, but constantly held in prayer by our risen and ascended Lord.

On the feast of Pentecost, Sunday 24 May, we will celebrate the birth-day of the Church. It is fitting, then that on that day we will be joined by Gregor our Bishop and will witness two things:

- The welcoming of new members into the family of the Church in Baptism and Confirmation.
- The licensing of our Pastoral Visitation Team.

Both the adding of numbers to the Church and the going out into the world to bring something of the good news of God's light and love, are at the very core of what Pentecost is all about. These are signs that God is at work in us and through us. They are also reminders that none of us are called to discipleship and service on our own; rather we are both called and equipped.

Pentecost assures us of God's dwelling within us by his Holy and life-giving Spirit.

As we witness the Confirmation, the Baptisms and the licensing of our Pastoral Team, may we remember our own calling and renew our prayer to be filled with the Holy Spirit that we may know God's inspiration and guidance and strength always.

yours in the faith,

**Gordon**

## Year's Mind

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



1<sup>st</sup> Jean Trott  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sheila Burnside  
5<sup>th</sup> James Heap, Norman Donaldson  
7<sup>th</sup> Isabella Young  
8<sup>th</sup> Arthur Fletcher (*Priest*)  
9<sup>th</sup> Katherine Pell, Sandra Mathieson  
12<sup>th</sup> Brenda Moon  
14<sup>th</sup> Ellen McDougall  
15<sup>th</sup> May Marshall  
16<sup>th</sup> Addie Davie, Edna Ramsden, Vera MacFarlane, Dorothea Campbell  
18<sup>th</sup> Helen Rankin  
19<sup>th</sup> Margaret Macintosh  
23<sup>rd</sup> Ian Ritchie  
27<sup>th</sup> Douglas Noble (*Priest*)  
30<sup>th</sup> Rae Stewart McFarlane, Jean Forbes  
31<sup>st</sup> Edna Gillies



## Largs Monday Toddlers

Just a reminder that we have two holiday Monday's 4th May and 25th May. We finish the term with our Teddy Bears picnic on 22nd June, which all volunteers are invited to, the meeting to organise this is the week before on 15th June. Ideas for picnic very welcome to any volunteer.

*Hilary*

## Ascension Day

Our church will host the Ayrshire Regional Ascension Day service this year. This will take place at **7.30pm on Thursday, 14 May** and the preacher will be the Revd Bill Armstrong.

Please note that incense will be used at this Eucharist.

I hope our congregation will be well represented.

Volunteers for catering at refreshments to follow would be appreciated.

## Dates for your diary:

- 27 April - 7.00pm Vestry Meeting
- 30 April - 2.00pm Pastoral Team Meeting and Final Training
- 10 May - 6.30pm Christian Aid Service
- 14 May - 7.30pm Regional Ascension Day Eucharist (Largs)
- 23 May - The Gathering (Diocesan Event)
- 24 May - 11.00am Confirmation and Baptismal Service
- 30 May - 9.00am Car Boot Sale
- 7 June - 11.00am MAP Service and Review
- 9 June - 7.00pm Patronal Festival & Social
- 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

## May Prayer Calendar

- 1: (*St Philip and St James*) The College of Bishops
- 2: The Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham
- 4: Those preparing for baptism and confirmation
- 5: Gregor our Bishop
- 6: Columba's Creatives
- 7: The General Election
- 8: Those who must make use of Food Banks
- 9: Preparations for the children's Summer Mission
- 11: All who are in positions of government
- 12: Refugees
- 13: The Cathedral of the Isles, Cumbrae
- 14: (*Ascension Day*) Churches of Ayrshire Region
- 15: Christian Aid
- 16: Largs Christian Aid Committee
- 18: Visitors to Largs
- 19: Those who use our church hall
- 20: Students preparing for exams
- 21: Largs Academy
- 22: All Carers
- 23: The Diocesan Gathering
- 25: Housebound communicants
- 26: (*Augustine of Canterbury, 605*) Archbishop Justin Welby
- 27: The Anglican Communion
- 28: Our Pastoral Team and those they visit
- 29: Our neighbours
- 30: Diocesan Centre Staff





## The Gathering 2015

On 23 May we shall again be gathering to celebrate the progress of MAPping throughout the Diocese – there are some excellent speakers, and the opportunity to meet and share experiences.

The day will be hosted at St Silas in Glasgow where we will join together at 10am for registration and coffee, followed by a Eucharist at 10.45am. A packed lunch will be provided for those who have registered, followed by two sessions of seminars. The day will finish with a short act of worship at 3.30pm.

The 3 speakers are –

The Very Reverend Richard Giles "*Making Room for the Party*", The Very Reverend Sheilagh Kesting "*Witnessing Together - Ecumenical Opportunities for Mission*", and Olive Drane "*Excavating, recycling and reinventing: Treasures old and new for 21st century spirituality*".

There are places for the rector/priest-in-charge and two representatives of each charge. Note that there are no opportunities for additional representatives, unless another church fails to use all its allocation, but you could request a place on the waiting list. Please note that there are no special children's activities this year.

Please speak to the Rector if you would be interested in attending this event.

## 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*



## **Flavoursome Food on a Budget**

During January and February I have been creating a recipe booklet, testing the recipes, photographing them and now it is finished. There just isn't anything out there for people who like to cook and have a very tight budget. The booklet has just 15 recipes which use a few basic ingredients, is one-pot cooking, with minimal utensils. The recipes are all very tasty (we ate them all and tweaked them), they include one of Freddie's recipes he cooks once a week for me and are freshly cooked from scratch. I had been asked by the Mothers Union Scotland to reprint my previous book I made about 20 years ago, but I felt things had moved on from that type of book.

The idea is to distribute it through the Mothers' Union network, Episcopal church, friends and family. It is going to be free to those who can't afford it, but if you can afford it, it is 50p, this will enable us to reprint whenever is needed. My thoughts are to distribute through food banks, homeless rehousing initiatives, learn how to cook classes, Glasgow City mission and many other food related schemes around Scotland. But I really want it to go to people who **LIKE COOKING AND WILL USE IT**. So, I'm going to have it available after church some Sunday's and I hope you all will be able to help me with the distribution of it to the North Ayrshire community. I hope you like it.

*Hilary*

ps for those school teachers, I know that there are a couple of errors we missed when proof reading the booklet, kicking myself!



## Columba's Compost

A new type of 'Miracle Grow' is now 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.

## Pastoral Team

Members of the Pastoral Visitation Team have been participating in the diocesan pastoral training course and will be officially licensed by Bishop Gregor when he is with us at Pentecost. Please remember Eileen, Elsie, May and Joan in your prayers.

## Confirmation Classes

Bishop Gregor will be with us for the service of Baptism and Confirmation at Pentecost, Sunday 24 May.

Please remember in your prayers, Susan Birch (to be baptised and Confirmed) and Sophie and Lucy Birch (to be baptised).

Confirmation Classes take place in the Rectory (these began on Thursday 23 April). Classes are also open to those who might wish to participate in a 'refresher course'.



*The Rector*



# BIBLE WORD SEARCH!

BASIC WORDS OF THE BIBLE



JESUS CHRIST  
SALVATION  
JEW  
GENTILE  
HOLY SPIRIT  
GOD THE FATHER  
PERSECUTE

PRAY  
TITHE  
MINISTRY  
BIBLE  
HOLY  
SACRIFICE  
FAITH

MIRACLE  
NAZARETH  
BETHLEHEM  
JERUSALEM  
BAPTIZE  
TEMPTATION  
SIN

CREATED BY MELINDA BRAGGS

*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 May**

<b>Day</b>	<b>Services and Sunday readings</b>	<b>Duty at Sunday 11.00am</b>
<b>Sunday, 3</b> <i>Easter 5</i>	8.00am Said Eucharist 11.00am Sung Eucharist <i>Acts 8:26-40; 1 John 4:7-21; John 15:1-8</i>	Server: Hilary Moran Reader: Alison Jones Intercessor: Jennifer Fitzgibbon
Wednesday, 6	10.00am Said Eucharist	
<b>Sunday, 10</b> <i>Easter 6</i>	8.00am Said Eucharist 11.00am Choral Matins <i>Acts 10:44-48; John 15:9-17</i>	Reader: Rose Oliver Intercessor: Alice MacDonald
Wednesday, 13	10.00am Said Eucharist	
Thursday, 14 Ascension Day	7.30pm Regional Sung Eucharist	
<b>Sunday, 17</b> <i>Easter 7</i>	8.00am Said Eucharist 11.00am Eucharist Together <i>(3.00pm Service at Moorburn Manor)</i> <i>Acts 1:15-17, 21-26; 1 John 5:9-13; John 17:6-9</i>	Server: Chris Evans Reader: Nessie Rankin Intercessor: Frances Robertson
Wednesday, 20	10.00am Said Eucharist	
<b>Sunday, 24</b> <i>Pentecost</i>	8.00am Said Eucharist 11.00am Sung Eucharist with Baptism and Confirmation <i>Acts 2:1-21; Romans 8:22-27; John 15: 26-27, 16:4b-15</i>	Server: Imogen Harvey Reader: Gill Beresford Intercessor: James Currall
Wednesday, 27	10.00am Said Eucharist	
<b>Sunday, 31</b> <i>Trinity Sunday</i>	8.00am Said Eucharist 11.00am Sung Eucharist <i>Isaiah 6:1-8; Romans 8:12-17; John 3:1-17</i>	Server: William Clark-Ferguson Reader: May Kidd Intercessor: Alison Jones

### ***Readers for June:***

*7th: Joan Hutton, 14th: Elspeth Robertson,  
21st: Aubrey McCance, 28th: Gib Fitzgibbon*

Diocesan website: [www.episcopalglasgow.org.uk](http://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.

<b>Chair</b>	Rector	673143
<b>Secretary</b>	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
Treasurer	Elsie Hinshalwood	686984
	Chris Evans	673757

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

**Scottish Charity Number SC004796**

**The deadline for the June magazine is Sunday 23 May.**  
magazine articles should be sent to [gordon.fyfe@virginmedia.com](mailto:gordon.fyfe@virginmedia.com)

## Life at St Columba's

<b>Director of Music</b>	Cailin Anderson	07967 114624
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<b>Fundraising Committee</b>	William Clark-Ferguson	07835 454534
<b>Protection of Vulnerable Groups</b>	Linda Young	672410
	<i>Appointed by the Vestry and approved by the Bishop</i>	
<b>Mothers' Union</b>	Hilary Moran	686213
<b>Church Hall Diary</b>	May Walker	673873
	<i>Deals with hall bookings</i>	
<b>Flowers</b>	Audrey Hodgson	674008
<b>Sidesmen</b>	Alice MacDonald	673370
<b>Christian Aid</b>	Nessie Rankin	672357
	Jane Evans	673757
	<i>Representatives on inter-church Christian Aid Committee</i>	
<b>Regional Council</b>	Eleanor Witt	676322
<b>Intercessions Rota</b>	Frances Robertson	686947
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Alice MacDonald	673370
<b>Readers Rota</b>	Rector	673143
	<i>If you would like to join any of the above, please see Frances, Alice or the Rector</i>	
<b>Largs Churches Together</b>	Nessie Rankin	672357
	Eleanor Witt	676322
<b>Press Officer</b>	Hilary Moran	686213
<b>Junior Church</b>	Linda Young	672410
<b>Health &amp; Safety Officer</b>	William Clark-Ferguson	07835 454534

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