

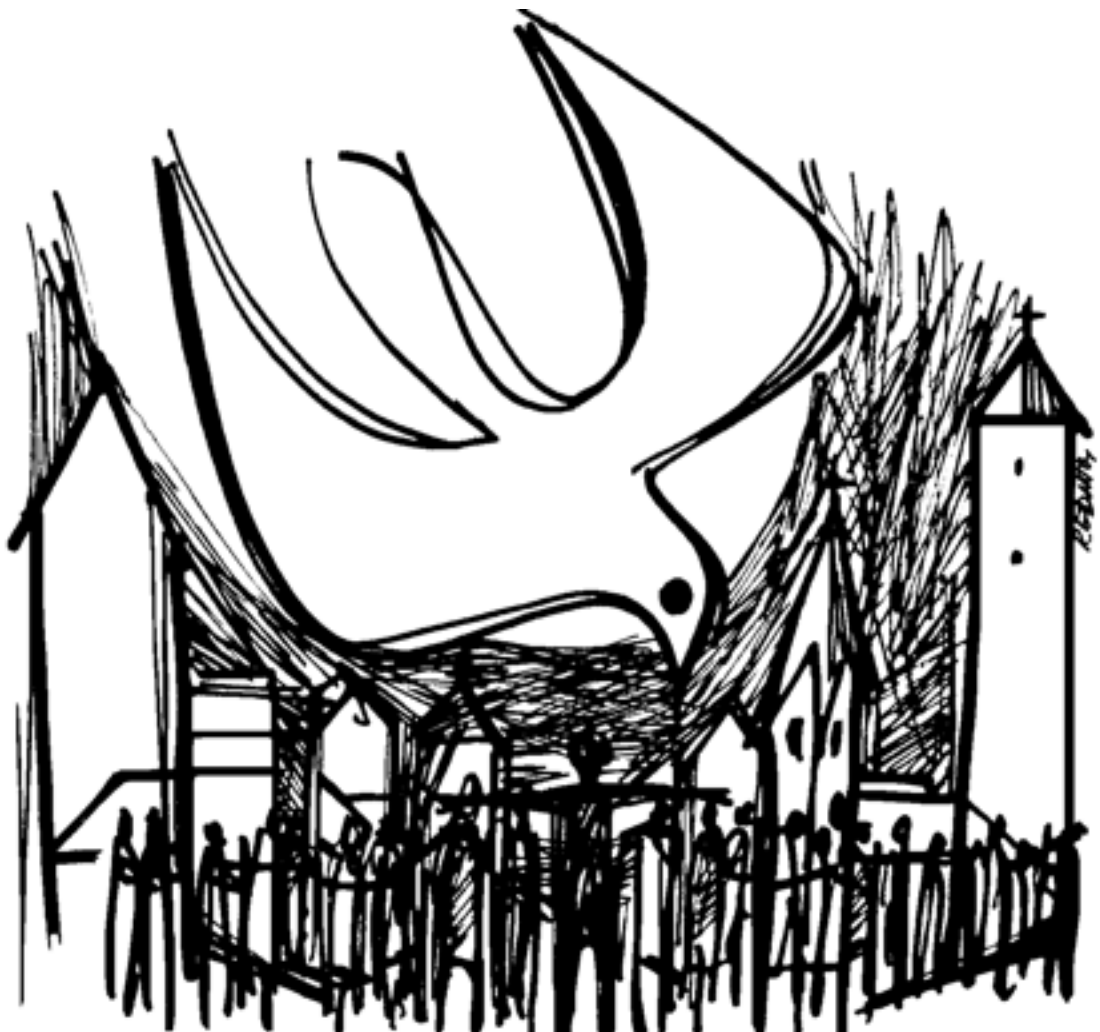
St Columba's

Scottish Episcopal Church

Largs



May 2016



*'When the Spirit of truth comes,
he will guide you into all the truth.'*

John 16:13

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:

largs-church.co.uk

Dear Friends,

Because of the way that the dates fall this year, Sunday 15th May will both be the feast of Pentecost and also the beginning of Christian Aid Week.

When I first noticed that this was to be the case I thought it unfortunate that these clashed, but on reflection it seems to me to be really quite appropriate.

Pentecost, the festival 50 days after Easter, reminds us of the coming of the Holy Spirit on the early Church and marks the creation of a new community and the empowerment of that community. It reminds us that our Christian faith is not simply a personal and private affair, but rather that we are members of a dynamic family of faith; one with a message of good news to share; a message of transformation and renewal.

As Christians we can never, therefore, be satisfied by the way things are - we are inspired by the gift of God's indwelling Spirit to go out to those places that long to be changed and delivered.

This is precisely the vision of Christian Aid; to believe in life before death; to proclaim freedom from injustice and poverty, and not simply to proclaim it, but to work for it in the most practical of ways through its many initiatives among the poorest communities on earth.

The Spirit that brooded over the primeval waters of creation seeks, through us, to recreate the world in our own day and generation.

May we know the guidance and strength of God's Holy and life-giving Spirit and may we be agents of transformation today.

Yours in the faith,

Gordon

Year's Mind

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

1st Jean Trott

2nd Sheila Burnside

5th James Heap, Norman Donaldson

7th Isabella Young

8th Arthur Fletcher (*Priest*)

9th Katherine Pell, Sandra Mathieson

12th Brenda Moon

14th Ellen McDougall

15th May Marshall

16th Addie Davie, Edna Ramsden, Vera MacFarlane, Dorothea Campbell,
Ken Keay

18th Helen Rankin

19th Margaret McIntosh

23rd Ian Ritchie

27th Douglas Noble (*Priest*)

30th Rae Stewart McFarlane, Jean Forbes

31st Edna Gillies

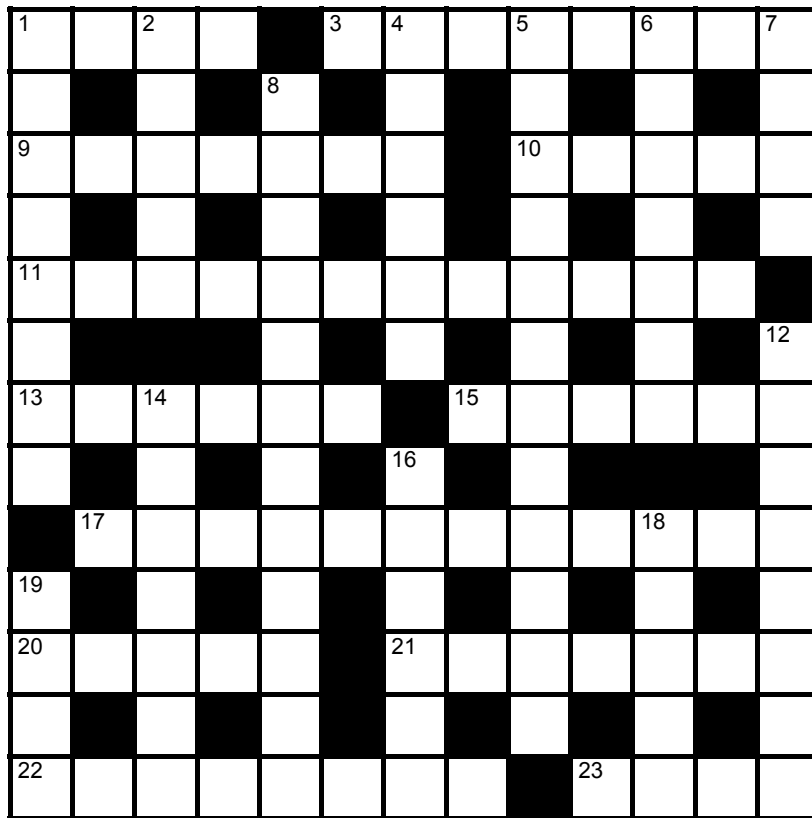
From the Registers

Funeral

Rose Oliver - 27 April



Crossword Puzzle *(see solution on page 13)*



Across

- 1 Race to which Jesus belonged (4)
- 3 Make suitable for the laity, e.g. church changed into home (8)
- 9 Experience, or endure (7)
- 10 Era of an Italian city (5)
- 11 Second, major part of the Bible(3,9)
- 13 Boats (6)
- 15 False (6)
- 17 First part of the Bible (3,9)
- 20 Statement of one's beliefs (5)
- 21 This occurs when one celestial body obscures another (7)
- 22 Put away (3,5)
- 23 Small swelling or tumour (4)

Down

- 1 Trips (8)
- 2 Woman whose husband is deceased (5)
- 4 Takes up and makes one's own (6)
- 5 With ritual solemnity (12)
- 6 Small study group (7)
- 7 Minor damage to a surface (4)
- 8 Locations in regard to points of the compass (12)
- 12 Clerical robe (8)
- 14 A short prayer (7)
- 16 Move upwards (6)
- 18 Hollow (5)
- 19 ? of the Apostles (4)

Dates for your diary

- 26 April - 7.00pm Vestry Meeting
9 May - 2.00pm Pastoral Team Meeting
11 May - 7.30pm Book Group
12 May - 7.30pm Regional Council Meeting at Maybole
15 May - 6.30pm LCT Christian Aid Service at St John's
21 May - 9.00am - 1.00pm Car Boot Sale
21 May - 10.00am Christian Aid Coffee Morning at the Dunn Memorial Hall
31 May - 7.30pm Intercessor's Training Evening
9 June - 7.00pm Patronal festival Eucharist and social
18 June - 2.00pm - 4.00pm Regional Picnic
4 - 8 July - 10.00am - 12.00noon Children's Summer Mission
10 July - 11.00am M.A.P. review with Bishop Gregor



Smalls for All

Many thanks to all those people who have looked out their underwear draw and found some old bras and also bought new pants. It seems amazing that just having these basic items in Africa can make such a difference to a woman's safety and health. I will be taking them to the Mothers' Union diocesan president who lives near Livingston once I have a few more, so please tell your friends. The requirements are for new girls and boys pants 4 year to 15 year old, new women's pants size 8 - 16 and any used bras. The collection bag is at the back of the church.

Many thanks.

Hilary

Largs Monday Toddlers

We are hoping the weather will get warmer and we can use our outside garden, the children love the sand pit. This should attract a few more families. Plans are in place for our Teddy Bears picnic at the end of term. So all the volunteers need to dust off their teddies again, we need a picture of them this year!

Training Evening for Intercessors

One of the things that shows St Columba's to be fully inclusive and alive is the involvement of so many members of the congregation in leading the congregation in the prayers of intercession at our main Sunday morning services.

Those involved will be aware that this is both a great privilege and responsibility; one that is appreciated by the congregation and clergy alike.

It is some time now since our intercessors had the opportunity to gather together and reflect on what is done and explore ways in which this might be developed.

I invite all of our intercessors to come to a training evening. This will take place in the Rectory at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 31 May.

This will be chance to encourage and share good practise with one another and I hope you will make every effort to come along.

Many thanks,

The Rector

Invitation to retreat

Members of my last congregation (St Paul & St John the Evangelist, Monklands) will be having their annual retreat at the Cathedral and College in Millport from Thursday 9 - Sunday 12 June. The topic for reflection will be 'prayer'.

Anyone from our own congregation is warmly invited to join them. Please let me know by Sunday, 8 May if you would be interested in doing so and I will provide you with more details.

The Rector





There will be a Car Boot Sale from **9.00am - 1.00pm**
here at St Columba's on **Saturday, 21 May**.

Volunteers and produce, items, etc are sought for the
Tea Room and various church stalls - Home-Baking,
Jewellery, Bric-A-Brac and Gate.

Donations can be left at the back of church
(no electrical items or clothing please).

New volunteers can contact the Rector.

Christian Aid Week

Please remember to donate to the work of Christian Aid by using the envelopes provided.

A Christian Aid fund-raising quiz is being planned and should take place during Christian Aid Week. Look for further details about this in the weekly pew sheet.

On Sunday, 15 May at 6.30pm there will be a Largs Churches Together service to mark Christian Aid Week. This will take place at St John's Church.

The Christian Aid Coffee Morning will take place in the Dunn Memorial Hall from 10.00am on Saturday, 21 May. Donations of plants and home baking would be greatly appreciated.

“Prayer is sitting in the silence until it silences us,
choosing gratitude until we are grateful and praising
God until we ourselves are an act of praise.” Richard Rohr

Sea Sunday Thanks

We are grateful to the Revd Tim Tunley for coming to speak to the congregation on our Sea Sunday (10 April). The total raised for the work of the Mission to Seafarers was £187. Thank you to those who contributed towards what is achieved by this important institution.

The Rector

Regional Council

There will be a meeting of the Regional Council at St Oswald's, Maybole at 7.30pm on Thursday 12 May.

GOLDEN JUBILEE

It is intended that the Golden Jubilee as priest of the Revd Alec Griffiths (by the Rt Revd Francis Moncrieff, Bishop of Glasgow & Galloway, on 16 September 1966) be marked by a con-celebrated Eucharist here in St Columba's at 12.00noon on Saturday, 17 September, 2016, to be followed by a buffet lunch.

Please put this date in your diary if you would be interested in attending and confirmation of these arrangements will be made early in August.

Regional Picnic



In a change to the pattern of previous years, members of the Ayrshire Region will be invited to St Columba's to share in a social event. This will take the form of a picnic and will include an opportunity for us all to worship together too.

Please put this in your diary now to avoid the disappointment of double booking on the day.

This event will take place on Saturday, 18 June from 2.00pm - 4.00pm.

Columba's Creatives

Members of Columba's Creatives have been meeting each Wednesday evening during school term-time. I am grateful to the hard-working and dedicated volunteers who never fail to come along and provide such an affirming and varied environment in which our children can enjoy learning about the love of God for them and all people.

Our last session will take place on Wednesday, 25 May. We will meet up again after the summer break.

Of course there is always the excitement of this year's children's summer mission during our holiday - '**Stetsonville**', a wildest pioneering-themed holiday club, will run from 10.00am - 12.00noon each day from Monday 4th - Friday 8th July.

The Rector



May Prayer Calendar

- 2: World Leaders
- 3: All refugees
- 4: The frail elderly
- 5: (*Ascension Day*) Thanksgiving for Christ's constant intercession
- 6: Newly elected members of the Scottish Parliament
- 7: All Carers
- 9: Our Pastoral Visitors and those they minister to
- 10: Those living with problems of addiction
- 11: Members of our Book Group
- 12: Ayrshire Regional Council of churches
- 13: The recently bereaved
- 14: Our neighbours
- 16: The work of Christian Aid
- 17: Largs Churches Together
- 18: Nursing home residents and staff
- 19: Retired Clergy
- 20: Those we find it difficult to love
- 21: The newly married
- 23: Justice and Peace
- 24: Those sitting exams
- 25: All teachers
- 26: Bishop Gregor
- 27: Single Parents and their children
- 28: Those living with long-term illness
- 30: The depressed
- 31: Our intercessors



THE BOOK GROUP

Have you tried the Church Book Group yet? It's never too late. We are currently reading 'Island' by Aldous Huxley. The Book Group next meet in the Rectory at 7.30pm on Wednesday, 11 May.

Clergy Conference

The Rector will be attending the diocesan clergy conference in Stranraer from Monday, 16th - Wednesday 18th May. Should the services of a priest be required during this period, please contact Bishop Idris.



Thank you to Colleen and members of our choir for providing such high quality music for Holy Week and Easter.

It is a pity so few of our own congregation heard them sing at the Choral Evensong at Clark Memorial, and in our own church on Maundy Thursday, but I am glad most of us

made it on Easter Day. I am grateful for all the hard work and preparation put towards the services of worship we seek to offer here at St Columba's.

Many thanks, too, to everyone who worked so hard to make our first Car Boot Sale of 2016 the success that it was. The total raised for the church and our named charities was a fantastic £1,196.43.

The Rector

Crossword Puzzle solution (from page 5)

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Across: 1 Jews, 3 Laicised, 9 Undergo, 10 Roman, 11 New Testament, 13 Yachts, 15 Untrue, 17 Old Testament, 20 Credo, 21 Eclipse, 22 Set aside, 23 Cyst.

Down: 1 Journeys, 2 Widow, 4 Adopts, 5 Ceremonially, 6 Seminar, 7 Dent, 8 Orientations, 12 Vestment, 14 Collect, 16 Ascend, 18 Empty, 19 Acts.

Visit to Rosslyn Chapel

If you would like to visit Rosslyn Chapel and enjoy lunch with other members of the congregation, please sign your name on the list in the church porch. This will give an idea of numbers and the transport that should be planned.

The congregational visit to Rosslyn would take place on Saturday, 17 September.

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 2016

Day	Services and Sunday readings	Duty at Sunday 11.00am
Sunday, 1 <i>Easter 6</i>	8.00am Said Eucharist 11.00am Sung Eucharist 6.30pm Evening Prayer <i>Acts 16:9-15; Rev 21:10, 22-22:5; Jn 14:23-29</i>	Server: Hilary Moran Reader: Elspeth Robertson Intercessor: Ray Young
Wednesday, 4	10.00am Said Eucharist (1970)	
Thursday, 5 <i>Ascension Day</i>	7.00pm Said Eucharist	Server: William Clark-Ferguson
Sunday, 8 <i>Easter 7</i>	8.00am Said Eucharist 11.00am Choral Matins 6.30pm Evening Prayer <i>Acts 16:16-34; John 17:20-26</i>	Reader: May Kidd Intercessor: Ken Hinshalwood
Wednesday, 11	10.00am Said Eucharist (1970)	
Sunday, 15 <i>Pentecost</i>	8.00am Said Eucharist 11.00am Eucharist Together 6.30pm Evening Prayer <i>Acts 2:1-21; Jn 14:8-17</i>	Server: Chris Evans Reader: Hannah Harvey Intercessor: Alice MacDonald
Wednesday, 18	10.00am Said Eucharist (1970)	
Sunday, 22 <i>Trinity Sunday</i>	8.00am Said Eucharist 11.00am Sung Eucharist 6.30pm Evening Prayer <i>Prov 8:1-4, 22-31; Rom 5:1-5; Jn 16:12-15</i>	Servers: Alice & Vicky Reader: Tim Johnston Intercessor: Jennifer Fitzgibbon
Wednesday, 25 <i>St Mark (tr)</i>	10.00am Said Eucharist (1970)	
Sunday, 29 <i>Trinity 1</i>	8.00am Said Eucharist 11.00am Sung Eucharist 6.30pm Evening Prayer <i>1 Kg 8:22-23, 41-43; Gal 1:1-12; Lk 7:1b-10</i>	Servers: Imogen Harvey Reader: William Clark-Ferguson Intercessor: The Rector

Readers for June 2016

5th: Alison Jones, 12th: Joan Hutton,

19th: Aubrey McCance, 26th: Gill Beresford

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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
Treasurer and Lay Representative	Chris Evans	673757
Rector's Warden	Linda Young	672410
People's Warden	Vicky Johnston	329722
Members	Gordon Hodgson	674008
	Eleanor Witt	676322
	Jane Evans	673757
	Elsie Hinshalwood	686984

(Alt Lay Representative - Hilary Moran Tel: 686213)

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

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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	Vicky Johnston	329722
Christian Aid	Nessie Rankin	672357
	Jane Evans	673757
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Regional Council	William Clark-Ferguson	07835 454534
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>	
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Elsie Hinshalwood, Joan Hutton and May Kidd