

St Columba's

Scottish Episcopal Church

Largs



October 2015



'The land has yielded its harvest: God, our God has blessed us.'

Psalm 67:6

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 new-look website:

largs-church.co.uk

Dear Friends,

I have just returned from preaching at the licensing of Fr James. It was a privilege to be asked to do so and good to represent the congregation where he served his curacy. I was able to let the folk of the Northern Chapter of the Diocese of Moray, Ross and Caithness, know that our loss was very much their gain.

Seeing James move on to this new chapter in his calling to serve the Church reminded me of the calling that belongs to all of us by our common baptism.

It is a calling that, to me, seems linked to my other travels in September as I lead the Scottish Pilgrimage to the Shrine of our Lady of Walsingham. This annual event emphasises the truth that each of us are called to be pilgrims - those who have their sights set on the way ahead and who travel together on the journey of faith.

The journey is essential. None of us have arrived, but all are called to take the risk of travelling through various landscapes and different situations. Some of these will seem easy to us and others much more challenging; but we travel nonetheless. We do not, however, travel alone, but in the company of one another.

The Church are a pilgrim people - constantly on the move and seeking growth and change as we go. These are signs of life and health - signs that are encouraged by the goals set out in our new Mission Action Plan.

I hope you will make the most of the opportunities, offered by our community of faith here at St Columba's, to deepen your faith as we continue our journey together.

yours in the faith,

Gordon

Year's Mind

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

1st Marjorie Smith
2nd Billy Kay, Ann Hay
9th Keith Malcolm Reader
11th Angus Shaw
14th Elsie Cook
18th John Ferguson
20th Bob Lees, Frank Chappell, Betty McNae
21st Jack Sergeant
23rd Brenda Watt
24th Frederick Goldie (*Bishop*)
26th Marion Davis, Elizabeth Griffiths
29th Geoffrey McQueen-Farlane
30th Maurice Logue (*Priest*), Thomas Battle
31st Maggie Veriod

*For your
Diary*

25 - 28 September - Scottish Pilgrimage to Walsingham
27 September - 12.15pm Vestry Finance Meeting
27 September - Largs Churches Together Committee Meeting,
St Columba's Parish Church
1 October - 2.00pm, Contemplative Meditation
4 October - 11.00am Harvest Festival & Congregational Lunch
16 October - 7.30pm Quiz Night
25 October - 12.15pm Congregational AGM (note change of date!)
27 October - 7.00pm Vestry Meeting
30 October - 7.30pm Film showing and discussion of 'The Closer we get'
(TBC)
28 November - Vestry Away Day, Dalry

Server Training

There will be a short introduction to serving in four one hour sections. We will cover Preparing for services, Serving during services, Clearing away and Special services. They will run on Wednesday evening at 7:15 pm on the 30th September, the 21st of October, the 19th of November and the 9th of December. Any who would like to become a server or anyone who would like to know more about what servers do is welcome to join us.

Alice

Thank you for your welcome, A visitor's view of St Columba's Largs

I don't know about you but the Summer holidays seem to me to be a long time ago now. In fact it's only been a few weeks since Nick-my husband- and I spent our now regular annual week's holiday in your lovely town of Largs and enjoyed again the opportunity to worship at St Columba's. We would like to say "thank you" to everyone at St Columba's for the warm welcome we always receive when we come along to the services on Sundays or Wednesdays. Someone from the congregation always speaks to us and invites us into a conversation, we always enjoy the music and the liturgy and we have always been invited to stay for coffee afterwards which makes us feel very welcome to your fellowship- so thank you!

It could be a surprising thing that we feel so at home in Largs and at St Columba's as Largs is so different from Stoke on Trent which is our home. One difference is that, unlike Largs, Stoke on Trent couldn't be further from the sea, another that Stoke on Trent is a much bigger and more industrial place than Largs. But when we come to worship with you we feel at home because we find ourselves amongst a faithful, prayerful Christian community with whom we share some important things in common- particularly a shared desire to know God better and to share the love of God with our local communities. This is evident in Largs from the many community activities we can read about in the notice sheet, and we hope evident in our home churches from the social activities in which we share also. So we thank you again for your warm welcome, we pray that St Columba's will continue to grow in faith and number and we look forward to seeing you again soon!

God bless you, *Christine and Nick Broad.*

October Prayer Calendar

- 1: All farmers
- 2: All fishermen
- 3: The RNLI
- 5: Local Charities
- 6: Columba's Creatives
- 7: Organisations that use our hall
- 8: Visitors to our church
- 9: Our family and friends
- 10: Persecuted Christians
- 12: Refugees
- 13: (*Edward the Confessor, King, 1066*) H.M. Queen Elizabeth
- 14: Aid Agencies
- 15: (*Teresa of Avila, Teacher, 1582*) Spiritual Directors
- 16: Animal Companions
- 17: Retired Clergy
- 19: Congregations of Largs Churches Together
- 20: All Carers
- 21: Those living with a disability
- 22: Bishop Gregor
- 23: The frail elderly
- 24: Local Schools and Colleges
- 26: The recently bereaved
- 27: Members of the Vestry
- 28: (*St Simon and St Jude, Apostles*) The College of Bishops
- 29: The depressed
- 30: Our neighbours
- 31: Those who live in fear

From the registers

Baptism

Aria Joyce MacGillivray - 6 September 2015

Vestry Notes

The following decisions and actions were agreed at the Vestry meeting held on 7 September:

Mission Action Plan (MAP): The Vestry met with our facilitator, Liz O’Ryan, to discuss the proposals for the fourth year of the MAP and went through the document in detail. Arising from those discussions it was **agreed** (i) to make reference to the Car Boot Sales under Outreach into the Community; (ii) in view of the success of the temporary labyrinth laid out on the back lawn for the Viking Festival, to explore the options and costs of making a permanent labyrinth there using monoblock or similar to mark it out with a view to attracting funding from the Regional Council; (iii) to discuss with the Director of Music the possibility of having an organ recital at the Car Boot Sales and (iv) to place an ‘A’ Board outside the Church advising it is open for visitors, progress a more detailed visitors’ leaflet on the Church, its history, the windows, etc. and to take up an offer by Jane McCance to provide contemporary art on a seasonal basis in the Church for the benefit of visitors. It was noted that a Meditation Group led by Liz was already up and running and meeting on a Thursday afternoon.

Liz undertook to make the necessary changes to the document to reflect the discussions and to sign it off. The Vestry thereafter formally adopted the MAP document and the eight goals for growth and **agreed** that the document be signed by the Rector and Vestry Secretary in front of the congregation at Choral Matins on 13 September.

Institution of James Currall– The Rector advised that he would be preaching at the Institution of James in Dornoch on 20 September. Ray and Linda Young also hoped to attend as they were in Inverness that weekend for a wedding.

Congregational Awayday- The Rector advised that the proposed Awayday to Lindisfarne had been postponed until the Spring and he would work with Vicky Johnston on the arrangements for the visit.

Compost- Alice MacDonald reported that around £300 had been raised through the sale of compost and advised that she was happy to continue with the venture.

HeartStart- Alice MacDonald advised that HeartStart refresher training would be held in the hall during the school October holidays.

Art and Architecture in Churches of the Diocese- It was noted that this event covering recording and caring for ecclesiastical artwork and stained glass was being held on 7 November at St Margaret of Scotland SEC, Renfrew.

Property- Ray Young advised that the hall floor had now been sanded and varnished and that the front door of the Church had been repainted burgundy. Chris Evans advised that (i) a new spring had been inserted in the lock to the back door of the Church; (ii) a noise when the disabled toilet in the hall was flushed was being investigated; (iii) leaks at radiators in the hall had been fixed and (iv) a note of the timings for heating had been put up at the boiler and in the hall.

Treasurer- Chris Evans had previously circulated a year-end report on Receipts and Payments against the Budget together with a proposed budget for the 2015/16 financial year. Chris spoke to the report and responded to questions thereon. Following these discussions it was **agreed** (a) to note that (i) there was year-end budget surplus of £10,507 and (ii) cheques for £787.39 had been sent to our chosen charities (Medecins Sons Frontiers and North Ayrshire Food Bank) and (b) to approve the Budget for 2015/16 subject to Donations from Standing Orders being reduced to £27,000, Ordinary Offerings being increased to £3,500 and Property Expenses being reduced to £13,000. The Vestry recorded their thanks to Chris for all his hard work as Treasurer.

Chris further advised that arrangements were being made with the Food Bank for a photograph of the cheque handover to show the charitable work of the Church arising out of the Car Boot Sales.

Social/Fundraising- William Ferguson is arranging a fundraising event before end October and another between New Year and Lent. Yuletide will be on 5 December. Ray Young and Chris Evans undertook to put up hooks around the hall for bunting.

Protection of Vulnerable Groups- Linda reported that the four members already holding PVG registration with other organisations

were currently going through the process. All those working with vulnerable children or adults will be PVG registered by end October.

Congregational Matters-Ray Young advised that he would be putting a copy of the Roll at the back of the Church for any amendments prior to the Congregational AGM. He was also writing out to all activity leaders for their annual reports for the AGM.

Guild of Servers- The Rector reported on the success of the Guild of Servers Service and AGM held in the Church and Hall on 5 September. The Vestry recorded their thanks to all who had helped in the kitchen, to all the Servers for the contribution they make throughout the year and congratulated Vicky Johnston who had joined the Guild of Servers.

Let of Hall to PROBUS Club- Gordon Hodgson tabled a report on an approach by the PROBUS Club for use of the hall. The Vestry **agreed** to the let in principle and authorised Chris Evans and Ray Young to meet with Club representatives to firm up the matter.

Cleaning of Hall- Chris Evans reported on the need for a deep clean of the hall and undertook to draw up a specification, obtain quotes and oversee the works.

Hedge Cutting- Following discussion it was agreed to ask the company that had cut the hedge and removed the cuttings last year to undertake the work later this month.

AGM- The Rector sought comment from Vestry members as to whether they intended to remain in post. Eleanor advised that she was happy to continue on Vestry but wished to relinquish the post of Regional Representative. Alice intimated her wish to take a year out as People's Warden. Linda wished to stand down from the MAP Group as intimated at the last AGM. The post of Lay Representative was also vacant. These vacancies will be the subject to a magazine article in order to stimulate interest from within the congregation.

Vestry Awayday- The Vestry Awayday is due to be held on 28 November from 9.30 a.m. until 2.30 p.m.. The Rector and Chris are attending the Regional Council meeting on 15 September at St. Peters,

Dalry and undertook to ascertain the suitability of the Church for the Awayday.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be the Vestry Finance Meeting on 27 September, 2015 at 12.30 p.m. in the Hall after the morning Service. The Vestry will then meet on Tuesday 27 October in the Rectory at 7.00 p.m.
Ray Young, Vestry Secretary

CHURCH LIBRARY

Latest additions, Autumn 2015.



Over the summer months I have been taking into Library stock the largest number yet of new additions. Most of them have come from the personal collection of the late Joyce Pow, and show the range and depths of her religious interests. Some of the books carry signs of her study of them by her annotations.

Biblical Texts.

[HOLY BIBLE] *Apocrypha: Authorised Version.* (A496).

Individual Religions/Congregations.

McGREEVY, Michael, ed *This is our Faith.* This large, illustrated paperback explains the Anglican approach to religion, and how the Sacraments are conducted. (E131).

SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH. *Directory, 2012/2013.* Joyce has added her own updates. (E497).

Daily Meditations and Prayers.

ASKEW, Eddie. We now have six titles (all new to the Library) of this artist, poet and worker for the Leprosy Mission. *Breaking the Rules*, (G498); *Chasing the Leaves*, (G499); *Cross Purposes*, (G500); *Facing the Storm*, (G501); *Love is a Wild Bird*, (G502); *Unexpected Journeys*, (G503).

HUGHES, Selwyn. *Every Day with Jesus; The Bible in 365 readings with daily devotionals*. (G504).

McKENNA, Megan. *Advent, Christmas and Epiphany; stories and reflections on the Sunday eadings*. (G505).

General/Miscellaneous (including Quotations).

BARCLAY, William. *And He had Compassion; the miracles of Jesus*. This updated version of a book by a popular TV personality (and Minister!) presents "a balance of historical reality with present day relevance". (H506).

BOICE, James Montgomery. *The Parables of Jesus*. A detailed study of the Parables grouped by their subject content. (H507).

MELLEN, Andy, and HOLLOW, Neil. *No Oil in the Lamp; fuel, faith and the energy crisis*. This is a recent publication on a very topical subject. (H508).

SILF, Margaret. *The Miller's Tale and other Parables*. A series of everyday incidents which show us what the kingdom of God is like today. (H509).

Individual Lives.

MACDONALD, Iain, ed. *Saint Columba*. This book should be of interest to members of our own congregation! (I510).

Ken Hinshalwood, Librarian.

Tickets will soon be available for a quiz night with supper to be held in the church hall at 7.30pm on Friday, 16 October. This quiz will be based on some of your favourite television quiz formats and should be an entertaining evening.

See the weekly pew sheets for further details.



Donations to charity for 2014 - 2015

I am pleased to report that through our various fund raising events in the past year, most notably our 4 Car Boot Sales, we raised a net total of £7,874 and in line with decisions taken at last year's AGM and the Vestry's Awayday, we chose to support the North Coast Foodbank (NCF) and Medecins Sans Frontieres as our 2 charities for the year. As a result, each charity has recently been sent a cheque for nearly £788. A great effort and well done to all involved. See our website for a small article and photo of the donation to NCF.

Chris

Hon. Treasurer

Church Book Group

The new Church Book Group will meet for the first time this month. Full details will be intimated in the weekly pew sheet and website.

HARVEST OFFERING



As part of your harvest offering, please bring along some non perishable goods that can be passed on to the Largs Food Bank.

Please also sign-up if you would like to attend the church bring and share Harvest Lunch that will follow the 11.00am service on Sunday, 4 October.

Thank You!

Many thanks to all of our Servers and those who assisted in making the Scottish Guild of Servers Festival such a success on Saturday, 5 September. Both the Liturgies and catering were very well received.

Thank you, too, to everyone who assisted in any way with the last Car Boot Sale of the year. These events raise valuable funds for the church and the charities we seek to support as well as creating opportunities for contact with the surrounding community.

The Rector

Annual General Meeting

Our Congregational Annual General Meeting will take place in the hall after the 11.00am service on Sunday, 25 October. In the weeks before this meeting please take the opportunity to check your details on the congregational roll that is displayed at the back of the church and amend/update as necessary.

The Vestry Secretary has already contacted those who are expected to provide reports for the meeting, but if you have a specific item you would like raised, please pass your request in writing to the Vestry Secretary no later than 2 weeks before the meeting.

Copies of the activity and financial reports will be made available in advance and I would ask you to read these and come to the AGM prepared.

No Vestry members are due to stand down this year but there will be a vacancy for the position of Lay Representative, Regional Representative, MAP Group member and People's Warden.

The Rector

*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 October

Day	Services and Sunday readings	Duty at Sunday 11.00am
Sunday, 4 <i>Harvest Festival</i>	8.00am Said Eucharist 11.00am Sung Eucharist 6.30pm Evening Prayer <i>Joel 2:21-27; Ps 126; 1 Tim 6:6-10; Matt 6:25-33</i>	Server: All Servers Reader: May Kidd Intercessor: Alice MacDonald
Wednesday, 7	10.00am Said Eucharist (1970)	
Sunday, 11 <i>Trinity 19</i>	8.00am Said Eucharist 11.00am Choral Matins 6.30pm Evening Prayer <i>Amos 5:6-7, 10-15; Ps 90:13-17; Mk 10:17-31</i>	Reader: Gib Fitzgibbon Intercessor: Alison Jones
Wednesday, 14	10.00am Said Eucharist (1970)	
Sunday, 18 <i>Trinity 20</i>	8.00am Said Eucharist 11.00am Eucharist Together 6.30pm Evening Prayer <i>Isa 53:4-12; Mk 10:35-45</i>	Server: Hilary Moran Reader: Imogen Harvey Intercessor: Frances Robertson
Wednesday, 21	10.00am Said Eucharist (1970)	
Sunday, 25 <i>Trinity 21</i>	8.00am Said Eucharist 11.00am Sung Eucharist & AGM 6.30pm Evening Prayer <i>Jer 31:7-9; Ps 126; Heb 7:23-28; Mk 10:46b-52</i>	Server: Alice MacDonald Reader: Joan Hutton Intercessor: Rector
Wednesday, 28 <i>Simon & Jude</i>	10.00am Said Eucharist (1970)	

Readers for November:

*1st: Rose Oliver, 8th: William Clark-Ferguson,
15th: Aubrey McCance, 22nd: Dorothy Bailey,
29th: Jennifer Fitzgibbon*

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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
<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

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Life at St Columba's

Director of Music	Colleen 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