

St Columba's

Scottish Episcopal Church

Largs



September 2015



*'Jesus saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector's booth.
"Follow me," he told him, and Matthew got up and followed him.'*

Matthew 9:9

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,

This month sees a flurry of activity after our long and wet summer. The Largs Monday Toddler Group and Columba's Creatives have begun to meet again. In addition some initiatives promise to offer us opportunities to deepen our Christian faith; through exploring a different way to pray, with the Contemplative Meditation Group, and to deepen our understanding of that faith together with the new Book Group.

All of us will have the opportunity to use the temporary labyrinth that will be set out on the north lawn of the church grounds. This is a prayer walk that has its roots deep in the Christian tradition. It offers us the chance to take a journey in communion with God; to leave our concerns as we enter and to move toward the centre of the labyrinth. There we have the space to reflect before continuing our journey back out into the world. This process should provide the space for us to emerge with a new perspective on our life and our faith.

What happens in the labyrinth to us as an individual will, it is hoped, also be expressed in the experience our visitors will have as they enter our church building in the coming months. The development of display boards at the back of the church will inform them that, as well as being a fine victorian building, it is home to a living and growing Christian community; one that is dynamic and receptive to the work of God's Holy and life-giving Spirit.

I hope you will always be open to the growth and development God offers us through our common life and witness here at St Columba's.

yours in the faith,

Gordon

Year's Mind

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

1st Jessie Cuthbertson
2nd Sylvia Paling, Martha Stott
7th Mary Moir
9th Eliza Hellens
10th Margaret Ellison, Lillian Campbell
12th Ian Jenkins
17th Kirsty Gusterson
18th James Alexander MacFarlane
19th Wilfrid Moon
20th Beatrice Scott
23rd Denzyl Holroyd
24th Eric Clayton Hibbot
27: Vera McKenna
29th John Hay

*For your
Diary*

29 August - 9.00am - 1.00pm Car Boot Sale
31 August - 2.00pm Pastoral Team Meeting
3 September - 2.00pm Contemplative Prayer Group
5 September - 1.00pm Scottish Guild of Servers Festival
6 September - 11.00am Service of Holy Baptism
6 September - 4.00pm Largs Churches Together Open-Air
Largs Viking Festival Service
7 September - 7.00pm Vestry Meeting
13 September - 12.15pm Signing of Mission Action Plan 4
15 September - 7.30pm Regional Council meeting at St Peter's, Dalry
20 September - 11.00am Sea Sunday Service
21 September - 7.00pm St Matthew's Day Eucharist
25 - 28 September - Scottish Pilgrimage to Walsingham
4 October - 11.00am Harvest Festival & Congregational Lunch
25 October - 12.15pm Congregational AGM (note change of date!)
27 October - 7.00pm Vestry Meeting

Congregational Away Day

It was hoped that a congregational away day to Lindisfarne might be possible one Saturday this month. Due to other commitments this will now be postponed until April or May next year.

The Rector

CAR BOOT SALE

9.00am - 1.00pm Saturday, 29 August

Server Training

I am going to run a course for Servers and people interested in what servers do. The course will start this month and will take place one evening a month until Christmas. If you would be interested please talk to me after any Sunday service or give me a call on 673370 and I will arrange the dates to suit.

Alice

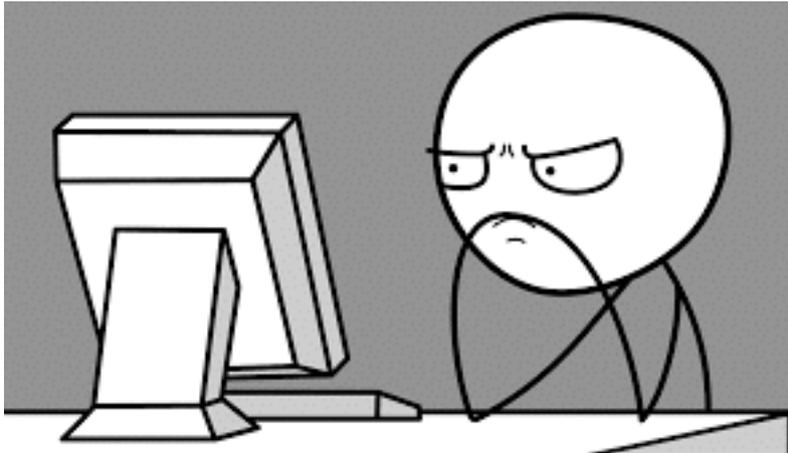
Sea Sunday

We will keep Sunday 20 September as 'Sea Sunday'. Revd Tim Tunley, a seaports chaplain, will come to speak to us about the work of the Mission to Seafarers and a retiral collection will be taken that day for the Mission to Seafarers.



**Caring for seafarers
around the world**

New-Look Website



Take a look at our new-look church website. If you register with the site you will be updated with all new posts, including the weekly pew-sheet.

largs-church.co.uk

Regional Council

There will be a meeting of Ayrshire Regional Council at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 15 September at St Peter's Church in Dalry. All are welcome to this meeting and transport can be arranged via the Rector.

Pilgrimage

I will be leading the Scottish Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham from Friday, 25 - Monday, 28 September. If you require the services of the priest in my absence, please telephone Bishop Idris Jones: 01475 674919.

The Rector

September Prayer Calendar

- 1: Local Schools and Colleges
- 2: Columba's Creatives
- 3: (*Gregory the Great, 604*) Bishop Gregor
- 4: All involved in lay ministries
- 5: The Scottish Guild of Servers
- 7: Our Vestry
- 8: (*Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary*) The Cathedral
- 9: The newly baptised
- 10: Organisations that use our hall
- 11: The local Food Bank initiative
- 12: Vacant Charges
- 14: (*Holy Cross Day*) The church in the Jordanhill and Knightswood areas
- 15: Ayrshire Regional Council
- 16: (*St Ninian, Bp. c.432*) All charges dedicated to Ninian
- 17: All Carers
- 18: All refugees, migrants and displaced peoples
- 19: Those struggling with addiction
- 21: (*St Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist*) St Matthew's, Possilpark
- 22: Dairy farmers
- 23: Fair Trade
- 24: Justice and Peace
- 25: Pilgrims to the shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham
- 26: Vocations to the priesthood
- 28: Those suffering from mental illness
- 29: (*St Michael and All Angels*) St Michael and All Angels, Helensburgh
- 30: The College of Bishops



FAIRTRADE

The Vestry are keen to support Fairtrade and I have undertaken to purchase Fairtrade goods on behalf of members of the congregation.

Fairtrade catalogues and literature continue to be made available in the hall after the 11.00 a.m. Service on the first Sunday of each month for those interested to place their orders which I will then send off and circulate once received. For this month only the Fairtrade material will be available on the second Sunday of the month (13 September).

Your continued support of this venture is much appreciated. Any income goes to Church funds.

Linda Young



CONTEMPLATIVE MEDITATION

"THE PRAYER OF STILLNESS"

Do you want to de-stress, find a place in your life for calm and stillness?

Do you desire to find an antidote to the busy-ness and pressures of life?

Do you want to deepen your prayer life?

Do you want to experience God at a deeper level?

Practising meditation can do all these things

Why not give it a try?

**St Columba's Rectory
Aubery Cresc, Largs
2pm**

Thursday 3rd September

Thursday 1st October

Thursday 5th November

Thursday 3rd December

Further information: Rev Liz O'Ryan
07949 667 135
lizoryan@tiscali.co.uk

Scottish Guild of Servers Festival

On Saturday, 5 September our church will be the venue for the Scottish Guild of Servers Festival and A.G.M.

Our own servers will be involved in the Sung Eucharist that will take place at 1.00pm that day and we are honoured to have been asked to host such an important event in the life of the Church. Everyone is welcome to the service.



Part of hosting this Provincial event involves offering hospitality to many visiting clergy and servers from around Scotland. In the July/August edition of the magazine I sought volunteers who would be happy to be involved in planning and serving the refreshments at the Servers Day. I am still keen to hear from you! Please let me know if you are free and willing to help.

The Rector

Contacting James

Some of you expressed an interest in writing to James.
His new contact details are as follows:

*Revd James Currall,
Kennic Cottage,
Spinningdale,
Ardgay, IV24 3AD*

James thanks members of the congregation for his time among us as our curate. Take a look at his thank you card on the noticeboard of the church porch. Please remember James in your prayers as he is instituted into his new responsibilities in Sutherland on Sunday, 20 September. I will take your best wishes to him when I travel north to preach at his institution.

The Rector

News from The North

Three weeks have pasted since you all gave Anna and I such a wonderful send off, with characteristic kindness and generosity. For the first couple of weeks, what with the final packing up and moving, time passed in a blur of busyness. However over the last few days we have both had time to take stock and reflect and to realise all the things that we are thankful for.

From my very first day in Largs (the 9th September 2013), you have been a welcoming, supportive and honest Christian community. I have had a really splendid curacy during which I learned much. I learned a huge amount from Gordon, who was wonderful training rector. I learned a lot from the vestry and the congregation, both collectively and individually. I also learned a lot from a opportunities that being in Largs afforded me, both in the town through Largs Churches Together and also in Millport, Dunoon and elsewhere. For all of these, for hospitality, friendship and just being there, a huge thank you.

So what are we up to now? Well we live in Spinningdale, where the nearest shop is 5 miles away and the nearest supermarket 7. I have gleaned two facts about Spinningdale. Firstly the actor James Robertson Justice had a house here for 20 years. Secondly there are the ruins of a cotton mill built in 1792 by George Dempster (local MP and owner of Skibo Estate) and David Dale, the industrialist and entrepreneur who, along with Robert Owen, established the mills at New Lanark. Alas the Spinningdale venture was much less successful and so when the building was gutted by fire in 1806, it was not thought worthwhile to rebuild it and it has remained a ruin ever since.

I have joined a team ministry which covers a vast area to the north of the Cromarty Firth, as Mission Priest in the Northern Chapter of the Diocese of Moray, Ross and Caithness. Principally I take services in Dornoch, Tain, Lairg and Ardgay but also on occasion venturing as far afield as The Crask Inn, Tongue, Ullapool, Invergordon, Dingwall and perhaps even Wick and Thurso. Some of these places have services every week, whilst others have a fortnightly or monthly pattern. We

have met some of the congregations and all have been very welcoming, but with my expectations set by the congregation of St Columba's, they have a high standard to live up to ☺

If any of you happen to be passing by this way, you are most welcome to drop in on us, but you would be as well to make contact first, otherwise you may drop by when we are miles away in another part of the patch!!

Blessings to you all – *James*

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: Choral Matins and Sung Eucharist

The new session for St Columba's Choir fast approaches, and we are looking forward to welcoming our choir back into the stalls on a Sunday morning after their summer recess.

One of the choir's main contributions is singing Matins on the second Sunday of the month, a service for which they and I prepare and rehearse rigorously. St Columba's congregation sings the Canticles along with the choir, no small feat for St Columba's; very commendable indeed. Many churches have a tradition of the choir alone singing the Psalms and Canticles with the congregation only joining in at the last "Glory Be..." The same principle applies to the Versicles and Responses; on the whole - priest and choir led. It certainly brings a feeling of whole worship on Matins Sunday, knowing that Priest, Choir and Congregation are singing Matins together.

It is not unusual to find that many churches' Matins repertoire includes more than one Versicles and Responses setting; with this in mind I have sourced an additional setting to add an extra musical flavour to Matins. When Matins in October comes around, the Responses will be a particular setting composed by Dr Harry Brama, a past Director of the Royal School of Church Music. The Responses are, in my opinion, not difficult to learn with our congregation in mind, and can be successfully sung both in unison and harmony. The Brama Responses include a beautifully simple sung Lords Prayer to add to the Service of Matins. I would recommend listening carefully to the choir on the first singing of this service. If you read music and would like to purchase your own copy, please see me and I will order extra copies at the small cost of £2.50 each.

We have been using James (now Sir James!) Macmillan's "Saint Anne" Mass setting at our Sung Eucharist for quite some time. The Rector and I would like to see some variety in the Mass settings, and with that in mind we will be using the Dom Gregory Murray setting shortly, interchanging with that of Macmillan. The setting for the day will be printed on the pew sheet. The season of Advent will see the singing of the Merbecke setting, as will Lent.

C Anderson Director of Music

New Visitor Leaflet

Many thanks to Heather Upfield for all her work on producing a new 'Brief Guide' leaflet for visitors to our church building.

Vestry Notes

The Vestry took the following decisions and actions at their meeting on 6 July:

Church website– James had set up a new website on WordPress which would allow anyone with administrative approval to add items as a blog. Lots of links had been added such as the Magazine, What's On, Services, Events, Holiday Club, etc. It was **agreed** that James act as Administrator meantime and that the Rector, Vestry Secretary and Hilary Moran be authorised to populate the website. It was noted that emails would be sent to subscribers to the website when a new item was added.

Congregational Awayday - The Rector proposed Congregational Awayday to Lindisfarne is ongoing and Vicky Johnson was working on arrangements for the visit.

Compost- Alice McDonald and her husband John continue to bag and sell compost and John had recently weeded the Memorial Garden. John proposed to weedkill around the paths and open areas around the Church and this was welcomed by Vestry. It was noted that the weedkiller would require to be safe for bees and animals and that Chris would reimburse John for the costs involved. The Vestry agreed to record their sincere thanks to Alice and John for the work they are doing in bagging and then distributing the compost and for other gardening work which was much appreciated.

Pastoral Visitors- The Pastoral Visitors were Licensed by Bishop Gregor at the Pentecost Service. Alice advised that she was looking to print off old photograph of the Church and Church events to be laminated and used as a photo memory book by the Pastoral Assistants. Anyone with suitable photographs are asked to pass these or a copy to Alice.

Recycling- All the bins have been relocated to the hall for the convenience of hall users. Linda Young to contact the Council to order one blue and two large brown bins for the Church.

Fairtrade- Linda Young has started the monthly Fairtrade stall and had taken a number of orders. Tea, coffee, etc. should continue to be purchased from local stores to encourage them to stock Fairtrade goods.

Memorial Service- It was noted that a Memorial Service for the late Revd Canon Joyce Pow would be held at the Cathedral of the Isles on Saturday 25 July at 3.00 pm.

Mail at Back of Church- There have been problems with mail and packages left at the back of the Church being opened, presumably by someone looking for money. Vestry felt that it was important that the Church should be left open for visitors during the day and any one leaving mail should inform members that mail was there for collection so it does not lie for days. The Rector will remove mail to the Vestry when the Church is open for visitors and put it back for Services.

Property- The Vestry recorder their thanks to James for replacing the Office windowsill and to Eleanor Witt for painting it. Chris Evans advised that he would report to the next meeting regarding grass cutting. He and Ray Young undertook to repoint the Rectory boundary garden wall with lime mortar as James had surveyed the wall and felt this would resolve the problem meantime.

GD Floors of Kilwinning have sanded and applied four coats of water based varnish to the Hall floor. While undertaking this work two leaks had been noticed at radiators which may be the cause of water pressure loss in the boiler. Chris undertook to arrange for a Plumber to repair the leaks.

Treasurer- Chris Evans reported on Receipts and Payments against the Budget to 2 July 2015 which showed a surplus of £22,081. A claim for anonymous donations from the collection plate

had raised £1,500 and five Gopak tables had been bought at a cost of £500 from that sum to replace some of the old heavy wooden tables.

An Addictions Group has started using the hall every Thursday for two hours throughout the year. The Group are funded by North Ayrshire Council but can only claim £10 an hour for their meetings. Vestry **agreed**, exceptionally, to accept the sum of £10 per hour as the aims of the Group were something the Church would wish to support.

Protection of Vulnerable Groups- Linda reported that four members already holding PVG registration with other organisations were now going through the process and once completed all those working with vulnerable children or adults will be PVG registered.

MAP Update- The MAP Group had met recently and would be pursuing the labyrinth and raising people's awareness by marking one out on the back lawn for the Viking Festival. In addition the Group have agreed to (i) prepare information paddles on the history of the Church for the use of visitors; (ii) move the Prayer Board to the votive candles' area and (iii) establish a display area at the back of the Church to bring what is happening in the hall into the Church.

Church Doors- The Rector advised that the Church front doors required repainting and showed photographs of how the doors would look in a range of colours. It was **agreed** to repaint the doors in burgundy. Ray Young undertook to progress the work.

Tax Discs- A laminated disc of the Episcopal Church logo was available for those wishing to put their now redundant tax disc holders to good use.

Lay Representative- The Rector reported that the Lay Representative, Rose Allan, had resigned. Following discussion the Vestry were happy for Chris Evans to complete the remaining few months left of the Lay Representative's term of office and for his appointment to be voted on by the congregation at the

Congregational AGM in October. Meanwhile, Hilary Moran, as Alternate Lay Representative, will be eligible to vote at Regional Council meetings. It was **agreed** to move the Congregational AGM from 18th to 25th October to accommodate the Treasurer.

HeartStart- Alice McDonald advised that she was arranging with HeartStart for refresher training in September for Sidespersons and would be happy to extend the training to all those interested.

Summer Mission- The Vestry were pleased to hear that the “Ship of Dreams” Holiday Club had been very successful and recorded their appreciation to all those who had helped in any way.

The next Vestry meeting will be held on 7 September, 2015 in the Rectory at 7.00 p.m.

Ray Young, Vestry Secretary

Mission Action Plan - Year 4

Summer 2015 sees us enter our fourth year of participation in the diocesan strategic intention for growth. Our new Mission Action Plan will be signed after the main 11.00am service on Sunday, 13 September.

We will continue to work on gaining funds for the building of the Largs Labyrinth. A temporary one will be marked on the grass of the north lawn following the car boot sale on Saturday 29 August.

Both Columba’s Creatives and Largs Monday Toddlers will continue the good work begun during previous years. Volunteers for both of these initiatives would be very welcome.

The new-look website will be updated regularly.



The new goals related to this year's MAP are:

Make the church interior more welcoming to visitors:

Prepare information paddles to guide visitors around the church building. (In addition to this a new 'Brief Guide' leaflet has been prepared and can be found at the back of church).

Purchase a pull up banner and display it at the entrance of the church. Place inviting signage outside the church advertising 'Quiet Space'. Introduce and maintain double height display boards that display church activities and inform visitors of our living faith community here at St Columba's. Update the noticeboard area in the church porch.

Develop the prayer focus area within the church : Move the prayer board to the front near the votive lights and develop a simple method of attaching prayer requests for use in the intercessions.

Start a Contemplative Meditation Group and advertise this ecumenically. This will meet in the Rectory in the afternoon of the first Thursday of each month, beginning this month.

Start a Book Group to encourage reading and reflection together and to provide space for faith sharing. This will meet on a monthly basis at venues to be advertised in pew-sheets and future publications of the church magazine.

Please come to the signing of MAP4 and continue to pray for the development of our common mission here at St Columba's.



BACK OF CHURCH SUNDAY

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 September

Day	Services and Sunday readings	Duty at Sunday 11.00am
Wednesday, 2	10.00am Said Eucharist (1970)	
Saturday, 5	1.00pm SGS Festival Sung Eucharist	All Servers
Sunday, 6 <i>Trinity 14</i>	8.00am Said Eucharist 11.00am Sung Eucharist and Holy Baptism 6.30pm Evening Prayer <i>Isa 35:4-7a; Ps 146; Mk 7:24-37</i>	Server: William Clark-Ferguson Reader: Ray Young Intercessor: Alice MacDonald
Wednesday, 9	10.00am Said Eucharist (1970)	
Sunday, 13 <i>Trinity 15</i>	8.00am Said Eucharist 11.00am Choral Matins 6.30pm Evening Prayer <i>Isa 50:4-9a; Ps 116:1-8; James 3:1-12; Mk 8:27-38</i>	Reader: Elspeth Robertson Intercessor: Jennifer Fitzgibbon
Monday, 14 Holy Cross Day	7.00pm Said Eucharist	Server: Chris Evans
Wednesday, 16 St Ninian	10.00am Said Eucharist (1970)	
Sunday, 20 <i>Trinity 16</i> <i>Sea Sunday</i>	8.00am Said Eucharist 11.00am Eucharist Together <i>Jer 11:18-20; Mk 9:30-37</i>	Server: Imogen Harvey Reader: May Kidd Intercessor: William Clark-Ferguson
Monday, 21 St Matthew	7.00pm Said Eucharist	Server: William Clark-Ferguson
Wednesday, 23	10.00am Said Eucharist (1970)	
Sunday, 27 <i>Trinity 17</i>	8.00am Said Eucharist 11.00am Sung Eucharist <i>Num 11:4-6,10-16,24-29; Ps 19:7-14; James 5:13-20; Mk 9:38-50</i>	Server: Chris Evans Reader: Jennifer Fitzgibbon Intercessor: Ray Young
Wednesday, 30	10.00am Said Eucharist (1970)	

Readers for October:

4th: May Kidd, 11th: Gib Fitzgibbon,

18th: Imogen Harvey, 25th: Joan Hutton

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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
	Elsie Hinshalwood	686984
Treasurer	Chris Evans	673757

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

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

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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