

St Columba's

Scottish Episcopal Church

Largo



September 2016



*"And when I am lifted up, I will draw all men unto me."
(John 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:

largs-church.co.uk

Dear Friends,

“When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of Glory died ...”
I am sure all of you will be familiar with these opening words of the hymn by Isaac Watts. We often sing them on the Good Friday Walk of Witness or elsewhere on that solemn day. Why am I writing about the Cross in September? - because it is the month in which we keep Holy Cross Day.

During the reign of Constantine, first Roman Emperor to profess the Christian faith, his mother Helena went to Israel and there undertook to find the places especially significant to Christians. Having located, close together, what she believed to be the sites of Christ's crucifixion and of his burial, she then had built over them the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, which was dedicated on 14 September 335 A.D.

Today we keep Holy Cross Day on 14 September and it has become a day for recognising the Cross in a festal atmosphere that would be inappropriate on Good Friday. The Cross is celebrated as a symbol of triumph, as a sign of Christ's victory over death, and a reminder of his promise, "And when I am lifted up, I will draw all men unto me." (John 12:32)

The symbol of the cross is central to our faith. We are marked with it in baptism and confirmation and are free to make it's sign during worship. We wear crosses around our neck and see them adorn even the plainest of church buildings.

This month may we rediscover the glory of the cross; through the victory of our Lord, may we die to ourself and experience the fullness of life offered by the one who held nothing back for us and for our salvation.

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



Largs Monday Toddlers

We are starting a new term, hopefully with some new and some familiar mums and grans. We had a few tears when we had to say good bye to a few regulars, some who will be back with their third babies once their next child has gone to nursery school. So we are gearing up again, stocking the cupboards with biscuits and coffee for the parents, sorting out the rota and register (thanks to Armored). If anyone else wants to enjoy a couple of hours in the company of some lovely babies and toddlers, and has the ability to carry toys, let Gordon know. The ones of us who help, find it a blessing and joy.

Smalls for All

Many thanks to all those ladies who donated their 32 used bras to this organisation, and also bought 50 new knickers. They are on their way to Africa where they bring a status symbol and prevent

women and children being abused, prevent infections and many other things. One can't imagine, just our basics in life, can make so much difference in the third world. The collection bag is still at the back of the church for this. If you have yet to get around to asking friends and family for their used bras and new pants for women and girls, do ask! Details are on the bag. Please donate to this worthy cause.

Our Church new Website

I enjoy receiving all the church readings and also the notices a few days ahead of the each Sunday service by Email. I find this very useful, so I can look up the readings prior to church service on my Bible app. I know those of the old school use the church magazine, but I'm just pointing out this new more digital way and allows access to the rotas when the hard copy of the magazine has gone missing in your home! I like seeing the notices ahead and checking to see what the deliberate mistake is going to be this week and what

Father Gordon has forgotten about 😊.

You also get to see any new pictures of our various events each time the new look website is updated. I would recommend for those who into phones and tablets to give it a go.

One can ask to get updates on the front page of the churches website www.largs-church.co.uk. Bottom right where it says get up dates via Email, fill in your Email address and press follow.

Columba's Creatives

The new session for our children's crafty club Columba's Creatives begins at 6.00pm on Wednesday, 7 September. We will then continue to meet from 6.00pm - 7.00pm each Wednesday during the school term time.

If you know of any children that would be interested, please remind them that Columba's Creatives is back again for another action-packed time of fun, games, stories, crafts, quizzes and snacks!

Christian Aid Lunch

The Largs Christian Aid Committee are offering a two course fund-raising lunch at the Willowbank Hotel. The lunch will be from 12.30pm - 2.00pm on Wednesday 14 September and will cost £15. To support the work of Christian Aid by attending this special lunch, please see Mrs Nessie Rankin for your ticket.



Dates for your diary

- 1 September - 2.00pm Contemplative Meditation Group
- 4 September - 4.00pm LCT open-air service at Largs Viking Festival
- 4 September - 4.45pm Largs Churches Together Committee Meeting
- 6 September - 7.00pm Vestry Meeting
- 7 September - 6.00pm Columba's Creatives begins again
- 8 September - 7.30pm Regional Council Meeting at Troon
- 10 September - Congregational Trip to Rosslyn Chapel
- 14 September - 12.30pm Christian Aid Lunch at the Willowbank Hotel
- 17 September - Fr Alec's Golden Jubilee Service
- 19 September - 2.00pm Pastoral Team Meeting
- 21 September - 2.00pm Christian Aid Committee Meeting
- 27 September - 7.00pm Finance Meeting
- 2 October - 11.00am Harvest Festival
- 6 October - 2.00pm Contemplative Meditation Group
- 16 October - 12.15pm Congregational AGM
- 25 October - 7.00pm Vestry Meeting
- 26 October - Bishop's Visitation

Birthday Congratulations!



Congratulations and a very Happy Birthday
to **Mary Johnston** who celebrates being
90 years young on 29 August.

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Largs Churches Together Largs Viking Festival Open-Air Service

The annual LCT LVF open-air service, offering thanks for this year's Largs Viking Festival, will take place in the arena area of the festival site, near the esplanade, at 4.00pm on Sunday, 4 September. This will be followed at 4.45pm by a meeting of the Largs Churches Together Committee in the session room of St Columba's Parish Church.

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Change of email address

Please note a change to my email address
it is now **gordon.fyfe@icloud.com**

The Rector

September Prayer Calendar

- 1: Bishop Gregor
- 2: The College of Bishops
- 3: The staff of the General Synod Office
- 5: The staff of the Diocesan Centre
- 6: Our Vestry
- 7: Columba's Creatives
- 8: (*Birth of the B.V.M.*) The Mothers' Union
- 9: Voyagers and travellers
- 10: All pilgrims
- 12: Vacant charges in the diocese
- 13: All Carers
- 14: (*Holy Cross Day*) Thanksgiving for the triumph of the cross
- 15: The frail elderly
- 16: New members to our congregation
- 17: Thanksgiving for Fr Alec Griffiths' 50 years of priestly ministry
- 19: The Anglican Communion
- 20: The Cathedral of the Isles and College of the Holy Spirit, Cumbrae
- 21: (*St Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist*) St Matthew's, Possilpark
- 22: Musicians
- 23: Artists
- 24: Local industry
- 26: Local government
- 27: Congregations of the Ayrshire Region
- 29: (*St Michael & All Angels*) St Michael & All Angels, Helensburgh
- 30: Visitors to our church building



Pilgrimage Prayer Request

Armored Allan would greatly appreciate your prayers during her pilgrimage walking the Camino in Spain to her destination of Santiago de Compostela. Armored sets out on 6 September and returns on 19 October.

Contemplative Meditation



Meditation at 2.00pm followed by tea/coffee.

These meetings take place in the Rectory
on the first Thursday of the month:

**1 September, 6 October, 3 November
and 1 December.**

All are welcome and no previous experience is needed.

For more information, contact:

Revd Liz O’Ryan: 01475 529835, 07949 667 135
lizoryasn@talktalk.net

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Vestry Notes

The Vestry met on 5 July and took the following decisions/actions.

Annual Report by Colleen Anderson, Director of Music: The Vestry welcomed the detailed report on the activities of the Director and recognised another successful year for the Choir which had welcomed two new members, Janine Millward and Jean Smith. The introduction of another set of sung responses for Choral Matins by Dr Harry Brama was particularly welcomed as was the news of Colleen’s personal development through attendance at day courses in London and at Durham Cathedral and her commencement of academic studies with the Guild of Church Musicians.

Training Intercessors: Training had been held on 31 May in the Rectory. It was **agreed** to purchase one copy of David Adams’ book Prayers of Intercessions.

Monday Toddlers Group: The Rector reported that the age for attendance was being kept at 0-3 years as numbers attending had recently increased.

Flag Pole: The Rector asked members if they had taken the opportunity to canvas opinions from members of the congregation regarding the flag pole but only two had done so. In these circumstances it was **agreed** that the Rector should give the pros and cons for a flag pole at the Service on 10 July and the congregation would be asked to indicate whether they were for or against such provision as they leave the Service. It was noted that Largs Viking Festival had offered to contribute £250 towards the cost involved on condition their flag is flown during the Festival.

Congregational Awayday to Rosslyn Chapel: 24 members had expressed an interest. The Hotel has been booked for lunch for the visit on 10 September and a coach will be booked. The cost for the day will be around £37 if a three course lunch is taken and there may be an entry charge for the Rosslyn Chapel.

North Ayrshire Food Bank: The Vestry welcomed donations to the Food Bank and encouraged the congregation to donate what they can through articles in the Magazine and on the Service Sheet. It was noted that the Food Bank was looking to relocate to Helter Skelter or the SNP shop.

Worship Leaders: The Rector reported that he had received the new certificates for Ray and Linda Young, Worship Leaders, and would ask the Bishop to present them at the Service on 10 July.

Donation: Chris reported that he had received a donation from Frances and Neil Robertson for the use of bunting.

Vestry/Organ Roof: Work on this roof will take place in August by Breen Roofing and would include a small amount of additional roof

work following several recommendations made in the most recent Quinquennial Report.

Quinquennial Report: Chris Evans advised that all the recommendations are of a general maintenance nature with no immediate or high profile works necessary which was a reflection on the excellent work undertaken by Gordon Hodgson when Property Convener in keeping the fabric of the Church, Hall and Rectory in good keeping. The Vestry **authorised** expenditure of up to £2,000 in the first instance for the recommendations to be acted upon. Some of the minor recommendations such as painting had already been carried out by Eleanor Witt which the Vestry acknowledged with thanks. The Rectory kitchen requires the fitting of a splash back to the cooker and along the same wall (wipe clean board suggested) and the fitting of a light under one of the wall cupboards. Authorisation for this work was given.

Electrical and PAT Testing

Two minor electrical recommendations remain to be rectified and Electrician Andrew McIntyre has been asked to action these.

Fire Risk Assessment Report

Hard wired smoke alarm requires to be fitted in the entrance to main hall and Electrician Andrew McIntyre has been asked to action this

Hall Cooker

A bracket to the rear of the cooker has now been fitted.

Garden of Remembrance: The Vestry complimented Ian Craig who cuts the two lawns and agreed to ask him to cut the shrubs back in the Garden of Remembrance which was in addition to the work John MacDonald kindly undertakes there.

Treasurer: Chris Evans reported that although we have a surplus on our charitable activities of £26,328.35, when you strip out the bequests of £25,250, this reduces the figure to £1,078.35. We are

down on our budgeted regular giving by some £5,700 but our budgeted expenditure is also down by some £3,940 which means we are close to achieving our budgeted expenditure. However, we are due to replace the vestry/organ loft roof later on this summer, so any savings made will disappear.

Gift Aid: A total of £5,717.09 received from HMRC comprising Gift Aid (1 Sep 15 – 5 Apr 16) of £4,467.09 and Gift Aid Small Donation Scheme (6 Apr 15 – 5 Apr 16) of £1,250.

Social/Fundraising: A Car Boot Sale was due to be held on 16 July and the proposed Angel Drive had been postponed until September/October.

Congregational Matters: Peggy Steel was welcomed to the congregation.

Mission Action Plan: Bishop Gregor would be visiting on 10 July to conduct the MAP Review. Appropriate persons will give short presentations and Linda, Jane, Elsie and Eleanor undertook to provide soup, sandwiches/rolls and pork pies. With regard to the Labyrinth, the Rector advised that he was getting fresh quotes to be submitted to the Regional Property Committee which had agreed to fund the provision. **Action: Rector**

Pension Scheme- Chris reported that the Government has introduced a scheme whereby everyone who is employed has to have a pension and this applies to the Rector. However, he is already a member of a Pension Scheme so it only required a declaration to be made to the Pensions Regulator confirming that was the case. Noted.

Golden Anniversary of Ordination- The Rector advised that Fr Alec will celebrate 50 years as a priest on 17 September. A celebratory Eucharist will be organised and William will liaise regarding catering arrangements.

Next Meeting: Vestry will next meet on Tuesday, 6 September 2016 at 7 p.m. in the Rectory.

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Golden Jubilee Congratulations



Congratulations to Fr Alec Griffiths who celebrates 50 years as a priest this month. A special Golden Jubilee Eucharist will be celebrated in church at 12.00noon on Saturday, 17 September and this will be followed by a buffet lunch in the church hall to which all are invited.

Congregational visit to Rosslyn Chapel

Over 20 members and friends of the congregation have booked their place on the trip to the historic Rosslyn Chapel. This will take place on Saturday, 10 September and will include dinner at a local hotel. Those who have booked should have made their menu choices by now and will be contacted with a time of the coach's departure and the amount required to be paid.

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 Rotas for September 2016

| Day | Services and Sunday readings | Duty at Sunday 11.00am |
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| Sunday, 4 <i>Pentecost 16</i> | 8.00am Said Eucharist 11.00am Sung Eucharist 4.00pm LCT openair Viking Service <i>Deut 30:15-20; Phil 1-21; Lk 14:25-33</i> | Server: Alice MacDonald Reader: May Kidd Intercessor: Alice MacDonald |
| Wednesday, 7 | 10.00am Said Eucharist (1970) | |
| Sunday, 11 <i>Pentecost 17</i> | 8.00am Said Eucharist 11.00am Choral Matins 6.30pm Evening Prayer <i>Exodus 32:7-14; Luke 15:1-10</i> | Reader: Aubrey McCance Intercessor: William Clark-Ferguson |
| Wednesday, 14 <i>Holy Cross Day</i> | 10.00am Said Eucharist (1970) | |
| Saturday, 17 <i>Fr Alec's Golden Jubilee</i> | 12.00noon Sung Eucharist | |
| Sunday, 18 <i>Pentecost 18</i> | 8.00am Said Eucharist 11.00am Eucharist Together 6.30pm Evening Prayer <i>Amos 8:4-7; Luke 16:1-13</i> | Servers: Chris Evans Reader: Ken Hinshalwood Intercessor: Jennifer Fitzgibbon |
| Wednesday, 21 <i>St Matthew</i> | 10.00am Said Eucharist (1970) | |
| Sunday, 25 <i>Pentecost 19</i> | 8.00am Said Eucharist 11.00am Sung Eucharist 6.30pm Evening Prayer <i>Amos 6:1a,4-7; 1 Tim 6:6-19; Lk 16:19-31</i> | Server: William Clark-Ferguson Reader: William Clark-Ferguson Intercessor: Ray Young |
| Wednesday, 28 | 10.00am Said Eucharist (1970) | |

Readers for October 2016

2nd: Joan Hutton; 9th: Jennifer Fitzgibbon; 16th: Ray Young;
23rd: Elspeth Robertson; 30th: 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.

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| 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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Life at St Columba's

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|----------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 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 | Vicky Johnston | 329722 |
| Christian Aid | Nessie Rankin | 672357 |
| | Jane Evans | 673757 |
| | <i>Representatives on inter-church Christian Aid Committee</i> | |
| 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> | |
| Largs Churches Together | Nessie Rankin | 672357 |
| | Eleanor Witt | 676322 |
| Press Officer | Hilary Moran | 686213 |
| Junior Church | Linda Young | 672410 |
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Pastoral Visitors in the congregation
Eileen Binns (Coordinator, tel: 673580)
Elsie Hinshalwood, Joan Hutton and May Kidd