

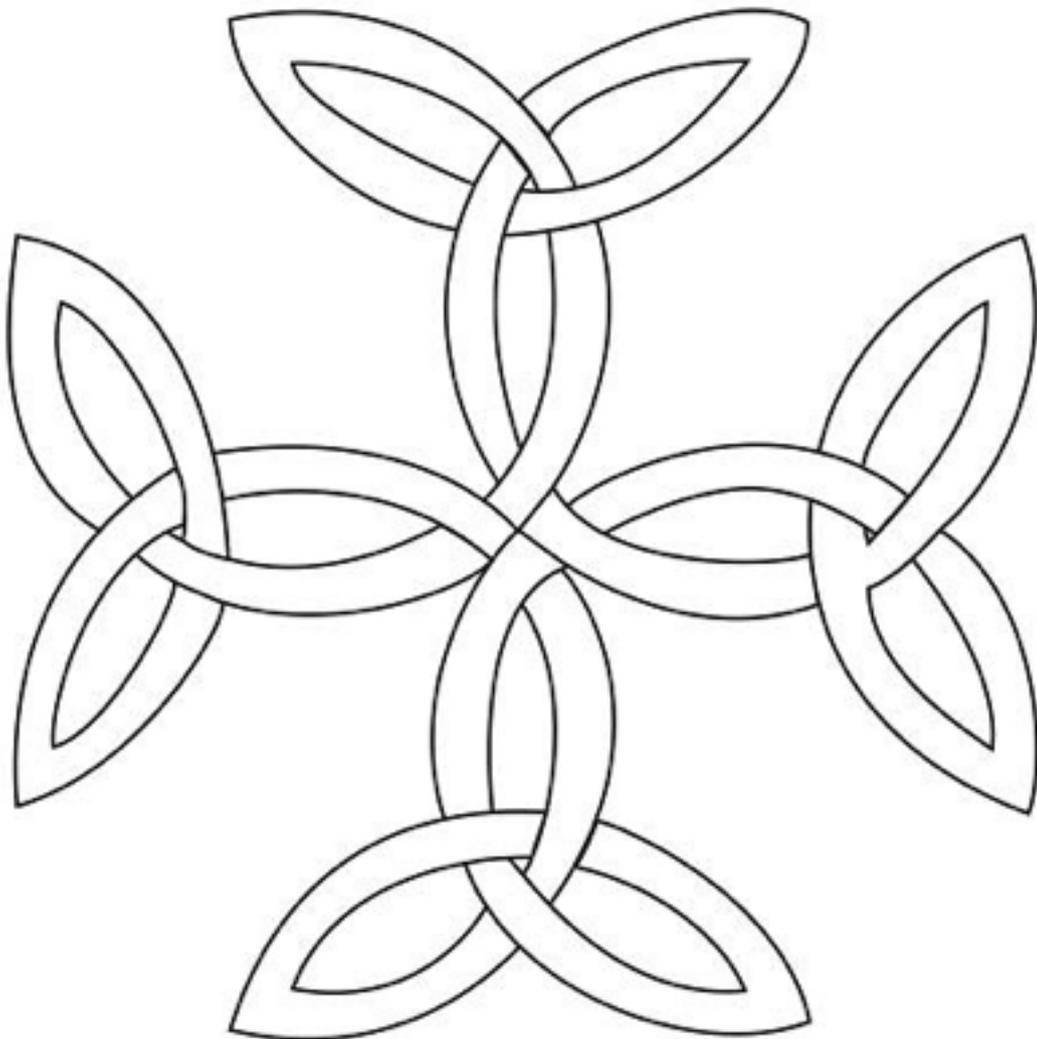
St Columba's

Scottish Episcopal Church

Largo



September 2017



'We walk by faith, not by sight'
2 Corinthians 5:7

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,

This month sees the pattern of many people's lives return to some form of normality after the disruption of the long summer holidays. The schools and colleges have begun their new terms and, here at St Columba's, we too see the choir return to their stalls each Sunday and our Toddler Group, Columba's Creatives and Contemplative Meditation Group begin to meet again with the usual regularity of the past.

As the days begin to be noticeably shorter and the leaves turn with the early beginnings of autumn, the Sunday lectionary readings continue to share something of all that God sought to do among men and women long ago through his Son Jesus Christ.

Those days were more similar to our own than we often think. They were times of international violence and of some political unrest and uncertainty. In the midst of all of this our Lord came and encountered people - ordinary folk like you and me, and he did so, not just on special occasions, but in the midst of everyday life.

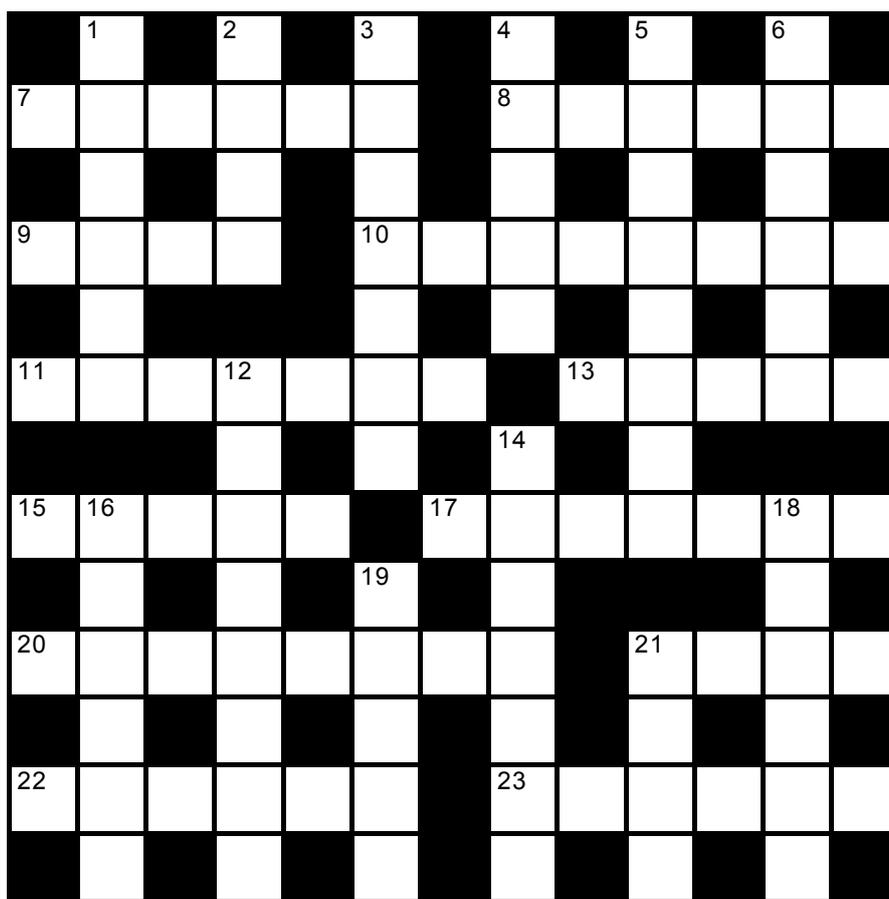
The God of Jesus Christ is, indeed as some have said, a God of surprises, but he is also never far from us in our daily pilgrimage through life; in good days, boring days and those times when we may feel overwhelmed by the circumstances life brings us.

To all the baptised, no time can really simply be 'the usual routine', but rather, each day is a special gift - one in which we may encounter the divine, be transformed a little more into his likeness, and be used by the Lord in our small way to fulfil that part of our Lord's prayer 'Thy Kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven'.

yours in the faith,

Gordon

Cross Word Puzzle *(solution on page 25)*



Across

- 7 Ministers (6)
- 8 Credence (6)
- 9 Avoid (4)
- 10 Story-teller (8)
- 11 Friendly (7)
- 13 Trust (5)
- 15 In a way that's cold (5)
- 17 Christening (7)
- 20 Sacred (8)
- 21 Final word of a prayer (4)
- 22 Set of moral principles (6)
- 23 Praises highly (6)

Down

- 1 Town in Greater Manchester (6)
- 2 Islamic Republic on the Persian Gulf (4)
- 3 Books containing hymns (7)
- 4 Terminate (5)
- 5 Agreeable (8)
- 6 Pious (6)
- 12 Word meaning, "Praise the Lord" (8)
- 14 Wax lights (7)
- 16 Sings, intones (6)
- 18 With propriety, decorous (6)
- 19 Turn (5)
- 21 Fields of study or skills (4)

Years 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
5th James Donnelly
7th Mary Moir
8th Linda Cormack
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, Irene Gilliard
29th John Hay
30th Jean Blackwell



... from the Rector

*Thank
you*

Many thanks to my friends here at St Columba's for the lovely cake and generous gift presented to me following the service on Sunday, 6 August.

I will put the funds towards ensuring I have the appropriate kit as befits a Canon of the Diocese.

I am deeply touched by your thoughtfulness.

Many thanks,
Gordon

Dates for your



Wednesday, 30 August - 7.30pm *Columba's Creatives Planning Meeting*

Thursday, 31 August - 7.30pm *Weekly Choir Rehearsals resume*

Saturday, 2 September - *Diocesan Pilgrimage to Whithorn*

Tuesday, 5 September - 7.00pm *Vestry Meeting*

Wednesday, 6 September - 11.00am *Church Book Group*

Wednesday, 6 September - 5.30pm until 7.00pm *Columba's Creatives resumes*

Thursday, 7 September - 2.00pm *Contemplative Meditation Group*

Sunday, 10 September - 11.00am *Signing of our new Mission Action Plan*

Monday, 11 September - 2.00pm *Pastoral Team Meeting*

Saturday, 16 September - 3.00pm *Largs Christian Aid Treasure Hunt and Barbecue at Clark Memorial Parish Church*

Saturday, 23 September - *Congregational Away-Day to Stirling*

Saturday, 30 September - 2pm *Marriage of G.MacPhail and J. Inglis*

Sunday, 1 October - 11.00am *Harvest Festival with Food & Friendship*

Wednesday, 4 October - 2.00pm *Largs Christian Aid Committee AGM, at Clark Memorial Parish Church*

Wednesday, 4 October - 7.30pm *Ayrshire Regional Council Meeting*

Thursday, 5 October - 2.00pm *Contemplative Meditation Group*

Sunday, 15 October - 12.15pm *Congregational A.G.M.*



One goal of this year's new Mission Action Plan is to offer a welcome to those in our congregation and wider community who might appreciate a meal and some company.

For a trial period of three months we will provide '*Food and Friendship*' with a hot meal in the church hall after the 11.00am service on the first Sunday of the month.

The first of these meals will be on Sunday, 1 October. This will be our Harvest Festival meal, but will be offered to everyone who would like to participate.

A planning meeting has been held and others will follow for those interested in helping facilitate this important outreach initiative. Check the pew sheets and website for further details.

The Rector



A bit about Keith

One of my favourite hymns was sung last Sunday (6th August). "There is a Redeemer". Written by Keith Green (1953 - 1982) and Melody Green (b 1946). Interested to learn about the Composer's I searched the Internet: Keith Green, born in Brooklyn, New York, had a strong devotion to Christian Evangelism and wrote many songs with his wife Melody.

He played the Ukulele at 3, Guitar at 5 and piano at 7. At 11 he became the youngest person to sign with the American Composers Authors and Publishers. During his teen years he became interested in Eastern Mysticism and went on a bad trip, but then abandoned drugs and became interested in Philosophy and Theology. At 19 he met Melody and they married a year later. As his wife was Jewish he became a Jewish believer and involved himself with the Vineyard Christian Fellowship in Southern California.

In 1975 the Greens began taking people that needed help into their home and provided an environment of Christian teaching for young adults.

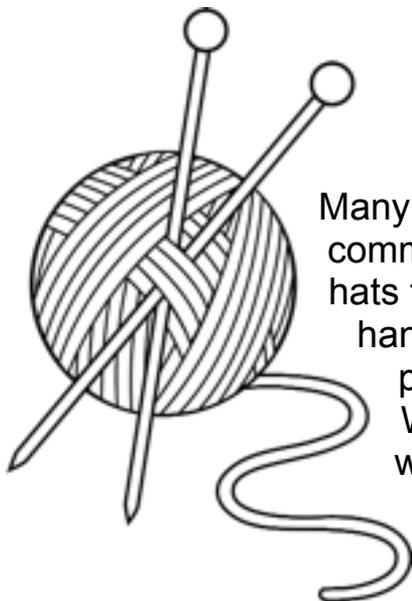
Unfortunately on 28th July 1982 Keith was killed in a plane crash in Texas.

11 others also died which included two of his children. Josiah aged 3 and Bethany aged 2. Melody was at home, six weeks pregnant with Rachel , (born March 1983), and 1 year old Rebekah.

His recordings and tributes can be heard and seen on line today.

He truly was a remarkable man of whom I have just written a very brief outline.

Pat Peters



Thank you, Knitters!

Many thanks to those in our congregation, and in the wider community in Largs, who have been busy knitting woolly hats for our seafarers. So far well over 50 hats have been handed in over the summer and more have been promised!

We are very happy to accept hats throughout the winter months and these will be distributed via

Revd Tim Tunley, Mission to Seafarers Chaplain.

In Flora's Garden - Sancta Maria

As we approach the Feast Day of the Birth of the Virgin Mary on 8 September, I have been thinking about the many flowers which have been dedicated to Our Lady. We are all familiar with the Iconography of St Mary, which traditionally shows her with white Lilies and Roses. Indeed, the image of St Mary in the East window, includes a recurring fleur-de-lis motif. In the 14th Century, Dante wrote of Mary "There is the Rose in which the Divine Word became flesh; here are the Lilies whose perfume guides you in the right ways" (*Paradiso*, 23 71-75).

These two flowers are the subject of myth and legend: a story from the 2nd Century, says that when Mary's tomb was opened to show that her body had been assumed into heaven, it was found to be filled with Lilies and Roses. From the 12th Century, there are traditions that the Rosa Alba turned pink when Mary blushed at the angel's Annunciation; the Christmas Rose sprang up for a poor shepherd girl to give to the Infant Jesus; and the Rose of Jericho marked the spot where the Holy Family rested on the flight into Egypt.

As well as the Lily and Rose, there are also numerous common plants which have been dedicated to St Mary, through their folk names. In her honour, I have been looking at ways of incorporating them into a little dedicated Marian garden. I have divided the plants into three groups: little ones for the border, medium sized for the central area, and tall and climbing plants at the back.

In the border, I will put Bellis - a small Daisy (*Mary-Loves*), Impatiens (*Mother Love*), African Marigold (*Mary's Gold*) and Petunia (*Mary's Praises*).

In the central area, I will plant Marigolds (*Mary's Bud*), Forget-me-Nots (*Mary and Joseph*) and Rose Campion (*Mary's Crown*). Springtime flowers will also go in this section: Daffodils (*Mary's Star*), Tulips (*Mary's Prayer*), Pulmonaria (*Virgin Mary's Tears* and *Mother Mary's Milk*), Lily-of-the-Valley (*Our Lady's Tears*) and Snowdrops (*Mary's Tapers*).

In the back section, I will plant Irises (*Our Lady's Sword of Sorrow*), Foxgloves (*Our Lady's Gloves*) and Mullein (*St Mary's Candlesticks*).

Providing a backdrop on the trellis, will be Clematis (*Virgin's Bower*) and Morning Glory (*Our Lady's Mantle*).

I already have most of the plants, so it will be a case of reorganising and transplanting. I would love to add a traditional white Lily (like *Lilium Regale*), but all Lilies grow in large clumps, between four and six feet in height, which would be too big for this little garden. I am therefore going for a white Alstroemeria, the glorious Peruvian Lily ("Allelulia Amen!"). They have a long flowering season and come in small, medium and large. I have selected *Princess Claire*, which grows to a height of around one foot. I will also be

adding a white rambling Rose for the back trellis, of which there are countless varieties; I think I have no option but to go for *Rambling Rector!*

Finally, on a recent trip to the Holy Isle, off the Isle of Arran, I bought a small perforate St John's Wort from the nuns, which is doing very well in its new home. In this year of celebration of the Consecration of the Church in Aubery Crescent, I was delighted to find that this particular St John's Wort is also known by its folk name *St Columba's Flower*. Additionally, a reading of *Carmina Gadelica*, Vol 2, shows that in the Gàidhlig, it is known as "seud Chaluim-chille" (*Jewel of Columba*), "allus Chaluim-chille" (*Glory of Columba*) and "alle Mhoire" (*Noble Plant of Mary*). A worthy addition to the Marian Garden!

Flora

Largs - Bereavement Support Group

Local bereavement support group for the community of Largs not just members of the Largs Churches for those in Largs/ Fairlie and open to Cumbrae too who have suffered loss in the past year.

Run for 6 weeks on alternate Wednesdays from 2.30pm – 4pm, with a time for tea, coffee and chat

Please note that this is a support group and it is not counselling.

There is no cost for attending the 6 week programme and attending every week is not compulsory.

Commencing:

Wednesday 27th September 2017

Wednesday 11th October

Wednesday 25th October

Wednesday 8th November

Wednesday 22nd November

Wednesday 6th December

Possible extra meet up Wednesday 10th January 2018

Potential Programme:

Wednesday 27th September – Emotions – exploring aspects of loss

Wednesday 11th October – Health - health and fitness
Wednesday 25th October – Practicalities/ Nutrition
Wednesday 8th November – Money Matters
Wednesday 22nd November – Facing special occasions/ facing the future
Wednesday 6th December – Social Event

Venue:

Will be held in St John's Toth H Hall (Bath Street), the group is open to anyone in the community.

Purpose of the programme:

The purpose of the programme is to allow people who are bereaved to feel that they are not alone in their loss, and, as such, to give them an opportunity to meet with others who are bereaved and to have support from specific 'resource' who will understand their issues. In addition, it will offer specific insights into a help for particular aspects of dealing with loss, so that bereaved people have some practical 'tools' to help them deal with things they may be struggling with.

As well as focussing on a topic and possible identifying key people to deliver particular topics e.g. money matters

Want to build in fellowship and social support so at least half an hour at the end to chat over tea and coffee

The programme is flexible and can be adapted the weeks we don't have someone speaking to look at things highlighted

So for example those attending in the first week will be asked to write down things they would like discussed in the programme and we can try and address them over the 6 weeks

The programme will be facilitated by myself Rev Mandy Hickman and Daniella, Community Connector, The Ayrshire Community Trust

With support from a few volunteers within the congregations in Largs who themselves have experienced loss.

Contact to be made with local undertakers, GPs, HV's and Hospice Liaison Nurse.

Rev Mandy Hickman - OLM West Kilbride Parish Church

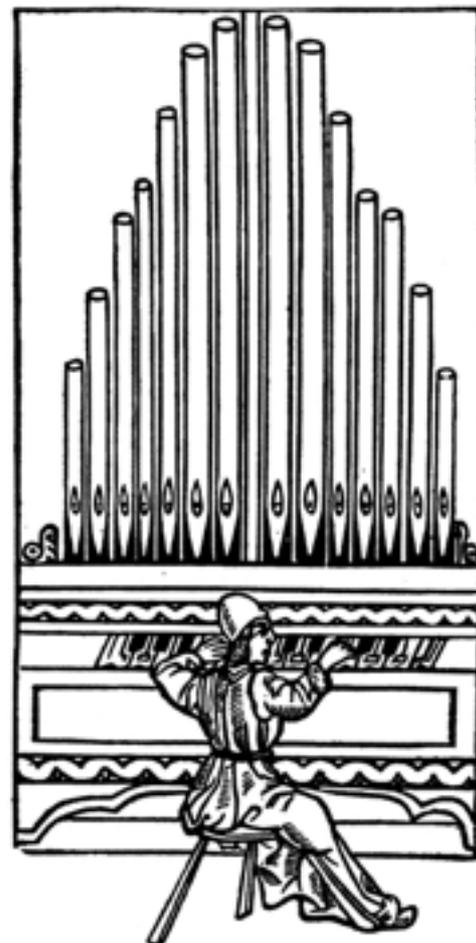
Tel: 01475 675347, email: mhickman@churchofscotland.org.uk

Daniella, Community Connector - Tel: 01294 443044

Heather Upfield, Archivist at St Andrew's Scottish Episcopal Church, Ardrrossan, has sent in this paragraph, in honour of St Columba's new Director of Music. This must surely still resonate today!

A TRIBUTE TO OUR ORGANISTS -

In the course of an admirable paper on "Choirs", read at a recent meeting of the Glasgow Junior Clerical Society, by the Rev. H. H. H. Boys, of St Mungo's Alexandria, the rev. gentleman paid the following generous tribute to the work of our Church organists - "He, the organist, needs all the help we can give him. Remember that of what he must make to live in decent comfort, especially if he is a family man, his stipend as organist forms only a very small part. We expect a good deal from him, and don't as a rule, in fact we can't, pay him on a scale which errs on the side of undue liberality. He has many difficulties and many critics. Much of his best work is done quietly and unostentatiously, and is not noticed. His mistakes are spotted at once and criticised with a keenness which is not inspired by good nature or musical knowledge. A congregation wakes up to the fact that the church choir has improved enormously during the last two or three years. It does not strike them that the improvement is due mainly to the patient, unwearied grind and practice, week by week, and month by month, of the organist with men and boys."

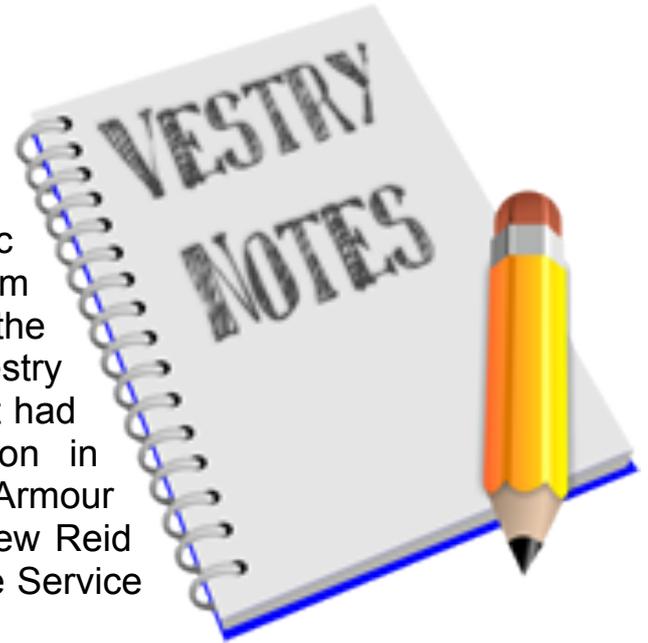


From the Archives of St Andrew's Scottish Episcopal Church, Ardrrossan, a retyped article from The Scottish Standard Bearer [Journal of the Scottish Episcopal Church], May 1905



Vestry Notes

from 4 July 2017



Director of Music: The Rector reported that Euan Fulton had accepted and signed the Memorandum of Understanding and would take up the post of Director of Music on 23 July. Ray undertook to meet with him and guide him through his first Service in the absence of the Rector on leave. The Vestry recorded their thanks to those organists that had provided cover since Colleen's resignation in January, namely David Sutherland, Gordon Armour and David Mackie. They also thanked Andrew Reid and Colleen Anderson who had covered one Service each.

Ascension Day: This Service was well attended by members of our own congregation and Regional representatives.

Regional Council Meeting: The Rector reported that we will be hosting a Regional Council Meeting on 4th October at 7.30 p.m. Refreshments will be required for 20 people which Linda undertook to arrange.

Patronal Festival: The Rector reported that Bishop Gregor was delighted to attend and participate in the Patronal Day events on 11 June including blessing the labyrinth. Vicky was thanked for providing the celebration cake for the event.

Mission to Seafarers: Wool is being handed in and is being used by a number of members to knit hats for Seafarers to the pattern provided.

Revision of Canon 31: The Rector drew the Vestry's attention to the decision made at a recent meeting of the General Synod to revise Canon 31 on Marriage to allow the possibility of people of the same gender to marry in church, which brings us into line with civil law. The revised Canon recognises that there are differing understandings of marriage within the Church, as has been the case with the possibility of the remarriage of divorcees in Church, and no cleric will have to participate in same sex marriage ceremonies. Instead, if the Cleric and Vestry are content, then the Cleric can be listed as someone who is recognised as an equal marriage celebrant. The Rector also drew attention to a letter from Bishop Gregor on the way forward for congregations.

After hearing the Rector advise that he would be happy to be engaged in such Services and following discussion where there were no dissenting views expressed, the Vestry **agreed** that (i) they would be content for our Church to be used for equal marriage ceremonies and for the Clerics associated with our Church to conduct such ceremonies therein and (ii) this information be included on the Church website when appropriate. **Action: Rector**

Reports

Property- Stuart thanked everyone who helped tidy the Memorial Garden. He advised that the garden hut behind the hall and gate at the side had been painted. He undertook to look at the cost of replacing lights in the Church and Hall with LED, hopefully using existing features. Stuart reported that the hedges need tidied up, particularly at the roadside, and this will be done in September. Trees on the Greenock Road side will also be lopped as necessary.

Chris advised that he and Stuart had met with a neighbour on 4 May regarding a request to cut back tree branches but no further action had been taken in the absence of feedback from the neighbour.

The Rector reported that bits of the wall buttress at the gazebo in the Rectory garden had fallen off and exposed the brickwork. Stuart undertook to check and rectify.

Treasurer- The Vestry were advised that the result of the Increased Giving Campaign was very encouraging with an estimated 28% increase. A full report will be given to the next meeting in September along with the draft Budget for the following year. It was noted that members required to be advised that the onus was on them to notify their bank to increase a Standing Order and that enquires regarding leaving a sum to the Church in a Will was between them and their Solicitor but the Treasurer could assist by providing our charitable number and bank details.

Social/Fundraising - The Vestry considered an email from Jennifer Fitzgibbon and welcomed a visit of a Russian Choir to the Church on Tuesday 21 November. It was noted that no accommodation would be required. William undertook to contact the organiser and make the necessary arrangements.

Health and Safety- The Rector reported that a handrail was required at the Rectory front steps to assist elderly visitors. William to pursue costs with The Forge.

Mission Action Plan- The Rector reported that the MAP Group had met recently and a brief presentation will be given at the Service on 9 July in place of the Sermon to update the congregation on what we have achieved with MAP5 and where we are going with MAP6. The achievements under MAP5 are the completion of the labyrinth, erection of a flagpole and ongoing work. MAP6 proposals include:-

- Developing the labyrinth to enable users to get the maximum benefit from it by providing cards with prayers, etc.;
- Revamping the porch with improved lighting and magnetised noticeboards that double as whiteboards (Canon 35 permission required) for which William will come to the September Vestry with samples and costings;
- Providing a laminated prayer resource for inside the Church; and
- Introducing a “Food and Friendship” event on a trial basis on the first Sunday of October, November and December 2017 where the lonely in the town would get a hot meal and fellowship on a voluntary donation basis.

AOCB

Fairtrade: The Rector reported that he had put a notice up in the kitchen reminding those donating tea, coffee and sugar that we are a Fairtrade Church and asking them to provide Fairtrade provisions to support this.

Congregational Awayday: Chris advised that he was putting a package together for the Congregational Awayday to Stirling on 23 September. Noted.

The meeting closed with The Grace.

Next Meeting: The Vestry will next meet on Tuesday 5 September at 7.00 p.m.

Largs Monday Toddlers

We are back again after the summer break, loosing a few familiar faces again. We are hoping to have a church member join the team soon, which will help out. Lets hope we can have the odd day in the back garden before winter takes hold. Please let neighbours and friends know that we are there, under 3 years old children.

Thank You!

Many thanks to everyone who worked through this years four wet Car Boot Sales. Your dedication is greatly appreciated.

A big '*Thank you*', too, to Chris Evans and to Neil and Frances Robertson for toiling away for a full day to ensure our front boundary hedge was returned once more to its neat and tidy self.



Piano Cover Required



The piano in church needs to be fitted with a made-to-measure cloth cover in order to protect it from the grit and dust that falls on it from the church walls. Please let either myself or Stuart Robertson (Property Convenor) know if you are willing and able to run one up.

The Rector

Congregational Day Away

Stirling, 23 September 2017

Our congregational day away to Rosslyn Chapel was a great success last year, as those who attended would testify. Following on from this, it is planned that we go off again for a day away this year.

We will spend a day in Stirling on Saturday 23 September. The day will include a visit to the Church of the Holy Rude and Stirling Castle.

Details of departure and cost are listed below.

Do please **sign-up on the list in the church porch** and pass on your money (£30) to John Lamb.

**St Columba's Episcopal Church, Largs
 Congregational Visit to Stirling
 Saturday, 23 September 2017**

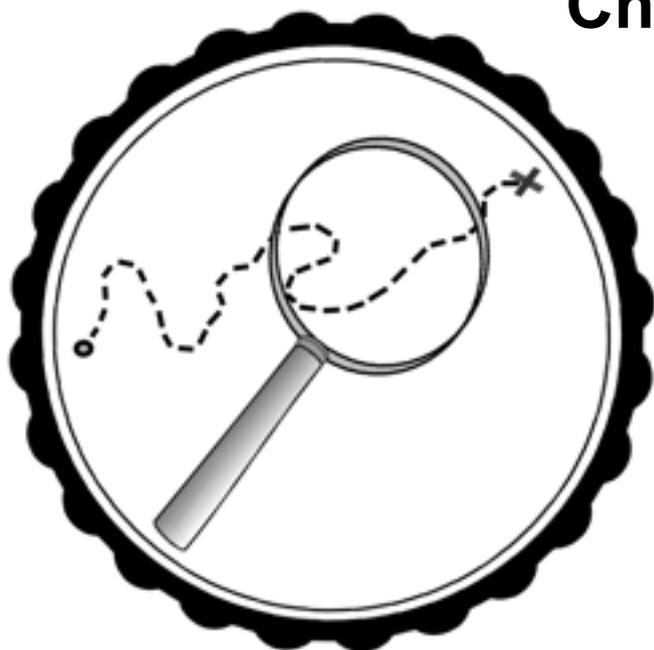
Time	Activity	Remarks
0840	Bus arrives at Aubery Crescent, Largs	
0900	Bus departs for Stirling	
1040	Bus arrives at Church of the Holy Rude, Stirling	Bus departs or waits on the Castle esplanade
1100 - 1200	Conducted tour of Church of the Holy Rude (CHR)	Tour guide – Iain White (01786 474806)
1200 - 1330	Light lunch/Snacks available at the Couthy Corner Coffee Shop (opposite CHR)	Proprietor – Marion Gaughan 07718 070722
1330 – 1345	Walk up to Stirling Castle	Distance approx. 300 metres uphill
1345 - 1530	Conducted tour of Stirling Castle, including visit to The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders Regimental Museum	
1530 – 1600	Snacks available at tea room within Castle grounds	
1600	Bus departs from esplanade	
1730 approx	Arrive back at Aubery Crescent, Largs	

Approximate Cost per person = £30

This includes the bus and entry into Stirling Castle.

Bring your own lunch but there will be an opportunity to buy snacks during the visit.

Christian Aid Treasure Hunt



Come, join in the fun at the
Christian Aid Treasure Hunt

3.00pm at Clark Memorial Church Hall
Saturday, 16 September

£5 for adults and £3 for children
this includes a burger
and soft drink

Mission Action Planning - Year 6

Our new Mission Action Plan (MAP 6) will be signed during the main Sunday service on 10 September.

The following are the main goals set for 2017-2018

- **Update porch area and back of the church**

To explore the possibility of replacing the old noticeboards with new magnetic boards in the porch.

Explore the updating and improvement of the lighting in the porch and for the noticeboards.

Ask advice on how to design an attractive and effective noticeboard.

Investigate a pull up banner for the porch/church.

Buy a new 'Welcome Mat' for the porch.

- **Improve our marketing strategy for the church**

Continue to explore ways of improving our website and Facebook pages to communicate our upcoming events.

Remember to offer an overview of 'regular' events as well as the special events – so that seekers can see what we do every week/month.

- **Re-instate the Healing Services during the year**

- **Develop the Spiritual Resources for Visitors to the Church**

Explore developing resources connected with the Labyrinth so that spiritual support is there if needed. Change them with the seasons. Provide versions of these resources for children.

Make fliers to 'advertise' the Labyrinth and put them into the Visitors Centre.

Explore developing resources for a 'prayer walk' within the church which can be used by members and visitors alike.

- **Explore the possibility of holding a monthly "Food and Friendship" lunch on a Sunday**

Develop a monthly lunch provision for the lonely/widowed/poor. Start at Harvest and hold a Sunday lunch every month (possibly the first of each month). Advertise it in local sheltered housing, Food Bank, OIR, Day Centres.



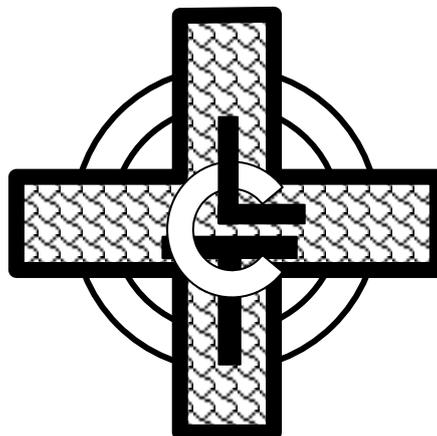
The summers collection of good condition bras and new pants continues to come in. We have collected 80 bras and 13 new pants this summer, the word is getting around Largs through Facebook that we have the bag at the back of the church. Please continues to spread the word. Freddie delivered three big bags to the charities founder, she still runs it out of her house in Livingston. They also need money for transportation. If you go to her website we got thanked for our donation. They are asking for boys new pant ages 3-15, so don't feel left our guys. Please look at their website to see the difference they are making in a few African countries, as well as the underwear they have an education programme and they are sponsoring children through schooling in squatter camps in Nairobi and at a rescue centre in the Rift Valley, Kenya and approximately 350 preschool children in Malawi.

Prayer Calendar for September 2017

- 1: Gregor, our Bishop
- 2: Visitors to the Largs Viking Festival
- 4: Local schools and colleges
- 5: The recently bereaved
- 6: 'Columba's Creatives' children's club
- 7: Members of the Meditation Group
- 8: The Scottish Guild of Servers
- 9: Members of Diocesan Council
- 11: Our Pastoral Team and those they visit
- 12: Those living with longterm illness
- 13: Our hospitals and hospices
- 14: (*Holy Cross Day*) Thanksgiving for the victory of Christ on the cross
- 15: The frail elderly
- 16: Largs Christian Aid Committee
- 18: Families using the Largs Monday Toddler Group
- 19: The depressed
- 20: The visually impaired
- 21: (*St Matthew*) The church in Possilpark, Glasgow
- 22: Local Nursing Homes; residents and staff
- 23: Those that must make use of Largs Foodbank
- 25: All Carers
- 26: The College of Bishops
- 27: The work of the St Vincent de Paul charity
- 28: Retreat houses and places of pilgrimage
- 29: (*St Michael and All Angels*) The church in Helensburgh
- 30: The newly married



Largs Churches Together



There will be an open-air Largs Churches Together Service at 4.00pm on Sunday, 10 September to mark the close of this year's Largs Viking Festival. The service takes place in the arena area of the festival next to the esplanade. Do come along and worship with friends from other congregations in the town as together we offer our thanks for the festival and history's path from fighting to friendship.

This service will be followed by a meeting of the Largs Churches Together Committee in the session room of St Columba's Parish Church.

Columba's Creatives

Our mid-week meeting for Primary School aged children will resume meeting on 6 August and each Wednesday in term time from 5.30pm - 7.00pm. Pass the word!

There will be a meeting to plan this sessions activities at 7.30pm in the Rectory on Wednesday, 30 August.

Largs Monday Toddlers - *can you help?*

Largs Monday Toddlers has now returned following the summer break and meets each Monday in school term time from 10.00am - 11.30am.

Pass the word among those you know with babies and toddlers up to 3 years old.

Also, let Hilary or the Rector know if you can join the rota and lend a hand with this important outreach into the community.

The Rector



Diocesan Pilgrimage to Whithorn

Saturday - 2 September 2017

The Development Team for Prayer and Spirituality offers the chance to join a Pilgrimage to Whithorn led by Bishop Gregor and Revd David Wostenholm.

In about 400 AD St. Ninian came from Tours to set up the first mission amongst the Picts, building a monastery at Whithorn, having landed at the Isle of Whithorn. As he reached out from his "White House" at Whithorn, he also spent hours in prayer at his cave on the beach. Our Pilgrimage is a chance to follow in his footsteps.....

Transport will be arranged where possible, to arrive around mid-day at St. Martin & St Ninian's Church, where the Eucharist will be celebrated. After lunch (please bring a packed lunch), the options will be to explore the Whithorn Museum and Iron-age Roundhouse, or for the hardy, to scramble over the rocky beach to St Ninian's cave, before leaving for home about 4.30 pm.



INCREASED GIVING CAMPAIGN – FULL RESULTS

In our campaign back in May, we indicated that we had a shortfall of £167 per week in our regular giving just to simply break even in 2017. Over the weeks since then I have been overwhelmed by the generosity of the congregation to really get behind this campaign as a mark of how dear and close to their hearts we hold St Columba's and all that it enriches our lives.

Whilst it has taken a little time for the increased levels to filter through to me via bank statements, it is clear that we have more than achieved our aim of finding an extra £167 per week. In fact, the weekly contributions have risen to £280 per week, an increase of some 68%, which is a fantastic achievement and this will ensure that life in St Columba's will continue for some time.

In addition, several members of the congregation have not only increased their regular giving but are doing so via monthly standing orders, which makes it easier for me to budget for the future. However, this is likely to lead to a fall in the contributions via the weekly plate.

Several members have asked about legacies and the advice I have received is:

- You should speak to your Solicitor in the first instance.
- Any legacies to charities are free from Inheritance Tax and St Columba's Episcopal Church, Largs is a registered charity (HMRC Ref – CR32605).
- A little known rule, is that if someone leaves 10% or more of their estate to charity, the rate of IHT on their estate reduces from 40% to 36%. A small concession but worth considering.

So, a huge thank you to everyone who has contributed to the success of the campaign.

Chris



Peace and Reconciliation

– an open invitation to Mothers' Union General Meeting 30th September

The Archbishop of Canterbury's top advisor for 'Peace and Reconciliation', Canon Sarah Snyder, will be the keynote speaker at the Mothers' Union General Meeting on Saturday 30th September, starting at 10.30am to 3.30pm, at the Edinburgh International Conference Centre (EICC). We are extending the invitation to all church members and friends. The theme will be echoed throughout the day in discussions and presentations. It is always a very interesting day, much like the Church of Scotland Guild General Meeting, in Dundee. The seats cost £15 on line, from the EICC.

This year Hilary has been asked to exhibit the 'Souls of our Shoes' exhibition, which makes people aware of domestic abuse, it would be good to see some friends faces there. It is one of the world's most outstanding venues for conferences and events which offers the very best facilities. Please spread the word through your friends, for the opportunity to have a very enjoyable day out.

Hilary Moran



Vestry Meeting

The Vestry will next meet in the Rectory at 7.00pm on Tuesday, 5 September.

Crossword solution (from page 4)

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Across: 7 Clergy, 8 Belief, 9 Shun, 10 Narrator, 11 Amiable, 13 Faith, 15 Icily, 17 Baptism, 20 Hallowed, 21 Amen, 22 Ethics, 23 Extols.

Down: 1 Oldham, 2 Iran, 3 Hymnals, 4 Abort, 5 Pleasant, 6 Devout, 12 Alleluia, 14 Candles, 16 Chants, 18 Seemly, 19 Twist, 21 Arts.



Services and Rotas for September 2017

Please swap with someone else if you cannot make the Sunday assigned to you.

Day	Services and Sunday readings	Duty at Sunday 11.00am
Sunday, 3 <i>Pentecost 13</i>	8.00am Said Eucharist 11.00am Sung Eucharist 6.30pm Evening Prayer <i>Jer 15:15-24; Rom 12:9-21; Matt 16:21-28</i>	Server: Vicky Johnston Reader: Lorna Reid Intercessor: William Clark-Ferguson
Wednesday, 9	10.00am Said Eucharist (1970)	
Sunday, 10 <i>Pentecost 14</i>	8.00am Said Eucharist 11.00am Choral Matins 6.30pm Evening Prayer <i>Ezek 33:7-11; Matt 18:15-20</i>	Reader: Elspeth Robertson Intercessor: Rector
Wednesday, 13	10.00am Said Eucharist (1970)	
Sunday, 17 <i>Pentecost 15</i>	8.00am Said Eucharist 11.00am Eucharist Together 6.30pm Evening Prayer <i>Gen 50:15-21; Matt 18:21-35</i>	Server: William Clark-Ferguson Reader: May Kidd Intercessor: Ray Young
Wednesday, 20	10.00am Said Eucharist (1970)	
Sunday, 24 <i>Pentecost 16</i>	8.00am Said Eucharist 11.00am Sung Eucharist 6.30pm Evening Prayer <i>Jon 3:10-4:11; Phil 1:21-30; Matt 20:1-16</i>	Servers: Hilary Moran Reader: Jennifer Fitzgibbon Intercessor: Fiona Reader
Wednesday, 27	10.00am Said Eucharist (1970)	

Readers for October 2017

1st Janine Millward, 8th Gib Fitzgibbon

15th Melissa Reid, 22nd Joan Hutton, 29th Aubrey McCance

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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
	Jane Evans	673757
	Elsie Hinshalwood	686984
	William Clark-Ferguson	07835454534
	Jane McCance	329392
	Susan Birch	686098
	Imogen Harvey	329722

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

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