

St Columba's

Scottish Episcopal Church

Largo



November 2018



Lest We

Forget

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*)

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.

We welcome all regardless of age, gender, race, ability, social class, sexuality or any other defining characteristic that may otherwise be used as the basis for discrimination.

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largs-church.co.uk

Dear Friends,

This month people throughout the country will remember the war dead. This is fitting but not at all unusual. November is the month in which poppies are sold and worn and parades and gatherings take place at cenotaphs and war memorials in our villages, towns and cities. But this year is different. It is 100 years since the end of the Great War ... the one that those at the time hoped might be “the war to end all wars”.

Hindsight is a wonderful thing. With the benefits of it we have the luxury of being able to look back across a century that has known so much additional hostility and conflict, including a six-year long Second World War. With so much unrest still in the world we might well wonder what we have learned of justice and of peace.

It is right that we should never forget and it is apt that the names of the fallen be publicly displayed. But this form of remembrance brings with it a danger - the danger of reducing the vast numbers of the dead simply to long list of letters engraved in granite.

Each of these names was a person - someone's child or spouse or parent. They, like us, knew love and had dreams of how life might turn out for them and their family.

Some of them are more vivid to us through the strength of family connection. We may have their photograph or be familiar with their own story. In this way we may know ourselves to be intimately linked to them in a way that is much more than mere biology.

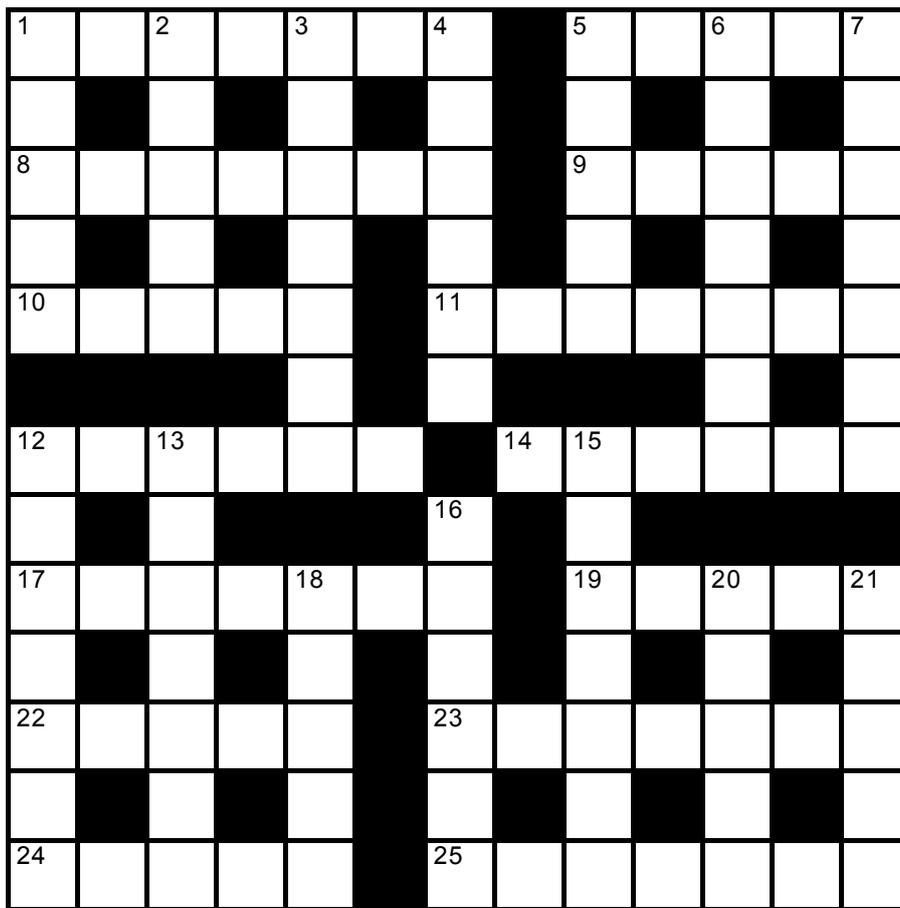
In our own little church community our war memorials bear the names of the fallen from both World Wars. I am grateful to Gib Fitzgibbon for beginning a piece of work that seeks to discover more about our own fallen than the names the tablets display. I know he would be happy to gain more pictures and information about them.

Ultimately it is of supreme importance that whether the quality of our remembrance is lasting or fleeting, our Christian faith proclaims the great truth that all of us, both living and departed, are never forgotten by the Lord who called us into life and calls us into everlasting relationship with him.

May God grant to the living grace. To the departed rest. To the Church and the World peace and concord. And to us sinners eternal life.

Yours in the faith, *Gordon*

Crossword Puzzle *(solution can be found on page 13)*



Across

1. More holy
5. Existing
8. A Christian's rescuer
9. Regulations
10. Perform better than others
11. Thing, object
12. One scanning text
14. Beliefs
17. Old city of Judea
19. Joint capital (with Riyadh) of Saudi Arabia
22. Fluid said to flow in the veins of mythical Greek gods
23. The "Hanging Gardens" of this city were one of the seven wonders of the world
24. Ant
25. Church officials

Down

1. Great enthusiasm
2. Bed cover
3. Metal is obtained from this substance
4. Peruse again
5. Casual headgear
6. Underhand
7. Four books of the Bible written by Disciples
15. Container for charitable donations
16. The disciple Thomas had these
18. Measure for precious stones
20. Musical instrument
21. Female relatives

Years Mind

*Please remember before God those who have died
and whose year's mind falls this month.*

November

4th Sheena Swan, Harry Hart, William Johnstone

5th John Hutton, Gareth Evans

7th Georgina McGowan

8th Tom Smith

9th Mary Williamson, Ellen Battle

14th James Simpson

15th Joseph Griffiths

20th Margaret Stewart

22nd Basil Young, June Law

28th Harry Maddox, Campbell Paterson

29th Sydney Warren

Roll of Honour from the Great War 1914 - 1918

James Boyle

George Webster Hunter

George James Stewart MacDonald

Daniel McGhie

Robert McKennie

Maximillian MacPherson

Charles Tennant

May they rest in peace and rise in glory



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DATES TO REMEMBER

1 November - 2.00pm Meditation Group

2 November - 7.00pm All Souls' Requiem

3 November - Electoral Synod at Paisley

4 November - 12.15pm Environmental Health information meeting

6 November - 7.00pm Vestry Meeting

11 November - 10.30am Armistice Centenary at Town War Memorial

followed by 12.00noon Joint Churches Together service at Clark Memorial

17 November - 10.00am Scottish Guild of Servers Training, Edinburgh

18 November - 1.00pm Food & Friendship Lunch

18 November - 3.00pm Service at Hutton Park

24 November - 2.00pm Yuletide Afternoon

8 December - Diocesan Advent Quiet Day at Paisley

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Food and Fellowship lunches Environmental health

In order to hold our lunches we felt we should do it the proper way and get our kitchen up to standard and also know how to use the kitchen in an environmental health approved way, preventing cross contamination. A bunch of us passed the Elementary food standard course last January and we have had all the up grades to the kitchen made. So this is the last bit. I have learnt since then what we needed to say we would be doing in order for us to pass the Environmental Health assessment which we passed in October.

Part of that was me promising that I would give training to all who use the kitchen. This will be in two parts. The first is a half hour session for those who took the course and any other persons interested in attending, this will be held after church on Sunday 4th November.

Part two will be for everyone else and will just be a matter of going over the basics. This should be disseminated by the core group who attended the half hour session.

In both cases you will have to sign a form to show you've had basic instruction. So by the end we should all be singing by the same hymn sheet.

Hilary

Prayer Calendar

November 2018

- 1: (*All Saints*) Thanksgiving for all God's Saints
- 2: (*All Souls*) The Faithful Departed
- 3: Members of the Electoral Synod
- 5: The College of Bishops
- 6: Members of the Vestry
- 7: Preparatory Committee
- 8: Those suffering from problems of addiction
- 9: The United Nations
- 10: H.M. Armed Forces
- 12: Peacekeeping forces overseas
- 13: Justice and Peace
- 14: All Carers
- 15: Those still living with the effects of warfare
- 16: (*Margaret of Scotland*) The Scottish Episcopal Church
- 17: Members of the Preparatory Committee
- 19: The lonely
- 20: The anxious
- 21: The bereaved
- 22: Those that must use the Largs FoodBank
- 23: Local businesses
- 24: Organisations that use our hall
- 26: Local Care Homes - residents and staff
- 27: Our work with children
- 28: Our neighbours
- 29: Those we find it difficult to love
- 30: (*St Andrew*) The people of Scotland

NOVEMBER LIST

The names of the departed from this past year, whose funerals took place here at St Columba's, will be remembered at the All Soul's Requiem (7.00pm, Friday 2 November). You are welcome to add the names of others you would like to pray for when you attend this service. See the list at the back of church.

Christmas Greetings 2018

For the last few years some of us have published our greetings to the congregation on a special Greetings page in the December magazine instead of sending individual cards. The money which would have been spent on cards is instead donated to church funds. This has raised over £200 each year.



As most of us see each other and can exchange personal Christmas greetings at this season, I would encourage more of you to join this scheme - and help save the trees too!

If you wish to participate, please fill in the form below and put on the collection plate in an envelope marked 'Christmas Greetings', or hand it to John Lamb or any sides-person before 18th November, so that your greeting can appear in the December magazine.

Christmas Greeting:

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From:

Donation:

Note: If you do not wish to cut your magazine additional forms are available at the back of church.



We will remember them.

Sunday, 11 November marks a century since the end of the Great War. This unique occasion will be marked in here in Largs in a unique way. On that day we will celebrate our usual 8.00am service of Holy Communion but **there will be no 11.00am service at St Columba's** as, instead, we will share in the act of remembrance with everyone from the town.

This will take place at the war memorial; beginning at 10.40am. Following the silence and wreath laying everyone is welcome to go to the Dunn Memorial Hall for tea before joining together again for a brief service at Clark Memorial. This service will end with the ringing of church bells throughout the land at 12.30pm.

As part of this service representatives from churches in the town will read the names of those on their First World War memorials and poppies will be attached to clear perspex outlines representative of individuals. These speak of those who were lost in the Great War. Following the service the figures will go to each congregation and be displayed there until the beginning of Advent.

I do hope that you will be able to join others in the town for this unique Day of Remembrance. *The Rector*



Update

The last couple of months we have given 23 pants and 92 bras onto this charity, so affecting 115 people. They are appealing for: Back pants, sizes 8 to 10-12, in full brief, mini or high leg styles. They work with organisations who make ladies'/girls' monthly protection kits by providing the pants for these kits.

This is where some of your donations will be going from the website

Thanks to everyone who has responded to our appeal for black pants, we've now received 1,870 pairs which is wonderful. But please keep them coming as we're hoping to get around 3,000 pairs. As a reminder, we're looking for black pants, sizes 8 to 10-12, in full brief, mini or high leg styles.

This month, we've supplied a further 650 pairs of pants to Days for Girls UK for their reusable feminine hygiene kits which will be distributed to various parts of Africa, and 200 pairs of pants to The Tumaini Fund who work with widows and orphans affected by HIV in Kagera, Tanzania. Our thanks also to Cathy Holden who will be taking 225 pairs of pants with her to Rukungiri (Uganda) as part of a volunteering holiday with Mission Direct. Cathy is part of our sorting team, and we look forward to hearing about her trip when she gets back.

Vestry Notes - Sunday, 14 October 2018

St. Ninian's Window: The meeting was called at short notice to consider a report from Rainbow Glass regarding the St Ninian's stained-glass window which was seen to be moving in recent storms due to failed perimeter pointing, which was also affecting all four lancet windows. If we do not address the issue as a matter of urgency, the windows will continue to become more unstable and could result in higher repair costs. They also advised that it would be prudent to get a stonemason to review the condition of the stone.

Following discussion, the Vestry **agreed** to (a) accept the offer by Rainbow Glass to replace all the perimeter pointing of the four lancet windows, two circular top traceries and four triangular top traceries for the sum of £4,380 (including VAT) and (b) ask Chris to (i) arrange for a stonemason to inspect the stone and report and (ii) ascertain whether our Insurers would consider the works required to be storm damage. **Action: Chris**

Trees Behind Hall: Chris reported that a large branch had fallen onto the driveway of the Aubrey Flats during the recent storm and recommended the removal of two sycamore trees bordering the driveway, which had been the subject of several complaints from residents in recent years.

The Vestry **agreed** that (a) Chris obtain three quotes for the removal of the trees and (b) prior to any work commencing, Ray contact the Council to ensure they were not subject to a Tree Preservation Order. **Action: Chris/ Ray**

Vestry Awayday: It was **agreed** to postpone the Vestry Awayday planned for 17 November as the Rector required to attend a meeting on that date of the Scottish Guild of Servers, to which he had recently been appointed Warden. It was agreed to discuss an alternative date at the next Vestry meeting and meantime Ray was asked to advise the College in Millport of the postponement. **Action: Ray**

Congregational AGM: It was noted that Vicky would be standing down from the Vestry having served four years.

A Journey into Mindfulness



It seems such a time ago we commenced the first session of the Mindfulness course, led by Lorna Reid. It was with a sense of the unknown that I entered the series of eight evening sessions and one full day retreat. Throughout the whole experience Lorna created a well-paced, supportive and educational course with materials and additional reading matter for background, but at no point did you feel pressured to get your 'homework' done.

Like many, the term 'mindfulness' has become a bit of a buzzword in

modern society, suggesting that you learn to empty your mind or sit in some kind of daydream. Well certainly that is one of the connotations that came to mind for me. Nothing could be further from the truth!

The evenings were professionally run by Lorna, ably assisted by her husband Andrew and consisted of learning about what it is to be mindful. How to focus one's attention away from daily stresses and our over active minds and our negative bias.

Being with my fellow practitioners created a strong sense of community as we shared each week our 'feeling tone' and 'internal weather' and our general observations highlighting the humanity and the day to day demands on all of us. I can only speak for myself, but as the weeks passed, the exercises went very quickly from being a challenge to something that I have come to enjoy and look forward to. Taking just a little time, weaving your exercises through your day has indeed had a significant impact for myself personally. I know that there will be another opportunity to take part, as Lorna hopes to deliver the course again soon. I would encourage heartily anyone who is thinking about it to go along.

William Clark-Ferguson

Crossword Solution *(from puzzle on page 4)*

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You're warmly invited to come along to the Food and Friendship lunch that will be served in our hall at 1.00pm on Sunday, 18 November.

Entry is by donation for this tasty, hot, and freshly made meal. Why not save the date in your diary now and come along. It's the ideal opportunity to bring along a friend with you too!

Please check the following rota and note if you are included.

Feel free to swap to ensure duties are covered.

November 2018

Day	Services and Sunday readings	Duty at Sunday 11.00am
Friday, 2 <i>All Souls</i>	7.00pm Requiem	
Sunday, 4 <i>All Saints Sunday</i>	8.00am Said Eucharist 11.00am Sung Eucharist <i>Wis 3:1-9; Rev 21:1-6a; Jn 11:32-44</i>	Server: William Clark-Ferguson Reader: Lorna Reid Intercessor: Ray Young
Wednesday, 7	10.00am Said Eucharist (1970)	
Sunday, 11 <i>Remembrance</i>	8.00am Said Eucharist 10.40am War Memorial Service 12.00noon Joint service at Clark Memorial	
Wednesday, 14	10.00am Said Eucharist (1970)	
Sunday, 18 <i>Pentecost 25</i>	8.00am Said Eucharist 11.00am Eucharist Together <i>Dan 12:1-3; Mk 13:1-8</i>	Server: Janine Millward Reader: Stuart Robertson Intercessor: Alice McDonald
Wednesday, 21	10.00am Said Eucharist (1970)	
Sunday, 25 <i>Christ the King</i>	8.00am Said Eucharist 11.00am Sung Eucharist <i>Dan 7:9-10, 13-14; Rev 1:4b-8; Jn 18:33b-37</i>	Server: Chris Evans Reader: Elspeth Robertson Intercessor: The Rector
Wednesday, 28	10.00am Said Eucharist (1970)	
Friday, 30 <i>St Andrew</i>	7.00pm Said Eucharist	

Readers for December 2018

2nd: Joan Hutton, 9th: Jennifer Fitzgibbon,

16th: Tim Johnston, 23rd: William Clark-Ferguson, 30th: Elspeth Robertson

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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 and Alt Lay Rep	Linda Young	672410
People's Warden	Vicky Johnston	329722
Members	Stuart Robertson	675681
	William Clark-Ferguson	07835454534
	Susan Birch	686098
	Imogen Harvey	329722
	Janine Millward	07508 451192
	Andrew Reid	—
	Jean Smith	330620

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

Scottish Charity Number SC004796

The deadline for the December/January magazine is Sunday 18 November.

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

Life at St Columba's

Director of Music	Euan Fulton	Mob: 07814 268 205
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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	Chris Evans	673757
	<i>Deals with hall bookings</i>	
Flowers	Joan Hutton	672927
Sidesmen	Vicky Johnston	329722
Christian Aid	Jane Evans	673757
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Regional Council	William Clark-Ferguson	Mob: 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	Linda Young	672410
	Alice MacDonald	673370
Press Officer	Hilary Moran	686213
Columba's Creatives	Rector	673143
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Pastoral Visitors in the congregation
Eileen Binns (Coordinator, tel: 673580)
Joan Hutton and May Kidd