

St Columba's
Scottish Episcopal Church
Largs



March 2019

LENT

'Jesus is able to sympathise with our weakness, for he was in every respect tempted as we are, yet without sinning.'

(Hebrews 4:15-16)

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,

Over the past few weeks a great change has been taking place in the Rectory. It is a change that has been at once gradual yet at the same time challenging and rewarding. Many years after reading a book by Marie Kondo, a Japanese organisational consultant, I have at last sought to implement her method of sorting, tidying storing and folding.

It began with clothes ... all clothes piled on the bed, then each item held one by one to see if it 'sparked joy' and should be kept. If it didn't, the item was thanked and let go of to a new home and a new phase of usefulness with someone else.

Phase 1: Clothes has been completed and I now enjoy items I love but had forgotten I had, together with the additional space this clearing out has opened up. Phase 2: Bedding and table linens and other fabrics. Phase 3: Books was more difficult, but again I am reaping the rewards of this labour intensive task. The real crunch will come with the paperwork of the office and then dealing with miscellaneous personal items including photographs. But I hope to continue until all is in order.

I guess I don't recall things getting out of order. This is probably due to it happening very gradually over time.

This is true of other areas of our life though. Even in our spiritual life, we can, once we reflect on where we are, discover we have drifted off course and could do with a spiritual 'spring clean'.

This month offers precisely that with the season of Lent. This is a time for self reflection; an opportunity to let go of all that is not life-giving and, through study, reading, prayer, and acts of charity and self-denial, to embrace all that leads us to God and his holy will for us and for the world.

May you heed the promptings of the Holy Spirit and respond to all that sparks joy and life by keeping a holy Lent.

Yours in the faith,

Gordon

Years Mind

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

4th Gordon Hodgson
5th Evelyn Barrett
6th Malcolm Griffiths
7th Annie Wingate
11th Florence Chappell
12th Bernard Paton Jones (*Priest*)
13th Alan Binns
16th Fred Ramsden, Jane Greensmith, Flo Downes
19th James Stewart
21st Bob McNae
22nd Brenda Oke, Virginia Scott
23rd Gordon Sisson
25th William Cairnie, Dolly McLellan
26th Vernon Salkeld
27th Hilda Vincent
28th Helen Salkeld, Alice Kaye



Ash
Wednesday

To mark the beginning of Lent there will be a said Eucharist with the imposition of ashes at 10.00am and 7.30pm on Wednesday, 6 March.

Please return your palm crosses from previous years that they might be used to make the ashes for these services.



Our church is the venue for this year's World Day of Prayer service. The material this year has been prepared by the women of Slovenia.

A rehearsal for those involved in offering this service will take place at 2.30pm on Tuesday, 26 February.

Please come along to the service which takes place at **2.00pm on Friday, 1 March**. Refreshments will be available in the hall following the service.

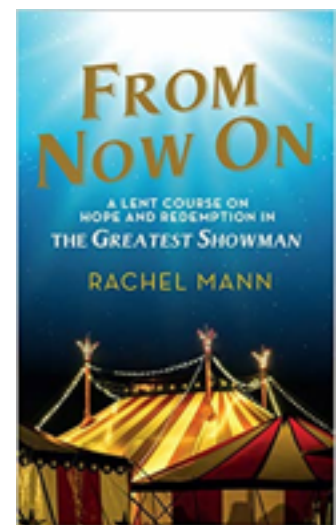
Lent Course

This year's Lent course will take place in the Rectory each Tuesday at 11.30am from 12 March until 9 April.

The material will be based on the study booklet 'From now on' by Rachel Mann. It is a course that seeks to explore themes of hope and redemption found in the popular musical film 'The Greatest Showman'. You may want to order your own copy of the material in advance of the study.

Each session will end with a simple bread, cheese and soup lunch.

Do come along and make this part of your Lenten discipline.



“Spring forward!”

Don't be late for church! Remember that the clocks go forward one hour on Sunday, 31 March.

Christian Aid Lent Lunches

Christian Aid Lent Lunches will be offered in Clark Memorial Church Hall from 12.00noon until 1.30pm each Wednesday from 6 March - 10 April.

These lunches depend on volunteers from the congregations in Largs. If you can help serve at one or more of these soup and roll lunches, please print your name on the list available in the porch.



Mothering Sunday - 31st March

I would appreciate help to make up the posies this year. I will be in the hall on Friday 29th at 3.00pm. Offers of greenery and flowers welcome. Please have a word with me.

Hilary Moran

Food and Friendship

This freshly prepared hot lunch is offered in our church hall at 12.30pm on the third Sunday of the month. It provides the ideal opportunity for members of the congregation to invite someone you may know who would benefit from a nice meal in good company.

Please do come along at 12.30pm on Sunday, 17 March.

Bishop's Lent Appeal 2019 Malawi Association for Christian Support (M.A.C.S.)

M.A.C.S. has been working in Malawi since 1993. It is a land that is among the poorest ten countries in the world. This charity works in partnership with local people on education, health and community projects in the rural areas, where the needs are greatest. People in the community there work hard to contribute locally available materials.

Funds accumulated over the Lenten period for the Bishop's Lent Appeal should be marked and offered as part of the collection on Easter Day: 21 April.

Coffee Morning in Dalry

Our neighbours at St. Peter's Dalry are holding a coffee morning at Rosearden Hall, Dalry from 10.00am – 12.00pm on Saturday April 13th. Please put the date in your diary now. All are welcome.

Electoral Synods

Please continue to pray for the work of Mark, our Primus and interim Bishop; Ian, our Dean; and all member of the Electoral Synod, as together we seek to discern and call a new Bishop.

The candidates for consideration by the Electoral Synod are:

The Very Revd Kelvin Holdsworth (*Provost of St Mary's Cathedral, Glasgow*)

The Revd Dr Michael Paterson (*Director of the Institute of Pastoral Supervision & Reflective Practice, consultant in spiritual care for NHS Education for Scotland and assisting priest at St Margaret's, Rosyth*)

The Revd Canon Dr Scott Robertson (*Rector of St Margaret's, Newlands, Glasgow*)

Presentations will be made by these candidates on Saturday, 9 March and the election of a new Bishop of the Diocese of Glasgow & Galloway should take place the following Saturday - 16 March.

Contemplative Meditation

The Monthly Contemplative Meditation Group will meet in the Rectory at 2.00pm on Thursday, 14 March. Why not give it a try for Lent!

Largs Churches Together BEREAVEMENT AND PASTORAL CARE WORKSHOP 'SHARING OUR EXPERIENCES'

Saturday 23rd March 2019

10.00am – 12.00pm

St. Columba's Episcopal Church, Aubery Crescent Largs.

This workshop is for Elders, Pastoral Care Visitors, Befrienders and anyone interested in supporting someone who has been bereaved.

There is no charge for the workshop.

To register your attendance, please contact Clark Memorial Church Office:
tel: 01475 675 186 or email: cmc.largs@gmail.com

Largs Bereavement Support Group

Coping with bereavement is difficult and sometimes it can be good to talk and have some support.

This group consists of a six week programme looking at bereavement support and exploring various aspects of loss. The support group also allows people who have been bereaved to meet others who are journeying through grief.

TOC H HALL, Bath Street Largs

The group will run from 7.00 p.m. until 8.30 p.m. on the following Sundays 2019:

3rd March
10th March
17th March

24th March
31st March
7th April

There is no charge for attending. Tea and coffee will be provided. If you are interested in attending or would like more information, please contact: Rev. Many Ralph Tel: 01294 471514.

The Bereavement Support Group is being run by Largs Churches Together. This group is for anyone living in Largs, Cumbrae and Fairlie needing support after bereavement – whether of faith or not.



dates to Remember

- 28 February - 7.00pm Mindfulness Course (1)
- 1 March - 2.00pm World Day of Prayer Service
- 5 March - 7.00pm Vestry Meeting
- 6 March - ASH WEDNESDAY 10.00am and 7.30pm Services
- 6 March - 12.00noon Christian Aid Lent Lunch (Clark Memorial)
- 7 March - 7.00pm Mindfulness Course (2)
- 9 March - Electoral Synod
- 10 March - 6.30pm Taizé for Lent Service
- 12 March - 11.30am Lent Group (1)
- 13 March - 12.00noon Christian Aid Lent Lunch (Clark Memorial)
- 14 March - 2.00pm Meditation Group
- 14 March - 7.00pm Mindfulness Course (3)
- 16 March - Electoral Synod
- 19 March - 11.30am Lent Group (2)
- 20 March - 12.00noon Christian Aid Lent Lunch (Clark Memorial)
- 21 March - 11.30am Pastoral Team training
- 21 March - 7.00pm Mindfulness Course (4)
- 23 March - 10.00am Largs Bereavement Support Group training
- 26 March - 11.30am Lent Group (3)
- 27 March - 12.00noon Christian Aid Lent Lunch (Clark Memorial)
- 28 March - 11.30am Pastoral Team training
- 2 April - 11.30am Lent Group (4)
- 3 April - 12.00noon Christian Aid Lent Lunch (Clark Memorial)
- 4 April - 11.30am Pastoral Team training
- 4 April - 7.00pm Mindfulness Course (5)

Please check the following rota and note if you are included.
 Feel free to swap to ensure duties are covered.

March 2019

Day	Services and Sunday readings	Duty at Sunday 11.00am
Sunday, 3 <i>Sunday next before Lent</i>	8.00am Said Eucharist 11.00am Sung Eucharist <i>Ex 34:29-35; 2 Cor 3:12-4:2; Lk 9:28b-43</i>	Server: Hilary Moran Reader: Lorna Reid Intercessor: Alice MacDonald
Wednesday, 6 <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	<i>10.00am Said Eucharist and imposition of ashes 7.30pm Said Eucharist and imposition of ashes</i>	
Sunday, 10 <i>Lent 1</i>	8.00am Said Eucharist 11.00am Choral Matins 6.30pm Taizé for Lent Service <i>Deut 26:1-11; Lk 4:1-13</i>	Crucifer: Janine Millward Reader: Jennifer Fitzgibbon Intercessor: Frances Robertson
Wednesday, 13	<i>10.00am Said Eucharist (1970)</i>	
Sunday, 17 <i>Lent 2</i>	8.00am Said Eucharist 11.00am Eucharist Together 6.30pm Stations of the Cross and Compline <i>Gen 15:1-12, 17-18; Lk 13:31-35</i>	Server: William Ferguson Reader: Janine Millward Intercessor: Rector
Wednesday, 20	<i>10.00am Said Eucharist (1970)</i>	
Sunday, 24 <i>Lent 3</i>	8.00am Said Eucharist 11.00am Sung Eucharist 6.30pm Stations of the Cross and Compline <i>Isa 55:1-9; 1 Cor 10:1-13; Lk 13:1-9</i>	Server: Alice MacDonald Reader: Stuart Robertson Intercessor: Fiona Reader
Wednesday, 27	<i>10.00am Said Eucharist (1970)</i>	
Sunday, 31 <i>Mothering Sunday</i> (Clocks change!)	8.00am Said Eucharist 11.00am Sung Eucharist 6.30pm Stations of the Cross and Compline <i>Ex 2:1-10; Col 3:12-17; Jn 19:25b-27</i>	Server: Vicky Johnston Reader: Joan Hutton Intercessor: William Ferguson

Readers for April 2019

7th: William Ferguson 14th: Tim Johnston
 21st: Elspeth Robertson 28th: Gib Fitzgibbon

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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	Alice MacDonald	673370

Members	Stuart Robertson	675681
	William Clark-Ferguson	07835454534
	Tim Johnston	329722
	Annemaurade Hamilton	01294 287515
	Janine Millward	07508 451192
	Andrew Reid	07818 837068

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

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The deadline for the April magazine is Sunday 24 March.

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

Life at St Columba's

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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	Alice MacDonald	673370
Christian Aid	Jane Evans	673757
	<i>Representative 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	Linda Young	672410
	Alice MacDonald	673370
Press Officer	Hilary Moran	686213
Columba's Creatives	Rector	673143
Health & Safety Officer	William Clark-Ferguson	07835 454534

Pastoral Visitors in the congregation
Eileen Binns (Coordinator, tel: 673580)
Joan Hutton and May Kidd