

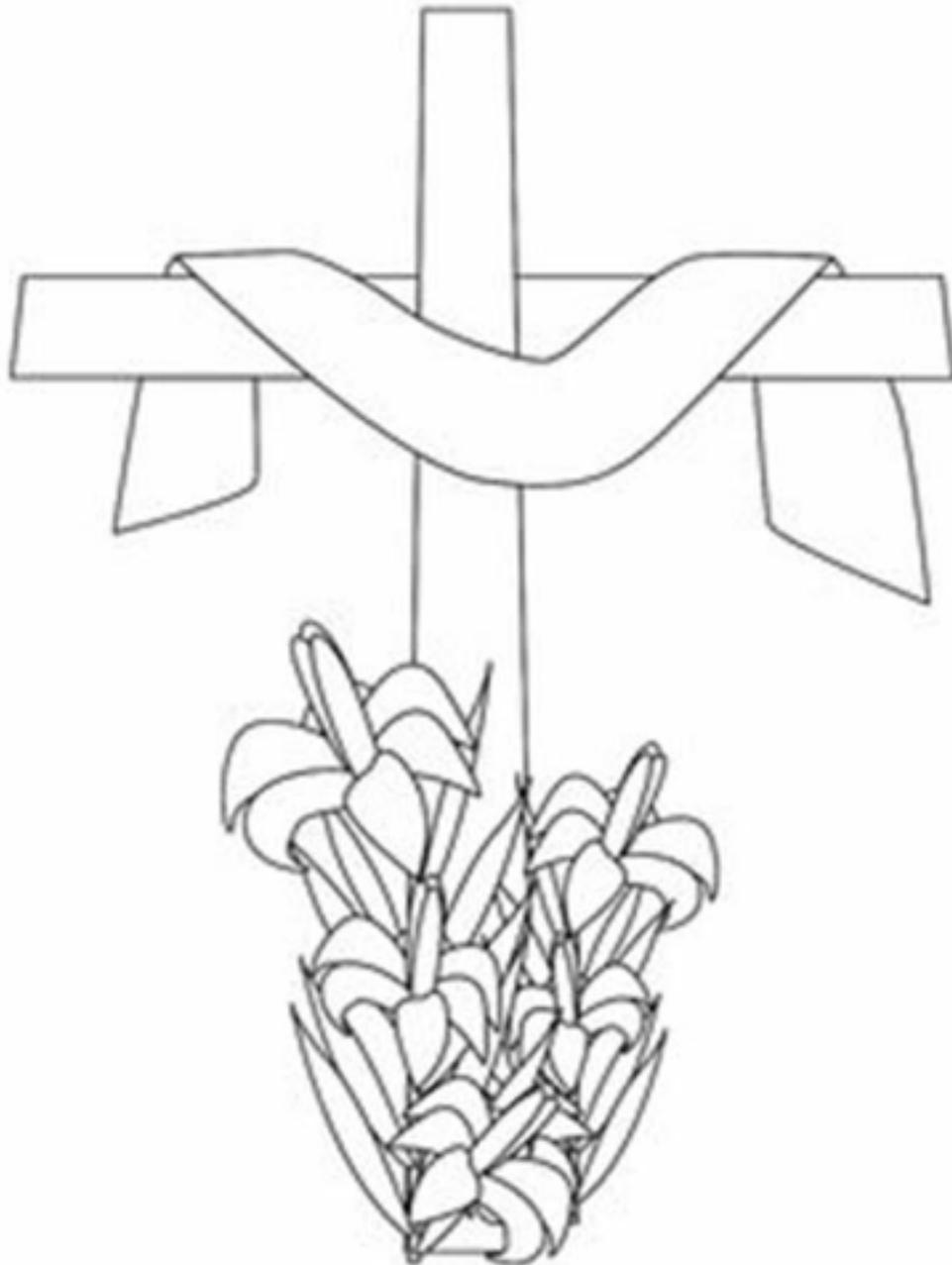
St Columba's

Scottish Episcopal Church

Largs



April 2019



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.

Like us on Facebook and Visit our website:

largs-church.co.uk

Dear Friends,

Journeys are central to what it is to be a human being. All of us are part of the great journey from birth to death. In the time we have here on earth we are part of many and various journeys - some journeys of discovery, some geographical as we travel to far off places and experience different cultures and landscapes.

This month invites us to journey too; to come together and walk the way of the cross with our Lord himself. This has been done over the centuries in many ways. For some, it has involved setting out on pilgrimage to the Holy Land; for others it has been to contemplate that final journey of our Lord's Passion through meditating on the Stations of the Cross.

This Holy Week, once more calls us, as disciples of Christ, to enter into the mystery of Our Lord's Passion, death and resurrection. We begin this journey on Palm Sunday as we shout and sing our hosannas in procession, then hear the account read to us from the gospel by different voices.

But, more importantly than all of this is the space Holy Week offers for us to journey together with Christ; in our joint Largs Churches Together services, and in our own liturgies of Maundy Thursday with its drama and poignancy; the desolation of Good Friday; and the first glimmerings of light and hope as we emerge from the Vigil of Holy Saturday into the dazzling brightness of Easter Day itself.

Our Church offers such a rich tradition in order that we might be much more than mere Sunday Christians, but rather become everyday disciples.

This Holy Week may you take up the invitation to 'come and follow' and, by doing so, find your faith deepened, strengthened and enlivened for joyful service.

Yours in the faith,

Gordon

Years Mind

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



- 4th Dorothy Nelson
- 5th Doris Binns
- 6th Scott McFarlane, Sidney Blackwell,
Rose Oliver
- 7th Joan McGhie, Dorothy Bailey
- 8th Isobel Muir
- 10th Gladys Reid, William Binns
- 13th Jay Evans
- 14th Bob Hannay, Margaret Martin
- 16th Florence Ferguson-Taylor, Duncan Sladden (*Priest*)
- 17th Robert Thomson, Douglas Graham
- 19th Amy Fletcher
- 21st Mary Johnston
- 23rd Louisa Allan
- 25th Leslie Clutterham, Tony Johnston, Arthur Gusterson,
Gladys Hart
- 26th John Foster
- 30th Doreen Fleming

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Funeral

Mrs Isabella Fyfe - 27 March 2019

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Thank You

I would like to express my thanks to members of the congregation for their thoughtfulness and messages of support following the death of my mother.

Gordon

Food and Friendship

Thank you to those who have helped set up, prepare and serve our Food and Friendship meals over the past 6 months. These have proved to be something of a success; attracting many who valued the freshly cooked food and the companionship offered at these lunches.

The monthly Food and Friendship lunches will cease for the summer months but will resume again in October.

Smalls for All - March update

We have collected 245 bra's and a record 23 new pants (these last two months). We will be affecting 269 children and women by these donations.

They are appealing for: Back pants, sizes 8 to 10-12, in full brief, mini or high leg styles. We work with organisations who make ladies'/girls' monthly protection kits by providing the pants for these kits.

Website update

We've continued with 3 sorting days a week to try to catch up on the backlog of opening and sorting, and I'm happy to tell you we're now opening donations received in February. We're now working without heating or lights. But the volunteers have been turning up with flasks, torches, their thermals and a smile, and have just got on with it – they're just pantastic! As well as being incredibly busy dealing with your donations, we've had 5 distributions to get ready, one of which is for 90,000 pants and bras which will be picked up by NPAC next week.

We've now collected over 1 million pants and bras! I triple checked the figure and don't know why I was surprised, but it was a bit of a shock when I realised. When I came back from Ethiopia in September 2009 with the aim of collecting 2,000 pairs of pants, who knew that nearly 10 years later over 1 million pants and bras would have been donated by all of you!

Thanks for spreading the world.

Hilary

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.

Electoral Synods

The episcopal electoral synod that met in the Cathedral on Saturday 16 March did not elect any of the three candidates presented at that time. The electoral process now continues as follows:

The Primus has issued a new mandate and so on the afternoon of Friday, 26 April, at Kilmarnock, there will be a meeting of the Diocesan Synod. Members of a new Preparatory Committee will be selected and the next phase of the process will follow with a new advertisement, the selection of a shortlist by the Committee, and a new set of Electoral Synods in the summer.

Please continue to pray for Bishop Mark, and all involved in this important electoral process; that a new Bishop may be called to service our Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway.

Some Dates for your Diary

- 9 April - 11.30am Lent Group (final meeting)
- 13 April - 11.00am Chrism Mass at the Cathedral
- 30 April - 7.00pm St Mark's Day Eucharist
7.30pm Vestry Meeting
- 2 May - 2.00pm Contemplative Meditation Group
- 4 May - 10.00am Car Boot Sale
- 19 May - 6.30pm Christian Aid Service at St Columba's Parish
- 1 June - 10.00am Car Boot Sale
- 2 June - 11.00am St Columba's Patronal Festival (tr)



All Largs Churches Together Holy Week services will take place each evening at 7.00pm in Brisbane Evangelical Church as follows:

- Holy Monday - Revd Jonathan Fleming
- Holy Tuesday - Revd Canon Gordon Fyfe
- Holy Wednesday - Mgr Peter Magee
- Maundy Thursday - Pastor Gordon Weir (*including communion*)
- Good Friday - Revd Mandy Ralph and Revd David Watson

These services should be no more than 40 minutes in length and everyone is invited to as many of these as you can manage.



These three days of liturgy will, once again, be offered by our church from Maundy Thursday until Easter Day as follows:

- Maundy Thursday:** 7.00pm Liturgy of the Last Supper
with the Washing of the Feet,
the Stripping of the Altar, and the Watch
- Good Friday:** 10.00am LCT Walk of Witness (*starting from our church*)
1.30pm Stations of the Cross
2.00pm Liturgy of the Last Hour
- Holy Saturday:** 9.00pm Easter Vigil and First Eucharist of Easter

Running for Dementia Revolution

If you happen to spot a runner in a bright turquoise t-shirt running along the prom or surrounding roads it may be our son-in-law Douglas Rae who is training for the London Marathon on behalf of Dementia Revolution. Sadly one in three of us will be affected by dementia in some way. Our family is one of these with Douglas' father dying in January as a result of Alzheimer's disease. At his instigation, we found ourselves bag packing with all our family and wonderful friends supporting us in Morrisons. It was quite an experience hearing from customers their personal stories and receiving amazing support. Their generosity could have had something to do with having all our grandchildren in attendance aged from 15 to 3, all in Dementia Revolution t-shirts, some fitting better than others. You can follow Douglas' training progress at [https://](https://www.facebook.com/FairlieRunner/)

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And you can donate at

<https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/fairlierunner>

Dementia Revolution is the single biggest initiative in dementia research ever launched in the UK. Bringing together investment from the Medical Research Council, Alzheimer's Society and Alzheimer's Research UK, it has six centres across the UK where over 700 researchers are working tirelessly to change the outlook for people living with dementia.

Thanks for reading this and please give Douglas a toot or a smile if you spot him.

Frances Robertson

**DEMENTIA
REVOLUTION**
JOIN. DISCOVER. TRIUMPH.

VESTRY NOTES

The Vestry at their meeting on 5 March took the following decisions/actions:

Bishop's Lent Appeal 2019: It was noted that this year's appeal was for the Malawi Association for Christian Support (MACS). An article had been included in the March magazine and a poster for the appeal is on the porch noticeboard.

Property Matters:

Stuart Robertson reported as follows:

1. A new water heater has been installed in the kitchen and the boilers in the hall and Rectory have been serviced.
2. Pot holes in the driveway have been filled in.
3. Crawford Landscapes have still to remove bushes and shrubs along the front of the Rectory. Stuart will pursue this.
4. Arrangements are in hand for PAT Testing of all electrical goods.
5. The cost of the curtain rails are higher than anticipated but they are robust and suitable for village halls. Stuart to proceed with their installation.
6. Now the works on the stained-glass windows has been completed the heater will be replaced with an identical one.
7. Posts are to be installed on Church ground for the erection of banners to advertise the car boot sales and other Church events.
8. Crawford Landscapes will shortly commence to cut the grass on a regular basis.

Rectory Decoration: The Vestry noted their responsibility to have rooms in the Rectory decorated on a regular basis and **agreed** that this year the kitchen and utility room be painted along with the ceiling and walls in the main bedroom.

Church Heating: Stuart reported that he had met with a representative from FLN Consulting Engineers and they had subsequently submitted a quote of £1,200 plus VAT with additional other incidentals to undertake a full survey and to report on costed options for heating the Church. Following discussion, the Vestry **agreed** to proceed with the survey.

Treasurer: The Treasurer spoke to the Budget Report as at 1 March 2019, copies of which had been previously circulated. He advised that the surplus for charitable activities of £21,796.76 after six months of the financial year was due to three legacies totalling £30,435. The work on the west windows has now been completed and the insurance claim of £2,786 has been received leaving a balance of £6,232 to be met by the Church. He further advised that (i) the new water heater in the kitchen cost £2,500 and (ii) 2025 shares in the Dunedin Income Growth Investment Trust were purchased on 20 February 2019 at a total cost of £5,154.50. Noted.

The Rector advised (i) he has sent photographs of the finished work to west windows to the Diocesan Property Committee for their interest and (ii) £251 had been received by Columba's Creatives and would be passed to John Lamb for banking.

Social/Fundraising: William advised that no activities were planned until after Lent, with the likelihood of a Bingo Night being held in late May/early June

Protection of Vulnerable Groups: Linda Young advised that Alice MacDonald was going through the PVG process. Subject to successful completion of that process, the Vestry expressed approval for Alice to become a member of the Pastoral Team.

Health and Safety: No matters raised.

Congregational Matters: It was noted (i) that Alice would be contacting David Macdonald to arrange a HeartStart refresher course and (ii) a Bereavement and Pastoral Care Workshop will be held in our hall on 23 March from 10 am to 12 Noon

The Rector reported on upcoming events i.e. Ash Wednesday Services on 6 March at 10 am and 7.30 pm; Taizé on 10 March at 6.30 pm. and Lent Study Group in the Rectory each Tuesday at 11.30am from 12 March until 9 April. Noted.

Alice reported that some Servers were purchasing their own cassocks and cottas.

Janine Millward was becoming a member of the Scottish Guild of Servers.

The 90th Anniversary of the Scottish Guild of Servers will be marked at an event in St John's Church, Edinburgh on 7 September 2019.

Mission Action Plan: The Rector reported that the MAP process was in abeyance pending the election of the new Bishop who would then consider the results of a review of the MAP process. The monthly "Food and Friendship" lunches will continue meantime with the next lunch on Sunday 17 March. A meeting of the MAP Action Group will be held in April/May.

The Vestry wished to recognise the valuable contribution made by Revd Liz O'Ryan as our facilitator for MAP as well as assisting with the Meditation Group and **agreed** to send her a thank you card and flowers from the congregation.

Diocesan Synod: The Rector and Chris reported on the outcome of the recent Synod:

(i) A presentation regarding dissolving the Information and Communication Board of the Province concluded with two-thirds of those present agreeing to the proposal.

(ii) Canon 35 was discussed with a proposal that this be extended out with the Church building to include the curtilage; and

(iii) It is proposed to move the Diocesan Centre, possibly to the Italian Centre in Cochrane Street, Glasgow which is more accessible for wheelchairs.

A Garden Tidy will be held on Saturday 6 April from 10 am to around 12 Noon with soup and sandwiches to follow.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 30 April 2019 at 7.30 pm in the Rectory.

Ray Young, Vestry Secretary

40TH anniversary

Congratulations!

Many congratulations to Chris and Jane Evans,
who celebrate their Ruby Wedding Anniversary on 14 April.



Prayer Calendar for April 2019

- 1: +Mark Strange, our Primus and interim Bishop
- 2: The recently bereaved
- 3: All involved in the episcopal electoral process
- 4: Our neighbours
- 5: Hall user groups
- 6: Those who walk the Largs Labyrinth
- 8: The frail elderly
- 9: Visitors to Largs
- 10: Voyagers and travellers
- 11: The College of Bishops
- 12: Those living with longterm illness
- 13: Diocesan Clergy
- 15: All who live with famine and shortage
- 16: Justice and Peace
- 17: Those preparing for baptism
- 18: (*Maundy Thursday*) That we might watch and pray
- 19: (*Good Friday*) Thanksgiving for Our Lord's Sacrifice
- 20: (*Easter Eve*) That we might live out the pascal mystery in our life
- 22: The newly baptised
- 23: The Scottish Guild of Servers
- 24: Diocesan Centre Staff
- 25: The local community
- 26: Members of the Diocesan Synod
- 27: Residents of local nursing homes
- 29: Visitors to our church
- 30: (*Mark the Evangelist*) St Mark's Church, East Kilbride



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

April 2019

Day	Services and Sunday readings	Duty at Sunday 11.00am
Wednesday, 3	10.00am Said Eucharist (1970)	
Sunday, 7 <i>Lent 5</i> <i>Passiontide begins</i>	8.00am Said Eucharist 11.00am Choral Matins <i>Isa 43:16-21; Jn 12:1-8</i>	Crucifer: Hilary Moran Reader: William Ferguson Intercessor: Jennifer Fitzgibbon
Wednesday, 10	10.00am Said Eucharist (1970)	
Sunday, 14 <i>Palm Sunday</i>	8.00am Said Eucharist 11.00am Liturgy of the Palms with Procession and Liturgy of the Passion <i>Isa 50:4-9a; Phil 2:5-11; Lk 22:14-23:56</i>	Server: Chris Evans Reader: Tim Johnston Intercessor: Frances Robertson
Holy Wednesday, 17	10.00am Said Eucharist (1970)	
Sunday, 21 <i>EASTER DAY</i>	8.00am Said Eucharist 11.00am Sung Eucharist <i>Isa 65:17-25; Acts 10:34-43; Lk 24:1-12</i>	All Servers Reader: Elspeth Robertson Intercessor: Rector
Wednesday, 24	10.00am Said Eucharist (1970)	
Sunday, 28 <i>Easter 2</i>	8.00am Said Eucharist 11.00am Sung Eucharist <i>Acts 5:27-32; Rev 1:4-8; Jn 20:19-31</i>	Server: William Ferguson Reader: Gib Fitzgibbon Intercessor: Ray Young

Readers for May 2019

5th: Joan Hutton 12th: Jennifer Fitzgibbon
 19th: Janine Millward 26th: Stuart 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	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

Scottish Charity Number SC004796

The deadline for the May magazine is Sunday 21 April.

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

Life at St Columba's

Director of Music	Euan Fulton	Mob: 07814 268 205
Property Convenor	Stuart Robertson	01475 675681
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