

*St Columba's*  
*Scottish Episcopal Church*  
*Largs*



*May 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.**

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**[largs-church.co.uk](http://largs-church.co.uk)**

Dear Friends,

As I write this letter the Church throughout the world continues to celebrate the 50 days of unremitting joy that is the Easter season. These days remind us that, as Christians, we are a people who live in the light of God's great love for us and of his victory over sin and death witnessed to in the mighty resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

As we do so, we continue to live with another truth - the reality of pain and loss that mark so many people's lives. Especially we think of those who know the cost of discipleship through persecution. The recent devastating events in the terrorist attacks in Shri Lanka are testament to all that intolerance and hatred is capable of. The bombings of churches on Easter day show that the forces that led to Jesus' own death on a cross are still there and that they persist in trying to force their agenda of fear and death.

I would ask that you remember in prayer those caught up in such awful circumstances. These sort of events were not new in the time of Christ's life and ministry among us nor were they unknown to the early church, where thousands went to their death for the faith they held. But the forces of evil of prejudice and of threat did not, in the end, prevail. The opposite was the case as the blood of the martyrs became the seed of the Church.

These 50 days of Easter are days of rejoicing, not because we are somehow unaware of the harsh realities of life. They are days of rejoicing because we live in the light of a greater truth; that, in Christ, life is stronger than death and love is more powerful than hate. His resurrection victory is something to be celebrated, not just because of a future hope, but because the way of life and love is also ours here and now. Love shown forth in our actions and our attitudes.

May the Easter hope continue to be the primary reality of our daily living; that we may serve the Lord and one another in joy and hope.

Yours in the faith,

*Gordon*

# Years Mind

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

1<sup>st</sup> Jean Trott

2<sup>nd</sup> Sheila Burnside, Jim Cheeseman, Margaret Patricia Fox

4<sup>th</sup> Audrey Hodgson

5<sup>th</sup> James Heap, Norman Donaldson

7<sup>th</sup> Isabella Young

8<sup>th</sup> Arthur Fletcher (*Priest*)

9<sup>th</sup> Katherine Pell, Sandra Mathieson

12<sup>th</sup> Brenda Moon

14<sup>th</sup> Ellen McDougall

15<sup>th</sup> May Marshall

16<sup>th</sup> Addie Davie, Edna Ramsden, Vera MacFarlane, Dorothea Campbell,  
Kenneth Keay

18<sup>th</sup> Helen Rankin

19<sup>th</sup> Margaret McIntosh

23<sup>rd</sup> Ian Ritchie

27<sup>th</sup> Douglas Noble (*Priest*)

28<sup>th</sup> Brian Warren

30<sup>th</sup> Rae Stewart McFarlane, Jean Forbes

31<sup>st</sup> Edna Gillies

The Revd Gordon John Harper Pont,  
Rector of St Columba's from 1965-68,  
died on 23 March aged 83.  
May he rest in peace and rise in glory.



# **Bishop's Lent Appeal 2019**

Malawi Association for Christian Support (M.A.C.S.)

If you have not already done so, please return your contribution to the Bishop's Lent Appeal now. This year we are supporting the work of 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.



## **Episcopal Electoral Process Update**

The Episcopal Electoral Synod met in the Cathedral to vote on Saturday, 16 March. As there was no clear majority in favour of any one of the three candidates, this part of the process did not end with the election of a new Bishop for Glasgow & Galloway.

The Diocesan Synod will meet at Kilmarnock on Friday, 26 April to continue the process by electing members of a new preparatory committee.

Future editions of the magazine will keep you informed of where we are in the ongoing process. Please remember in prayer everyone involved in the episcopal electoral process.



### Garden Tidy

Thanks to those who turned up to volunteer in our Church Garden Tidy on Saturday, 6 April. Your hard work is evident and the church grounds look much improved as a result!

### Church Easter Flowers

Many thanks to Joan Hutton, Hilary Moran and Frances Robertson for working on such lovely floral displays.

The transformation of our beautiful church building was stunning on Easter Day.

Your creativity and dedication is much appreciated.

### Thank you for the Music!

Thank you to Euan, our Director of music, and to the members of our choir for the valued musical contribution offered to the liturgies of the Church during Holy Week and Easter. You almost got a round of applause for the anthem on Easter Day!

### Heart Start

Thanks for the members of our congregation who attended the Heart Start training on Monday, 22 April. Thanks, too, to the Largs First Responders who came along to offer their time and expertise.

## CAR BOOT SALES

Car Boot Sale - **Saturday, 4 May 2019**

*Sellers arrive 8.00am, Buyers arrive 9.00am - 1.00pm*  
*Entrance - Donations*

Car £7            Car & Table £9            Table only £5            Van £11

*Toilets, Coffee, Soup, rolls*

*To reserve a pitch tel: 01475 672410 or email: rhhyoung1948@gmail.com*

Other Car Boot Sale dates this year are as follows:  
1 June, 13 July and 17 August

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## May Prayer Calendar

- 1: *(SS Philip & James, Apostles)* The College of Bishops
- 2: Mark our Primus and interim Bishop
- 3: All involved in the episcopal election process
- 4: Those who make use of the Largs FoodBank
- 6: Diocesan Clergy
- 7: The frail elderly
- 8: *(Julian of Norwich, Mystic)* Spiritual Directors
- 9: Local Nursing Homes
- 10: Local businesses
- 11: Members of Diocesan Council
- 13: Those preparing for Baptism
- 14: *(St Matthias, Apostle)* Members of the Vestry
- 15: Children's Summer Mission Planning
- 17: The work of Christian Aid
- 18: Our neighbours
- 20: Those living with longterm illness
- 21: Organisations that use our hall
- 22: The anxious
- 23: The lonely
- 24: The bereaved
- 25: Scottish Guild of Servers
- 27: Visitors to our church
- 28: Schools and Colleges
- 29: Justice and Peace
- 30: *(Ascension Day)* Churches of Ayrshire Region
- 31: *(The Visitation of the BVM to Elizabeth)* The Mothers' Union

## St Columba's Day 2019

As Saint Columba's Day falls on the Feast of Pentecost this year (Sunday, 9 June) our Patronal Festival will be kept on the previous Sunday - 2 June.

Please put this date in your diary and, nearer the time, sign up on the 'bring and share' lunch list to assist with catering arrangements.

There will be no service of Choral Matins in the months of June, July or August.

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DATE

- 30 April - 7.00pm St Mark's Day Eucharist
- 30 April - 7.30pm Vestry Meeting
- 2 May - 2.00pm Contemplative Meditation Group
- 4 May - 9.00am Car Boot Sale
- 15 May - 7.30pm Summer Mission Planning meeting
- 19 May - 11.00am Sung Eucharist and Holy Baptism of Flora Evans
- 19 May - 6.30pm Christian Aid Service at St Columba's Parish
- 30 May - 7.00pm Regional Ascension Day Eucharist at St Oswald's, Maybole*
- 1 June - 9.00am Car Boot Sale
- 2 June - 11.00am St Columba's Patronal (tr) Festival and lunch
- 6 June - 2.00pm Contemplative Meditation Group
- 9 June - Pentecost
- 11 June - 7.30pm Regional Council at St Ninian's, Troon*



## Children's Summer Mission 2019

This year's Children's Summer Mission will take place from 10.00am - 12.00noon from Monday, 1 - Friday, 5 July.

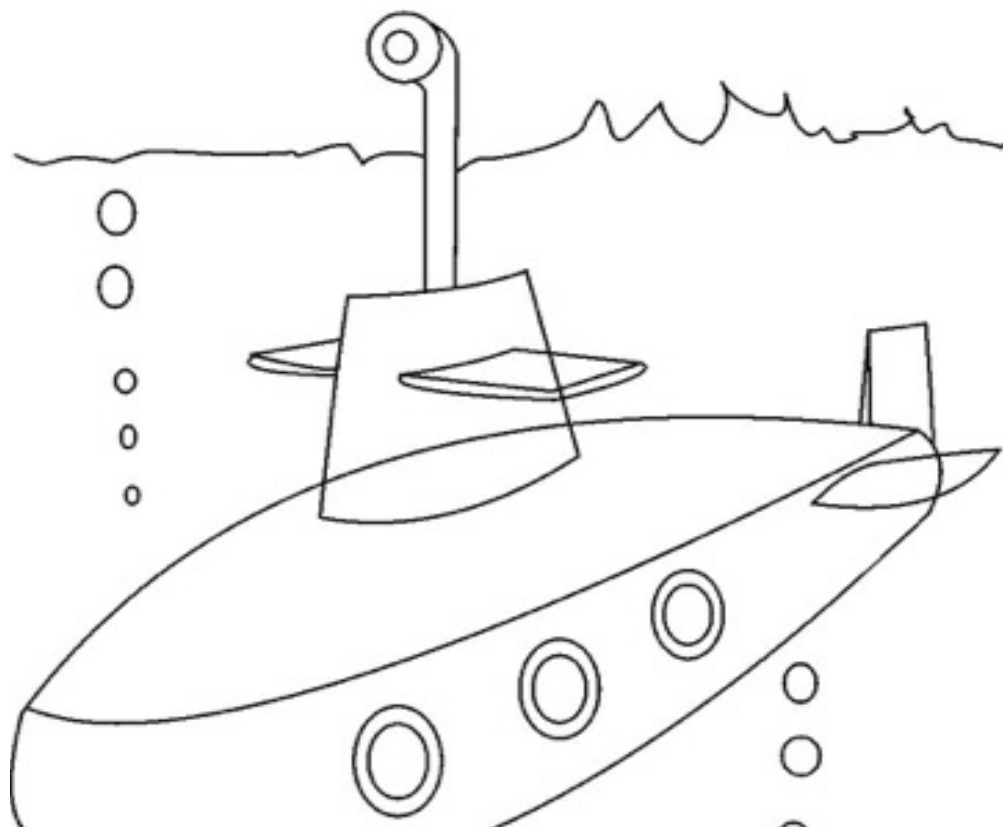
Once more, the material will be created by us. There will be an 'under the sea' theme as we sink below the waves onboard our eco submarine, the **Deep Exploration Vehicle, Ocean;** (D.E.V. Ocean).

Registration will be made possible in advance during a fund-raising and promotional Coffee Morning to be held in June . Meanwhile, do please spread the word about the club and its dates.

Let me know if you would be interested in helping with this exciting, creative and busy holiday club.

A planning meeting will take place in the Rectory at 7.30pm on Wednesday, 15 May.

*Gordon*



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

## May 2019

Day	Services and Sunday readings	Duty at Sunday 11.00am
Wednesday, 1 <i>St Philip and St James, Apostles</i>	10.00am Said Eucharist (1970)	
<b>Sunday, 5</b> <i>Easter 3</i>	8.00am Said Eucharist 11.00am Sung Eucharist <i>Acts 9:1-20; Rev 5:11-14; Jn 21:1-19</i>	Server: Hilary Moran Reader: Joan Hutton Intercessor: William Ferguson
Wednesday, 8	10.00am Said Eucharist (1970)	
<b>Sunday, 12</b> <i>Easter 4</i>	8.00am Said Eucharist 11.00am Choral Matins <i>Acts 9:36-43; Jn 10:22-30</i>	Crucifer: Janine Millward Reader: Jennifer Fitzgibbon Intercessor: Rector
Wednesday, 15 <i>St Matthias, Apostle (tr)</i>	10.00am Said Eucharist (1970)	
<b>Sunday, 19</b> <i>Easter 5</i>	8.00am Said Eucharist 11.00am Sung Eucharist and Holy Baptism <i>Acts 11:1-18; Rev 21:1-6; Jn 13:31-35</i>	Server: Vicky Johnston Reader: Janine Millward Intercessor: Ray Young
Wednesday, 22	10.00am Said Eucharist (1970)	
<b>Sunday, 26</b> <i>Easter 6</i>	8.00am Said Eucharist 11.00am Sung Eucharist <i>Acts 16:9-15; Rev 21:10, 22-22:5; Jn 14:23-29</i>	Server: Alice MacDonald Reader: Stuart Robertson Intercessor: William Ferguson
Wednesday, 29	10.00am Said Eucharist (1970)	

## Readers for June 2019

2nd: Elspeth Robertson    9th: Lorna Reid

16th: Gib Fitzgibbon    23rd: Tim Johnston

30th: Annemaurade Hamilton

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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 June magazine is Sunday 19 May.**

magazine articles should be sent to [gordon.fyfe@icloud.com](mailto:gordon.fyfe@icloud.com)

Life at St Columba's

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<b>Fundraising Committee</b>	William Clark-Ferguson	07835 454534
<b>Protection of Vulnerable Groups</b>	Linda Young	672410
	<i>Appointed by the Vestry and approved by the Bishop</i>	
<b>Mothers' Union</b>	Hilary Moran	686213
<b>Church Hall Diary</b>	Chris Evans	673757
	<i>Deals with hall bookings</i>	
<b>Flowers</b>	Joan Hutton	672927
<b>Sidesmen</b>	Alice MacDonald	673370
<b>Christian Aid</b>	Jane Evans	673757
	<i>Representative on inter-church Christian Aid Committee</i>	
<b>Regional Council</b>	William Clark-Ferguson	07835 454534
<b>Intercessions Rota</b>	Frances Robertson	686947
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Alice MacDonald	673370
<b>Readers Rota</b>	Rector	673143
	<i>If you would like to join any of the above, please see Frances, Alice or the Rector</i>	
<b>Largs Churches Together</b>	Linda Young	672410
	Alice MacDonald	673370
<b>Press Officer</b>	Hilary Moran	686213
<b>Columba's Creatives</b>	Rector	673143
<b>Health &amp; Safety Officer</b>	William Clark-Ferguson	07835 454534

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