

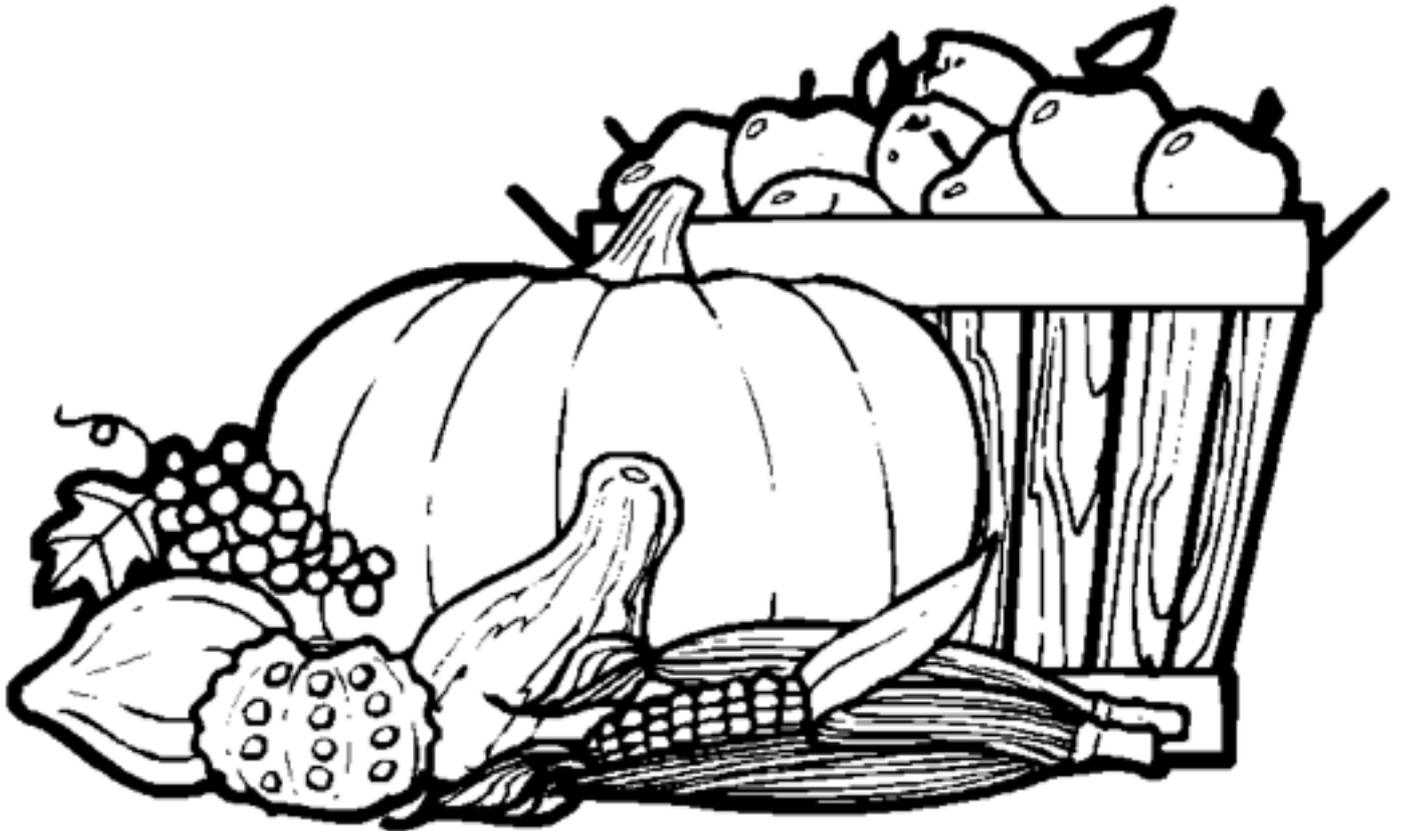
# *St Columba's*

*Scottish Episcopal Church*

*Largs*



*September 2019*



*'The earth is filled with the gifts of the Lord:  
wine and oil and bread, to strengthen us and cheer our hearts.'*

Psalm 104:13,15

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**

*Check noticeboard for further 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](http://largs-church.co.uk)**

Dear Friends,

As I write this, workmen from the local council are toiling away to construct the Viking Village for this year's Largs Viking Festival. Each year this festival seems to attract more visitors to the town than the year before. It is an annual reminder of the long and varied history this coastline has witnessed over the centuries.

Like any nation we, as individuals, know markers in our own personal calendar that call to remembrance events and people from our past. These can be the source of joy or sorrow for us; can evoke the happiness of someone's company and our shared adventures with them; or can bring pain at the knowledge they are no longer with us to share our life.

All of us live with these facts. But these are not the whole picture, for we also face a future or unknowns. None of us know what lies ahead for us or for our loved ones.

The good news we proclaim, as followers of Jesus Christ, assures us that we are not completely defined by our past. We are called to live in the present moment and to commit ourselves and our unknown, open, future into the hands of the One who loved us from all eternity; the one who, in Christ, came to share our human life and lot.

Let us, then, take time each day consciously to know ourselves to be in the presence of God and, inspired by his love for us, come to be a force for good and blessing now and always.

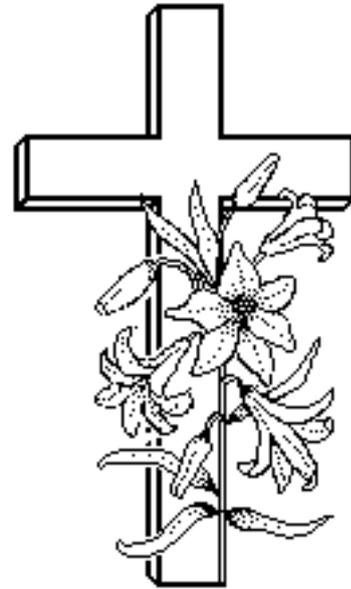
Yours in the faith,

*Gordon*

## Years Mind

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

1<sup>st</sup> Jessie Cuthbertson  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sylvia Paling, Martha Stott  
5<sup>th</sup> James Donnelly  
7<sup>th</sup> Mary Moir  
8<sup>th</sup> Linda Cormack  
9<sup>th</sup> Eliza Hellens  
10<sup>th</sup> Margaret Ellison, Lillian Campbell  
12<sup>th</sup> Ian Jenkins  
13<sup>th</sup> Elsie Hinshalwood  
17<sup>th</sup> Kirsty Gusterson  
18<sup>th</sup> James Alexander MacFarlane  
19<sup>th</sup> Wilfrid Moon  
20<sup>th</sup> Beatrice Scott  
23<sup>rd</sup> Denzyl Holroyd  
24<sup>th</sup> Eric Clayton Hibbot  
27: Vera McKenna, Irene Gilliard  
29<sup>th</sup> John Hay  
30<sup>th</sup> Jean Blackwell



## From the Registers

### Funerals

*Ethel Scott - 25 July 2019*

*Barbara Flinn - 23 August 2019*

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25 August 2019. To our friends at St Columba's Church:

Myself, Judith and Freddie were very touched by the kindness by so many friends this last week on the death of our mother. Gordon has been a great support also and organised the funeral service very fast, which was a lovely service. We have raised £140 towards her favourite charity the Children's Society. Thank you all. **Hilary**

# October Prayer Calendar

- 2: The College of Bishops
- 3: Those who make use of the new '*Living Room*' facility in Largs
- 4: Local clergy
- 5: Members of Ayrshire regional Council of churches
- 6: The diocesan episcopal electoral process
- 7: The Scottish Guild of Servers
- 9: (*Birth of the BVM*) Members of the Mothers' Union
- 10: Our Vestry
- 11: All Carers
- 12: The long-term ill
- 13: Young families
- 14: (*Holy Cross Day*) Ordinations of Lee Johnston and Harriet Oxley
- 16: (*Ninian of Whithorn*) St Ninian's, Prestwick and Pollokshields
- 17: Our neighbours
- 18: Farmers
- 19: Fishermen
- 20: The newly married
- 21: (*Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist*) St Matthew's, Possilpark
- 23: Members of the Bishop's Staff Group
- 24: Organisations that use our hall
- 25: Diocesan Centre Staff
- 26: Justice and Peace
- 27: The recently bereaved
- 28: Praise for God's goodness in creation
- 30: (*St Michael and All Angels*) The church in Helensburgh



## Church Flowers



Following the article in the last magazine, I am happy to say that one or two people have expressed an interest in attending a workshop, to find out about how we go about arranging and displaying our flowers in the church. Our intention is to hold this workshop on Saturday, 21st September at 2pm in the hall.

Hilary and I will be there to welcome anyone who is interested in helping with the flowers, and will happily consider new ideas and suggestions, to enable us to continue to make our church look beautiful.

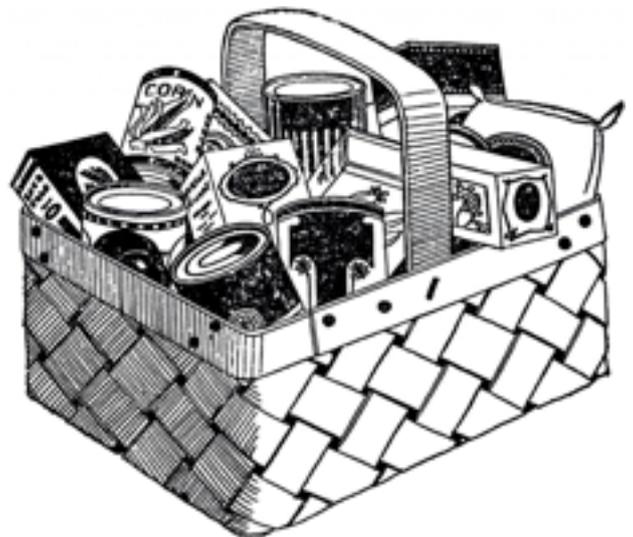
Please come along and support this important and rewarding part of our church life.

*Joan Hutton*

## Harvest Festival

This year's Harvest Festival will be celebrated on Sunday, 29 September. As is our custom, you are invited to bring non-perishable items, with good use-by dates, to the main 11.00am Sung Eucharist. These will be donated to the Largs FoodBank.

The Harvest Festival Eucharist will be followed by a congregational 'bring and share' lunch in the church hall. Please sign your name in the list provided in the porch and state what you intend to contribute to the lunch.



## **Columba's Creatives**

The new session of Columba's Creatives resumes at 5.30pm on Wednesday, 4 September. This group is for Primary School aged children and meets each Wednesday in the school term from 5.30pm until 7.00pm.

Please spread the word that we're back and are getting creative again!

## **Largs Monday Toddlers**

For the past 8 years members of our congregation, together with some helpers from the wider community, have been able to offer a Toddler Group facility each Monday in school term time in our church hall. This has seen many families come and go with the passing of time and has proved a great benefit to parents and grandparents as well as to the children themselves. This initiative followed in the tradition of our congregation, which was the first in the town to offer a playgroup nursery - itself running for over 40 years!

Three volunteers are required each week, and in recent times it has proved difficult to gain enough folk to staff the Largs Monday Toddler Group and offer the service to the high standard we feel to be necessary.

The decision has been made to take a break from offering this service for this coming year and to reassess things in the early summer of 2020.

This is a sensible and brave decision to have reached and I would like to express my deep thanks to everyone who, over the years, have offered their time and energy to this wonderful facility.

If you would be interested in exploring your own involvement with the Largs Monday Toddler Group in future, please speak to me, to Hilary or to Armorel.

***The Rector***

## Vestry Notes of the meeting, 2 July 2019



A donation of £50 had been made for the recent Heart Start training session.

The Rector updated the Vestry on the Episcopal Electoral process confirming that, as the second stage has ended without enough shortlisted candidates to continue, the third and final part of the process is now for the election of our new Bishop by the College of Bishops. The College will meet with members of the original electoral Synod (Clergy and Lay Representatives) on 27 July, which the Rector and Chris will attend. The College has requested names of potential candidates to be passed to the

Primus now. The College of Bishops will

also consult the Cathedral Chapter on 20 August. The Primus has requested that this process is remembered in our prayers, particularly on 3 August, when it was originally expected to hold the vote for our next Bishop. Noted.

Alice undertook to open the Church for 10 a.m. on 3 August and close it at 5 p.m. and the Rector will make any resources provided to facilitate prayer available that day.

### Property Matters:

1. New curtain rails have been fitted in the Hall.
2. McAulay's have repaired the boiler in the Hall kitchen.
3. Scott Crawford has told Stuart that work will start on the area around the Rectory once he is back from holiday early in July.
4. Chris has asked Stuart to arrange for Crawfords to undertake weed-killing around our properties.

It was noted that the Gift Day held on the Patronal Festival in June had not been particularly successful due partly to the disappointing attendance.

Chris submitted a note of OSCR's annual briefing he had attended in Troon on 25 June.

The Vestry agreed to look to establish a Risk Register.

Diocesan Ministry Celebration Service: The Rector advised that Lay Pastoral Assistants and Worship Leaders will have their authorisations renewed at a service to be held at St John's, Dumfries on Saturday 31 August at 11.00 a.m.

The Living Room: Chris submitted a note of a briefing meeting held on 26 June on The Living Room, which is an initiative by St John's Church to convert the former Spec Savers shop in Aitken Street, Largs to make people feel at home, safe and share experiences. About 60 people attended, including Chris, May Kidd and Stuart Robertson. Presentations were given on progress to date and what needed to be done in the short term including a Safe Talk course being run for volunteers by CAP (Christians Against Poverty). St John's has pledged £15,000 to fund the project and £5,650 has already been raised through various fundraising efforts. Staff required include a Development Community Worker – supported by North Ayrshire Council; Debt Manager – supported by CAP and a Job Club Manager. Training will be available for volunteers, including bereavement awareness training. The annual cost is: urban - £21,600 (CAP pays 2/3, church pays 1/3) and rural - £10,800 (only centre in Ayrshire is at Stewarton)

St Johns' will provide: 16 hours per week; space to store files; laptop and printer and support for the Centre Manager. CAP will provide in the Debt Centre: training; printed materials; client breaks and regional evangelists (Colin Campbell in Greenock).

Next steps for our Church is to pray for the initiative; provide volunteers for the Centre (there was a sign-up sheet at the briefing) and consider contributing to the costs involved. It was **agreed** that the Vestry Awayday consider this as the local charity to be supported in 2020.



## Diocesan Property Committee

The Diocesan Property Committee is seeking a new member. The new member should be professionally qualified – an architect or surveyor, who is currently practising or has recently retired. Members of the Committee advise on diocesan property matters. Please contact the Synod Clerk Gordon Fyfe ([synodclerk@glasgow.anglican.org](mailto:synodclerk@glasgow.anglican.org)) if you might be able to offer assistance in this way. The Property Committee meets monthly at the Diocesan Centre, usually on a Monday between 12.30pm and 3.00pm, with sandwich lunch provided.



### Dates for your diary

4 September - 5.30pm, Columba's Creatives new session resumes

5 September - 7.30pm, Regional Council meeting at Ardrossan

7 September - 1.00pm Scottish Guild of Servers Festival at  
St John's, Princes Street, Edinburgh

8 September - 4.00pm, Viking Festival Closing Service

10 September - 7.00pm Vestry Meeting

14 September - 2.30pm Ordinations at St Mary's, Cathedral, Glasgow

21 September - 2.00pm, Flower arranging workshop

29 September - 12.15pm, Harvest Festival 'bring and share' lunch

5 October - 12.00noon, Pet Blessing Service

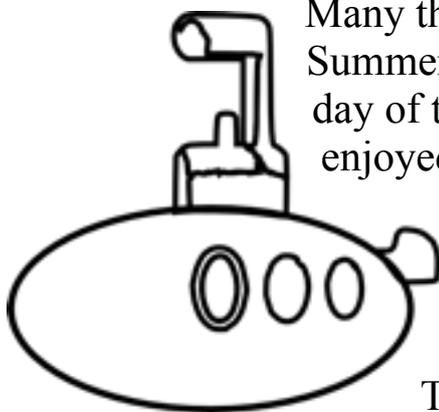
27 October - 12.15pm, Congregational AGM

5 November - 7.00pm, Vestry Meeting

## The 23rd Psalm for busy people

*The Lord is my pace-setter, I shall not rush,  
He makes me to stop and rest for quiet intervals,  
He provides me with images of stillness,  
which restore my serenity.  
He leads me in the ways of effectiveness  
through calmness of mind,  
and his guidance is peace.  
Even though I have a great many things to accomplish each day  
I will not fret for His presence is here,  
His timelessness, His all-importance will keep me in balance.  
He prepares refreshment and renewal in the midst of my activity  
by anointing my mind with His oils of tranquility,  
my cup of joyous energy overflows.  
Surely harmony and effectiveness shall be the fruit of my hours  
for I shall walk at the pace of my Lord,  
and dwell in His house for ever.*

### Summer Holiday Club Thanks



Many thanks to everyone who supported this year's Summer Holiday Club. We had around 30 children each day of the first week in the school holidays. They all enjoyed their undersea adventure and, as well as hearing some Bible stories, joining in games, and eating lots of snacks, they learned just how important it is for us to look after God's creation.

Thanks again to our great team of helpers!

We will all have been shocked by the sight of many thousands of fires spreading through the Brazilian rainforest. Let us pray for a change of heart in those in authority, that we might seek to protect and keep safe the creation God has called us all to be stewards of.

May this prayer accompany all our actions:

Creator God,

When the fires rage  
and the flames engulf us,  
who can we turn to but you?  
We cry out to you now,  
for the sake of the Amazon;  
the lungs of the earth.  
We pray for your protection  
and divine restoration.

Loving God,  
we ask for you to bring life and hope  
where there is destruction and death;  
for our indigenous sisters and brothers  
who call the rainforest home.

We repent for taking for granted  
your wondrous creation,  
for plundering its resources  
to satiate our own greed,  
For not paying enough attention.

We pray for a change of heart for governments  
who have the ability to make change.

Give us the courage to stand in solidarity  
with those whose voices go unheard.  
Give us the hearts to stand up  
for all those made in your image.

In your name we pray.

Amen.



## **Episcopal Electoral Process up-date**

On Saturday the 27<sup>th</sup> July, the Electoral Synod of the Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway met with the College of Bishops at Holy Trinity and St Barnabas, Paisley. The meeting began with a celebration of the Eucharist and was followed by a brief explanation by the Primus as to the reasons the Second Mandate failed to produce a shortlist to present to the electors.

The College of Bishops then heard a short presentation by the Canon Missioner which explained the work that had gone into producing the Diocesan Profile.

The Primus asked the assembled members to divide into five groups.

Each group spent an hour speaking with one of the bishops, who facilitated the discussion. The bishops will now receive the notes from those discussions as an aid to their prayer and deliberations.

The meeting concluded with an expression of gratitude to the College. A heartfelt thanks was also offered to the Primus for his ministry to the Diocese.

Please continue to pray for the episcopal electoral process in the diocese. Especially, please remember Bishop Mark, our Primus and interim Bishop, and the College of Bishops as they discern who should be elected as our next diocesan bishop.

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

## September 2019

Day	Services and Sunday readings	Duty at Sunday 11.00am
<b>Sunday, 1</b> <i>Pentecost 12</i>	8.00am Said Eucharist 11.00am Sung Eucharist <i>Eccl 10:12-18; Heb 13:1-8, 15-16; Lk 14: 1, 7-14</i>	Server: Hilary Moran Reader: Janine Millward Intercessor: William Ferguson
Wednesday, 4	10.00am Said Eucharist (1970)	
<b>Sunday, 8</b> <i>Pentecost 13</i>	8.00am Said Eucharist 11.00am Choral Matins <i>Deut 30:15-20; Lk 14:25-33</i>	Crucifer: Chris Evans Reader: Stuart Robertson Intercessor: Frances Robertson
Wednesday, 11	10.00am Said Eucharist (1970)	
<b>Sunday, 15</b> <i>Pentecost 14</i>	8.00am Said Eucharist 11.00am Sung Eucharist <i>Ex 32:7-14; 1 Tim 1:12-17; Lk 15:1-10</i>	Server: Janine Millward Reader: Joan Hutton Intercessor: Alice MacDonald
Wednesday, 18	10.00am Said Eucharist (1970)	
<b>Sunday, 22</b> <i>Pentecost 11</i>	8.00am Said Eucharist 11.00am Sung Eucharist <i>Amos 8:4-7; 1 Tim 2:1-7; Lk 16:1-13</i>	Server: William Ferguson Reader: Alice MacDonald Intercessor: Rector
Wednesday, 25	10.00am Said Eucharist (1970)	
<b>Sunday, 29</b> <i>Harvest Festival</i>	8.00am Said Eucharist 11.00am Harvest Festival Eucharist <i>Deut 26:1-11; Rev 14:14-18; Jn 6:25-35</i>	Server: Alice MacDonald Reader: Lorna Reid Intercessor: Ray Young

## Readers for October 2019

6th: Tim Johnston 13th: Elspeth Robertson

20th: Gib Fitzgibbon 27th: Jennifer 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

<b>Members</b>	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 October magazine is Sunday 22 September.**

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

## Life at St Columba's

<b>Director of Music</b>	Euan Fulton	Mob: 07814 268 205
<b>Property Convenor</b>	Stuart Robertson	01475 675681
<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*