When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord
Luke 2:22
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 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
Dear Friends,

On Sunday, 2 February, we will play host to our friends from the congregations that make up Largs Churches Together as we celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of our Lord in the Temple. This is commonly called ‘Candlemas’ and it falls 40 days after our celebration of our Lord’s Incarnation at Christmas.

It seems to me that this month sums up what this celebration is all about, for it begins with us still glancing back to Christmas, and yet it will close with us turning to begin our Lenten journey on Ash Wednesday.

Candlemas is a pivotal festival, at the end of which we finally veil the Christmas Crib; turning from what is past and toward the future.

All through life we, as human beings must do this. Change is part of life’s experience bringing with it the challenge to let go of the past and to adapt to meet the new realities that emerge. This is a process in which we have no choice. We can either do so unwillingly, clinging to what no longer is and fearing what has come to be; or we, as people of faith in God, whose love remains constant, can embrace the new with open hearts and the excitement that comes from all that may yet be experienced and achieved.

As I write this our College of Bishops have recently elected The Rt Revd Kevin Pearson as our new Diocesan Bishop. May we welcome him as the one called to lead our Church in mission in this new beginning both for him and for us.

Central to all of this is prayer, for it is the means by which we can commune with, and be guided by, the Lord himself. May this new year and this new decade be one in which our faith is deepened and our mission renewed; that the world may come to be blessed through us.

Gordon
Years Mind

Please remember before God those who have died and whose year’s mind falls in February

1st Ann Estill, Florence Powell, Bill Chalmers
2nd Di Sugden, Richard Yeomans
6th Catherine Rodger, Peter Driver
9th Joan Jolley
10th Bill Russell, Avril Watson-Stewart
11th Marjorie MacDonald
14th Ed Duncan, Olive Robinson, Catherine Foster
15th David Johnston, Elizabeth Doull
17th Billy Rodger
18th Elisabeth Willetts
19th Mary Williams
20th Liam Chalmers
22nd Jennie Stewart, Tom Gillies
27th Jean Mensing, Norman Spragg
28th Ken Bills

May they rest in peace and rise in glory

From the Registers

Funeral

Mr Victor Moss - 24 January 2020
**Coffee rota**

Coffee and tea after Sunday services have long been a tradition in our congregation, and most people enjoy coming into the hall to catch up with friends, or to welcome newcomers and visitors.

Unfortunately, the rota of volunteers making the tea and coffee is becoming smaller all the time, and at the moment we only have eight ladies, who work in pairs, and this means that every four weeks they are on duty in the kitchen. Because there are so few of us, it becomes difficult finding replacements if someone is ill or on holiday.

If you are one of those people who regularly comes for coffee after the service, (and gentlemen, this is not exclusively a ladies’ club!), please consider joining the rota. The more people taking a turn all helps to lighten the load for everyone, and it would be a great pity if this tradition were to fall by the wayside.

Jean Lamb

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**Requiem and Service of Dedication**

The Most Revd Mark Strange, Primus and Interim Bishop of Glasgow and Galloway, extends to all, a warm invitation to the Dedication Service of the new Holy Cross Memorial Garden. This will take place on Saturday, 8 February 2020. The Garden is in the grounds of St Bride’s Scottish Episcopal Church, 69 Hyndland Road, Glasgow, G12 9UX.

A requiem will be celebrated at 11.00am for all those whose remains are in the Holy Cross Memorial Garden and the Dedication Service will follow at 12.00noon.

There will be a buffet lunch in the church hall immediately following the Service of Dedication to which all are welcome.
A poem from the pilgrimage reflections of Armorel Allan:

Camino 29

Hills as far as the eye can see.
We’re travelling slow, my companion and me,
At first in the dark we are led by the stars
Then daybreak - the mountain looks not very far.

Up. Up. Up on rocky ground;
River and birds the only sound,
Save for the deep and laboured breathing.
Stop, look back at what we’re leaving.

Rest awhile, admire the view,
Only one goal we must pursue.
Get to the top and find a bed -
A place to lay the pack and head.

In Galicia now, it seems:
Heather, holly, oaks and green,
Green pastures, mists and trees,
The rolling landscape spirit frees.

Then, at the summit, a pretty town.
Spectacular views are all around.
Time to enjoy a well-earned break -
Our feet to rest, our thirst to slake.
Dates for your Diary

2 February - 6.30pm, Largs Churches Together Candlemas Service
2 February - 7.30pm, Largs Churches Together Committee Meeting
4 February - 7.00pm, Vestry ‘risk management’ meeting
6 February - 7.00pm, Institution of Revd Martyn Trembath as Rector at H.T. Ayr
8 February - 11.00am, Requiem and Dedication of new Holy Cross Memorial Garden
   at St Bride’s Church, Hyndland, Glasgow
10 February - 7.30pm, Guild of Servers meeting
16 February - 12.30pm, Food and Friendship community lunch
26 February - 10.00am and 7.30pm, Ash Wednesday Services
29 February - 10.00am, Diocesan Synod at Holy Trinity, Ayr
6 March - World Day of Prayer
8 March - 6.30pm Taize service for Lent
15 March - 12.30pm Food and Friendship community lunch
31 March - 7.30pm Guild of Servers meeting

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, 26 February.

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

Christian Aid Lent Lunches will be offered in Clark Memorial Church Hall from 12.00noon until 1.30pm each Wednesday during Lent.

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, once it appears, in the church porch.

A new Bishop for our Diocese

On Saturday, 18 January, the Rt Rev Kevin Pearson was elected as the new Bishop of Glasgow and Galloway. Bishop Kevin is currently the Bishop of Argyll and The Isles. The See of Glasgow and Galloway became vacant in 2018 following the retirement of the Rt Rev Dr Gregor Duncan who had served the diocese as Bishop for eight years. Bishop Kevin will take up his new post at a service of installation later in the year, on a date to be announced in due course.

Bishop Kevin said, “I am delighted, excited and humbled to be elected as the new Bishop of Glasgow and Galloway. I am looking forward enormously to entering this new phase of ministry and serving the people of Glasgow and Galloway.”

The Most Rev Mark Strange welcomed the unanimous election by the Episcopal Synod and invited us to pray for Bishop Kevin and his wife Elspeth.
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, 16 February.

Largs FoodBank

Please support the work of our local Largs FoodBank by donating items, with a good use-by date, in the box at the back of the church.

The Feast of the Presentation of our Lord in the Temple

6.30pm Sunday, 2 February

Remember to come along to our annual keeping of Candlemas. We will host this Largs Churches Together service. It would be good if as many of us as possible were there to mark this festival and to welcome those from other congregations that come to worship here at St Columba’s.

Lent Group 2020

Our Lent group will begin to meet each week from early March and will reflect on paintings in the Christian tradition. These, together with reflection on the scriptures, will offer a common journey through this penitential season of preparation for Easter. Even if it has never been your practise before, please do consider coming along. No previous experience is necessary!
Please check these rota and note if you are included.  
Please feel free to swap with others to ensure duties are covered for all services.

## Services and Rota for February 2020

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Candlemas       | 8.00am Said Eucharist  
11.00am Sung Eucharist  
6.30pm LCT Candlemas Service  
*Mal 3:1-5; Heb 2:14-11; Lk 2:22-40* | Server: Chris Evans  
Reader: Alice MacDonald  
Intercessor: Jennifer Fitzgibbon                     |
| Wednesday, 5                   | 10.00am Said Eucharist                                                                                 |                                                            |
| **Sunday, 9**  
3 before Lent                   | 8.00am Said Eucharist  
11.00am Choral Matins  
*Isa 1-9a; Matt 5:13-20* | Crucifer: Alice MacDonald  
Reader: Elspeth Robertson  
Intercessor: William Ferguson                     |
| Wednesday, 12                  | 10.00am Said Eucharist (1970)                                                                            |                                                            |
| **Sunday, 16**  
2 before Lent                   | 8.00am Said Eucharist  
11.00am Sung Eucharist  
*Isa 49:8-16a; 1 Cor 4:1-5; Matt 6:24-34* | Server: Vicky Johnston  
Reader: Tim Johnston  
Intercessor: Fiona Reader                         |
| Wednesday, 19                  | 10.00am Said Eucharist (1970)                                                                            |                                                            |
| **Sunday, 23**  
Sunday before Lent               | 8.00am Said Eucharist  
11.00am Sung Eucharist  
*Deut 11:18-21,26-28; Rom 1:16-17,3:22b-28; Matt 7:21-29* | Server: Hilary Moran  
Reader: Gib Fitzgibbon  
Intercessor: Alice MacDonald                      |
| Wednesday, 26  
Ash Wednesday                  | 10.00am Said Eucharist with ashing  
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## Readers for March 2020

1st: Janine Millward    8th: Stuart Robertson
15th: Joan Hutton      22nd: Lorna Reid    29th: Jennifer Fitzgibbon

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People’s Warden Alice MacDonald

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Tim Johnston
Annemauraide Hamilton

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