

St Columba's

Scottish Episcopal Church

Largs



March 2020



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,

This past month has seen a huge amount of wind and rain. One storm after another has lashed the coastline and left many with problems of damaged buildings and heavy flooding.

It seems like the darkness of, an apparently unending, winter will never quite be shaken off. And yet ... and yet the truth is that, despite all the doom and gloom, the days are getting longer. Bit by bit there is the beginnings of a noticeable difference in the amount of daylight (watery as it is) that we can see. The days are lengthening as we slowly turn towards spring with its promise of new life and growth.

This new season takes its name from this annual phenomena: 'Lent'. Just as the days lengthen so, too, Lent comes about. A season of repentance of penance of prayer of fasting and of giving. The light of God's truth and love gradually shines into our darkened and weary souls as we make our preparations for Easter Day itself.

To celebrate a great Easter it is vital that we keep a good Lent. How will we do this? What disciplines might we explore? What practices will best remind us of our need of God and warm our hearts to those around us in loving service?

May this season be one in which you realise where your true treasure is, for where it is there your heart will be also.

May you keep a holy Lent.

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

20th Isabella Fyfe

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

May they rest in peace and rise in glory



From the Registers

Funeral

Mrs Irene Clough - 3rd February 2020

Dates for your Diary

- 2 March - 7.30pm Lent Group begins
- 3 March - 7.00pm Vestry Meeting
- 5 March - 2.00pm Contemplative Meditation Group
- 6 March - World Day of Prayer - 10.00am in the Church of the Nazarene*
- 8 March - 6.30pm Taize service for Lent
- 9 March - 7.30pm Lent Group
- 15 March - 12.30pm Food and Friendship community lunch
- 16 March - 7.30pm Lent Group
- 17 March - 7.30pm Regional Council meeting at Ayr
- 19 March - 11.00am Posy making for Mothering Sunday
- 22 March - 6.30pm Installation of Honorary Canons at St Mary's Cathedral*
- 23 March - 7.30pm Lent Group
- 30 March - 7.30pm Final Lent Group
- 31 March - 7.30pm Guild of Servers meeting
- 2 April - 2.00pm Contemplative Meditation Group

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.

Setting up for Lent

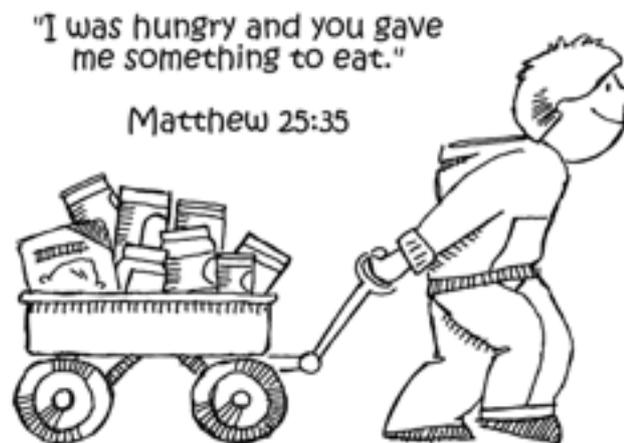
We will use the Merbeck Mass setting for the season of Lent. The words for this can be found on the inside back cover of the blue 1982 Scottish Liturgy books.

Food and Friendship

This freshly prepared hot lunch is offered in our church hall at 12.30pm on the third Sunday of the month from October - March. 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, to our final lunch of the session, at 12.30pm on Sunday, 15 March.

Many thanks to the volunteers who have prepared these monthly meals for us.



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.

Lent Group 2020

Picturing Holy Week and Easter

Our Lent group will begin to meet each Monday in the Rectory at 7.30pm from 2nd March. Together we 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!

Prayer Calendar for March

- 2: The College of Bishops
- 3: Members of the Vestry
- 4: Health Professionals
- 5: The bereaved
- 6: All involved in the World Day of Prayer
- 7: Those living with problems of addiction
- 9: Mark, our Primus and interim Bishop
- 10: Our Pastoral Team
- 11: Our Director of Music and the Choir
- 12: Local school chaplaincy
- 13: Organisations that use our hall
- 14: Children and young people
- 16: Members of the regional Council of churches
- 17: *(St Patrick, Bishop, Missionary, Patron of Ireland)* The Irish people
- 18: The frail elderly
- 19: *(St Joseph of Nazareth)* All fathers
- 20: *(St Cuthbert, Bishop and Missionary)* St Cuthbert's, Cambuslang
- 21: *(St Benedict, Abbot)* Religious Communities
- 23: The depressed
- 24: *(Oscar Romero, Archbishop, Martyr, 1980)* Those that suffer for their faith
- 25: *(Annunciation of our Lord to the BVM)* The Mothers' Union
- 26: Justice and Peace
- 27: Those preparing for baptism
- 28: Our neighbours
- 30: Those we find it difficult to love
- 31: The Scottish Guild of Servers

God's
Answers
Prayers

Mothering Sunday and the Mothers' Union

This is a special time to say thank you to all mothers and caregivers for the selflessness with which they nurture, love and help is to grow.

For many years the Mothers' Union Make a Mother's Day ethical gifts have made a difference by supporting communities around the world. This year our theme is Gifts that Grow, in supporting Julienne (75yrs old) in Kigali, Rwanda her savings group has been a true blessing, proving a secure place to save enough money so she could build a house. Or a gift of worldwide peace in the Republic of Congo, where our local programme officers provide trauma workshops to victims of civil conflict.

Your gift can help empower women, children and communities worldwide to tackle the challenges they face and make positive changes that grow and last.

You can also dedicate a gift in memory to someone who has been – or has been like – a mother to you, their name will be put in the remembrance book displayed in the chapel at Mary Sumner House. You can even add a flowering seed greetings card to make your gift extra special. It is a difficult time of the year for many people. Some of us will be remembering our mothers, grandmothers and caregivers, the sacrifices they made for us. At Mothers' Union we also remember our founder Mary Sumner and the tremendous legacy she left behind her. A grassroots movement with a global vision.

Pick up a leaflet from the back of the church, ask Hilary or go online to Make a Mothers Day and make an online order.

Dear God

We thank you for mothers and carers everywhere,

And for all they do to help us to grow up well

We thank you that they love us and show us

How to learn to stand on our own two feet.

We pray that mums will feel really special today;

That they will know how much we love them

How much you love them too.

Most of all, we thank you, God,

That you are our heavenly parent

Who loves us and helps us all to grow well

And make the very best of life.

Amen

Making Posies for Mothering Sunday. Thursday 19th 11am

I'm looking for some help to make the posies we give to all the members of our church on Mothering Sunday. We are making them up early this year on Thursday 19th March at 11am. Hoping some of our interested flower arrangers will be able to help. Everyone enjoys receiving a posy, but it does take a few flowers from gardens and greener to pull them together. So, if you could let Hilary know if you can donate greener and/ or flowers or help, that would be great. Thanks Hilary

World Day of Prayer 6th March 10am



This year the World Day of Prayer service will be held in the Church of the Nazarene, 21 Aitkin Street, Largs at 10am. It is all set to be a very interesting service composed by people from Zimbabwe. I always find these services refreshing and engaging. At a new time this year of 10am in the hope of attracting new people to attend, we hope a few more of our congregation will come to this very moving service, and then get on with the rest of their Friday. Please put a note in your diary.

For those new to World Day of Prayer

Every year on the first FRIDAY in MARCH, Christians around the world (Protestants, Roman Catholics, Orthodox, Evangelicals) of all ages (women, men, young people and children) gather in small groups and large congregations using the same basic form of worship, written by women of a different country each year on a theme chosen by the World Day of Prayer International Committee.

Hilary

Bishop's Lent Appeal 2020



The Most Revd Mark Strange, Primus and interim Bishop of Glasgow & Galloway, has chosen 'Glasgow City Mission' as the charity that will benefit from funds raised from this year's Bishop's Lent Appeal.

He had been moved by the good work done by Glasgow City Mission among the many homeless people on the streets of the city.

Though based in Glasgow, and ministering to those within the city limits, it is worth pointing out that many of these individuals come from various parts of Scotland and beyond.

Please support this year's Bishop's Lent Appeal and contribute your Lenten Offering by bringing it to church on Easter Day - 12 April.



Easter Flowers



Without flowers in the church during Lent, it does feel a little bit scant and bare. However, we are already looking forward to the Easter celebrations, and planning how we will decorate the church for Easter Sunday.

It is proposed that we might have a display of single lilies, which would be in memory of loved ones who we will be thinking of at that time.

If you would like to have a lily included in our arrangement in memory of one of your loved ones, we would suggest a donation of £5, and would ask you to let us know before the end of March, so that we can order the flowers from the florist.

We will be in the church on Saturday, 11th April, from 10am, and it would be great if as many of our flower ladies as possible could be there to help us make our church beautiful.

Joan and Hilary



**Don't be late for church ...
Remember to set your clocks forward
one hour on Sunday, 29 March!**

Coronavirus Guidance

Following consultation with the College of Bishops please note the following information: We have taken independent medical advice which confirms that it would be appropriate for clergy within the Scottish Episcopal Church to follow the advice issued to Church of England clergy:

The threat posed by COVID-19 has been assessed by the Chief Medical Officer as 'moderate'. This permits the Government to plan for all eventualities. The risk to individuals remains low.

Current Government advice is that individuals should follow good hygiene practices including:

- carrying tissues and using them to catch coughs and sneezes, and binning the tissue;
- washing hands with soap and water (for 20 seconds) or using sanitiser gel to kill germs.

Advice has also been issued to travellers who have returned to the UK from a number of countries.

Anyone who has returned to the UK from any of these areas in the last 14 days and develops symptoms of cough or fever or shortness of breath, should immediately:

- stay indoors and avoid contact with other people as you would with the flu;
- call NHS 111 to inform them of your recent travel to the country.

Long-standing government advice has been that 'In a pandemic, it makes good sense to take precautions to limit the spread of disease by not sharing common vessels for food and drink.' COVID-19 has NOT been declared a pandemic.

Churches *should already be following best-hygiene practices* that include advising parishioners with coughs and sneezes to refrain from handshaking during The Peace and to receive Communion in one kind only.

At present, there is no Government advice that suggests the use of the Common Cup should be suspended.

It is also best practice for churches to have hand-sanitisers available for parishioners to use.

In addition, priests presiding at the Eucharist, communion administrators and servers should wash their hands, preferably with an alcohol-based (minimum 60%) hand-sanitiser.

Intinction is not recommended (even by celebrants or communion-administrators) as this represents an infection transmission route as well as a risk to those with certain allergies.

Best hygiene practice should continue to be observed in all pastoral contacts.

Updated advice from Public Health England on Monday 17th February 2020

Whilst in places of worship there is no need to avoid other worshipers who are well. Take usual infection prevention precautions including washing your hands or using hand sanitiser (containing at least 60% alcohol) after using the toilet facilities; before eating food or snacks or if you are in close contact with someone who is unwell.

Everyone can help to reduce the spread of viruses in the following ways:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use an alcohol-based hand sanitiser that contains at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are not available. This is particularly important after taking public transport.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- If you feel unwell, stay at home, do not attend work or school.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in a bin
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces in the home and work environment.

This information will be updated if circumstances should change.

Episcopal Installation

Bishop Kevin will be installed as Bishop of Glasgow and Galloway in a service to be held in St Mary's Cathedral at 12.00noon on Saturday, 4 July. Tickets will be limited for this. There will be a celebratory Diocesan Evensong the next day at 6.30pm to which members from the congregations of the diocese are very welcome.

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 March 2020

Day	Services and Sunday readings	Duty at Sunday 11.00am
Sunday, 1 <i>Lent 1</i>	8.00am Said Eucharist 11.00am Sung Eucharist <i>Gen 2:15-17, 3:1-7; Rom 5:12-19; Matt 4:1-11</i>	Server: Janine Millward Reader: Janine Millward Intercessor: Rector
Wednesday, 4	10.00am Said Eucharist	
Sunday, 8 <i>Lent 2</i>	8.00am Said Eucharist 11.00am Choral Matins <i>Gen 12:1-4a; Matt 17:1-9</i>	Crucifer: Chris Evans Reader: Tim Johnston Intercessor: William Ferguson
Wednesday, 11	10.00am Said Eucharist (1970)	
Sunday, 15 <i>Lent 3</i>	8.00am Said Eucharist 11.00am Sung Eucharist <i>Ex 17:1-7; Rom 5:1-11; Jn 4:5-42</i>	Server: William Ferguson Reader: Joan Hutton Intercessor: Frances Robertson
Wednesday, 18	10.00am Said Eucharist (1970)	
Sunday, 22 <i>Mothering Sunday</i>	8.00am Said Eucharist 11.00am Sung Eucharist <i>Ex 2:1-10; Col 3:12-17; Jn 19:25b-27</i>	Server: Alice MacDonald Reader: Lorna Reid Intercessor: Lorna Reid
Wednesday, 25 <i>The Annunciation</i>	10.00am Said Eucharist (1970)	
Sunday, 29 <i>Lent 5</i> <i>Passiontide begins</i> <i>Clocks forward 1 hour</i>	8.00am Said Eucharist 11.00am Sung Eucharist <i>Ezek 37:1-14; Rom 8:6-11; Jn 11:1-45</i>	Server: Victoria Johnston Reader: Jennifer Fitzgibbon Intercessor: Fiona Reader

Readers for April 2020

5th: Alice MacDonald 12th: Elspeth Robertson

19th: William Ferguson 26th: Janine Millward

Diocesan website: <http://glasgow.anglican.org>

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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
Secretary	Hilary Moran
Treasurer and Lay Representative	Chris Evans
Rector's Warden	Lorna Reid
People's Warden	Alice MacDonald

Members

	Mark Yeomans
	Tim Johnston
	Annemauraide Hamilton
Alternate Lay Representative	Janine Millward
	Andrew Reid

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

Scottish Charity Number SC004796

The deadline for the April magazine is Sunday 22nd March.

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

Life at St Columba's

Director of Music	Euan Fulton	07814 268 205
Property Convenor	<i>Vacant</i>	
Fundraising Committee	William Clark-Ferguson	07835 454534
Protection of Vulnerable Groups	Timothy Johnston	

Appointed by the Vestry and approved by the Bishop

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
	Alice MacDonald	673370

Representative on inter-church Christian Aid Committee

Regional Council	William Clark-Ferguson	07835 454534
Intercessions Rota	Frances Robertson	686947
Altar Servers	Alice MacDonald	673370
Readers Rota	Rector	673143

If you would like to join any of the above, please see Frances, Alice or the Rector

Largs Churches Together	Alice MacDonald	673370
	Fiona Reader	
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