

St Columba's

Scottish Episcopal Church

Largo



May 2020



'We have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God.'

Hebrews 4:14

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

In line with government guidelines, and in obedience with the instructions of the College of Bishops, the church building is currently closed to the public and no services of public worship will resume until the current pandemic has past and all are given permission to move again safely and freely.

During this period prayers continue to be offered, as does the Eucharist, for the Church and for the world in all its need.

The Daily Offices may be found on the Provincial website:

<https://www.scotland.anglican.org/spiritua.../.../daily-offices/>

and the Sunday Eucharist is live-streamed each Sunday at 11.00am at:

<http://www.scotland.anglican.org/broadcast-sunday-worship>

Updates are available on our website: ***largs-church.co.uk***

and via our Facebook page:

[Saint Columba's Scottish Episcopal Church Largs](#)

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.

Dear Friends,

For over a month now we have all shared the very strange experience of lockdown. This has meant staying at home and curbing our natural inclination to mix in a social setting.

It has been odd to say the least and, for some, it has proved to be a great challenge and a time of real frustration, worry and anxiety.

The Church, in common with so many other parts of life and culture, has had to change and adapt to this unique situation of crisis. Our fundamental pattern of gathering around the Eucharist as a community has had to cease for the time being and our liturgies and sermons have, instead, been made available via television, radio, and the internet.

Since the last magazine the Church throughout the world has celebrated what must be one of the strangest Easters ever. No public drama of Holy Week leading towards great congregations of Christians joyfully singing of our resurrection hope in the Risen Lord. Instead we continued to stay at home and to stay safe.

The result of this for me has been to recognise that the Easter we have just celebrated is probably the closest we have ever had to that first Eastertide. Then, as now, folk stayed at home. Then, as now, good news broken out gradually and in small quiet ways.

Perhaps like me, you have found yourself more receptive to the new life springing forth in the natural world; of hearing more birdsong than usual; of gazing in wonder at the shafts of bright fresh green growth appearing in the trees and hedgerows.

Christ is Risen! This is a truth we, as Church, continue to proclaim and to celebrate in these 50 days. Even in the midst of lives changed so much by this pandemic, we continue to be an Easter people; a people of faith in a new future - a future that is in the hands of the God who made us and who, in love, has redeemed us.

Yours in the faith,

Gordon

Years Mind

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

1st Jean Trott

2nd Sheila Burnside, Jim Cheeseman, Margaret Patricia Fox

5th James Heap, Norman Donaldson

7th Isabella Young

8th Arthur Fletcher (*Priest*)

9th Katherine Pell, Sandra Mathieson

12th Brenda Moon

14th Ellen McDougall

15th May Marshall

16th Addie Davie, Edna Ramsden, Vera MacFarlane, Dorothea Campbell,
Kenneth Keay

18th Helen Rankin

19th Margaret McIntosh

23rd Ian Ritchie

27th Douglas Noble (*Priest*)

28th Brian Warren

30th Rae Stewart McFarlane, Jean Forbes

31st Edna Gillies

May they rest in peace and rise in glory



From the Registers

Funeral

James Clanachan - 28 April 2020

Easter to Pentecost and Beyond!

There is a prayer entitled, 'Hail Holy Queen' which contains the line 'To thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears.' I remember years ago (in optimistic more youthful mode!), saying to a priest, that I didn't see the world as being that miserable. To which he replied that for many people the valley of tears was their reality – for those living in poverty and oppression. (He had worked in Chile during the era of Pinochet)

I sometimes think it is easier to stay in the reality of the darkness of Good Friday than to live in the light of Easter Sunday. For, not just in the present situation of the Coronavirus, but when looking at the world with its wars, the destructive use of the planet, poverty..... In many ways, at times, the story of the Risen Lord does not make logical sense. 'There were no alleluias on Golgotha'. (Denis McBride Journeying with Jesus.) So the Coronavirus might seem to be a Good Friday Experience, followed by Holy Saturday. A time of waiting – of waiting for the Coronavirus to pass, for life to return to 'normal'.

I experience helplessness in the face of the present situation. I have a tendency to be more of a Martha than a Mary (Luke 10:38-42). I want to be up and doing. Yet this time of social isolation is helping me to 're-discover the 'Mary' in me – to take note of the colours in the garden, the sheep grazing up on the hills – all seem more vivid than before. I am rediscovering 'noticing' in a way that usually only happens when I am on a retreat. This is sheer luxury. I am also aware that I am not living in a small flat in an inner city, in social isolation with a family of small children and with all the challenges that that presents. The Coronavirus, like all crises, in so many ways hits the most vulnerable – whether those living on the streets, in poor housing, or the vulnerable elderly and those with long term illness.

Yet in my lived experience, the risen Jesus is a reality in the midst of all of this. . And can be seen in our world if I only have eyes that are open to see. The reality of the risen Jesus does not deny suffering. Rather that reality of the risen Jesus transforms it and that is the challenge to my faith – to be open to that transforming presence.

Back in the 1990's, Sheila Cassidy wrote a book entitled 'Good Friday People' - a book which looks at the lives of a mixture of people who experienced suffering in a variety of contexts – from those suffering oppression and torture to those experiencing physical illness. Their stories, as the introduction describes, takes us 'beyond the Cross, helping us to meet the risen Christ who is 'permeating the suffering, suffusing the darkness.' **Jesus is with us.**

The risen Jesus is at work in those innumerable acts of courage and kindness which we hear about both locally and through the media.

Teresa of Avila wrote:

*Christ has no body but yours.
No hands, no feet on earth but yours.
Yours are the eyes with which
He looks compassion on this world.
Yours are the feet with which
He walks to do good.
Yours are the hands with which He blesses all the world.*

Whatever our context, whether on the front line, or self-isolating I believe in and see the risen Christ at work and sometimes it's in those almost imperceptible gestures of kindness – a friend offering to do my shopping, phoning me up or texting to see if I am O.K. or if I need anything.....

It is sometimes easy for me to get stuck in Good Friday and not to move to the experience of Easter Sunday. Whilst not denying the darkness of the situation and the fear I experience, there is also a felt knowledge that Jesus and the light of Christ is there in the midst of it all and that as our Church's season looks to Pentecost, that the Holy Spirit too is enfolding the world and continuing to breathe life into it – and that includes into me and all of us!

One of my favourite poems was written over a century ago and yet has a relevance to today – a poem describing a damaged world but also a world of incredible beauty in which God's presence is alive and active.

God's Grandeur
*The world is charged with the grandeur of God.
It will flame out, like shining from shook foil;
It gathers to a greatness, like the ooze of oil
Crushed. Why do men then now not reck his rod?
Generations have trod, have trod, have trod;
And all is seared with trade; bleared, smeared with toil;
And wears man's smudge and shares man's smell: the soil
Is bare now, nor can foot feel, being shod.*

*And for all this, nature is never spent;
There lives the dearest freshness deep down things;
And though the last lights off the black West went
Oh, morning, at the brown brink eastward, springs –
Because the Holy Ghost over the bent
World broods with warm breast and with ah! bright wings.*
Gerald Manley Hopkins

(Article by Fiona Reader)

Pandemic

(The following is taken from Day 4 of an online Eastertide Retreat
from the Ignatian Spirituality Centre Glasgow.)

Genesis 2: 1-3 HCSB

*So the heavens and the earth and everything in them were completed.
By the seventh day God completed His work that He had done,
and He rested on the seventh day from all His work that He had done.
God blessed the seventh day and declared it holy,
for on it He rested from His work of creation.*

Pandemic

What if you thought of it
As the Jews consider the Sabbath –
The most sacred of times?
Cease from travel.
Cease from buying and selling.
Give up, just for now,
On trying to make the world
Different than it is.
Sing. Pray. Touch only those
To whom you commit your life. Centre down.

And when your body has become still,
Reach out with your heart.
Know that we are connected
In ways that are terrifying and beautiful.
(You could hardly deny it now.)
Know that our lives are in one another's hands.
(Surely, that has become clear.)

Do not reach out your hands.
Reach out your heart.
Reach out your words.
Reach out all the tendrils of compassion
That move, invisibly, where we cannot touch.
Promise this world your love -
For better or for worse,
In sickness and in health, so long as we all shall live.

Lynn Ungar, published on Facebook

These are my positive reflections on my lockdown

Our normal life has changed so much. I was never one to spend much time at home, always busy doing other things that were my priority. I'm someone who does look for the positives in life usually, so these are mine.

Those able with Internet are really still communicating, wether Zoom meetings, Skype or others. I recently hosted a Mothers' Union one from Branch Leaders and others from our diocese. It was interesting to hear how well we all felt the church had communicated with us, wether by zoom services, You Tube reflections or Provincial Internet services. We were also enjoying dipping into services of other churches on line, which is refreshing. I really enjoyed Gordon's reflections during a Holy Week. We've had 2 Zoom family birthday parties with grandchildren, we each make up 3 questions each to ask each other, much fun and many silly questions. Each week I have a girl friend catch up and we've got our sailing friends organised with a regular quiz night, 5 questions each (but they are more difficult for us to answer). We were the looser and owe them a bottle!

But without the Internet I enjoy Sunday morning services from the Quay on BBC 1 led by different ministers each time. Also for those with mobile phones, the minister in Kilmarnock had started a Whats App Group for church members to 'chat daily' to each other, the Mothers' Union member who loved it, said she lived alone and enjoyed waking up to lots to chat from friends.

We have been so blessed with the weather, my garden is getting so much attention, being totally ignored for the last 9 months, it is much needed. We have rediscovered a walk we can do from the house, forging our way through 8 foot tall reeds, brambles, stinging nettles up the cliff to see the new born lambs in the fields on the red road. We bump into the farmer every day, he seems to average about 20 new lambs a day and as he's on his own, gets to bed at midnight and up at 5am. It's a lovely off the lead walk for Archie. It is the time to appreciate all these things God has given us and be thankful.

Hilary

Prayer Calendar for May

- 1: (*St Philip and St James, Apostles*) Mark, our Primus
- 2: The National Health Service
- 4: Those who have contracted Coronavirus
- 5: Our Vestry
- 6: The recently bereaved
- 7: Our family and friends
- 8: The lonely
- 9: The Scottish Guild of Servers
- 11: The work of Christian Aid
- 13: The anxious
- 14: (*St Matthias, Apostle*) Kevin, our Bishop elect
- 15: The depressed
- 16: Members of the Diocesan Council
- 18: School Teachers and Pupils
- 19: All Key Workers
- 20: All that worry for their livelihood
- 21: (*Ascension Day*) Thanksgiving for Christ's priestly intercession
- 22: Justice and Peace
- 23: The College of Bishops
- 25: The Scottish Episcopal Church
- 26: The Anglican Communion
- 27: Fair Trade
- 28: All in positions of power and influence
- 29: The parliaments at Westminster and Holyrood
- 30: An end to this current pandemic



PRAYER
changes things

Slowing down, soaking in : a poem and reflection

Invitation

a poem by Mary Oliver

Oh do you have time
to linger
for just a little while
out of your busy

and very important day
for the goldfinches
that have gathered
in a field of thistles



for a musical battle,
to see who can sing
the highest note,
or the lowest,

or the most expressive of mirth,
or the most tender?
Their strong, blunt beaks
drink the air

as they strive
melodiously
not for your sake
and not for mine

and not for the sake of winning
but for sheer delight and gratitude –
believe us, they say,
it is a serious thing

just to be alive
on this fresh morning
in the broken world.
I beg of you,

do not walk by
without pausing
to attend to this
rather ridiculous performance.

It could mean something.
It could mean everything.
It could be what Rilke meant, when he wrote:
You must change your life.

Hello friends at St Columba's. I have been thinking of you all and hope you are doing as well as possible during this very unusual time. My own mood keeps fluctuating between feeling calm and then – the Hugeness of what's happening coming back and hitting me in waves – feeling quite worried and uneasy. There was a week this past month, for instance, when I couldn't catch a full breath: it felt as if someone invisible had reached into my back, unlocked my ribcage, and tied two tight elastic bands around each lung, preventing them from properly inflating. So yes – a continual to-and-fro between these two states: calm, and anxious, calm, and anxious. I imagine most of us have been feeling something similar.

When I find myself teetering on the more anxious-side, something that has brought me comfort the last few weeks is poetry. The very act of reading a poem feels restorative as it forces me to slow down and lean in. A poem can't be 'understood' on a skim-read. Instead, I need to stop what I'm doing, take my time, and read the lines over a few times, often whispering them aloud to really hear the rhythm. Only then does the poem's meaning get a chance to settle, and certain words or phrases will stand out to me.

This poem – 'Invitation', by Mary Oliver – is one I've been thinking about a lot recently because of the line: 'it is a serious thing // just to be alive / on this fresh morning / in the broken world.'

On the surface, Mary Oliver's poetry is always about the 'stuff' of nature: goldfinches, and geese, and trees, and rivers, and grasshoppers. But what she is really writing about, I think, beyond all of this, is: the sacredness of life – our 'one wild and precious life', as she writes in another poem – and how important it is to pay attention to it. All of it: the big grand happenings

and the seemingly small things that we often pass over. Prompted by this, here are a few things I've been noticing recently:

The sound of birdsong through all the open windows of our house. The tiny rainbows that appear in our porch at a certain time of the evening, bouncing off the walls and floor and ceiling. My niece's voice coming down the phone into my ear. The fact that – even though I can't sit next to her in real life or drink tea on her sofa – I can still see and speak to my sister through FaceTime and how, the last time we spoke, the light from her kitchen window cast her face in a lovely lemony glow. The small burst of happiness that came when I broke apart mushrooms with my hands rather than chopping them while making a 'chili mushroom ragu' – they had a pleasing 'click' when I popped them open and scattered them onto a baking tray with some garlic and herbs. The taste of blueberries, and black grapes, and melon sprinkled with cinnamon sugar. The smell of clean bedsheets. The kind words from a friend reaching out over email. The sun: it's warmth.

'...it is a serious thing // just to be alive / on this fresh morning / in the broken world.' May I continue to remember to notice and appreciate the 'aliveness', the 'freshness', in the midst of the brokenness.

What have you been paying attention to recently, I wonder? If you were to think of this poem as an invitation to slow down, and to 'linger / for just a little while', what might you hear?

Sending you all love, friends, and looking forward to being able to share the peace with you again some time in the hopefully not too far future.

~Melissa



Urgent Appeal from the Mothers' Union

While the measures being taken by many governments to protect us (such as quarantine and self-isolation) are proving to be effective in halting the spread of the virus, they come at a cost. The cost is of loneliness for some, financial hardship for families and increased pressures on relationships for others. This further increases the risk of domestic abuse and prolonged hunger and isolation for many.

These are areas where, inspired by faith, Mothers' Union members have always been active, leading the way in supporting those in need. However, we are not immune to the impact of the virus. In common with many charities, we are facing a significant shortfall in income, currently forecast to be **well in excess of £1 million this year alone**. This is because the UK's necessary actions to stop the spread of the virus have **abruptly swept away the income we would normally receive from conference room hire at our headquarters Mary Sumner House as well as summer fundraising events**.

Even with all our safety nets in place, this tidal wave of losses is hitting our charity all at once in a way no one could have foreseen. **If you are able, and please, only if you are able – can you donate to our urgent appeal so that we can still be here after the crisis has passed?**

I'm sure you feel, as we do, that we must ensure Mothers' Union can continue to serve God and show God's love, just as we have done for almost 150 years.

If you can spare a little, it doesn't matter how little, please write a cheque to Mothers' Union, Mary Sumner House, 24 Tufon Street, London, SW1 3RB. Or phone 020 7222 5533 and if you are able to gift aid this would be great. Or donate online on their website where you can gift aid.

They have only raised £239,732 so far.

Thanks
Hilary

The International Anglican Family Network newsletter

The International Anglican Family Network newsletter will keep you up to date on issues relating to families and the Climate Emergency.

Take a look:

<https://iafn.anglicancommunion.org/media/358904/IAFN-newsletter-March-2020-Climate-FINAL.pdf>

Keeping in touch during Lockdown

Early on in the lockdown I sought to contact members of the congregation by letter. This has been followed up with telephone calls to most of you and by regular reflections via YouTube accessible via our church FaceBook page and Website and by online and hard copies of the monthly magazine. Do, please call if you'd like a chat!

WhatsApp

If you'd like to access a further mode of communication, please contact Hilary Moran on: **07989 693410** and text her your mobile number to join our new Church WhatsApp Group. This will allow you to hear from members of the congregation regularly and catch up on what is happening and share ideas etc.

Virtual Vestry!

There will be a meeting of the Vestry at 7.00pm on Tuesday, 5 May via Zoom. Members of the Vestry should download the Zoom programme in advance and look out of the invitation to join the meeting that will be emailed out from the Vestry Secretary.

Bishop's Lent Appeal 2020



From: John Mitchell, Diocesan Secretary

For understandable reasons, it is perhaps possible that the Bishop's Lent Appeal might not have been top of the recent priority list for many charges, especially as they contemplate their own financial issues in these difficult times. However, a number of churches (and individuals) have been asking what is happening about the appeal, hence this email. Clearly, the work of Glasgow City Mission (GCM) is urgent and ongoing, and I copy below a message from Jack Geddes, who made such an eloquent presentation at our Diocesan Synod on 29th February. And, beneath that, the arrangements we are putting in place to facilitate the Appeal for those individuals and charges who still feel able to contribute to the wonderful work offered by GCM.

I'm writing to update you on how Glasgow City Mission is continuing to serve the homeless and disadvantaged in Glasgow during the COVID-19 crisis. We thank you again for making us the beneficiaries of your Lent Appeal and we want to assure you that the proceeds are vital to our work in these difficult times.

After the announcement on 23 March that the UK should go into 'lock down' we took the painful decision to close our building in Crimea Street in order that our guests did not congregate and put themselves at greater risk of catching the virus. At that time we also made the decision to furlough some staff in order to protect future employment as best we can. All staff who are not furloughed are now working from home.

At the heart of what we did was concern for our guests. We have nearly 600 people on our database and we set about contacting all these people by phone. We knew that some didn't have phones so we purchased mobile phones where required and gifted them to our guests. We also purchased top up cards for others. It is extremely important that we keep in touch with guests who have mental health issues and addictions so calling, Skyping and Zooming have replaced our one-to-one meetings. Through Zoom we also hold regular Bible studies and we get groups together for social chat - some of our ladies made pancakes, following instructions through a Zoom connection. We have also continued our Gathering at 2pm every Friday. Normally our version of a church service takes place in our building but these Gatherings have been broadcast live on our Facebook page. We have had hundreds of people watching, singing, praying and hearing the Word through these weekly events. Communication is essential and is on-going daily with our guests.

Food and supplies are also essential. We have a simple and effective process in place now. We get deliveries of food to our building where a member of staff takes the food in and sanitises it. The food is then bagged and put on crates. A delivery schedule is created and all on the schedule are called to advise we'll deliver that day. Once the crates are ready our staff member leaves the building before a colleague arrives to put the crates into our van. This second colleague then makes the deliveries. When they arrive at each address they call the recipient, agree where to leave the bag then wait till the bag is collected before moving onto the next address.

In addition to using our database we continue to react to referrals from the public, partner agencies, through our website and social media. We are making new connections that we trust will lead to positive new relationships in the future.

All through this crisis we have seen our God continue His work through Glasgow City Mission and we thank Him for that. And again, we thank the Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway for your support and we send you our love in Christ.

Jack Geddes, Marketing and Fundraising Manager, Glasgow City Mission

So, whilst acknowledging that many charges have financial concerns of their own just now, and realising that a response might not be immediately possible, we're hoping that many are still keeping Glasgow City Mission very much in their hearts, minds and prayers – and that they might be able to consider ways and means of forwarding any monies they are able to collect for GCM with immediate effect, and to continue sending further monies as they come in. The needs of GCM are current and ongoing, so instead of waiting for a 'final figure', the Diocese plans to transfer any received donations electronically on a weekly basis for the present, and will announce a final figure much later in the year. In the meantime, therefore, if at any time you have any Lent Appeal money to send, either on behalf of a charge, or in a personal capacity, it can be done in the following manner:

Electronic Transfer: by BACS to the following account details: Sort code 83-41-00, Account Number 00162089. Please use the reference **Lent20** and your quota number for ID, and **also** email Iolanthe Stack at iolanthe@glasgow.anglican.org to confirm a donation has been sent, and from which charge it has been sent. Iolanthe will acknowledge receipt by email. If you are sending a personal donation, use **Lent 20** and your surname for ID, again copying in Iolanthe for information, and she will reply to confirm receipt.

Cheque Payments should be made payable to **Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway**, and sent to me at my home address below (*not* the Diocesan Office), with a note to confirm the name of your charge and your contact details. I will forward them by post to our bank and acknowledge receipt by email to your Treasurer, copying in Iolanthe. Send cheques to:

Bishop's Lent Appeal
c/o John Mitchell
73 Balmoral Drive
Bishopton
PA7 5HR

I'm aware that many charges, like ours in Renfrew, receive Lent Appeal donations in cash from members using Lent Boxes or similar. At St Margaret's, we have stressed by postal and email communications that for those members who can only contribute this way, they *should not worry!* We will, we trust, be able to collect and collate these donations later in the year. However, we have also encouraged people to empty their cash out, keep it for themselves, and send cheques to us instead, or donate by electronic banking – and to do so as urgently as possible (making clear their donations are for the Lent Appeal). So far, the results have been encouraging, and we plan to send off an initial donation next week, with others to follow later in the year. In the 'Virtual Office' that the Diocese is operating at present, we hope that others can do the same!

Kind regards

John

John Mitchell

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The Peace of Wild Things by Wendell Berry

When despair for the world grows in me
and I wake in the night at the least sound
in fear of what my life and my children's lives may be,
I go and lie down where the wood drake
rests in his beauty on the water, and the great heron feeds.
I come into the peace of wild things
who do not tax their lives with forethought
of grief. I come into the presence of still water.
And I feel above me the day-blind stars
waiting with their light. For a time
I rest in the grace of the world, and am free.

Readings for May 2020

Date / Day	Sunday Eucharistic Readings
3 May <i>Easter 4</i>	Acts 2:42-47; 1 Peter 2:19-25; John 10:1-10
10 May <i>Easter 5</i>	Acts 7:55-60; 1 Peter 2:2-10; John 14:1-14
17 May <i>Easter 6</i>	Acts 17:22-31; 1 Peter 3:13-22; John 14:15-21
24 May <i>Easter 7</i>	Acts 1:6-14; 1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11; John 17:1-11

DAILY PRAYER READINGS

Thurs, 1 May	Ex 20:1-21; Col 1:24-2:7; Mt 4:1-11
Fri, 2 May	Ex 24:1-18; Col 3:1-17; Mt 18:-25
Sat, 3 May	Ex 25:1-22; Col 3:1-17; Mt 4:18-25
Sun, 4 May	Ex 16:4-15; Rev 2:12-17; Jn 6:30-40
Mon, 5 May	Ex 32:1-20; Col 3:18-4:6; Mt 5:1-10
Tues, 6 May	Ex 32:21-34; 1 Th 1:1-10; Mt 5:11-16
Wed, 7 May	Ex 33:1-23; 1 Th 2:1-12; Mt 5:17-20
Thurs, 8 May	Ex 34:1-17; 1 Th 2:13-20; Mt 5:21-26
Fri, 9 May	Ex 34:18-35; 1 Th 3:1-13; Mt 5:27-37
Sat, 10 May	Ex 40:18-38; 1 Th 4:1-12; Mt 5:38-48
Sun, 11 May	Is 60:1-14; Rev 3:1-13; Mk 16:9-16
Mon, 12 May	Lev 8:1-13, 30-36; 1 Th 4:13-18; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Tues, 13 May	Lev 16:1-19; 1 Th 5:1-11; Mt 6:7-15
Wed, 14 May	Lev 16:20-34; 1 Th 5:12-28; Mt 6:19-24
Thurs, 15 May	Lev 19:1-18; 2 Th 1:1-12; Mt 6:25-34
Fri, 16 May	Lev 19:26-37; 2 Th 2:1-17; Mt 7:1-12
Sat, 17 May	Lev 23:22-44; 2 Th 3:1-18; Mt 7:13-21
Sun, 18 May	SofS 4:16-5:2, 8:6-7; Rev 3:14-22; Lk 22:24-30
Mon, 19 May	Lev 25:1-17; Col 1:9-14; Mt 13:1-16
Tues, 20 May	Lev 25:35-55; 1 T 2:1-6; Mt 13:18-23
Wed, 21 May	Lev 26:1-20; Eph 1:1-10; Mt 22:41-46
Thurs, 22 May (<i>Ascension</i>)	Dan 7:9-14; Heb 2:5-18; Mt 28:16-20
Fri, 23 May	1 Sa 2:1-10; Eph 2:1-10; Mt 7:22-27
Sat, 24 May	Nu 11:16-17, 24-29; Eph 2:11-22; Mt 7:28-8:4
Sun, 25 May	Is 61:1-11; Eph 4:7-16; Lk 4:14-21
Mon, 26 May	Jos 1:1-9; Eph 3:1-13; Mt 8:5-17
Tues, 27 May	1 Sa 16:1-13a; Eph 3:14-21; Mt 8:18-27
Wed, 28 May	Is 4:2-6; Eph 4:1-16; Mt 8:28-34
Thurs, 29 May	Zech 4:1-14; Eph 4:17-32; Mt 9:1-8
Fri, 30 May	Jer 31:27-34; Eph 5:1-20; Mt 9:8-17
Sat, 31 May	Ezek 36:22-27; Eph 6:10-24; Mt 9:18-26

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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
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