

Saint Columba's Scottish Episcopal Church, Largs
Easter 5 Sunday 2nd May 2021.

Interim Priest. We welcome Rev'd Martin Sofield today.

Collect.

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another and walk in the way of his commandments, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

26 An angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.' (This is a wilderness road.)

27 So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship

28 and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah.

29 Then the Spirit said to Philip, 'Go over to this chariot and join it.'

30 So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, 'Do you understand what you are reading?'

31 He replied, 'How can I, unless someone guides me?' And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him.

32 Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: 'Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth.

33 In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.'

34 The eunuch asked Philip, 'About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?'

35 Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus.

36 As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, 'Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?'

38 He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him.

39 When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing.

40 But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading.

1 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower.

2 He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit.

3 You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you.

4 Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me.

5 I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing.

6 Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned.

7 If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done

for you.

8 My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.’

Prayer after Communion.

God of love, in this Eucharist we have heard your truth and shared in your life. May we always walk in your way, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

New volunteers needed for church grounds work.

Saturday morning work parties will continue.

Although we have a few regulars, it would be nice to have a little more help from others. So, if you have the time to help with either gardening or maintenance, then please do get in contact with Mark who will really appreciate your help.

All tools will be supplied, and this will only involve your time and patience:) Mark Yeomans is coordinating this work and he will also attend at times which are suitable to volunteers, Monday through Friday.

Anyone who is available for a few hours “fresh air and keep fit”, please contact Mark on: 07533 182150 by phone or text alternatively, email myeomans@skelmorlie.net

May magazine This is now available [online](#) or at the back of the church.

Christian Aid Week 10th – 16th May 2021

Sunday 9th May - service in Clark Memorial Church on in the evening to mark the start of Christian Aid Week.

Monday 10th May - Bring and Buy sale will be held at the corner of Brisbane Road and Brisbane Street on in the morning. The Stalls will include baking, soft goods, craftwork, CDs, books and plants.

Online giving -

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/largscaw2021>

Paper Envelopes will be distributed to each church as normal also.

Any support will be hugely appreciated!

Donations to the church - If you wish to contribute towards our costs, please look at our [website](#) for different ways to do this.

You Tube, Facebook and Website

You can view the Sunday Gospel and sermon on our [You Tube](#) page and other links are put on our St Columba’s [Facebook](#) page. Please join our church [website mailing list](#) so you don’t miss out on the latest updates.