

Saint Columba's Scottish Episcopal Church, Largs
Pentecost 8 Sunday 18th July 2021

Interm Priest We welcome Revd. Canon Sandy Montgomerie to lead us in worship today.

Hymns *

765 Praise to the Lord [Lobe Den Herren (Praxis Pietatis)]

589 Angel-voices ever singing [Angel Voices]

805 There is a Redeemer

584 All my hope on God is founded [Michael]

Collect

Almighty God, your Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence. Give us pure hearts and constant wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

1 Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD.

2 Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD.

3 Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply.

4 I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.

5 The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.

6 In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.'

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

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

The apostles returned from their mission.

30 They gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught.

31 He said to them, 'Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.' For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat.

32 And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves.

33 Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them.

34 As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

53 When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat.

54 When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him,

55 and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was.

56 And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the market-places, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

Prayer after Communion

O God, as we are strengthened in these holy mysteries, may our lives be a continual offering, holy and acceptable in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Notices

*Singing will be allowed from behind our masks when our area moves from Level 2 to Level 1 as this has not yet happened we will have to sing in our heads only. All areas of Scotland are to move to Level 0 on Monday 19th July we will be allowed to sing behind our masks from next Sunday. Hip hip hurrah!

Work party this Saturday. 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

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

The July issue of the magazine is available [online](#) or at the back of the church. We are issuing July and August magazines to keep you up to date with our search for a new rector. The deadline for the August magazine is the 25th of July please send any contributions to Gib.

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 do not miss out on the latest updates.

The Diocesan Synod will be held on zoom on 31st July

Volunteers required for the Living Room project.

Volunteers who are passionate about helping the community and are good listeners are being sought for the Living Room project which aims to help anyone who has problems. The project is based in the shop in Aitken Street that used to be SpecSavers. Volunteers who have 3 or 4 hours a month will be given all necessary training. If you are interested email livingroomlarges@icloud.com or drop in and see them.