

Saint Columba's Scottish Episcopal Church, Largs
Harvest Festival Sunday 26th September 2021

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

Hymns

282	Come, ye thankful people, come	Introit
604	Brother, sister let me serve you	Offertory
116	Be thou my guardian and my guide	Communion
284	For the fruits of all creation	Recessional

Collect

Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season: grant that we may use them to your glory, for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A reading from the book of the prophet Joel.

21 Do not fear, O soil; be glad and rejoice, for the LORD has done great things!

22 Do not fear, you animals of the field, for the pastures of the wilderness are green; the tree bears its fruit, the fig tree and vine give their full yield.

23 O children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the LORD your God; for he has given the early rain for your vindication, he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain, as before.

24 The threshing-floors shall be full of grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.

25 I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent against you.

26 You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the LORD your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame.

27 You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I, the LORD, am your God and there is no other. And my people shall never again be put to shame.

Psalm 126 verses 1 - 7

Sung Response; The Lord has done great things for us and we rejoiced.

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

Jesus said to his disciples:

25 'Do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing?

26 Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?

27 And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life?

28 And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin,

29 yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these.

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30 But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you – you of little faith?

31 Therefore do not worry, saying, "What will we eat?" or "What will we drink?" or "What will we wear?"

32 For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things.

33 But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.'

Choir Anthem after Communion; "Thou Visitest the Earth" by M Greene

Prayer after Communion

Lord of the harvest, with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in creation and have shared in the bread and wine of the kingdom: by your grace plant within us a reverence for all that you give us and make us generous and wise stewards of the good things we enjoy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Notices

Harvest Festival

Gifts of fruit or flowers will be going out to our home bound members if you can deliver any of these please speak to Joan Hutton or Alice MacDonald

Gifts of food and toiletries will be taken to the local food bank

Please join us in the hall after the service for tea and coffee.

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

The October issue of the magazine is available [online](#) or at the back of the church. .

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.

Christian Aid Coffee Morning

Saturday 25 September

in Clark Memorial Church Hall

between 10am – 12 noon entrance £3.

We are having a baking stall and would appreciate any home baking from the congregation please!

Garden Fete

The youth group of St Mary's RC Church are having a garden fete in their grounds on 26th of September at 2pm. The stalls include Hot Dogs and Whisky and Gin tasting

Car Boot Sale Saturday 2th October

Open to buyers from 9am. for your morning bacon rolls and warm homemade soup.

Offers of soup or baking welcome.

See Hilary if you can make soup.

Sunday 3th October

Bishop Kevin is coming on 3rd October to visit and serve as our priest.

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.