Notices

This Week: Fourth Sunday of Easter 21st April 2024

8.00am Holy Communion 11.00am Eucharist 5.00pm Sunday@5 Praise Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion

Next Week: Fifth Sunday of Easter 28th April 2024

8.00am Holy Communion
11.00am Eucharist
5.00pm Sunday@ No Service this week
Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion

Services and Events coming up:

Sponsor a Bag of Gravel! So far we have raised around £2900.

Concert: Largs Gaelic Choir and Corda Tuesday 23rd April 7.30pm

Ascension Day Service - Ayr Regional Council:

9th May 7.00pm St. Ninian's, Prestwick

Christian Aid Week Service Sunday 12th May 5.00pm @St Columba's SEC

Big Sing LDCT Ecumenical Service May 26th 5.00pm @St Columba's SEC

Christian Aid Week Quiz, Largs Bowling Club Thursday 16th May 7.30pm

Tickets are now available.

Holiday Club: 1st July – 5th July

The Gospel of Mark (film), Thursday 25th April, a showing of theatre performance of the Gospel of St Mark in St Mary's hall at 7pm. Award-winning actor Max McLean brings the greatest story ever told to life on stage with "wit and humour" and "life-changing moments," McLean traces the life journey of Jesus Run time c. 90 minutes.

Henry Willis Organ presentation at St. Columba's CofS Saturday 1st June 3.00pm by Sowne of Organe: which will include music, stories and images of many details of the organ's construction normally hidden from view.

Church Contact Details

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Saint Columba's Scottish Episcopal Church, Largs

A warm welcome to all who are worshipping with us today

The Service is led today by the Rev'd Mark Goodman Rector of St. Columba's

Fifth Sunday of Easter 21st April 2024

Hymns

652 Guide me O thou great redeemer

613 City of God

730 My God I love thee

263 Spirit of the living God (Communion Hymn)

721(ii)Love divine

Opening Voluntary: *Prelude,* C. Franck

Closing Voluntary: Vesper Voluntary No 3, Elgar Mass setting: St. Anne's, Macmillan (CCL:173163)

Collect

O God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, that great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, make us perfect in every good work to do your will, and work in us that which is well-pleasing in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

Prayer after Communion

God of steadfast love, watch over the Church redeemed by the blood of your Son. May we who share in these holy mysteries come safely to your eternal kingdom, where there is one flock and one shepherd. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord. Amen.

Acts 4: 5-12

⁵ The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, ⁶ with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷ When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" ⁸ Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹ if we are being questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are being asked how this man has been healed, ¹⁰ let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. ¹¹ This Jesus is 'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.' ¹² "There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

1 John 3: 16-24

⁶ We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers and sisters. ¹⁷ How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

¹⁸ Little children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth. ¹⁹ And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him ²⁰ whenever our hearts condemn us, for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. ²¹ Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God, ²² and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

²³ And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. ²⁴ All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to **John**: [10: 11-18] (Sung response)

¹¹ "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹² The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³ The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. ¹⁴ I am the good shepherd. I know my own, and my own know me, ¹⁵ just as the Father knows me, and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶ I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷ For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. ¹⁸ No one takes^[] it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

From the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

Bishop Kevin Pearson
From the Scottish Episcopal Church: Moray, Ross and Caithness
Good Shepherd & Ascension, Hillington; Holy Trinity & St
Barnabas, Paisley (Deborah Davison).