

## Notices

**This Week: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter 7th April 2024**

11.00am Eucharist and Baptism

5.00pm Sunday@5 No service as the Rector is away

Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion

**Next Week: Easter Sunday 14th April 2024**

8.00am Holy Communion

11.00am Eucharist

5.00pm Sunday@5 Taizé

Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion

**Services and Events coming up:**

**Last call for the Bishop's Lent Appeal**

The Friends of the Holy Land. (Any donations to Chris Evans please.)

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

**First Car Boot sale of the year is on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April**

- Please sign up for jobs in the Vestibule.
- New Bottle Stall, please donate a bottle of something(!) with a bottle bag, if possible.
- Donations of Jewellery and Baking please too.
- Volunteers are needed to make soup beforehand.

**Concert: Largs Gaelic Choir and Corda** Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 7.30pm

**Ascension Day Service - Ayr Regional Council:**

9<sup>th</sup> May 7.00pm St. Ninian's, Prestwick

**Christian Aid Week Service** Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May 5.00pm @St Columba's SEC

**Big Sing LDCT Ecumenical Service** May 26<sup>th</sup> 5.00pm @St Columba's SEC

**Christian Aid Week Quiz, Largs Bowling Club** Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May 7.30pm  
**Tickets are now available.**

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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 Sandy Montgomerie  
and we celebrate the Baptism of Archie Evans**

**Second Sunday of Easter 7th April 2024**

## Hymns

**667** I danced in the morning

**510** Will you come and follow me

**814** Thy hand O God has guided

**592(ii)** *As the deer (Communion Hymn)*

**739(i)** Now thank we all our God

**Opening Voluntary:** *Ave verum*, Mozart

**Closing Voluntary:** *Rejouissance*, Couperin

Mass setting: St. Anne's, Macmillan (CCL:173163)

## Collect

**Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe  
and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen,  
have faith and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who is  
alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and  
for ever. Amen**

## Prayer after Communion

**Father, we have seen with our eyes and touched with our hands  
the bread of life. Strengthen our faith that we may grow in love  
for you and for each other; through Jesus Christ the risen Lord.  
Amen.**

Acts 4: 32-35

### **The Believers Share Their Possessions**

<sup>32</sup> Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. <sup>33</sup> With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. <sup>34</sup> There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. <sup>35</sup> They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

### **1 John 1: 1 -2: 2**

**The Word of Life** <sup>1</sup> We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— <sup>2</sup> this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us— <sup>3</sup> we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup> We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. <sup>5</sup> This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. <sup>6</sup> If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; <sup>7</sup> but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. <sup>8</sup> If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup> If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. <sup>10</sup> If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

<sup>2</sup> My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; <sup>2</sup> and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

**Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John:**

[19: 19-31] (Sung response)

### **Jesus Appears to the Disciples**

<sup>19</sup> When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' <sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' <sup>22</sup> When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

### **Jesus and Thomas**

<sup>24</sup> But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

<sup>26</sup> A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' <sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' <sup>28</sup> Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' <sup>29</sup> Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

### **The Purpose of This Book**

<sup>30</sup> Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup> But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

### **From the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer**

Bishop Kevin Pearson

Bishop's Core Group.

All Saints, Challoch; St Margaret of Scotland, New Galloway