

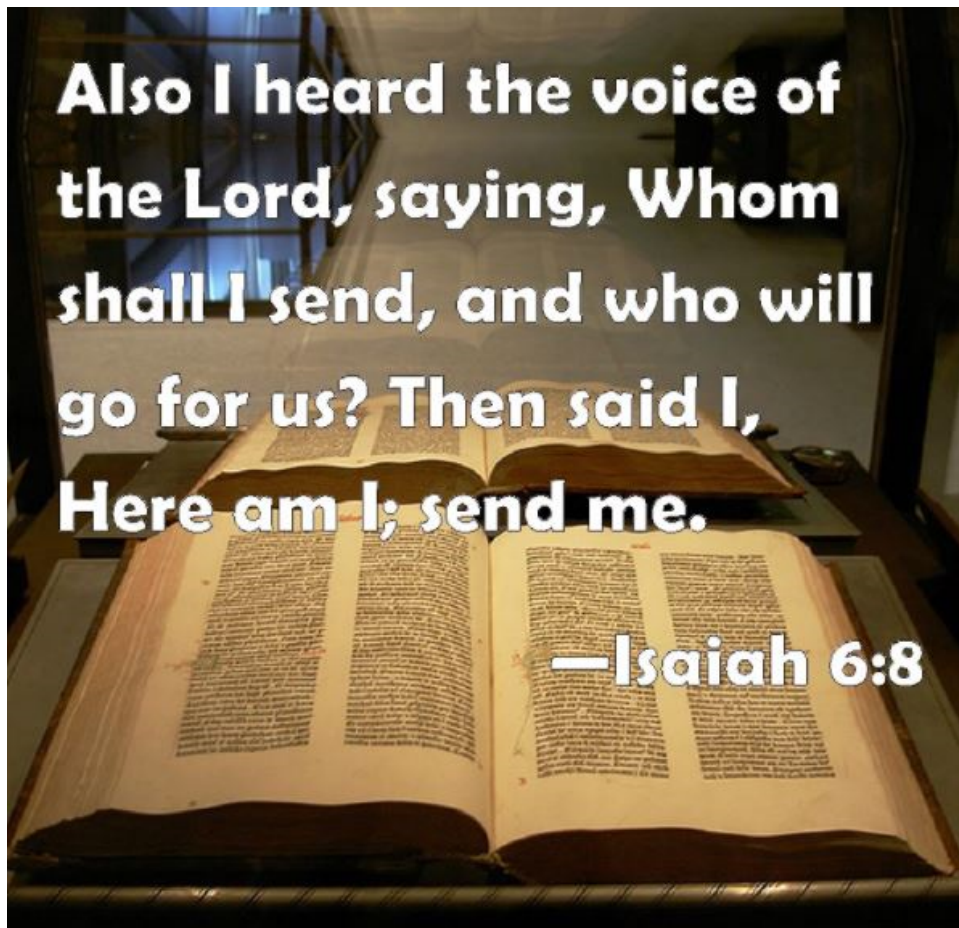
St Columba's

Scottish Episcopal Church

Largs



September 2021



Still vacant!

I will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord.” Psalm 27:13-14

The Scottish Episcopal Church

is a self-governing province of the world-wide Anglican Communion. This is a family of over 70 million Christians in more than 160 countries. Our nearest relations are the Church of England, the Church in Wales and the Church of Ireland. Through the Porvoo agreement we are also in full communion with many other branches of the Church.

St Columba's in Largs, is one of over 60 Episcopal congregations that work and worship within the Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway. We are part of Ayrshire Region and our neighbours include congregations in Ardrossan, Dalry, Irvine, Troon, Kilmarnock, Prestwick, Ayr and Maybole.

The area covered by St Columba's includes Largs, Skelmorlie, Fairlie and West Kilbride and ecumenically we play a very active part in Largs Churches Together.

Services at St Columba's

The church building has reopened for public worship with restrictions in place and will continue to remain open for a Sunday service unless the government and Church request a cessation of services again. For the time being only one service is offered each week as follows:



Sunday Eucharist 11.00am

Follow it afterwards on

<https://youtube.com/channel/UCCw69QHrI2ugHvQWYJaEMyQ>

Please note that masks must still be worn in the church, and that we keep a register of those attending for contact tracing purposes. Communion is gradually returning to normal.

Updates are available on our website: largs-church.co.uk, and via our Facebook page Saint Columba's Scottish Episcopal Church Largs

We welcome all regardless of any defining characteristic that might otherwise be used as the basis for discrimination.

Revd Canon Sandy Montgomerie



Dear Friends,

It has been good to return to normal service at our Sunday Eucharist by singing (although we still wear masks) and receiving communion at the altar. These have in their own way given us a sense of belonging to the tradition we express as Episcopalians. Sadly, the pandemic is still with us, but it has, I suspect, slowed life down and given us the capacity to think about each other and our future.

It is said that thinking has gone out of fashion, but I hope that is not the case although, that said, we are bombarded with ideas through the many media outlets available these days. Wonderful though it is in many respects, it can set demands that we move from one image to the next lest we become bored, which assumes we cannot concentrate on one thing for too long. According to a BBC report, the addictive nature of web browsing for instance can leave you with an attention span of nine seconds – which appears to be the same as a goldfish, and not much of a character reference as humans.

Jesus in all his dealings with people pretty much always demanded that they think. He would never let them get away without reflecting on their own lives. That's why he spoke in parables so that those who really thought about what he was saying could actually get the message.

He never took the easy road. His words spoken were never safe. His questions were always probing to the heart of who we are. He did not suffer fools (by that I mean people who deliberately avoid the truth) gladly.

It is the fool who says in his heart, 'There is no God' (Psalm 14).

Being a follower of Christ doesn't mean we leave our thinking caps on the peg. We think as Christians with all our heart and mind, in the same way that we are to love with our heart and mind. It's important as we experience world events, such as climate change or the Afghanistan regime change, that we continue to react as a church that cares and thinks prayerfully as a Christian activity. Let us pray that we may be given the strength and wisdom to think and reflect more often. To pray that we don't fall into the temptation to simply say, 'I can do nothing', but to think with our hearts and minds for the glory of God and the reconnection between God and His world.

With Blessings,
Sandy

Years Mind

Please remember before God those who have died and whose year's mind falls in September



1 st	Jessie Cuthbertson
2 nd	Sylvia Paling, Martha Stott
5 th	James Donelly
7 th	Mary Moir
8 th	Linda Cormack
9 th	Eliza Hellens
10 th	Margaret Ellison, Lillian Campbell
12 th	Ian Jenkins
13 th	Elsie Hinshalwood
17 th	Kirsty Gusterson
18 th	James Alexander MacFarlane
19 th	Wilfrid Moon
20 th	Beatrice Scott
23 rd	Denzyl Holroyd
24 th	Eric Clayton Hibbot
27:	Vera McKenna, Irene Gilliard
29 th	John Hay
30 th	Jean Blackwell

May they rest in peace and rise in glory

Vestry Meetings

There were no regular meetings of the Vestry during July and August, but the Vestry members were in frequent contact, discussing worship arrangements, work on the grounds and Rectory, possible resumption of Carboot sales and hall lettings, visiting priests, the resignation of the Musical Director, and the changing Covid restrictions. We applied for a £5,000 share of the Provincial Recovery and Renewal Fund of £250,000 towards our online presence post pandemic. Unfortunately 28 charges in this Diocese alone have applied for a total £100,000, so our application was not forwarded by the Diocese. The Vestry is considering how we should proceed

Date of next vestry meeting Tuesday 7th September 7.30pm
Vestry meeting for draft budget and account approval on 19th September

Music Director

Euan Fulton has given notice that he is resigning as Musical Director. His last Sunday will be 29th August. We are grateful to him for his work with the choir, and through the difficult days of the pandemic, and wish him well in his move to Islay.

Collen Anderson has kindly agreed to help out, and will cover September.

Progress with Vacancy

A Prayer during a Vacancy.

ALMIGHTY God, the giver of every good gift, look graciously, we beseech thee, on thy Church, and so guide with thy heavenly wisdom the minds of those to whom is committed the choice of a minister for this charge, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who shall feed thy flock according to thy will, and make ready a people acceptable unto thee; through Jesus Christ, thine only Son our Lord. *Amen.*

By the closing date given in the advertisements for a new Rector, we had received 3 completed applications. The Vestry met with the Bishop on Monday 26th July to consider them. All the candidates had qualities which would enable them to be successful in the right circumstances and environment. However, the Vestry felt that none had the combination of gifts and experience that St Columba's needs, so regrettably had to conclude that the right person has not yet been revealed to us. We will publicise the vacancy again. We are delighted that the Revd Canon Sandy Montgomery is happy to continue as our interim priest.

Vacancy committee meeting held on 28th July 2021 over Zoom

Dates suggested by the Bishop were agreed as acceptable: Friday 20th August adverts to be published in press; Closing date Friday 24th September. Meeting proposed for Monday 4th October for shortlisting candidates and Monday 11th or 18th October for the interviews, subject to agreement with the Bishop. Linda Young has agreed to be the new hall convener. We have agreed to open the hall from Monday 6th September. She will be contacting our past hall users and making arrangements for cleaning in accordance with. Provincial guidelines.

Your Lay Representative's report on the Diocesan Synod

The annual Diocesan Synod was held by zoom on Saturday 31st July, having been postponed from its usual date in February. St Columba's was represented by your Lay Rep, Gib FitzGibbon. Revd Canon Sandy Montgomery was also present in a non-voting capacity. The Synod was chaired by the Bishop. The elections to General Synod had been held by post in time for the General Synod meeting in June. The principal business of concern to us was the adoption of the updated Diocesan Constitution, originally approved by Synod in 2005 to formalize the structure introduced by Bishop Idris. The significant changes are :

- the Bishop's Staff Group becomes the Bishop's Core Group, now responsible for appointing diocesan staff instead of the Diocesan Council;
- the Diocesan 10 Clerical and 10 Lay members of General Synod to be directly elected by Synod, instead of 7 of each being elected one from each region and the balance directly elected;
- the Diocesan Council to have 4 Clerical and 6 Lay members directly elected by Synod, instead of 7 of each, one from each region;
- and a change in emphasis of the role of the Regional Councils.

The Bishop's Core Group, like the Staff Group, consists of the Diocesan Officials plus others as required, by invitation. As before, Action Groups, Mission teams etc will continue to be created on an ad-hoc basis. It is to be hoped that both the Diocesan Council and the General Synod representation will continue to reflect the geographical diversity of the Diocese, which the previous arrangement achieved.

The Diocesan Treasurer reported an actual operating deficit of £287k against a projected deficit of £390k. He paid tribute to all charges as Quota income had surpassed budget. He also noted that the Diocese was in the process of moving its investments from the current portfolio into the Provincial Unit Trust Pool, a move made by your own Vestry earlier this year!

Anne Jones reported that all charges had completed their Protection of Vulnerable Groups annual returns, and there were also reports from the Digital Missioner, the Dean on General Synod and the new Diocesan office, and the Canon Missioner. She spoke of the changes being brought about by the pandemic, saying that Change was something brought about by factors outwith our control, but Transition – how we respond to change – is something we can apply to bring about improvements. Which made me think:- how can we use the things that we learnt to do and the experience we have gained through the pandemic to make St Columba's more relevant to our current members, and attractive to our friends and others who have not yet joined?



A Message from Bishop Kevin in the Diocesan Newsletter

The Rt Rev Kevin Pearson, Bishop of the United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway, is pleased to announce the following two appointments: the Rev Harriet Sarah Johnston as Priest-in-Charge of Holy Trinity Kilmarnock, and the Rev Lee Johnston as Priest-in-Charge of the North Ayrshire Team.

Bishop Kevin commented, “We are delighted to make two such strong appointments from within our diocese to these two charges who are seeking a way forward in ministry over the next decade. The skills and talents which Lee and Harriet bring to the charges, and have already been shared in their training curacies of Lanark and Bishopbriggs, will enable much growth and adaptation as we look to the new reality of ministry post-pandemic. We look forward to being able to support them both as they take on new responsibilities in these charges and witness the flourishing of all associated with Holy Trinity, Kilmarnock and the North Ayrshire Team. It is a very exciting development for the charges in the diocese that these talented young priests are committed to the diocesan vision of building the Kingdom of God in Glasgow and Galloway.” Please pray for Harriet and Lee as they make preparations for their moves over the coming months and pray for Bishopbriggs and Lanark as they prepare to hand on their curates to the wider life of the diocese.

Details of the Licensing Services will be announced in due course. Harriet and Lee will live in the rectory at Kilmarnock once it has been made ready for their occupancy by the Diocesan Property Committee and the charges.

With every blessing...+ **Kevin**



September Prayer Calendar

*Your prayers this month are asked for those affected by the
Afghanistan situation*

- 1 All our service personnel injured during the campaign
- 2 All those grieving the loss of a child, parent, spouse or relative
- 3 All who have risked their lives and futures by helping the allies
- 4 Women and girls in Afghanistan whose future hopes are in ruins
- 5 **Sunday – Diocesan Cycle of Prayer**
- 6 Aid workers who are still in danger
- 7 Aid workers who see their work being destroyed
- 8 The Taliban that they may renounce violence and cruelty
- 9 The Afghani resistance concentrated in the Panjshir Valley
- 10 The service personnel attempting to rescue the terrified population
- 11 Professional Afghanis attempting to work for the common good
- 12 **Sunday – Diocesan Cycle of Prayer**
- 13 The UN and all statesmen & women seeking peace & reconciliation
- 14 All refugees seeking a better life
- 15 Victims of primitive, arbitrary and savage punishment
- 16 All those made destitute by the change in regime
- 17 Those in neighbouring countries
- 18 Those whose decisions have led to the current debacle
- 19 **Sunday – Diocesan Cycle of Prayer**
- 20 Ourselves that we may welcome and care for refugees
- 21 Afghani journalists seeking to tell the truth
- 22 Countries offering a haven to refugees
- 23 Christians and apostates in Afghanistan
- 24 Western intelligence services trying to forestall future atrocities
- 25 Judges and civic leaders in Afghanistan
- 26 **Sunday – Diocesan Cycle of Prayer**
- 27 The Afghan population that they may be peaceably governed
- 28 The children that they may be educated in peace and truth
- 29 Those who feel betrayed by the West
- 30 Those who are frightened for their loved ones

A Prayer for the Nations of the world

Almighty and everlasting God, who rulest in the kingdoms of mankind; Let thy strong hand control the nations, and order their doings unto the fulfilment of thy purposes upon the earth. Uphold with thy power those who are striving after true friendship and working for righteousness and peace. Guide the hearts and minds of rulers and statesmen, that they may before all things seek the furtherance of thy kingdom, and the establishment of justice and freedom for all peoples; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Prayers Answered

Our prayers have been answered for Greg Anderson and baby Agatha Rose, both making good progress with their illnesses. Also following treatment Hugh O'Neil has made good progress with the help of our prayers.

Coleen Anderson and Carol O'Neil would like to thank everyone for their prayers good wishes and spiritual support



This Month's Saints

The Anglican Calendar marks days throughout the year as Saints' days. The following are remembered in September. With thanks to For All the Saints, Franciscan Media and Saints in Scottish Place-names

2	The Martyrs of New Guinea, 1942	When the Second World War came to Papua New Guinea, the Anglican bishop, Philip Strong, expressing the general feeling amongst the mission staff, urged missionaries to stay with their people. Most of them from all the church missions did. Some survived the war, but 272 Christians died. These included 12 Anglicans, who are especially commemorated by the Anglican Church today. They died in various incidents in Papua New Guinea, the largest group being beheaded on the beach at Buna.
3	Gregory the Great, 604	Gregory was born around 540, of a politically influential family, and in 573 he became Prefect of Rome; but shortly afterwards he resigned his office and began to live as a monk. In 579 he was made apocrisiarius (representative of the Pope to the Patriarch of Constantinople). In 590 the Pope died of the plague, and Gregory was elected Pope. His influence on the forms of public worship throughout Western Europe was enormous. He founded a school for the training of church musicians, and Gregorian chant (plainchant) is named for him. The schedule of Scripture readings for the various Sundays of the year, and the accompanying prayers (many of them written by him), in use throughout most of Western Christendom for the next thirteen centuries, is largely due to his passion for organization. His treatise, On Pastoral Care, while not a work of creative imagination, shows a dedication to duty, and an understanding of what is required of a minister in charge of a Christian congregation. His sermons are still readable today, and it is not without reason that he is accounted (along with Ambrose, Jerome, and Augustine of Hippo) as one of the Four Latin Doctors (=Teachers) of the

		<p>ancient Church. (Athanasius, Gregory of Nazianzen, Basil the Great, and John Chrysostom are the Four Greek Doctors.)</p> <p>English-speaking Christians will remember Gregory for sending a party of missionaries headed by Augustine of Canterbury (not to be confused with the more famous Augustine of Hippo) to preach the Gospel to the pagan Anglo-Saxon tribes that had invaded England and largely conquered or displaced the Celtic Christians previously living there. Gregory had originally hoped to go to England as a missionary himself, but was pressed into service elsewhere, first as apocrisiarius and then as bishop of Rome. He accordingly sent others, but took an active interest in their work, writing numerous letters both to Augustine and his monks and to their English converts.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">HTTP://JUSTUS.ANGLICAN.ORG/RESOURCES/BIO/120.HTML</p>
8	The Birth of Mary, Mother of the Lord	The Church has honoured Mary, the mother of Jesus, from the beginning. Then the debates of the fourth century about the full humanity of Christ led to an enhanced celebration of Mary, including her birth, even though nothing reliable is known about her birth or family. The feast of Mary's birth was widely observed in the church, and was retained in the <i>Book of Common Prayer</i> .
13	Cyprian of Carthage, Bishop and Martyr, 258	Cyprian was born about 200 and did not become a Christian until he was forty-six. Soon after that, he was made Bishop of Carthage, and for ten years he courageously led the church there through years of bitter persecution. He gave clear leadership in the tense debates over those who lapsed from their faith. Then he himself suffered martyrdom at the hands of the Roman authorities in the year 258
14	Holy Cross Day 5	Holy Cross Day is associated with the dedication of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem on 14 September 335. During the excavations for the new basilica, the empress Helena, Constantine's mother, identified some wood found in the rubble as a relic of the true cross. The day is an occasion to remember and reflect on the humiliating and agonising method of Jesus' saving death.
16	Ninian of Whithorn, Bishop, Sixth century	Ninian was the first British missionary to devote himself to work among the pagan Picts of southern Scotland. He established a monastic community at Whithorn, along the lines of the communities established by Martin of Tours, whom Ninian admired. He was Bishop of southern Scotland, north of the Roman wall. Ninian died at Whithorn about 432
17	Hildegard of Bingen, Abbess, 1179	Hildegard of Bingen was born in 1098 and became abbess of a Benedictine women's community. She was remarkably gifted in many fields: abbess, prophet, theologian and reformer, composer, artist and scientist. In her lifetime she was famed as a healer and spiritual counsellor. Later generations revered her fiery apocalyptic preaching. Today many find attractive her gift

		of holistic vision and her unflinching quest for justice. She died in 1179.
20	John Coleridge Patteson, 1871	John Coleridge Patteson was born in 1827 and came to New Zealand to assist Bishop Selwyn. He was put in charge of the Melanesian Mission. As its bishop from 1861, he opened up the islands to the gospel, and educated Melanesians to be priests and evangelists. He was a brilliant linguist, and did much to further the work of the mission by his warmth and modest charm. His murder on the island of Nukapu on 20 September 1871 was at the hands of people for whom he would gladly have given his life.
21	Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist	Matthew's name appears in lists of the twelve apostles of Jesus. According to Matthew's Gospel, Matthew was a tax collector, though Mark and Luke call the tax collector Levi. According to Luke, when he became a follower of Jesus, Levi or Matthew held a feast in Jesus' honour. Nothing else is known for certain about Matthew. The Gospel that bears his name may originate from a church associated with him, but it owes much also to other proclamations of the gospel message.
23	Adamnan of Iona, Abbot, 704	Adomnán was born about 624, a relative on his father's side of Columba, near Derry. In 679, he became the ninth abbot of Iona after Columba. In keeping with Ionan tradition, he made several trips to the lands of the English during his abbacy. It is sometimes thought, after the account given by Bede, that it was during his visits to Northumbria, under the influence of Abbot Ceolfrith, that Adomnán decided to adopt the Roman dating of Easter that had been agreed some years before at the Synod of Whitby. Bede implies that this led to a schism at Iona, whereby Adomnán became alienated from the Iona brethren and went to Ireland to convince the Irish of the Roman dating. Jeffrey Wetherill sees Adomnán's long absences from Iona as having led to something of an undermining of his authority; he was thus unable to persuade the monks to adopt the Roman dating of Easter, let alone the tonsure. It is clear that Adomnán did adopt that Roman dating and, moreover, probably did argue the case for it in Ireland. HTTPS://EN.WIKIPEDIA.ORG/WIKI/ADOMN%C3%A1N
25	Finnbar of Caithness, Bishop, c 610	The figure traditionally associated with bringing Christianity to the Dornoch area is Saint Finbarr of Caithness and Ulster. Finbarr may have arrived in Dornoch c.540 AD and established a muintirr or settlement there. If Finbarr did establish a Christian community in Dornoch during the 6th century, then it is likely that it may not have survived the Norse incursions of the mid-to-late 9th century when the Vikings settled in Caithness and Sutherland. HTTPS://WWW.HISTORYLINKS.ORG.UK/MEDIEVAL

27	Vincent de Paul, Priest, 1660	<p>St. Vincent de Paul was born to a poor peasant family in the French village of Pouy on April 24, 1581. His first formal education was provided by the Franciscans. He was ordained in 1600, and in 1605 while on a ship travelling from Marseilles to Narbonne he was captured, brought to Tunis and sold as a slave. Two years later he and his master managed to escape and both returned to France. He went to Avignon and later to Rome to continue his studies. While there he was placed in charge of distributing money to the deserving poor. From that point forward he spent his life providing relief and hospitals for the poor, and later to convicts. He founded the Ladies of Charity, a lay institute of woman, to help, as well as a religious institute of priests - the Congregation of Priests of the Mission, commonly referred to now as the Vincentians. St. Vincent is the patron of all charitable societies.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><small>HTTPS://WWW.CATHOLIC.ORG/SAINTS/SAINT.PHP?SAINT_ID=326</small></p>
29	Michael and All Angels	<p>Michael is one of the three angels named in the Bible (the others are Gabriel and Raphael). In popular, late Jewish, and early Christian devotion Michael became identified as the heavenly champion who would lead the hosts of heaven in triumph and vindicate the saints of God. There are numerous churches dedicated to St Michael and All Angels.</p>
30	Jerome, Priest and Teacher of the Faith, 420	<p>Jerome was born in northern Italy about 347. He was attracted to the monastic life and promoted it vigorously. He was a skilled linguist and was asked to translate the Bible into Latin from Hebrew and Greek. He established a monastery in Bethlehem in 382 and from there wrote the translation of Scripture as well as many commentaries, sermons and letters. Much of his translation of Scripture was incorporated in what became known as the Vulgate Bible. His belligerent style led him into many quarrels, but his gifts of scholarship were outstanding. He died in 420.</p>



This Month's Recipe

Toaster Sandwiches

This can be done without a toaster bag, but it makes a bit of a mess!

Ingredients: sliced bread, butter, sliced tomatoes, grated or sliced cheddar, dried Oregano or Italian herbs

Equipment: Electric toaster, toaster bags

Method: Butter bread, arrange sandwich filling, leaving a margin around the edge.

Press sandwich down, sealing around the edges.

Slide into toaster bag, set toaster slightly higher than usual (trial & error), and toast.

Check & if necessary toast some more – CAUTION HOT!

Slide out of bag carefully and serve.

Non-Quiz

Covid Myths – None of these statements is true!

They are all FALSE. They are unsupported by evidence.

See <https://www.MEDICALNEWSTODAY.COM/ARTICLES/CORONAVIRUS-MYTHS-EXPLORED>

1. Spraying chlorine or alcohol on the skin kills viruses in the body
2. Only older adults and people with pre-existing conditions are at risk of infections and complications
3. Children cannot get COVID-19
4. COVID-19 is just like the flu
5. Everyone with COVID-19 dies
7. Face masks always protect against the coronavirus
8. Hand dryers kill the coronavirus
9. SARS-CoV-2 is just a mutated form of the common cold virus
10. You have to be with someone for 10 minutes to catch the virus
11. Rinsing the nose with saline protects against the coronavirus
12. You can protect yourself by gargling bleach
13. Antibiotics kill the coronavirus
14. Thermal scanners can diagnose the coronavirus
15. Garlic protects against coronaviruses
16. Parcels from China can spread the coronavirus
17. Home remedies can cure and protect against COVID-19
18. You can catch the coronavirus from eating Chinese food in the US
19. You can catch the coronavirus from urine and feces
20. The virus will die off when temperatures rise
21. The coronavirus is the deadliest virus known to humans
22. Flu and pneumonia vaccines can protect against COVID-19
23. The virus originated in a laboratory in China
24. The outbreak began because people ate bat soup
25. 5G helps SARS-CoV-2 spread
26. Drinking alcohol reduces the risk of infection
27. Injecting or consuming bleach or disinfectant kills the virus
28. You can contract the coronavirus in swimming pools
29. If you get a COVID-19 vaccine, you will no longer transmit SARS-CoV-2 to others

Thanks to Medical News Today

Appeal for Magazine material.

Contributions are always welcome - articles, funny stories, experiences in your journey of faith, recipes, puzzles, poems, anecdotes, reminiscences etc.

Please don't be shy – the magazine, besides enabling us to keep in touch with our members and friends, is our window to the world. Any potential candidate for the position of Rector is bound to look thoroughly at the magazine to see what kind of people we are. Please help to impress them!

Dates for your diary

Saturday 25 September 2021 Real Presence?

Theological Reflection on Online Eucharists



During the Covid-19 pandemic and the restrictions on gathering together in person, the Scottish Episcopal Church produced many resources for its members, including an ongoing series of online Eucharists and a reflection on worship during lockdown by its College of Bishops. After more than a year of experience and engagement with online Eucharists, four Scottish Episcopal clergy, all in pastoral ministry, will offer their theological reflections on online Eucharists.

The Scottish Episcopal Institute will sponsor a panel discussion of theological reflection on questions of ‘presence’ in online Eucharists on Saturday 25 September 2021 from 2pm to 4.30pm on Zoom.

The panellists are Revd Eleanor Charman, Revd Dr Alasdair Coles, Very Revd Kelvin Holdsworth and Revd Dr Stephen Mark Holmes. Each of whom will craft a short paper. The papers will be made available to all participants a fortnight in advance of the discussion to allow time to read them and prepare questions.

The discussion will include a 10-minute presentation from each panellist, a plenary with them all and, finally, a Q&A session. The discussion is free and open to all. This event will be held on Zoom.

Register at

[HTTPS://WWW.EVENTBRITE.CO.UK/E/REAL-PRESENCE-THEOLOGICAL-REFLECTION-ON-ONLINE-EUCCHARISTS-TICKETS-162252378231](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/real-presence-theological-reflection-on-online-eucharists-tickets-162252378231)

Saturday 28th August

Tuesday 7th September

Sunday 26th September

Car Boot Sale

Vestry Meeting

Harvest Festival



Services and Rota for September 2021

Please check the rota and note if you are included.

Please feel free to swap with others to ensure duties are covered for all services.

September	Services and Sunday readings	
Sunday 5 Pentecost 15	Eucharist 11.00 am <i>Isaiah 35: 4-7a; Mark 7: 24-37</i>	Reader: Alice MacDonald Intercessor: Ray Young
Sunday 12 Pentecost 16	Eucharist 11.00 am <i>Isaiah 50: 4-9a; Mark 8: 27-38</i>	Reader: Joan Hutton Intercessor: Frances Robertson
Sunday, 19 Pentecost 17	Eucharist 11.00 am <i>Jeremiah 11: 18-20; Mark 9: 30-37</i>	Reader: Elspeth Robertson Intercessor: Revd Canon Sandy Montgomerie
Sunday, 26 Pentecost 18 Harvest	Eucharist 11.00 am <i>Joel 2: 21-27; Matthew 6: 25-33</i>	Reader: Fiona Reader Intercessor: Jennifer FitzGibbon

Readers & Intercessors for October 2021

October	Reader	Intercessor
3rd	Robin Spencer	Alice McDonald
10th	Tim Johnston	Frances Robertson
17th	Janine Millward	Jennifer FitzGibbon
24th	Gib FitzGibbon	Sandy Montgomerie

Magazine availability *If you know of anyone who can't collect a copy from church, or access the online version at <https://larges-church.co.uk/magazines/>, please let me know and they can be sent a copy.*

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The Vestry is elected by the congregation to work with the Rector in the administration of the church, and meets in January, March, September, November and as required.

Chair

Secretary & Alternate Lay Rep

Treasurer

Lay Representative

Rector's Warden

People's Warden

Members Mark Yeomans, Tim Johnston, Annemauraide Hamilton, Andrew Reid

Rector

Hilary Moran

Chris Evans

Gib FitzGibbon

Lorna Reid

Alice MacDonald

During the Vacancy the Vestry is chaired by the Lay Representative, and attended by the Interim Priest in Charge at his convenience

Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals, Confessions by arrangement with the Priest in Charge

The deadline for the October magazine is Sunday 19th September

Magazine articles should be sent to gibfitzg@aol.com

Life at St Columba's

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Sidesmen	Alice MacDonald	336329
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	Alice MacDonald	336329

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