

ST MICHAEL'S PARISH CHURCH, LINLITHGOW
Sunday, 10 March 2019
First Sunday in Lent

Today's Services



- 9.30am First Service
Rev Colin Johnston
- 9.45am All age Service at Springfield School
- 11.00am Second Service
Rev Colin Johnston
- 12.15pm Congregational Meeting
Kirk

Welcome to St Michael's Parish Church, Linlithgow

Thank you for joining us today. We hope that you feel at home here with us. **We would love to meet you so please join us for teas and coffees, between the morning services.** Children aged 3–10 may join in with the Sunday Club, which meets in Cross House from 9.15am and then accompanied up to the Kirk for the last part of 9.30am service. A crèche is available at the 9.30am service in St Katherine's aisle for younger children. Please ask one of our team at the door for help if needed. If we can assist you in any other way, please complete one of our pew cards. Thank you.

Knowing Christ better – Serving Him together – Making Him known to others

Prayer Focus

" Why the clock? To remind us all to join in prayer regularly either at 10am or 10pm"



We pray for the people of troubled countries such as Yemen and Venezuela, that wisdom and compassion may win over violence and fear. We pray too for those to be appointed here today to be responsible for nominating a new Minister that they may carry out this task with openness, wise judgement and discretion.

You are welcome to join us for Weekly Prayers in the Queen's Aisle on **Wednesdays at 12.30**. There is a box in the Queen's Aisle in which to put requests for prayer. Alternatively please call 822603 or 670980.

<p>Ministry Team: Rev John Povey, Interim Moderator Rev Thom Riddell Rev Colin Johnston, Locum Minister Trish Archibald, Youth & Family Outreach Worker</p> <p>Organist & Music Co-ordinator: Matt Edwards</p>	<p>Address: Church Office, Cross House, Linlithgow EH49 7AL</p> <p>Telephone: 01506 842188 E-mail: info@stmichaels-parish.org.uk Web: www.stmichaelsparish.org.uk</p> <p>Open: Mon, Wed, Thu, 9am–1pm. Fri 11am–1pm Tuesday by appointment</p> <p>Vestry hour: Thursday evening by appointment</p>
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This week in Cross House

Mon 11 Mar	9.00am 9.00am	WL Presbytery Retreat Elders		
Tues 12 Mar	9.45am 10.30am	Parent & Toddler Group WL Foodbank	7.30pm 7.30pm	Stewardship & Finance International
Wed 13 Mar			2.00pm 6.30pm	Presbytery World Mission meeting Girls' Brigade
Thurs 14 Mar	10.00am 10.00am	Seedlings Thursday for Coffee	12 noon 6.30pm 7.00pm	Sing-along for Memory Boys' Brigade Minister's vestry
Fri 15 Mar	9.30am 9.45am 10.00am 10.30am	Special Committee of the Presbytery of Glasgow Parent & Toddler Group Housegroup WL Foodbank	7.30pm	Bathgate Concert Orchestra
Sat 16 Mar				
Sun 17 Mar	9.15am	Sunday Club & Bible Class	12 noon	YF Brunch

Forthcoming Events

15 Mar	7.30pm	Concert with music from Spain/Mediterranean (Kirk Hall)
27 Mar	6.30pm	Girls' Brigade 30 th Birthday Party Coffee Evening (Kirk Hall)
30 Mar	10.00am	4 th West Lothian Explorer Scouts Coffee Morning (Kirk Hall)
27 Apr	10.00am	LAMP Coffee morning (Kirk Hall)
28 Apr	3.00pm	Scouts St George's Day Service (Kirk)

Intimations All notices need to be in the church office by Thursday morning.

2019 Stewardship of Prayer

Prayer for March

Lord God,

You have made yourself known to us through prophets and apostles and above all through Jesus Christ. Make yourself known to us afresh today through your Word and Spirit. Amen

This Week

Today: Fairtrade Stall: to celebrate Fairtrade Fortnight we have a Fairtrade stall in the Church at the end of the 9.30 service. Do come over to the visitors' stall to see the range of goods on offer. Easter cards and gifts will be available.

Wednesday 13 March: Dr Arie Glas, Medical Director of Mulanje Mission Hospital will be speaking about 'New developments at Mulanje' at 4pm, Rm 5, Cross House.

Thursday 14 March: Thursday for Coffee: Come along and enjoy a cuppa, home baking and chat in Rm 1, Cross House between 10–11am. All welcome.

Thursday 14 March: Sunshine Sing-along for Memory: 12–1.30pm, Kirk Hall. All those living with memory loss and their carers welcome. No church connection necessary. Light lunch and singing. Further info from Norma Costley 01506 843255. **Thursday 14 March: Time of Stillness** 2pm in St Katherine's Aisle (entrance via south door during winter opening hours). Discover what 15 minutes of stillness can do for you. Tea and cake afterwards. All welcome.

Thursday 14 March: Choir Practice, 7.30pm in the Kirk, all adults welcome. Further info: matt@stmichaels-parish.org.uk

Friday 15 March: Housegroup: 10.00am in Rm 5, Cross House. Beginning a new set of studies: 'Angels standing guard'. Study 1: Isaiah 6:1–7 'Burning in God's Presence'. All welcome to join this informal group. Please call Barbara Thomson 845705 for more details.

Friday 15 March: Concert: Bathgate Concert Orchestra and Edinburgh Mandolin & Guitar Orchestra play Tango! Music from Spain/the Mediterranean, 7.30pm, Kirk Hall. Entry free/Exit donation. Further details on our website and notice board.

Coming up

Sunday 24 March: Kirk Session agreed to hold a Gift Day, which will provide a one-off opportunity for members to make a gift to the church in addition to their normal planned giving. A number of projects have arisen in the Kirk that will cost in the region of £20,000, including weather proofing of some stonework and the refurbishment of the magnificent West Doors. Over the next few weeks your elder will drop off Gift Day materials – a leaflet and an envelope – for return. We are aware that these continue to be challenging times financially for many, but your donation, no matter how small, will make a difference. Thank you very much for your support. **Elders:** Materials are available for uplift from the pews in the north aisle for distribution to your district.

Wednesday 27 March: St Michael's GB is 30 this year! Please come along to our fundraising coffee evening in the Kirk Hall, 6.30pm–8pm. Coffee, cake, games and chat.

Monday 1 April: Kirk Knitting Club at 10.30am, Rm 1, Cross House

Thursday 4 April: Chapters Book Club at 3.15pm, Rm 1, Cross House. The book of choice for review for March is 'The Italian Wife' by Kate Furnivall

Coffee Mornings – 10am

16 March – SCIAF (10.30am-noon – St Margaret's Hall)

30 March – 4th West Lothian Scouts (Kirk Hall)

27 April – LAMP (Kirk Hall)

Other Notices

During the service, photographs might be taken and used for Church purposes e.g. in Crosswind, on our website, notice boards, Facebook etc. If you and/or your family would prefer not to be included, please speak to one of the Welcome Team at the door, who will be happy to help.

Fundraiser: Scott Forsyth is hiking Scotland's three tallest peaks on 6 and 7 April, fundraising for Christian charity The Leprosy Mission Scotland. To find out why or make a donation, visit: https://tlmsfr.everydayhero.com/uk/SC_3_Peaks_Challenge

CDs-Church Service: If you would like to borrow a recording of the service, you will find two CDs at the Church shop. A recording of the sermon is available weekly on podcast on the Church website.

Stamp Appeal: Please bring in all your stamps for the World Mission Council appeal to help young people with learning difficulties in the Ukraine. Boxes in the Church and Kirk Hall.

Prayer News Bulletin Copies of Lorna Ferguson's Prayer News Bulletin are now available at the back of the church.

The Blood Donation Mobile Unit at Low Port Centre, Sunday 17 March 10.30am-12.30pm & 2.00pm-3.40pm. Monday 18 March 2.10pm-4.00pm & 5.30pm-7.30pm.

Support Teams

House Groups: For information about fellowship groups meeting within St Michael's, please call Alison Miller 844992, Margaret Henderson 844787 or Barbara Thomson 845705.

The Help Centre offers information covering many concerns. Wondering where to access support for yourself or another? Tel 842646, or look at www.helpcentre.org.uk

Bereavement Support: The Team offers confidential one to one support to help you adapt to your loss. In addition, Positive Pathways support group meets fortnightly in the informal setting of the Canal Tearoom. Contact Sheila Rae 07719966273 or sheila.ruth.rae@gmail.com.

Sunday 10 March 2019: 9.30am, First in Lent

We gather as the people of God...

Call to Worship:

Round about us, here among us

God of promise and love

Good and faithful, strong in mercy

God of promise and love

Calling our names, bidding us welcome

God of promise and love

Hymn: 198 Let us build a house (vv1,3,5)

Scripture Sentences (*please remain standing*)

Prayer of Approach and Confession with Lord's Prayer

Hymn: 180 Give thanks with a grateful heart

Christian Book Review with Tom Brown: For the Glory

Author: Duncan Hamilton

We listen to stories of faith and hope...

Scripture Reading: Genesis 18:1–10 (p.14)

(*Today's reader is John Needham*)

Hymn: 441 Blessing and honour

Sermon

We respond to God's word...

Hymn: 680 You are called to tell the story

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Offering and Time for Reflection

Time with Young People

We leave with God's blessing...

Hymn: 164 God gave me eyes

Benediction

Choral Amen: 820, Dresden

9.30am

Music for Today

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Hymn: 125 Lord of all being

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Hymn: 15 The Lord's my shepherd

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First Reading: Genesis 18:1–10 (p.14)

(Today's Reader is Peter Russell)

Choir Anthem: Ave Verum Corpus, W. A. Mozart (1756-1791)

Second Reading: Luke 24:28–35 (p.87)

Hymn: 685 For everyone born a place at the table (vv 1,2,5)

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