

**ST MICHAEL'S PARISH CHURCH, LINLITHGOW**  
**Sunday, 10 February 2019**



**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**

**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 are 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"**



Sometimes we need to face up to difficult situations in our lives. We pray for courage and a trust that God knows our needs, that we may go forward in confidence and faith to whatever life holds for us.

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><b>Ministry Team:</b>  Rev John Povey, Interim Moderator  Rev Thom Riddell  Rev Colin Johnston, Locum Minister  Trish Archibald, Youth &amp; Family  Outreach Worker</p> <p><b>Organist &amp; Music Co-ordinator:</b>  Matt Edwards</p>	<p><b>Address:</b>  Church Office, Cross House,  Linlithgow EH49 7AL</p> <p>Telephone: 01506 842188  E-mail: <a href="mailto:info@stmichaels-parish.org.uk">info@stmichaels-parish.org.uk</a>  Web: <a href="http://www.stmichaelsparish.org.uk">www.stmichaelsparish.org.uk</a></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

<b>Mon 11 Feb</b>	9.00am	Elders		
<b>Tues 12 Feb</b>	9.45am 10.30am	Parent & Toddler Group WL Foodbank	2.00pm 7.00pm 8.00pm	Prayer Calendar Team Kirk Session Prospects Meeting
<b>Wed 13 Feb</b>			6.30pm	Girls' Brigade
<b>Thu 14 Feb</b>	10.00am 10.00am	Seedlings Thursday for Coffee	12 noon 6.30pm	Sing-along for Memory Boys' Brigade
<b>Fri 15 Feb</b>	9.45am 10.00am 10.00am 10.30am	Parent & Toddler Group Housegroup Pastoral Care Team WL Foodbank		
<b>Sat 16 Feb</b>	10.00am	Coffee Morning – Linlithgow Grange Rotary		
<b>Sun 17 Feb</b>	9.15am	Sunday Club & Bible Class	12 noon	Youth Fellowship Brunch

### Forthcoming Events

<b>24 Feb</b>	3.00pm	Girl Guiding Thinking Day Service ( <b>Kirk</b> )
<b>8 Mar</b>	7.30pm	Exiles Choir Drama and Music Production ( <b>Kirk</b> )
<b>9 Mar</b>	2.30 & 7.30pm	
<b>9 Mar</b>	10.00am	Friends of Girl Guiding Coffee Morning ( <b>Kirk Hall</b> )
<b>16 Mar</b>	10.00am	2 <sup>nd</sup> West Lothian Explorer Scouts Coffee Morning ( <b>Kirk Hall</b> )
<b>27 Mar</b>	6.30pm	Girls' Brigade 30 <sup>th</sup> Birthday Party Coffee Evening ( <b>Kirk Hall</b> )
<b>30 Mar</b>	10.00am	4 <sup>th</sup> West Lothian Explorer Scouts Coffee Morning ( <b>Kirk Hall</b> )

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

## 2019 Stewardship of Prayer

### Prayer for February

Almighty God,

You are here in the midst of all life and Your love endures forever.

In our stillness and in our busyness, our coming and our going, our giving and receiving, opening and closing – Your love endures forever. Amen

### This Week

**Thursday 14 Feb: Sunshine Sing-along for Memory** at 12 noon, Kirk Hall. All those living with memory loss and their carers are welcome. No church connection necessary. Light lunch and singing. Further info from Norma Costley 01506 843255

**Thursday 14 Feb: 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 Feb: Choir Practice** at 7.30pm in the Kirk, all adults welcome. Further info: [matt@stmichaels-parish.org.uk](mailto:matt@stmichaels-parish.org.uk)

**Friday 15 February: Housegroup:** 10.00am in Room 5, Cross House. The study is: Tom Wright's 'The letters of John'. 1 John 5:1-12, Faith conquers. All welcome to join this informal group. Please call Barbara Thomson 845705 for more details.

**Saturday 16 February: Coffee morning,** Linlithgow Grange Rotary Club, 10am Kirk Hall.

### Coming up

**Monday 4 March: Kirk Knitting Club** at 10.30am, Cross House

**Thursday 7 March: Chapters Book Club** at 3.15pm, Cross House – February's book of choice for review is "Shadow" by Michael Morpungo.

**Friday 8 (7.30pm) and Saturday 9 March (2.30pm and 7.30pm): Exiles Choir**– drama and music production in the Kirk.

**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.

### Coffee Mornings – 10am

**9 March** – Friends of Girl Guiding (Kirk Hall)

**16 March** – 2<sup>nd</sup> West Lothian Explorer Scouts (Kirk Hall)

**30 March** – 4<sup>th</sup> West Lothian Scouts (Kirk Hall)

## Other Notices

**Chogoria Hospital Fundraiser:** Many thanks to everyone who contributed to the event on 2 February. The sum raised so far is **£1,185.02**

**Prospects** is a Christian charity helping churches to welcome and disciple people with learning disabilities in a way that is relevant for them – in other words church for people with learning disabilities. The Mission & Outreach team would like to explore the possibility of establishing a Prospects group here at St Michael's.

We intend holding a general interest meeting about setting up a Prospects group on **Tuesday 12 February, 8.00pm in Cross House**. If you would be interested to know more – perhaps you have a relative or friend who would like to attend such a group – or if you feel called to get involved in any way, please come along. If you can't manage the meeting but would like to know more please contact [info@stmichaels-parish.org.uk](mailto:info@stmichaels-parish.org.uk)

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**Exiles:** singers required!! Adult choir practises Thursday at 8.15pm in Church, children's choir Sundays 1.45 for 2pm in church, starting Sunday 10th February. Performance dates, **8th and 9th March**.

**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.

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

**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.

**Thursday for Coffee:** Come along and enjoy a cuppa, home baking and chat with the group which meets on Thursdays in Cross House between 10–11am. All are welcome.

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## 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](http://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](mailto:sheila.ruth.rae@gmail.com).

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**Sunday 10 February 2019: 9.30am**

**We gather as the people of God...**

Call to Worship

Hymn: 111, Holy, holy, holy

Scripture Sentences (*please remain standing*)

Prayer of Approach and Confession with Lord's Prayer

Hymn: 509, Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult

Christian Book Review with Ruth Middleton: Waiting for the last bus  
by Richard Holloway

**We listen to stories of faith and hope...**

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 6:1–8 (p.645)

Luke 5: 2–4 (p.60) (*Today's reader is Peter France*)

Hymn: 532, Lord, you have come to the seashore

Sermon

**We respond to God's word...**

Hymn: 251, I, the Lord of sea and sky

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Offering and Time for Reflection

Time with Young People

**We leave with God's blessing...**

Hymn: 340, When Jesus saw the fishermen

Benediction

Choral Amen: 819, Threefold Amen

*Two members of the Sunday Prayer Team are available for 15 minutes in the Queen's Aisle after this service to pray in confidence with anyone who has a personal need for prayer.*

**9.30am**

### **Music for Today**

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### **Sunday Club**

Today Sunday Club are learning that God is a good friend. We are finding out about Abraham's friendship with God and that God wants to be our friend too.

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First Reading: Isaiah 6:1–8 (p.645)

*(Today's reader is Kate Keter)*

Choir Anthem: *Come, my way* by Malcolm Archer (b.1952)

Second Reading: Luke 5: 1–11 (p.59)

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Sermon

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Hymn: 511, Your hand, O God, has guided

Benediction

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