

ST MICHAEL'S PARISH CHURCH, LINLITHGOW
Sunday, 12 May 2019



Today's Services

- 9.30am First Service
**Led by Girls' Brigade
and Boys' Brigade**
- 9.45am All age Service at Springfield
School
- 11.00am Second Service
Rev Colin Johnston
- 3.00pm Organ Recital
with Matt Edwards

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 church. 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"



There will have been many tears shed in Linlithgow this week on hearing of Rev. Johnny Paton's sudden death while hillwalking. In his time here he gave so much and was much loved in return. We grieve with and pray for Cathy and Andrew, and for his parishioners on Mull and Kintyre as we all try to come to terms with this tragedy.

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 13 May				
Tues 14 May	9.00am 9.45am 10.30am	Elders Parent & Toddler Group WL Foodbank	7.30pm	Kirk Session
Wed 15 May	10.30am	Prayer Calendar Meeting	7.00pm	Girls' Brigade Display – Kirk
Thu 16 May	10.00am 10.00am	Seedlings Thursday for Coffee	6.30pm 7.00pm	Boys' Brigade Minister's Vestry
Fri 17 May	9.45am 10.00am 10.30am	Parent & Toddler Group Housegroup WL Foodbank		
Sat 18 May	All Day	Big Noise Raploch Symphony Orchestra Refreshments –Kirk Hall		
Sun 19 May	9.15am	Sunday Club & Bible Class	12 noon 6.45pm	YF Brunch European Election Hustings

Forthcoming Events

12 May	3.00pm	Music@3pm: Organ Concert (Kirk)
15 May	7.00pm	GB Parents' Annual Parents' Evening Display (Kirk)
18 May	7.30pm	The Big Noise and Linlithgow Linties Concert (Kirk)
19 May	6.45pm	European Election Hustings (Kirk Hall)
24 May & 2 Jun	7.00pm	NYCoS Summer Concerts (Kirk)
8 Jun	10.00am	Coffee Morning – Project Trust Fundraiser (Kirk Hall)
9 Jun	3.00pm	Informal concert with Dunblane Cathedral Choir (Kirk)

2019 Stewardship of Prayer

Prayer for May

God be in all you give,
With heart, soul, mind and strength,
For God has given you all.
Amen

Rev Johnny Paton: It is with great sadness that we have heard about the passing of Johnny. He died while out hillwalking in Ullapool. Our thoughts and prayers are with his wife Cathy and his congregations on Mull. The church is open daily from 10:30am-4pm and anyone who wishes to pause in the church that Johnny loved, to reflect and to give thanks for his life would be very welcome.

This Week

Today: Music @3pm, organ recital with Matt Edwards in the church (admission free, with a retiring collection in aid the Music at St Michael's programme)

12-19 May "Uprooted", 10.30am-4pm: An exhibition depicting Christian Aid's work among the 40 million people around the World displaced by conflict, climate change and other factors will be on display in St Michael's Church. Please come along and tell your friends. Admission free.

Wednesday 15 May: 2nd Linlithgow Girls' Brigade Annual Parents' Evening Display: 7-8.30pm in the Kirk with special guest, Rt Rev Susan Brown, Moderator. A small show which the girls put on from their individual sections and afterwards receive their achievement badges.

Thursday 16 May: Thursday for Coffee: Come along and enjoy a cuppa, home baking and chat in Rm 1, Cross House between 10-11am. All welcome.

Thursday 16 May: Time of Stillness 2pm in St Katherine's Aisle. Discover what 15 minutes of stillness can do for you. Tea and cake afterwards. All welcome.

Thursday 16 May: Choir Practice at 7.30pm in the Kirk, all adults welcome. Further info: matt@stmichaels-parish.org.uk

Friday 17 May: Housegroup: 10.00am in Room 5, Cross House. The study is: 1 John 4:1-6, Discerning the Spirits. All welcome to join this informal group. Please call Barbara Thomson 845705 for more details.

Saturday 18 May: Big Noise Raploch Symphony Orchestra (featuring Linlithgow Linties), 7.30pm in the Kirk. Tickets £10, adult, £2, child available from Far from the Madding Crowd or www.ticketsource.co.uk

Sunday 19 May: Hustings - European Parliamentary Election, The Linlithgow Church Forum is planning an electoral hustings to be held in St Michael's Kirk Hall with the usual programme - prayers for the new parliament at 6.45, tea and coffee just after 7, and then the hustings proper from 7.30 to 9. All are welcome. Please email your questions to Paul Goldfinch (paul@cassley.org) or hand them to one of your Forum reps.

Coming up

Monday 3 June: Kirk Knitting Club at 10.30am, Cross House

Thursday 13 June: Sunshine Sing-along for Memory at 12 noon, Kirk Hall

Coffee Mornings - 10am

8 June - Project Trust Fundraiser (Kirk Hall)

Other Notices

During the service, photographs might be taken and used for Church purposes. For further information, please speak to one of the Welcome Team at the door.

The General Assembly meets from **Saturday 18 to Friday 25 May**. Each day's business will be broadcast over the internet. Information, publications and webcasts can be accessed on www.churchofscotland.org.uk/ga

The 'Heart and Soul' celebration takes place on **Sunday 19 May**, Princes Street Gardens, Edinburgh from 1pm–5.30pm, and everyone is encouraged to attend.

Christian Aid Week: 12–19 May: The Exhibition 'Uprooted' ends 19 May. The focus for the 'Week' is the provision of safety for pregnant Mums in remote areas of Sierra Leone. Please give generously.

2019 Stamp Appeal: 2019 is the 50th anniversary of the Church of Scotland stamp appeal. The World Mission Council is challenging each person to donate 50 stamps (or more!) this year to support the Chigodi Women Centre in Blantyre, Malawi. There are collecting boxes in the Church and Cross House.

Life and Work: The May issue is available for collection at the back of the church.

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.

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.

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

Sunday 12 May 2019: 9.30am, Jesus is King

Call to Worship: BB Boy, (Callum White, Senior)

Hymn: JP 50 – Give me oil in my lamp

(Minister receives Boys' Brigade and Girls' Brigade Colours)

Scripture Sentences (*please remain standing*) Psalm 24: 7–10 (p.513)

(Reader, Hannah Ramsay, Junior Section GB)

Prayer (words for The Lord's prayer will be on the screen)

(led by Peter Molloy, Senior)

Children's Address: Jesus is King (Captain Clare supported by older Brigaders and 4 volunteers from the BB & GB congregation).

Activity: making Crowns

Birthday Cake: GB is 30 this year (sing Happy Birthday 2nd Linlithgow GB)

What's the Queen's Badge? - Ewan Edwards and Ruaridh Stewart

Chorus: King Jesus is all

sung by members of Girls' Brigade (led by Alice McLay)

Bible Reading: Psalm 47 (p.529)

(Reader: Grace Rae, Junior Section GB)

Hymn: I've got a Crown, you've got a Crown (with drums and percussion)

Bible Reading: John 18:36–37 (p110)

(Reader: Marc Fraser, Senior)

All-age talk: Catherine McIntosh, Lieutenant 2nd Linlithgow GB

Hymn: JP 289, Who's the King of the Jungle (with drums and percussion)

Offering

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

(led by Louise Clark, Junior section GB)

Hymn: WSB43, Seek ye first the kingdom of God

(Minister returns colours)

The National Anthem

Benediction

Choral Amen: 820, Dresden

Recessional Hymn: 160, Praise my Soul the King of Heaven (vs 1, 3 & 5)

9.30am

Music for Today

Again to France this week, a constant source of inspiration although my early 20th Century French style improvisation at the 11am last week might have been a bit hard to comprehend. Guilment and his wonderful and quiet Cantilène Pastorale to start with. A beautiful conversation between the flute and the oboe. His rousing Grand Chœur in the style of Handel to finish, a triumphant end to the service and a small advert for the recital later....

Girls' Brigade – join us on Wednesday nights!

The aim of the Girls' Brigade is to help girls to become followers of the Lord Jesus Christ, and through self-control, reverence and a sense of responsibility to find true enrichment of life.

Explorers	(P1-P3)	6.30pm – 7.30pm
Juniors	(P4-P7)	6.30pm – 8.00pm
Brigaders	(S1-S6)	8.00pm – 9.30pm



New girls are always welcome; please speak to the Captain, Clare McLay, 0771 806 8898 or send us an e-mail 2ndlinlithgowgirlsbrigade@gmail.com

Enrolment night: **Wednesday 28 August**, 7.00pm–8.00pm

Come along to our 2019 Display on **Wednesday 15 May** at 7pm in the church!

Like us on Facebook: 2nd Linlithgow Girls Brigade

Boys' Brigade – join us on Thursday nights!

The object of the Boys' Brigade is the advancement of Christ's Kingdom among Boys, and the promotion of habits of obedience, reverence, discipline and self-respect and all that tends towards a true Christian manliness.

Anchor Boys (P2-P3)	6.30pm – 7.30pm
Junior Section (P4-P6)	7:00pm – 8.15pm
Company Section (P7-S6)	7.45pm – 9.45pm



Watch out for our Enrolment night on **Thursday 22 August**, 6.30pm–7:30pm!

Remember, the adventure begins here!

Like us on Facebook: LinlithgowBB E-mail us: linlithgowbb@outlook.com

Sunday 12 May 2019: 11.00am

We gather as the people of God...

Introit: Ye Servants of God, arranged by R H Coleman (1888–1965)

Call to Worship

Leader: They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;

All: Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving

Leader: for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd,

All: be to our God for ever and ever!

Leader: and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.

All: Amen.

Hymn 125: Lord of all being

Scripture Sentences (*please remain standing*)

Prayers of Approach and Confession with Lord's Prayer

Hymn 195: Here to the house of God

We listen to stories of faith and hope...

First Reading: Acts 9: 36–43 (p.124) (*Today's reader is Shona Walker*)

Choir Anthem: Come ye faithful, R S Thatcher (1888–1957)

Second Reading: Revelation 7: 11–17 (p.247)

Hymn 543: Longing for light

Sermon

We respond to God's word...

Hymn 724: Christ's is the world

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Response: We pray, loving God,

Wipe away every tear from their eyes

Offering and Time for Reflection

We leave with God's blessing...

Hymn 506: For the healing of the nations

Benediction

Choral Amen: 820, Dresden

11.00am

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**Next Week's Services
9.30am and 11am with Rev Ali Pandian**

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.