

**ST MICHAEL'S PARISH CHURCH, LINLITHGOW**  
**Sunday, 17 March 2019**  
**Second Sunday in Lent**



**Today's Services**

- 9.30am First Service  
**Rev Colin Johnston**
- 9.45am All age Service at Springfield School  
**Rev Thom Riddell**
- 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 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"**



In the daily political turmoil and uncertainty in which we live, it is hard to know how to pray. Let us trust that God knows our confusion and our desire for peace and stability. May we be open to His guidance.

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 18 Mar</b>	9.00am	Elders	7.30pm	Guild
<b>Tues 19 Mar</b>	9.45am 10.30am	Parent & Toddler Group WL Foodbank	6.30pm 7.30pm	Beyond 20:20 Meeting Kirk Session
<b>Wed 20 Mar</b>			6.30pm 7.00pm 7.30pm	Girls' Brigade Property Team Nominating Committee
<b>Thu 21 Mar</b>	10.00am 10.00am	Seedlings Thursday for Coffee	6.30pm	Boys' Brigade
<b>Fri 22 Mar</b>	9.45am 10.00am 10.30am 10.30am	Parent & Toddler Group Housegroup WL Foodbank Prayer Calendar meeting		
<b>Sat 23 Mar</b>	10.00am	Presbytery Conference	4.30pm	Messy Church
<b>Sun 24 Mar</b>	9.15am	Sunday Club & Bible Class	12 noon	YF Brunch

### Forthcoming Events

<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> )
<b>27 Apr</b>	10.00am	LAMP Coffee morning ( <b>Kirk Hall</b> )
<b>28 Apr</b>	3.00pm	Scouts St George's Day Service ( <b>Kirk</b> )

## 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

**Monday 18 March: Guild, 7.30pm in the Kirk Hall.** Unfortunately our scheduled speaker is unable to attend and instead we have organised a beetle drive and game evening. Everyone welcome. Further info from Margaret Henderson 844 787.

**Thursday 21 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 21 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.

**Friday 22 March: Housegroup:** 10.00am in Room 5, Cross House. A new set of studies: 'Angels standing guard'. Study 2: Genesis 18:1-22; 19:1-29, 'Angels among us'. All welcome to join this informal group. Please call Barbara Thomson 845705 for more details.

**Saturday 23 March: Messy Church** in Cross House **from 4.30pm-6.15pm.** Bring yourself and your family for fun, games, crafts, music and a lovely messy meal. Everyone welcome.

**Sunday 24 March: Music Buds** concert at 2pm in the Kirk

### 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, Room 1, Cross House

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

**Thursday 11 April: Sunshine Sing-along for Memory** at 12 noon, Kirk Hall

### Coffee Mornings – 10am

**30 March** – 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

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**War Memorial:** Repair and refurbishment works to our 100-year-old War Memorial will commence on 25 March. It is anticipated that these works will be over a two week period.

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

**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:** 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.

**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](https://tlmsfr.everydayhero.com/uk/SC_3_Peaks_Challenge)

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

**Sunday 17 March 2019: 9.30am, Second in Lent**

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

Call to Worship

Gathering God, our rock and shelter

**We are here to meet with you**

Travelling God, our way and wonder

**We are here to meet with you**

Summoning God, our joy and adventure

**We are here to meet with you**

Hymn: 124, Praise to the Lord

Scripture Sentences (*please remain standing*)

Prayer of Approach and Confession with Lord's Prayer

Hymn: 606, Lord, you sometimes speak in wonders

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

Scripture Reading: Luke 4: 1–13 (p.58)

*(Today's reader is Dr Ken MacKenzie)*

Hymn: 97, O God, you have searched me

Sermon

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

Hymn: 716, Come and find the quiet centre

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession (Response – Hymn 801)

Offering and Time for Reflection

Time with Young People

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

Hymn: SOGP 111, We are one in the Spirit

Benediction

Choral Amen: 820, Dresden

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**9.30am**

### **Music for Today**

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### **Sunday Club**

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**Next Week’s Services, 9.30am and 11am with Rev Thom Riddell**

### **Mothering Sunday Family Service – Sunday 31 March at 10am**

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First Reading: 1 Kings 19: 9–12 (p.336)

*(Today's reader is Isobel Reid)*

Choir Anthem: Ave Verum Corpus (Hail, true body)

W A. Mozart (1756–1791)

Second Reading: Luke 4: 1–13 (p.58)

Hymn: 606, Lord, you sometimes speak in wonders

Sermon

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Hymn: 167, Guide me, O thou great Jehovah

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