

**ST MICHAEL'S PARISH CHURCH, LINLITHGOW**  
**Sunday, 1 September 2019**



**Today's Services**

- 9.30am First Service  
**Ashley Johnston**
- 9.45am All age Service at Springfield School
- 11.00am Second Service  
**Ashley 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"**



With the expected resumption of the UK Parliament now thrown into turmoil, we pray for wisdom and determination on all sides to find a sensible solution to the widespread national uncertainty and concern about our country's future. We pray for individual Members of Parliament as they struggle to work out their responsibilities to their constituents, their party and the country.

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 Ken MacKay, 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</b> <b>2 Sept</b>	9.00am 10.30am	Elders Kirk Knitting Group	7.30pm	Stewardship & Finance
<b>Tues</b> <b>3 Sept</b>	9.45am 10.30am	Parent & Toddler Group WL Foodbank	6.00pm	YF@6pm
<b>Wed</b> <b>4 Sept</b>				
<b>Thu</b> <b>5 Sept</b>	10.00am 10.00am	Seedlings Thursday for Coffee	3.15pm 6.30pm 7.30pm 8.00pm	Chapters Book Club Boys' Brigade Minister's Vestry Co-ordinating Team
<b>Fri</b> <b>6 Sept</b>	9.45am 10.00am 10.30am	Parent & Toddler Group Housegroup WL Foodbank		
<b>Sat</b> <b>7 Sept</b>				
<b>Sun</b> <b>8 Sept</b>	9.15am	Sunday Club & Bible Class		

### Forthcoming Events

<b>7 Sept</b>	7.30pm	Antonine Ensemble - <b>Kirk</b>
<b>8 Sept</b>	All Day	Pedal for Scotland – please check map for road closures
<b>14 Sept</b>	AM/PM	Linlithgow Folk Festival – <b>Cross House</b>
<b>14–15 Sept</b>	AM/PM	Doors Open Day - <b>Kirk</b>
<b>15 Sept</b>	3.00pm	Music@3pm – Piano and Organ – <b>Kirk</b>
<b>21 Sept</b>	3.00pm	Afternoon Tea, led by the Guild – <b>Kirk Hall</b>
<b>28 Sept</b>	10.00am	Burgh Beautiful autumn fayre coffee morning – <b>Kirk Hall</b>
<b>29 Sept</b>	7.00pm	Linlithgow Ladies Choir 15 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Concert - <b>Kirk</b>

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

## 2019 Stewardship of Prayer

### Prayer for September

Living and loving Lord,  
May the joy of knowing,  
The hope of believing,  
And the intimacy of sharing  
Keep me close to you today and always  
Amen

## This Week

**Monday 2 Sept: Kirk Knitting Group:** Rm 1, Cross House, 10.30am. Knitting, home baking and chat. All welcome.

**Thursday 5 Sept: Thursday for Coffee:** Come along and enjoy a cuppa, home baking and chat in Room 1, Cross House between 10–11am. All welcome.

**Thursday 5 Sept: 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 5 Sept: Chapters Book Club,** 3.15pm, Rm 1, Cross House. Book for review is 'Travels with my Aunt' by Graham Greene. Further info from Sally Chambers 07732722146.

**Thursday 5 Sept: 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 6 Sept: Housegroup:** 10.00am in Rm 5, Cross House. Our study is "Promises kept – broken by rebellion". Cuppa, cake and chat afterwards. All welcome. Contact Barbara Thomson (845705).

**Saturday 7 Sept: Antonine Ensemble Concert, Kirk at 7.30pm.** Directed by Alison Hastie, featuring Sue Evans of Armadale as soloist in Bach's glittering Flute concerto. Admission free, donations are invited for the MHF Mental Health Foundation.

## Coming up

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

**Friday 20 Sept: Refugees, return and renewal in northern Iraq (7.30pm in the Kirk Hall).** An evening with Embrace the Middle East. Speakers: Tim Livesey CEO of Embrace the Middle East; Jamie Eyre, Programme & Partnerships Manager. Q&A session: Father Emanuel Youkhana from CAPNI; Mark Calder, Regional manager for Embrace.

**Saturday 21 Sept: Afternoon Tea in the Kirk Hall (3pm-4.30pm),** led by the Guild. Tickets £10 per head with proceeds to Guild projects. Contact Sue Ratcliffe (844 922) or any other Guild member.

**Thursday 26 Sept: Bad Girls of the Bible, 7.30pm, Rm 1, Cross House.**

**Friday 27 Sept: Men's curry night (7pm)** at the Ashmaan, Mill Road, Linlithgow Bridge. £19 pp. BYOB. £10 to book your place. Invite a friend. Book soon, maximum 20. Speak to Dave Pandian/ John Parkinson or email ([dave.d.pandian@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:dave.d.pandian@blueyonder.co.uk) or [japzapp@gmail.com](mailto:japzapp@gmail.com)).

**Sunday 29 Sept: Linlithgow Ladies Choir 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Concert** in the Kirk at 7pm. Featuring soloists Lorna Murray and Colin Murray, Organist, Matt Edwards with special guests, Linlithgow String Orchestra. All welcome – entry by donation.

### Coffee Mornings – 10am

**28 Sept:** Burgh Beautiful autumn fayre coffee morning – Kirk Hall

### Sunday 10 am Joint Services

**6 Oct:** Harvest

## **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.

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**Life and Work:** September issue available at the back of the Church.

**Walk and Talk:** A new idea which we plan to trial for 4 weeks initially. As we are encouraged to be more active, this is an alternative to coffee and a chat. All welcome to come along, the walk might take us round the loch, but distance will depend on ability and numbers. Meeting the **Kirk Hall at 9.30am on a Saturday from 7–28th September**. Any comments or questions contact Alison 844992.

**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.

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## **Support Teams**

**House Groups:** For information about fellowship groups meeting within St Michael's, please call Kathryn Young, 844853, 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).

**Sunday 1 September 2019: 9.30am**

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

Call to Worship

Hymn: 622, We sing a love that sets all people free (vs 1,2,3,4 rept1)

Scripture Sentences (*please remain standing*)

Prayer of Approach and Confession with Lord's Prayer

Hymn: You Are My Vision

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

Scripture Reading: John 13: 31-38 (p.105)

*(Today's reader is Jean McKeown)*

Hymn: 710, "I have a dream" a man once said

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: We are one in the Spirit

Benediction

Choral Amen: 819, Threefold

*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**

It has been a mixed week in the world of music, literature and study – and weather – so a mix on the menu this morning. I shall avoid inflicting my Kelvingrove choices from yesterday on you, am certain that ABBA and The Lion King are best kept there for now! However, I will keep things to the more uplifting elements of the repertoire. Before the service we, like last week, turn to Gordon Young – a rather underrated composer from across the pond with an enormous catalogue of liturgical organ music. His Prelude in Classic Style is one of the first pieces I wanted to learn, and I packed it in my suitcase when I moved up here twenty-one years ago. Many others have also since “discovered” it and it makes regular recital appearances throughout Scotland. After the service, another composer on another continent – Felix Mendelssohn, stolen from this world way before his time. Rather than his sonatas we look at his stage repertoire and have his wonderful March from *Athalia* – known more frequently as the War March of the Priests!

### **For Noting:**

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

**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.

**Pedal for Scotland, Sunday 8 September:** There are road closures in and around Linlithgow during this event from 6.30am to 3.00pm (approx.). Westbound access in and out of the Vennel car park via The Cross is available. For more information: [www.pedalforscotland.org](http://www.pedalforscotland.org). A map of the planned route is on display on our notice boards.

**Sunday 1 September 2019: 11.00am**

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

Introit: Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake (John Hilton (1560–1608))

Call to Worship

Hymn: 512, To God be the Glory

Scripture Sentences (*please remain standing*)

Prayers of Approach and Confession with Lord's Prayer

Hymn: 465, Be Thou My Vision

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

First Reading: Proverbs 3: 1–18 (p.597)

*(Today's reader is Isobel Reid)*

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

Second Reading: John 13: 31-38 (p.105)

Hymn: 622, We sing a love that sets all people free (vs 1,2,3,4 rept1)

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

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

Hymn: 154, How Great Thou Art

Benediction

Choral Amen: 819, Threefold

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