ST MICHAEL’S PARISH CHURCH, LINLITHTGOW
Ascension Sunday, 2 June 2019

Today’s Services

9.30am  First Service
Rev Thom Riddell

9.45am  All age Service at Springfield
School. Songs of Praise
with Andrew McDonald
End of term service

11.00am Second Service with Baptism
Rev Thom Riddell

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. 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"

Recently we have heard of more people risking their lives to escape danger and persecution in their own countries, and a cooling welcome in the places they arrive. In these troubled times throughout the world, may we not lose our compassion for those in need.

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.
Ministry Team:
Rev John Povey, Interim Moderator
Rev Thom Riddell
Rev Colin Johnston, Locum Minister
Trish Archibald, Youth & Family Outreach Worker
Organist & Music Co-ordinator:
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Open: Mon, Wed, Thu, 9am–1pm.
Fri 11am–1pm
Tuesday by appointment
Vestry hour: Thursday evening by appointment

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This week in Cross House

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<td>29 Jul-2 Aug</td>
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Intimations All notices need to be in the church office by Thursday morning.
Stewardship of Prayer
Prayer for June
Holy Spirit of wind and fire,
In all the activity of our busy lives help us to make time for you;
Make us to lie down in green pastures, away from the world’s ceaseless noise so that we can listen to you. Amen

This Week

Today: NYCoS summer concert, 7pm, Kirk

Monday 3 – Sunday 9 June: Thy Kingdom Come: As part of international prayer week we will have a Prayer Room in the Kirkgate Room, Cross House (9am–9pm) with several interactive stations to suit all ages and abilities to help us think about prayer and pray in different ways. For further information or on how to book the room, contact Trish@stmichaels-parish.org.uk.

Kirk Knitting Group: meets once a month on a Monday in Room1, Cross House at 10.30am – knitting, home baking and chat. All welcome.

Wednesday 5 June Crosswind: the making of bundles for the District Elders from 9.30am onwards in the Kirk.

Thursday 6 June: Thursday for Coffee: Come along and enjoy a cuppa, home baking and chat in Room 1, Cross House between 10–11am. All welcome.

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.

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

Friday 7 June: Housegroup: 10.00am in Room 5, Cross House. The study is: Learning to live wisely, Proverbs 13:19; 17:12; 18:2; 7; 20:3; 26:11– ‘Avoiding the Fool’. All welcome to join this informal group. Please call Barbara Thomson 845705 for more details.

Saturday 8 June: Coffee Morning, Project Trust Fundraiser, 10am Kirk Hall

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 9 June: Kirk Session: Following the stated annual meeting there will be a short meeting of Session in St Katherine’s aisle.

Stated Annual Meeting: our annual congregational meeting will take place in the church, after the 10am single service for Pentecost. It will be a brief meeting, but full of vital information about how we’re doing financially.

Music@3pm: Concert, Dunblane Cathedral Choir in the Kirk.
Coming up

Sunday 9 June: God’s Spirit at Work, Linlithgow Churches invite you to celebrate Pentecost with worship at 6.30pm in the Rugby Club Marquee. Speakers, Chic Lidstone (Lead Chaplain, Work Place Chaplaincy, Scotland) and Rev Jonathan Couper (retired vicar), now Spiritual Director of Cursillo, Yorkshire Diocese

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

Tuesday 18 June: Linlithgow Marches Day; Saturday 22 June: Gala Day

Monday 29 July – Fri 4 August: Holiday Club: 10am–12noon, Cross House

Sunday 10 am Joint Services

9 June: Pentecost; 7 July–18 August: Summer Services

Coffee Mornings – 10am: 28 Sept: Burgh Beautiful autumn fayre

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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Garden Open Day: Sunday 23 June at Jock’s Hill, Philip Avenue, Linlithgow 2pm–4.30pm in aid of Linlithgow Link. Entry £5 per adult (incl. afternoon tea). For disabled parking arrangements, please contact 845 698.

Life and Work: The June 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.

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 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 2 June 2019: 9.30am**

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

Call to Worship  
Hymn: 449, Rejoice! The Lord is King  
Scripture Sentences (*please remain standing*)  
Prayer of Approach and Confession with Lord’s Prayer  
Hymn: 425, The Saviour died, but rose again

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

Scripture Reading: Acts 1: 1−11 (p.114)  
(Today’s reader is Tom Brown)  
Hymn: 438, The head that once was crowned with thorns  
Sermon

**We respond to God’s word...**

Hymn: 252, As a fire is meant for burning  
Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession  
Offering and Time for Reflection

**We leave with God’s blessing...**

Hymn: 441, Blessing and honour and glory and power  
Benediction  
Choral Amen: 820, Dresden

*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 and Bible Class – last one for the summer

Today Sunday Club are learning that before Jesus ascended into heaven, he gave us a job, which is to tell and show others that God loves them.

Next Week’s Service: 10am, Pentecost Sunday
Trish Archibald, Youth and Family Outreach Worker
We gather as the people of God…

Introit: From the Rising of the Sun – Sir Frederick Ouseley (1825–1889)

Call to Worship

Hymn: 449, Rejoice! The Lord is King

Scripture Sentences (please remain standing)

Sacrament of Baptism with Aaronic Blessing, Hymn 796

The Lord bless you and keep you
The Lord make his face to shine upon you / and be gracious unto you
The Lord lift up his countenance upon you / and give you peace.

Hymn: 632, Our children, Lord, in faith and prayer

(During the singing of this hymn, parents with their children may wish to use St Katherine's Aisle on the right, which we have set up especially for you and your children, with toys and books)

We listen to stories of faith and hope…

First Reading: Acts 1: 1-11 (p.114)
(Today’s reader is Gillian Grant)

Choir Anthem: A Clare Benediction – John Rutter (b.1945)

Second Reading: Luke 24: 44-53 (p.87)

Hymn: 438, The head that once was crowned with thorns

Sermon

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Hymn: 468, Son of God, eternal Saviour

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Baptism today

We are pleased to baptise and welcome into the fellowship of St Michael’s today:

Naiyah Rose MacGillivray, daughter of Donna and Damian

We commend them, their families and friends to your prayers.

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