

**ST MICHAEL'S PARISH CHURCH, LINLITHGOW**  
**Sunday, 3 February 2019**



**Today's Services**

- 9.30am First Service  
**Rev Thom Riddell**
- 9.45am All age Service at Springfield School
- 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 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 wintry weather of February when it can seem so gloomy and dark, we pray for all who are ill or housebound and for all who care for them, and also for those who are bereaved, that even in their sorrow and pain they may find joy in the lengthening days and early signs of Spring and new life.

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</b> <b>4 Feb</b>	9.00am 10.30am	Elders Kirk Knitting Club	7.30pm	Guild
<b>Tues</b> <b>5 Feb</b>	9.45am 10.30am	Parent & Toddler Group WL Foodbank		
<b>Wed</b> <b>6 Feb</b>			6.30pm 7.30pm 7.30pm 7.30pm	Girls' Brigade Education Team Business Team Stewardship & Finance
<b>Thu</b> <b>7 Feb</b>	10.00am 10.00am	Seedlings Thursday for Coffee	3.15pm 6.30pm 7.00pm	Chapters Book Club Boys' Brigade Minister's Vestry
<b>Fri</b> <b>8 Feb</b>	9.45am 10.00am 10.30am	Parent & Toddler Group Housegroup WL Foodbank		
<b>Sat</b> <b>9 Feb</b>				
<b>Sun</b> <b>10 Feb</b>	9.15am	Sunday Club & Bible Class	12 noon	Youth Fellowship Brunch

### Forthcoming Events

<b>16 Feb</b>	10.00am	Linlithgow Grange Rotary Coffee morning ( <b>Kirk Hall</b> )
<b>24 Feb</b>	3.00pm	Girl Guiding Thinking Day Service ( <b>Kirk</b> )
<b>8 Mar</b> <b>9 Mar</b>	7.30pm 2.30 & 7.30pm	Exiles Choir Drama and Music Production ( <b>Kirk</b> )
<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 (Kirk Hall)
<b>30 Mar</b>	10.00am	4 <sup>th</sup> West Lothian Explorer Scouts Coffee Morning (Kirk Hall)

## 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

**Monday 4 February: Guild**, 7.30pm in the Kirk Hall. Our guest speaker is the Rt Rev Susan Brown, Moderator of the General Assembly. Further info from Margaret Henderson Tel: 844787.

**Monday 4 February:** The Kirk Knitting Club meets once a month in Cross House on a Monday at 10.30 am.

**Thursday 7 February: 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 7 February: Chapters Book Club** meets on the first Thursday of every month 3.15-4.30pm, Cross House. Coffee cake and book discussion. January's book of choice was "Extraordinary People (Enzo MacLeod Series)" by Peter May.

**Thursday 7 February: 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 8 February: Housegroup:** 10.00am in Room 5, Cross House. The study is: Tom Wright's 'The letters of John'. 1 John 4, God is Love. All welcome to join this informal group. Please call Barbara Thomson 845705 for more details.

### Coming up

**Thursday 14 February: Sunshine Sing-along for Memory** at 12 noon, Kirk Hall

**Sunday 24 February: Girl Guiding Thinking Day Service**, 3pm in the Kirk

**Fri/Sat 8 & 9 March:** Exiles Choir Drama & Music Production (Kirk)

**Saturday 23 March:** Messy Church, 4.30pm-6.15pm, Cross House

**Saturday 6 April:** Guild Afternoon Tea, 3pm, Kirk Hall

### Coffee Mornings – 10am

**16 February** – Linlithgow Grange Rotary (Kirk Hall)

**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)

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

## **Other Notices**

**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.**

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

**Life and Work:** February 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.

**Stamp Appeal:** Please bring in stamps for World Mission Council appeal to help young people with learning difficulties in Ukraine. Boxes in Church and Kirk Hall.

**Bo'ness Filling Station:** next meeting Thursday 7 February, in Matty Steele Building, North Street. 7.00 p.m. coffee and cake for 7:30pm start. Speakers Rev Iain Sutherland heads up Local Houses of Prayer (LHOP) in Scotland. This ministry, started in Wales at the Ffald-e-Brenin retreat, now being established throughout UK.

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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).

**Sunday 3 February 2019: 9.30am**

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

Call to Worship

Hymn: 129, The Lord is King! lift up your voice!

Scripture Sentences (*please remain standing*)

Prayer of Approach and Confession with Lord's Prayer

Hymn: 36, God is our refuge and our strength

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

Scripture Reading Luke 4: 14-21

(Today's Reader is Rory Cameron)

Hymn: 608, Spirit of truth and grace

Sermon

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

Hymn: 473, Thy kingdom come

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Offering and Time for Reflection

Time with Young People:

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

Hymn: 641, Seek ye first the kingdom of God

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**

Today gives us an opportunity to celebrate the anniversaries of two great composers although neither of these pieces were intended for the organ. Mozart, a bit of a revolutionary if the cinematic portrayal of his life is to be believed, was born on this day in 1756. His chamber orchestra suite *Eine Kluge Nachtmusik*, a little night music, contains a beautiful slow movement – the *Romance* – which I will play before our service. In 1813 on this day the operatic and orchestral composer Verdi passed away. His opera *Aida* remains for many his most famous work, and the *Grand March* is one of the most requested voluntaries or concert pieces in my repertoire. It comes in the second act as the Egyptian army return after their most recent victory. One of its many modern uses is as part of graduation ceremonies. Sorry about change of plan last week, due to health!

**Sunday 3 February 2019: 11.00am**

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Call to Worship

Hymn: 129, The Lord is King! lift up your voice!

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, one parent 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: Isaiah 61: 1-7 (p702)

(Today's Reader is Anne Chadwick)

Choir Anthem: Brightest and best: Malcolm Archer (b1952)

Second Reading: Luke 4: 14-21 (p58)

Hymn: 608, Spirit of truth and grace

Sermon

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

Hymn: 473, Thy kingdom come

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Offering and Time for Reflection

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

Hymn: 470, Jesus shall reign where'er the sun

Benediction

Choral Amen: 820 Dresden

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### **Baptism today**

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

**Archie Stewart Watts, son of Mairi and Michael**

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