

ST MICHAEL'S PARISH CHURCH, LINLITHGOW
Sunday, 5 May 2019



Today's Services

- 9.30am First Service
Rev Colin Johnston
- 9.45am All age Service at Springfield School
- 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.** 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 have been several deaths in the congregation recently, and whether the death was expected or sudden, the grief is just as great. We pray for all the families coming to terms with the death of a loved one, that they may find comfort and support both in their faith and from the friends around them. We give thanks for the work of the Church Bereavement Support Group and Positive Pathways.

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 6 May	9.00am 10.30am	Elders Kirk Knitting Club	7.30pm	Stewardship & Finance
Tues 7 May	8.30am 10.30am	In-service Day WL Foodbank	7.30pm	Listening Training
Wed 8 May			6.30pm 7.30pm 7.30pm 7.30pm	Girls' Brigade Business Team Fellowship Team Nominating Committee
Thu 9 May	10.00am 10.00am	Seedlings Thursday for Coffee	12 noon 6.30pm	Sing-along for Memory Boys' Brigade
Fri 10 May	9.45am 10.00am 10.30am	Parent & Toddler Group Housegroup WL Foodbank		
Sat 11 May	10.00am	Coffee Morning – Linlithgow Reed Band		
Sun 12 May	9.15am	Sunday Club & Bible Class	12 noon 3pm	YF Brunch Organ Concert – Kirk

Forthcoming Events

11 May	10.00am	Coffee Morning – Linlithgow Reed Band (Kirk Hall)
12 May	3.00pm	Music@3pm: Organ Concert (Kirk)
15 May	7.00pm	GB Parents' Evening Display (Kirk)
18 May	7.30pm	The Big Noise and Linlithgow Linties Concert (Kirk)
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

This Week

Monday 6 May: Kirk Knitting Club at 10.30am, Cross House

Thursday 9 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 9 May: Sunshine Sing-along for Memory: 12–1.30pm, Kirk Hall. All those living with memory loss and their carers welcome. No church connection necessary. Light lunch and singing. Further info from Norma Costley 01506 843255

Thursday 9 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 9 May: Choir Practice at 7.30pm in the Kirk, all adults welcome. Further info: matt@stmichaels-parish.org.uk

Friday 10 May: Housegroup: 10.00am in Room 5, Cross House. The study is: Acts 12:1–17, Guarded by Angels. All welcome to join this informal group. Please call Barbara Thomson 845705 for more details.

Saturday 11 May: Coffee morning, Linlithgow Reed Band, 10am Kirk Hall

Sunday 12 May: Music@3pm, organ concert with Matt Edwards in the church (admission free, with a retiring collection in aid the Music at St Michael's programme)

Coming up

May: "Uprooted" – 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 through early May. Please come along and tell your friends.

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

Chapters Book Club resumes 5 September

Coffee Mornings – 10am

8 June – Project Trust Fundraiser

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.

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.

Christian Aid Week: Envelopes etc. are available for uplifting by individual volunteer collectors from the pews near the Organ today.

Thursday for coffee – volunteers. Do you have time to spare on Thursday mornings and are you interested in joining the rota for helping at the coffee group? If so, please contact Jill Allatt on 840 680

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.

World Mission: Free edition of magazine entitled 'Walking Alongside' available from table opposite coffee/tea area. Covering stories/updates from all areas that WM has partners including a report from Tabeetha School in Israel – the only school owned by Church of Scotland which is an interfaith school.

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 5 May 2019: 9.30am

We gather as the people of God...

Call to Worship

Lord, you walk alongside us **YOU SHARE OUR JOURNEYS**

Lord, you surprise us and bless us **YOU FILL US WITH WONDER**

Lord, you call us together **YOU CALL US TO LIFE**

Hymn SOGP 55: Jesus is Lord! Creation's voice proclaims it.

Scripture Sentences (*please remain standing*)

Prayer of Approach and Confession with Lord's Prayer

Hymn 417: Now the green blade riseth

We listen to stories of faith and hope...

Scripture Reading: John: 21, 9–19 (p.112)

(Today's reader is Clare McLay)

Hymn 532: Lord, you have come to the seashore

Sermon

We respond to God's word...

Hymn: SOGP 7, Alleluia, alleluia

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Offering and Time for Reflection

We leave with God's blessing...

Hymn 533: Will you come and follow me

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

This morning we revisit the Victorian master of the organ, Felix Mendelssohn, and his most famous organ works – his Six Sonatas composed and published in London in 1844/5. He was a highly self-critical composer and originally only three sonatas were presented for publication, however this grew to six over the winter as random movements moulded together into the final sonatas. We will hear the triumphant Sonata 3 this morning, its bold opening giving way to a complex and demanding fugue with themes appearing throughout each part before a pedal solo brings us back to the majestic opening theme. To finish, we have the fugue that was originally planned for Easter Sunday, worthily replaced in honour of Notre-Dame. The great Fugue in D major, BWV 532. Demanding to the last, this is a masterpiece of music and mathematics whilst balancing nimble fingers and marathon running. I hope that you enjoy the selections.

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Hymn 421: Our Lord Christ is risen

Scripture Sentences (*please remain standing*)

Prayers of Approach and Confession with Lord's Prayer

Hymn 417: Now the green blade riseth

We listen to stories of faith and hope...

First Reading: John 21: 1–14 (p.112)

(Today's reader is Alison Parkinson)

Choir Anthem: Come Down, O Love Divine,

William H. Harris, (1883–1973)

Second Reading: John 21: 15–19 (p.113)

Hymn 412: The strife is o'er

Sermon

We respond to God's word...

Hymn 532: Lord, you have come to the seashore

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Hymn 646: Forth in the peace of Christ

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