

**ST MICHAEL'S PARISH CHURCH, LINLITHGOW**  
**Sunday, 7 April 2019**  
**Fifth Sunday in Lent**



**Today's Services**

- 9.30am First Service  
**Rev Dr Hani Hannah**  
**Guest Preacher**
- 9.45am All age Service at Springfield School
- 11.00am Second Service  
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**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"**



We pray that all Christians may be models of Christ's love and compassion in the world, and that people of all faiths and none may, by this example, learn to show respect and care for each other. We pray for all involved in bringing people together to try to further this hope and bring peace to our troubled and divided world.

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 8 Apr</b>	9.00am	Elders	7.30pm	Stewardship & Finance
<b>Tues 9 Apr</b>	10.30am	WL Foodbank	7.30pm	Social Justice Team
<b>Wed 10 Apr</b>	10.30am	Prayer Calendar Meeting	7.00pm 7.30pm	Friends of St Michael's Business Team
<b>Thu 11 Apr</b>	10.00am	Thursday for Coffee	12 noon 7.00pm	Sing-along for Memory Minister's Vestry
<b>Fri 12 Apr</b>	10.30am	WL Foodbank		
<b>Sat 13 Apr</b>				
<b>Sun 14 Apr</b>				

### Forthcoming Events

<b>27 Apr</b>	10.00am	Coffee morning – LAMP ( <b>Kirk Hall</b> )
<b>28 Apr</b>	3.00pm	Scouts St George's Day Service ( <b>Kirk</b> )
<b>4 May</b>	10.00am	Coffee Morning – Project Trust Fundraiser ( <b>Kirk Hall</b> )
<b>11 May</b>	10.00am	Coffee Morning – Linlithgow Reed Band ( <b>Kirk Hall</b> )
<b>12 May</b>	3.00pm	Music @ 3 Organ Concert with Matt ( <b>Kirk</b> )
<b>15 May</b>	7.00pm	GB Parents' Evening Display ( <b>Kirk</b> )
<b>18 May</b>	7.30pm	The Big Noise and Linlithgow Linties Concert ( <b>Kirk</b> )
<b>24 May &amp; 2 Jun</b>	7.00pm	NYCoS Summer Concerts ( <b>Kirk</b> )
<b>9 Jun</b>	3.00pm	Informal concert with Dunblane Cathedral Choir ( <b>Kirk</b> )

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

## 2019 Stewardship of Prayer

### Prayer for April

Thank you, God, for the riches of this day,  
For the wisdom of your Word  
And for the nourishment of your Spirit. Amen

## This Week

### Thursday 11 April

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

**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

**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:** 7.30pm in the Kirk, all adults welcome. Further info: [matt@stmichaels-parish.org.uk](mailto:matt@stmichaels-parish.org.uk)

## Coming up

**April/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 April and early May. Please come along and tell your friends.

**Thursday 25 April: Bad Girls of the Bible** – challenging, comforting, refreshing and fun. Last Thursday of every month, Room 1, Cross House at 7.30pm. All welcome, ages 18+.

**Friday 26 April: Housegroup** resumes at 10.00am. Please call Barbara Thomson 845705 for more details.

**Saturday 27 April: Linlithgow Inter-Church Annual Dinner** held again in our Rugby Club (7pm for 7.30pm). Hosted by St Ninian's-Craigmailen with entertainment from Matt Edwards (St Michael's CoS) and the speaker is Pastor Keith Short (St John's). Tickets, which include a 3 course meal, cost £15 and are available from our Forum reps Fiona Duke (Tel: 842669) Jaqui Coyle (Tel 845631) and Barbara Thomson (Tel 845705). All most welcome.

**Thursday 2 May – Last meeting: Chapters Book Club.** The book of choice for review for April is 'Before We Were Yours' by Lisa Wingate. Chapters resumes Thursday 5 September. Further info from Sally Chambers 07732722146.

**Monday 6 May: Kirk Knitting Club** at 10.30am, Room 1, Cross House.

**Coffee Mornings – 10am**

**27 April** – LAMP (Kirk Hall)

**4 May** – Project Trust Fundraiser (Kirk Hall)

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**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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**Exiles:** Alison, John, Matt and Anita would like to thank all who were involved in the production Exiles. Thanks to your hard work and generosity we are able to send £594.88 to each charity. Thank you again for all you did. Anita

**Thank you from the Girls’ Brigade:** A big thank you to all the friends who supported our GB 30th Party coffee evening. It was lovely to see so many folk from times gone by. Thank you for your generosity. We raised £409.84 and one US dime!

**Crosswind: District Elders:** The spring issue of the magazines are available for uplift in the South Aisle. Many thanks to everyone who turned out to help with the magazine collation.

**Christian Aid Door-to-Door Collection (12–18 May) – Volunteers needed!** Even just to distribute envelopes, please telephone 842646 or email [wandeross@hotmail.com](mailto:wandeross@hotmail.com)

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

**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.

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

Call to Worship

God of our past, God of our memories

**We are here to thank you**

God of the future, God of our dreams

**We are here to trust you**

God of the present, God of our salvation

**We are here to praise you**

Hymn 160: Praise my soul, the King of Heaven

Scripture Sentences (*please remain standing*)

Prayer of Approach and Confession with Lord's Prayer

Hymn 487: Yesu sets us free

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

Scripture Reading (*today's reader is John Reid*)

Hymn 356: Meekness and majesty

Sermon

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

Hymn 512: To God be the glory

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Offering and Time for Reflection

Time with Young People

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

Hymn 65: Jubilate, everybody

Benediction

Choral Amen: 820, Dresden

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**9.30am**

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Choir Anthem: Go forth into the world in peace,  
John Rutter (1945)

Second Reading

Hymn 500: Lord of creation

Sermon

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Hymn 572: So much wrong and so much injustice

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