

ST MICHAEL'S PARISH CHURCH, LINLITHGOW
Sunday, 8 September 2019



Today's Services

- 9.30am First Service
Rev Ali Pandian
- 9.45am All age Service at Springfield School
- 11.00am Second Service
Rev Ali Pandian

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"



There have been several deaths in the Church and Parish recently and we pray for the families who have been bereaved, and for their support as they come to terms with the loss of their loved one. We pray for the Ministers, Elders and the Bereavement Support Group in all they do to bring comfort at this time.

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.

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| <p>Ministry Team: Rev John Povey, Interim Moderator Rev Thom Riddell Rev Ken MacKay, 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 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

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| Mon 9 Sept | 9.00am | Elders | 7.30pm 8.30pm | Guild Safeguarding |
| Tues 10 Sept | 9.45am 10.30am | Parent & Toddler Group WL Foodbank | | |
| Wed 11 Sept | | | | |
| Thu 12 Sept | 10.00am 10.00am | Seedlings Thursday for Coffee | 12 noon 6.30pm 7.30pm | Sing-along for Memory Boys' Brigade Minister's Vestry |
| Fri 13 Sept | 9.45am 10.00am 10.30am | Parent & Toddler Group Housegroup WL Foodbank | | |
| Sat 14 Sept | 9.00am | Linlithgow Folk Festival | | |
| Sun 15 Sept | 9.15am | Sunday Club & Bible Class | | |

Forthcoming Events

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

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

Today, 8 Sept: Special Meeting of the Kirk Session in the Kirk Hall at 7pm

Monday 9 Sept: Guild: Opening meeting 7.30pm in the Kirk Hall. Everyone welcome to join us. Afternoon Tea, in aid of Guild Projects, will be held on Saturday 21st September in the Kirk Hall (3pm-4.30pm). Tickets £10 per head are available from any Guild member. Any monies collected to date should be brought on Monday night. Further info from Margaret Henderson Tel no 01506 844787.

Thursday 12 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 12 Sept: 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 12 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 12 Sept: Choir Practice at 7.30pm in the Kirk, all adults welcome. Further info: matt@stmichaels-parish.org.uk

Friday 13 Sept: Housegroup: 10.00am in Rm 5, Cross House. Our study is 'Promises kept – Covenant made'. Cuppa, cake and chat afterwards. All welcome. Contact Barbara Thomson (845705).

Sunday 15 Sept: Music@3pm in the Kirk. Piano and organ concert with our organist, Matt Edwards. Entry free with a retiring collection in aid of the music programme at St Michael's.

Coming up

Thursday 19 Sept: Prospects, (7pm, Rm 1, Cross House). You are invited to come along to our new group which supports adults with learning disabilities. Activities include, songs, prayer and crafts. Cuppa and chat afterwards. Further info from Bill Duncan: 01506 844 877.

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.

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 or japzapp@gmail.com).

Sunday 29 Sept: Linlithgow Ladies Choir 15th 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.

Monday 7 Oct: Kirk Knitting Group: Rm 1, Cross House, 10.30am. Knitting, home baking and chat. All welcome.

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.

CrossReach: A few copies of the catalogue for the Christmas card and calendar collection for 2019 are available in the servery or online: <https://shop.crossreach.org.uk/>

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.

Life and Work: We will be placing our 2020 order for Life and Work in the next few weeks. If you would like to subscribe or wish to cancel your subscription, please advise the church office by **21 October**. **The annual subscription for 2020 is £30.60.**

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.

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

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 8 September 2019: 9.30am 'Companions on the Road'

We gather as the people of God...

Call to Worship

Hymn: 192 All my hope on God is founded

Scripture Sentences (*please remain standing*)

Prayer of Approach and Confession with Lord's Prayer (*Irene Jenkins*)

Hymn: 539 I want Jesus to walk with me

We listen to stories of faith and hope...

Scripture Reading: Luke 24:13-32 (p.86)

(*Today's reader is Anne Chadwick*)

Hymn: 535 Who would true valour see

Sermon

We respond to God's word...

Hymn: 191 Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession (*Irene Jenkins*)

(Responses

Leader: Companion God

All: Walk with us, we pray)

Offering and Time for Reflection

Time with Young People

We leave with God's blessing...

Hymn: 644 (1) O Jesus I have promised

Benediction

Choral Amen: 820, Dresden

For Noting:

Next Week's Services (Battle of Britain Sunday) 9.30am and 11am with Rev Thom Riddell



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.

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.

Sunday 8 September 2019: 11.00am 'Companions on the Road'

We gather as the people of God...

Introit: O Come, Ye Servants of the Lord – Christopher Tye (1505–1572)

Call to Worship

Hymn: 192 All my hope on God is founded

Scripture Sentences (*please remain standing*)

Prayers of Approach and Confession with Lord's Prayer (May Wilson)

Hymn: 539 I want Jesus to walk with me

We listen to stories of faith and hope...

First Reading: Ruth 1:15-18 (p.248)

(Today's reader is Paddy MacArthur)

Choir Anthem: From the Rising of the Sun

Sir Frederick Ouseley (1825–1890)

Second Reading: Luke 24:13-32 (p.86)

Hymn: 535 Who would true valour see

Sermon

We respond to God's word...

Hymn: 191 Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession (Alison Millar)

(Responses

Leader: Companion God

All: Walk with us, we pray)

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