



**ST.
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Parish Church

MAY NEWSLETTER

Welcome to your May newsletter from St Michael's Parish Church! Summer is a-comin' in – well, sometimes it feels like it is – and there's lots going on. It's all here, from a global prayer movement to the sale of the century, and plenty more besides.



Thy Kingdom Come

Not just words from the Lord's Prayer, but a global prayer movement focused on the period from Ascension Day (26th May) to Pentecost (5th June). And there's certainly plenty for us to pray about the way things are.

'Thy Kingdom Come' have produced a booklet, with reflections by Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury, to guide us through the prayer season. Please contact Paul Davidson on paul.n.davidson@blueyonder.co.uk

for a copy, or get details directly from website <https://www.thykingdomcome.global/> As we did with the recent Lent studies, it would be great to have many of us following this season together.

Ukraine

Thank you to all those who have contributed to support for Ukrainian refugees. Whether you have offered to host into your home, or have donated time, money or household items, all your efforts are very much appreciated.

St Michael's is looking forward to receiving a refugee family to stay in the Kirkgate Flat. Sadly, their arrival has been held up by the familiar tale of visa problems, but we hope to have them with us soon. Being 'kinde to strangers' seems the least we can do in this awful situation.



Sale of the Century?

Tickets are now available for our amazing Aspire Linlithgow silent auction! The Queen Margaret Hall at St Michael's RC Church will be the place to be on Friday 10th June at 7pm. The Aspire Linlithgow Silent Auction will give you the opportunity to bid on an amazing array of wonderful items. Enjoy wine and cheese while you ponder your bids. Tickets, at £15, are now available and selling fast. Get yours from Margaret Henderson on [01506 844787](tel:01506844787) or at msh45@btinternet.com.



If you can't make the silent auction event on 10th June, you can still bid on several of the same items by registering for our online auction. Bid up to make sure no-one tops you on the night! Online bidding opens on Monday 30th May and runs to Thursday 9th June.

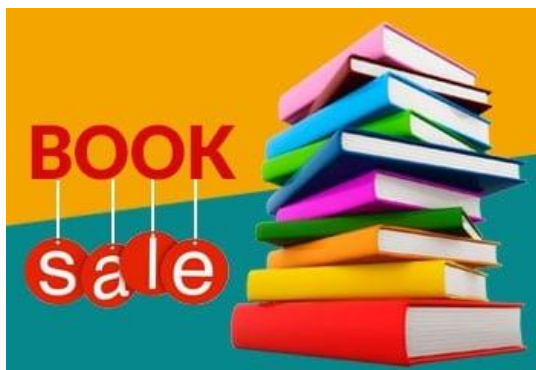
Contact aspirelinlithgow@gmail.com to register for the online auction.



Christian Aid Week is Here!

A reminder that Christian Aid Week 2022 runs from 15-21 May. If you receive an envelope through your door, you're very welcome to return it by popping it through the letterbox at Cross House. And if not, you can access the Linlithgow area e-envelope to give online:

<https://envelope.christianaid.org.uk/envelope/linlithgow-e-envelope?channel=status> or through this QR code.



Books, Books, Books

The first and second book sales for Aspire Linlithgow have been such a success that another one has been arranged, for Saturday 21st May from 10am-12:30pm. Come along to the Kirk Hall, take what you like and donate what you like! You can give by cash or card. You're also very welcome to bring books, DVDs, CDs and even LPs to donate for future sales.

Chaffee Chat

Onward toward the summer we go! We had a smashing re-launch of Messy Church on 23rd April, which saw about thirty people come from St Michael's and St John's.

Further, after some careful behind the scenes work these past months, we have launched Youth Fellowship again! Meeting bi-monthly through May and June, it will serve as a great teaser for next year. There were eleven teens out on 8 May—and what Youth Fellowship meeting would be complete without a trip to the Golden Chip? Next up: The Marches, and then Holiday Club from 8-11 August. More information next month!





End of Session Celebration

The Guild shared a wonderful night of friendship and fellowship on 9th May, to mark the end of the 2021-22 session during which they were able to resume meeting together every 2 weeks. Thanks to the Park Bistro for a wonderful meal, and to Nicole at Strawberry Luxe for a superb after-dinner treat. And congratulations also to Margaret and the committee for the energy with which they have supported and encouraged members

familiar and new alike through these difficult times.

Floral Delights Ahead

On Sunday 19th June from 2pm-5pm, Janet and John Carswell will be hosting a Garden Open Day at Jock's Hill, Philip Avenue, Linlithgow, in aid of Aspire Linlithgow. Entry of £5 includes tea (please bring your own mug). Disabled parking only, which is available by prior arrangement on 845698.



Sunday Services



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Our worship services are every Sunday at 10am. As Covid-19 remains highly transmissible, please consider taking a lateral flow test before attending for worship, maintain sensible social distancing, and, if you wish, wear a mask at all times while inside the

church building. Three pews at the rear have retained 1m guidance for those wishing greater separation. We look forward to worshipping with you, safely and joyfully, Sunday by Sunday.

Services at Springfield School are **at 09:45** and you are invited to enter the school hall by the fire door.

If you are not able to attend in person, our main church services are live-streamed:

Website: <https://www.stmichaelsparish.org.uk>

Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/stmichaelsparishlinlithgow/>

They are available shortly after the end of the service for at least a fortnight on the Kirk website under 'Faith'/'Worship Replay' or <http://www.stmichaelsparish.org.uk/replay> and later on YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/c/StMichaelsLinlithgow>

One for the Diary



Holy Communion, Sunday 29 May at 10am

Our next quarterly Communion service takes place in the church on Sunday 29 May at 10am. For reasons of health and safety, there will be no common cup. Participants will be served portions of bread and wine in individual glasses.

We also have Holy Communion in the Kirk Hall at 3pm with Rev Dr Liam Fraser. Again, participants will be served portions of bread and wine in individual glasses.

CDs and printed copies of the Sunday service are also available to those without internet. Please check in with neighbours and friends to see if they would like a copy and contact the office: info@stmichaels-parish.org.uk

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