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SERVICES & EVENTS

Kalender April / May 2012

Sundays 9.00 am *Eucharist* 11.00am *Sung Eucharist*
There is no Sunday School /Mini Mungo Club at present, but children are always welcome at our services.
Story cards and Children's Communion Books are always available.

Wednesdays in the Lady Chapel 10.00 am *Eucharist*

Holy Week and Easter Services

1st April - Palm Sunday

9.00 am Blessing of Palms & Eucharist
11.00 am Blessing of Palms & Sung Eucharist

Monday 7.00 pm Stations of the Cross 8.00 pm Eucharist
Tuesday 2.00 pm Stations of the Cross 3.00 pm Eucharist
Wednesday 9.00 am Stations of the Cross 10.00 am Eucharist

Maundy Thursday

7.30 pm Solemn Eucharist of the Lord's Supper
followed by the Stripping of the Altar
and Watch of the Passion until midnight

Good Friday

11.00 am Ecumenical Walk of Witness
2.00 pm The Good Friday Liturgy

Holy Saturday

9.00 pm Service of Light
and Lighting of the Paschal Candle

8th April - Easter Sunday

9.00 am Eucharist
11.00 am Sung Eucharist

CHRIST IS RISEN



Readers and Intercessors Rota: April / May 2012

9 am Eucharist Reader (RCL Year B)		11 am Sung Eucharist Reader (RCL, Year B)		Intercessor
1st April Palm Sunday	Ian A.	John G.	Isaiah 50 : 4 - 9a Psalm 31 : 9 - 16 Philippians 2 : 5 - 11	Jock S-P
8th April Easter Sunday	John S.	Jock S-P	Isaiah 25 : 6 - 9 Psalm 118 : 2 / 24 Acts 10 : 34 - 43	Pauline D.
15th April Easter 2	Ian A.	Jim M.	Acts 4 : 32 - 35 Psalm 133 1 John 1 : 1 - 2 : 2	Pat B.
22nd April Easter 3	John S.	Jean B.	Acts 3 : 12 - 19 Psalm 4 1 John 3 : 1 - 7	Jim M.
29th April Easter 4	Ian A.	Pat B.	Acts 4 : 5 - 12 Psalm 23 1 John 3 : 16 - 24	Fiona W.
6th May Easter 5	John S.	Pauline	Acts 8 : 26 - 40 Psalm 22 : 24 - 30 1 John 4 : 7 - 21	Jock S-P
13th May Easter 6	Ian A.	Jim M.	Acts 10 : 44 - 48 Psalm 98 1 John 5 : 1 - 6	Pauline D.
20th May Easter 7	John S.	Jock S-P	Acts 1 : 15 / 26 Psalm 1 1 John 5 : 9 - 13	Pat B.
27th May Pentecost	Ian A.	Jean B.	TBA	Jim M.
3rd June Trinity Sunday	John S.	Pat B.	Isaiah 6 : 1 - 8 Psalm 29 Romans 8 : 12 - 17	Fiona W.

Readers, please arrive at the Church in time to make sure that the book is on the Lectern and open at the right place before the service starts. At the 9.00 am Eucharist the reading is normally just the Second Reading/Epistle from the Revised Common Lectionary, and at the 11.00 am Sung Eucharist readings from the Revised Common Lectionary, as shown above. In the RCL it is Year B. The page numbers and layout are the same as in the smaller paper-back edition. Please ensure that the "book" is passed on to the next week's reader. If you need to change dates, please arrange an exchange.

FROM THE RECTORY

Dear Friends

It feels very strange to know that I am writing my last magazine letter as your priest.

As I prepare for retirement at the end of April, I find myself looking back over the years, as well as looking to the future. When I started training with TISEC* in 1993 women were still not eligible to be ordained priest in the Scottish Episcopal Church, although it was under discussion. I had no expectation of being “in Charge” of anything, ever; it was more a matter of offering myself in God’s service and leaving the outcome to God.



I completed my TISEC training, and was ordained Deacon in December 1996, then Priest in April 1998, Bishop John Taylor’s last ordination before he retired. I served as Honorary Curate in St. Cyprian’s, Lenzie, our “home church” since 1968, when we first moved from Dundee to Kirkintilloch. I was encouraged and reassured in my ministry to find that, one after another, doors opened, and that God continued to lead me step by step, eventually to St. Mungo’s, in February 2001.

Eleven years ago you gave me a wonderful welcome as your priest, with my husband John, and we have all travelled together on the journey of life, with God’s loving care and protection, sharing in each others’ joys and sorrows, and supporting each other with prayer and helping hands. I cannot claim to have been the perfect prophet, priest, pastor and evangelist, but with your support, and John’s, I have done my best. It has been a privilege to be your priest.

And now it is time for all of us to move on.

John and I will be moving back to our house in Kirkintilloch in May. We know that we are going to miss your friendship and fellowship, and we cannot thank you enough for all the loving care which you have given us and our family. Along with Bess and Flora, our two Border Collies, we shall also miss walking in Balloch Park - the towpath on the Forth and Clyde canal comes a very poor second!

St. Mungo’s too will be moving on. You have shown that moving on is something you can cope with. Eleven years ago appointing a woman Priest-in-Charge was something new (and possibly a little scary for some people?), but you have coped with me - so don’t be afraid of the future - go for it!

None of us can do better than to follow the advice from the well-known poem:

“...put your hand into the hand of God. That shall be to you better than a light and safer than a known way.”

May the blessings of Easter be with you all

Yours, *Sally*

Vestry Notes

Property Convenor

After more than fifty years caring for the buildings at St. Mungo's, Stewart Murdoch has decided that it is time to hang up his tools and his Convenor's clipboard, and pass on the overalls! We cannot thank Stewart enough for everything he has done over the years, overseeing major works, and being very "hands-on" with all manner of repairs and maintenance in the Church, Rectory, and Hall. It's only a year or two since he was found up a ladder fixing a couple of fallen slates on the church roof - at the age of 80+. I am not sure what frightened him more - the possibility of falling off, or Jessie finding out! Thank you, Stewart, from everyone at St. Mungo's. Stewart remains Priest's Warden.

At the Vestry meeting in February the Vestry agreed unanimously to appoint James Murdoch (known to us as Jim) as Property Convenor. We are all very grateful to Jim for taking on this extra responsibility. Jim remains People's Warden.

Vestry Member

Pat Brooks has stepped down from the Vestry due to pressure of work and family commitments. As permitted by the Constitution, the Vestry has decided not to fill this vacancy meantime.

Church Library

You may have noticed a small bookcase at the back of the Church, with a number of (mainly Christian) religious books and leaflets on a variety of topics for anyone to borrow. There is no absolute guarantee that there is something for everyone, but hopefully most St. Mungo's folk may find some interesting food for thought there!



Church Organ

Our pipe organ has been inspected by a representative of the Institute of Organ Studies, and found to be a special Organ, of particular historic interest, virtually unchanged (except for being tuned on a regular basis) since it was built in the 1930s for a church in Derbyshire. The Vestry has agreed that we should proceed with registration in the Institute's Register of Historic Pipe Organs. There is no fee or charge involved.

Dean's Visitation

The Dean of the Diocese, the Very Rev'd Ian Barcroft, made an official visitation/inspection of the buildings, and various Church Registers, documents, liturgies, etc. on Friday 24th February, and met both outgoing and incoming Property Convenors and our Vulnerable Group Protection Co-ordinator, as well as our Priest. He indicated that all Registers and Liturgical Forms are in good order; the buildings and grounds appear to be generally in good order, particularly the Hall kitchen; our official Quinquennial Review of the buildings is now overdue, and should be attended to soon; the Diocesan Property Committee can help with resources and advice; details of all work done to be recorded in the Property Register.



Growth Strategy Update

Vestry Members, assisted by members of the congregation, have been gathering information for our Community Audit. If you haven't done your research and handed in your contributions yet, please do so asap - the more information we have, the better we will understand the needs of the local community in which we minister and witness. The Vestry next meets with Gill Reynolds, our facilitator, on Thursday 22nd March.

Vulnerable Group Protection

At the recent Vestry meeting the Vestry, on behalf of the whole congregation, formally adopted the SEC Statement of Intent printed out below.

The Scottish Episcopal Church recognises the special status of all vulnerable people, particularly those who, because they are affected by disability, mental disorder, illness, infirmity or ageing, are unable to protect themselves from abuse, or more vulnerable to being abused than persons who are not so affected. Because of their vulnerability, such people will be awarded special protection. They are to be respected as persons in their own right, created and loved by God. We therefore commit ourselves to take all steps within our power to keep vulnerable people safe from harm and from abuse of trust.

Action of Churches Together in the Vale

Good Friday

There will be an ecumenical Walk of Witness with the Cross, starting at St. Mungo's at 11.00 am and ending at Our Lady & St. Mark's Church round about noon, with prayers, readings and hymns at places along the way. The idea is that we are seen to proclaim our Christianity in the community, reminding others what Good Friday is all about. The bigger the turnout, the more effective our witness will be. It is hoped that as many people as possible will join in, for at least part of the walk.



Diocesan Festal Evensong



**Celebrating the visit
of the Gothenburg
Diocesan Office Staff**

to

The Diocese of Glasgow & Galloway

at

St Mary's Cathedral
300 Great Western Road
Glasgow

Sunday 13th May 2012

6.30 pm

**Please come along and make this a
special occasion for our Diocese as we
welcome friends from the Swedish Church**

Refreshments will be served after the Service

*Please contact the Diocesan Centre with the number of people attending
from your congregation by Friday 4th May. Tel. 0141 221 5720/ 2694*

Diocesan Synod Saturday 3rd March 2012 at the Barony, Lochmaben

This was my first attendance at a Diocesan Synod and having read the papers, I did think it may be heavy going. I need not have worried!

It was an early start from Alexandria but having registered and picked out a number for the allotted table, I was revived by a good cup of coffee. The day began with the Eucharist and after a short break, it was time for the business of the day.

Bishop Gregor set the tone for the meeting which was efficient but relaxed. Appointments were agreed, minutes approved and reports accepted. Canons for first reading were interesting and included the ability for lay communicant members of private chapels in religious communities to elect a lay representative.

The motions approved by the Diocesan Council included ‘that Holy Cross, Knightswood, having become so reduced in numbers and in financial resources that the constitution of the church can no longer be kept in operation, shall cease to be an Incumbency, and that the Bishop shall make due provision in terms of Canon 36.12’ The congregation of Holy Cross will continue to worship there.

There was a DVD presentation about the Bishop’s Lenten Appeal, Waverley Care then, after an excellent lunch, we resumed with Growth Strategy Workshops. I participated in the Mapping Workshop which tested my poor artistic talents but I was pleased that we are up to speed at St Mungo’s.

The main business of the afternoon was the consultation on the Anglican Covenant. We spent time discussing the issues in our groups and gave feedback. There was little support for the covenant, the majority not being in favour.

The Bishop closed proceedings with a blessing and we returned home informed and invigorated.

Pauline Dow
Lay Representative.

At the Synod the Clergy of the Diocese elected a new Canon, the Rev’d Dr. Scott Robertson, and a new Synod Clerk, the Rev’d Shelley Marsh, to replace clergy who are retiring.

Sally

A story (?) from the *Daily Mail*, Tuesday 24th January 2012

In a small town, there were plans for a brothel to open directly opposite a church. The church and its congregation immediately started a campaign against it with petitions and prayers.

Work progressed on the brothel. However when it was almost complete and was about to open, a bolt of lightning struck the brothel and it was burnt to the ground.

The church folk were rather smug in their outlook after that, until the brothel owner sued the church on the grounds that the church, through its congregation and prayers, was ultimately responsible for the destruction of the brothel, either through direct or indirect actions or means.

In its reply to the court, the church denied all responsibility or any connection that their prayers were reasons for the act of God.

As the case made its way to court, the judge looked over the paperwork and commented: “ I don’t know how I’ll decide this case, as it appears that we have a brothel owner who believes in the power of prayer, and we have an entire church congregation that doesn’t.”

Recent Charity Appeals

The collection for Cancer Research UK in December raised £100

The retiring collection at our service of Nine Lessons and Carols for St.

Augustine’s Gambia Education Project raised £58.

Many thanks to all those who contributed.



The Church will be prepared for Easter on
Saturday 7th April, starting at 10 am.

Please come and lend a hand with flowers,
brasses, sweeping, polishing, making the tea
etc.

STAINERS CRUCIFIXION

St. Michael's Church Director of Music, Martyn Marshall, is pleased to announce that 'Stainers Crucifixion' will be performed in St. Michael's Church on Good Friday, 6th April, at 1730.

John Stainer was considered to be one of the most distinguished musicians of his generation. For the Crucifixion he collaborated with the Reverend J. Sparrow-Simpson who selected the text and wrote the words. It was first performed in February 1887 at Marylebone Parish Church and was well received. In later years however, there was adverse criticism in some quarters, but its continued popularity with choirs and congregations is a testament to its success as a *Passiontide* contemplation.

With Martyn Marshall conducting the enhanced choir, his deputy Barbara Wenborn will be the Organist. The 28 choristers will mainly come from the United Reform Church and St. Michael's, with a few extra vocalists from St. Mungo's, St. Andrew's Kirk and the High Kirk, Dunoon.

This dramatic and moving Passion includes 'God so loved the World' and five hymns which the congregation are invited to sing. These hymns are considered by many to be *'among the most memorable hymn tunes we shall ever hear'*. The meditation ends on a high - hope for the future - as we look forward to Easter Day.

Come and join us if you can.

Monthly Rota for April / June.

Sidesmen/women Rota

Alicia S.	April 1st and May 6th
Derek R.	April 8th, 15th and May 13th, 20th
Tom and Ian M.	Apr. 22nd and May 27th
Bob McL	Apr. 29th and June 3rd

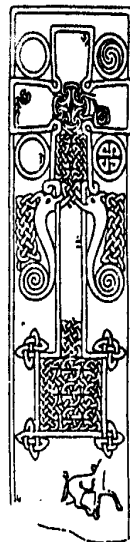
Cleaning Rota

Fiona and Jean	May 6th
Lynnette	Apr. 1st and May 13th
Eveline	April 8th and May 20th
Finella and Jean	Apr. 15th and May 27th
Iona and Mary	Apr. 22nd and June 3rd
Margaret and Robert	Apr. 29th

Flowers

P. D.	May 6th and Mar 13th
F.S	May 20th and May 27th
J.M	Apr. 15th and June 3rd
E. MacP	Apr. 22nd and Apr. 29th

No flowers till April 8th, All helpers 7th April



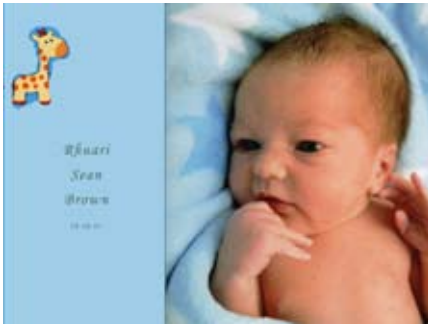
From the Registers

Funeral

7th December 2011	Cardross Crematorium	Robert H. Dyer	age 81
14th December 2011	Vale of Leven Cemetery	David Smith	age 47
6th February 2012	Cardross Crematorium	Margaret E. B. McNab Prentice (Pearl)	age 88

Baptism

4th December 2011	Rhuari Sean Brown	baby
19th February 2012	Chelsea Anne Ely	adult



Congratulations to Alex and Gary on the birth of their son Rhuari Sean. The christening took place in St Mungo's in December last year.

Congratulations also to Brenda and Derek on becoming great grandparents again.



Also Congratulations to Chelsea Anne Ely pictured with Sally after her Christening on 19th February.

