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Sharing the joy of Christ's love with all





SERVICES & EVENTS

Kalender August / September 2013

Sundays 9.00 am *Eucharist* (St Augustines) 11.00am (*Sung Eucharist* (St Mungo's)
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* (St Mungo's)



Front Cover: David Cook thanked for his 15 months at St Mungo's

Readers and Intercessors Rota: August / September 2013

Reading and leading Intercessions
Revised Common Lectionary readings: Year C (Track 1)

	<i>Reader</i>		<i>Intercessor</i>
4th August 10th after Trinity	Pauline	Hosea 11.1-11 Psalm 107.1-9,43 Colossians 3.1-11 Luke 12.13-21	Pauline
11th August 11th after Trinity	Jean B	Isaiah 1.1,10-20 Psalm 50.1-8,23-24 Hebrews 11.1-3,8-16 Luke 12.32-40	Fiona W
18th August 12th after Trinity	Iain T	Isaiah 5.1-7 Psalm 80.1-2,8-18 Hebrews 11.29-12.2 Luke 12.49-56	Iain T
25th August 13th after Trinity	Jim M	Jeremiah 1.4-10 Psalm 71.1-6 Hebrews 12.18-29 Luke 13.10-17	Jim M
1st September 14th after Trinity	Pauline	Jeremiah 2.4-13 Psalm 81.1,10-16 Hebrews 13.1-8,15-16 Luke 14.1,7-14	Pauline
8th September 15th after Trinity	Jean B	Jeremiah 18.1-11 Psalm 139,1-5,12-17 Philemon 1-21 Luke 14.25-33	Fiona W
15th September 16th after Trinity	Iain T	Jeremiah 4.11-12,22-28 Psalm 14 1 Timothy 1.12-17 Luke 15.1-10	Iain T
22nd September 17th after Trinity	Jim M	Jeremiah 8.18-9.1 Psalm 79.1-9 1 Timothy 2.1-7 Luke 16.1-13	Jim M
29th September 18th after Trinity	Jean B	Jeremiah 32.1-3a,6-15 Psalm 91.1-6,14-16 1 Timothy 6.6-19 Luke 16.19-31	Fiona W

From Kenny Macaulay, Interim Priest-in-Charge

Dear friends,

I know that since Sally left, things have not been easy for the people of St Mungo's. It has been a period of instability, and although Fr David Cook has been wonderful for you, it has been a period when your future has been uncertain, and at times unbearable.

Hanging in the almost immediate future is a linkage with St Augustine's Dumbarton, and a Team Ministry which will cover both parishes and bring about the stability, leadership and vision which you desperately need. Unfortunately, that can't happen tomorrow, as canonical procedures have to be gone through, and we need to advertise for a new half-time priest who will be part of that Team Ministry. That takes some time.

Fr David has gone above and beyond what was asked of him, and has provided far more than is expected of an Interim Priest-in-Charge. I know that you have appreciated this, and he is aware of your gratitude.

Until the formal linkage is done and dusted, I have been asked to be your Interim Priest-in-Charge, but I'm afraid that I cannot possibly live up to David's standards! I am the only priest covering both parishes, and I have a Curate in training who is still, up until the end of September, only a Deacon. Pat Smith still has two years of training left, and we must be aware of that fact. However, Pat will still be a member of The Team when that time comes around, a Priest in training.

Meanwhile, you have only me! I have explained to the 9am people that we can't

support that service until Pat is ordained priest, and I encourage the 9am service people either to join with the 11am folk, or come to Dumbarton at 9am on a Sunday.

The Wednesday services will continue, and, as from August, I have moved the Wednesday service in St Augustine's to Thursday so that you can be assured of a priest to celebrate the Eucharist on Wednesdays as usual.

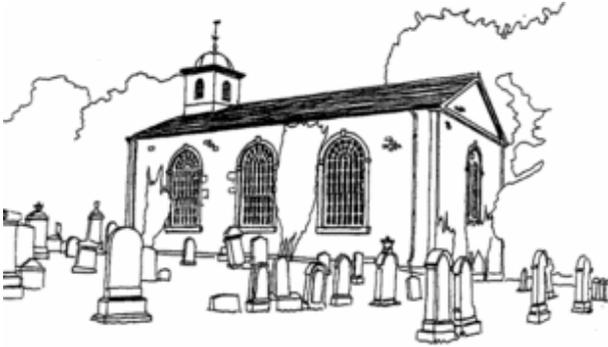
I am available for pastoral matters as your Priest-in-Charge, including sick visits, Vestry Meetings, funerals and in times of trouble. However, your 11am service will be taken by clergy from all over the Diocese who will support you until the linkage comes into being.

In a few months, I will be your Rector, and things will be different. We will be able to support both parishes fully, and there will be a new beginning. Your Mission Action Plan will be implemented and there will be a new energy at St Mungo's. I look forward to that day.

Rest assured that the services will remain the same, in the future, and the style of St Mungo's will not alter greatly. You have a great history and tradition, and I promise you that this will not change.

Meanwhile, we trudge through the wilderness weeks until the linkage takes place. Please stay faithful to your church and support all that is going on. Numbers are down, and that is understandable, but we need you all, and let's get together and pray that this new beginning is acceptable and wonderful for Our Lord.

Bicentennial of Kilmaronock Church by Pauline



I was honoured to be invited to represent St Mungo's at this celebration on 21st July.

As I was at the 9am Eucharist and tidying up afterwards, it was a bit of a dash to make the 10.30 am service at Kilmaronock. There were so many cars there that the police were supervising the

parking and I was directed to the overflow in an adjacent field. The church bell stopped ringing as I got out of the car and I was seriously worried that I would disgrace St Mungo's by being really late. Fortunately I made it to the door just before the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, the Rt. Rev. Lorna Hood and managed to get the last seat!

How great to be in a packed church. There was a string quartet from Helensburgh in addition to the organ and the local group 'The B Flats' formed the choir. How wonderful when the whole congregation sang Psalm 100 'All people that on earth do dwell' with gusto – it quite took my breath away. Eilidh and Claudia, two young pupils from Gartocharn Primary School, read from Isaiah with clarity and feeling and received well deserved spontaneous applause from the congregation. The Moderator delivered her sermon entitled 'Where does our hope lie?' with sensitivity, challenge and humour, leaving us with lots to ponder!

The culmination of the service was the Admission of Seven New Communicants. The Rev. Fred Booth introduced them all individually, telling a little of their interesting life histories and the very different reasons that brought them to the Church and the preparation for Admission. In all, a lovely service which I was privileged to attend. The celebration continued at the Millenium Hall with an excellent lunch, a fabulous cake depicting Kilmaronock Church and lots of chat!

It was good to meet up with St Mungo's folk who live in Gartocharn, especially Jock, who was there with his family, looking much better and celebrating his birthday with sandwiches and cakes. He hopes to be back at St Mungo's soon!

Community Fair

St Augustine's
Saturday 7th September

*St Mungo's have been invited to have a stall at this fair so please put the date in your diary so that you can support your church.
More details later.*

Notes from the vestry

Well here we are at another crossroad for St Mungo's. Thank you to all those people who attended the meeting in June to take the decision about the future, which was to establish a link with St Augustine's Dumbarton. The congregation of St Augustine's also voted in favour and the Dean has applied to the Provincial Committee for Ministry Support funding for St Mungo's to enable the appointment of a part time priest to complete the ministry team for the two charges. It is hoped that recruitment can begin late next month.

We said 'goodbye and many thanks' for all his care and support to Fr David Cook, who has been our Interim Priest-in-Charge for 15 months. He had agreed with the Bishop some months ago that when he returned from holiday, he would return to St Michael's full time. We have been blessed by his devotion and are richer for his ministry.



We now say 'Hello and welcome' to Fr Kenny Macaulay who is to be our new Interim Priest-in-Charge until such time as the link with St Augustine's is established when he will become Rector of the two charges.

There may need to be some adjustments to services for the next couple of months but please be patient. St Mungo's is on the brink of new and exciting times so let's go forward in faith and love.

Pauline

Obituary

Myrtle Scott-Park 1928 - 2013

Myrtle came to Gartocharn with her mother in 1953 from Hertfordshire. She met Jock and married him in 1956. She was a regular attender at St. Mungo's for over 50 years and supported our Sales of Work and other church events over all those years.



Myrtle was very sociable and liked to discuss the topics of the day after the church service over a cup of tea and regularly served the tea and coffee to the congregation on a Sunday. Then it was back to the farm as there was always something needing done.

She died peacefully at Portnellan after a short illness and her popularity in the village of Gartocharn and beyond was shown by a filled to capacity St Mungo's at her funeral in June. Condolences go to Jock and the family.

From the Registers

Funeral

4th June 2013

Myrtle Scott-Park

aged 85

Monthly Rota for Aug into Oct.

Sidesmen/women Rota

Alicia S.	Aug. 4th and Sept 8th
Tom and Ian M.	Aug. 11 and Sept. 15th
Jean Brown	Aug. 18th and Sept. 22nd
Tom and Ian M.	Aug. 25th, Sept 1st and 29th

Cleaning Rota

Fiona and Jean	Aug. 4th and Sept. 22nd
Lynnette	Aug. 11th and Sept. 29th
Eveline	Aug. 18th and Oct 6th
Finella and Jean	Aug. 25th
Iona and Mary	Sept. 1st
Margaret and Robert	Sept 8th
Rachel and Iain	Sept. 15th

Flowers

JM	Sept. 15th and 22nd	E. MacP	Aug 4th and 11th
PD	Aug. 18th and 25th	FS	Sept. 1st and 8th
E. MacP	Sept. 29th and Oct 6th		

