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## **From the Rector**

Dear Friends,

We often comment how quickly things change and not least with our cultural practices. Even something as basic as what we eat and drink – we were once a nation of tea drinkers! Well, some of us still are but coffee is certainly part of the scene now – just ask Ken Costa!

It's the same with retreats – not so long ago, it was almost the preserve of priests. How this has changed! People now go on retreat from all walks of life, religious and non-religious alike. It broadened from clergy to laity, from those with strong religious traditions; to those with no religious tradition at all; retreats are for everyone.

This year at St. Michael's, we are offering two different types of retreat. One is for the individual at home lasting the whole season of Lent and the other is much shorter; a residential retreat lasting a few days. One is Ignatian and comes out of a Jesuit spirituality and the other is from a Benedictine spirituality; a spirituality which has grown from the Rule of Benedict.

On page 9 of the last Messenger, there is information about the two retreats – they offer the retreatant two different experiences. The former is a slow burner over weeks; meeting with fellow retreatants once a week to touch base and then set out again alone for another week of prayer and reflection. The residential retreat is short and intense with a sense of withdrawing for a few days to a beautiful location; to take time out and dig deeply in a prayerful environment.

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## From the Rector (Continued)

These retreats strike at the heart of what we are about as Christian people. To deepen our spiritual lives which we do by creating a space; reflecting; praying and worshipping. I hope one or both will give you the tools to do just that.

Love

*Dom Ind, Rector*

## News

Lots of activity with Lent and Easter seasons coming up these months. Thank you to Chris and Shaun for this month's cover photo. The sad passing of Bobby Brown last month is commemorated in a small selection of anecdotes in this edition. Bobby will be much missed by everyone.

*Richard Smith, Editor*

## Notices

**MONTHLY COFFEE MORNING** The March Coffee Morning will be held at Sheila and Michael Baker's house, Westburn, 50 Campbell Street, Helensburgh G84 9NH at 10:30am on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March. Tel: 674686.

The April Coffee Morning will be held at Ann and Chris Packard's house, Kiloran, 14 Glasgow Street, Helensburgh G84 8EL at 10:30am on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April. Tel: 672722.

*Maureen Kyle*

**PALM SUNDAY** During the 10.30 am service on Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> April, there will be a dramatised reading of The Passion of Our Lord according to St. Matthew.

Though we are using a shorter version, it is to be a more dramatic production than previous years, and we would like the congregation to participate as much as possible, shouting, "Barabbas!" and "Crucify him!" where appropriate. Don't be afraid to stand up, shake your fists etc.

*Angela Russell*

**CONTRAFLOW COFFEE MORNING** Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March 10:00am to 12:00noon in Helensburgh Parish Church Hall. £2.50 entrance includes tea/coffee and home baking.

**DAFFODIL TEA** This year's Daffodil Tea will take place on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March at 2:30pm at the home of Rosemary and Michael Wilson, High Auchensail Farm, Cardross.

*Rosemary Wilson*

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES** On 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2020 at 6.30 pm at Choral Evensong, the Rev Ian Barcroft and the Rev Cedric Blakey will be made Honorary Canons in St Mary's Cathedral.

## Notices (continued)

Please note that on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May there will be no Choral Evensong but hopefully Evening Prayer at Townhead Farm (Rogation Sunday)

There is a hymn fest at Helensburgh Parish Church on Sun 28<sup>th</sup> June, so the last Evensong for the academic year will be Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June.

On Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2020 the service of Episcopal Installation for Bishop Kevin will take place in St. Mary's Cathedral at 12:00noon.

**BRIDGE NIGHT FOR MALAWI** Helensburgh Rotary are holding a Bridge Night at the Rugby Club on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March. The form is that groups will take tables at a cost of £40 each each table. Funds to go to Lingadzi. This is social bridge, not professional bridge. By that I mean that the conversation is usually better than the bridge.

*Reay Mackay*

## Vestry Report

The Vestry met on 14<sup>th</sup> January and began with opening prayers.

**THE RECTOR'S OPENING REMARKS** included: The Rector continues to act as Interim Priest at Dumbarton/Alexandria. Dumbarton is now well into the process of advertising for a new Rector. Alexandria, with a congregation of around 12, continues to depend on Revd. Pat Smith to lead Sunday services. The St Michaels website and Social Media profile continues to serve us well. The Drumfork Centre opening ceremony took place at the end of January, and the Rector continues to maintain contact with Drumfork as a link to the naval community. We had a very successful and well attended series of Christmas services. The 9 Lessons & Carols seemed to have been particularly well appreciated with an enthusiastic congregation of around 150. Dementia is a very relevant topic these days. The Rector is engaging with the Helensburgh Dementia Centre (opposite Costa) as another outreach activity. There will be a Lent Course in the form of an 'on-line retreat' run by Helen Gibson. In summary: The Rector commented that, with 95-100 communicants routinely attending our Sunday Sung Eucharist this indicates that St Michaels is thriving and that we have got 2020 off to a good start.

**MALAWI LINK:** The next fundraiser is the Bridge Evening & Raffle on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March 7:15 for 7:30pm at Helensburgh Rugby Club. £40 a table. Helensburgh Rotary may have identified an additional £1500 which, if forthcoming, would bring the total raised so far up to around £4,000, significant progress towards our £5,500 target. The Vestry agreed to a proposal that this year's Lent collection

## Vestry Report (continued)

should go towards the Malawi appeal.

### FINANCIAL MATTERS:

We had £44,145 in our Premium Account and £18,827 in the Current Account. There only has been routine expenditure and no major bills recently. The next large expenditure is the insurance bill due at the end of March. Our new accountant has been appointed, Caroline Kerr, an independent. The Vestry approved the appointment.

**PROPERTY MATTERS:** The Property Manager updated the Vestry on the following issues: CHURCH HEATING. 1 of our 2 boilers had been unserviceable and was rectified under manufacturers guarantee. It was noted that the church is still warm. Heating costs over the Christmas period seem reasonable although comparison with previous years is difficult. The running period for church heating (Thursday – Sunday) will be extended until the end of Evensong. LIGHTNING CONDUCTOR. The annual contractor's check had again resulted in a recommendation for £1,000 of work. There is significant doubt that this is really necessary, the contractor having been engaged following a requirement from our insurer several years ago. It was agreed to seek the advice of the diocesan surveyor. RECTOR'S NOTICE BOARD. The board has been updated to reflect the current Rector. WORKING PARTIES. The Vestry gratefully acknowledged the work of the working party that cleaned the passageway to the East of the church and put up the trunking on the heating system exhaust. Next working party to tackle the re-decoration of the lower hall. CURTAINS. We will shortly have replacement curtains in the upper hall, thanks to a kind donation.

**SAFEGUARDING:** There were no incidents to report. The necessary returns and reports have been sent to the Diocese.

**AOCB:** There had been adverse comments about the 'single use plastic' artificial candles used at 2 Christmas services. The view expressed was that 'single use plastics' are not to be encouraged, that the level of light from the artificial candles was insufficient, ambience was reduced and could we therefore revert to wax candles. The reason for not using wax candles was for safety and to avoid wax spillage. The 'single use plastic' artificial candles were retained and can be used again. **NEXT MEETING:** Tuesday 3rd March

The meeting closed with the Grace.

*Nick Davies, Hon. Secretary*



Our Mothers Union Meetings continue in March and April on the Second and Fourth Thursdays at 10.30am in the Upper Hall.

On 12th March our speaker will be Katrina Sayer from Jean's Bothy.

On 23rd April Chris Sanders will give us a presentation about his book 'Helensburgh and Rhu through Time'

All members of the congregation are invited to come to our meetings.

*Richard Horrell, Branch Leader*



Having spent January and February pouring over seed catalogues and choosing the best plant ideas for our gardens, now is the time to decide what to do with said seed and plants. The orders are in, carefully selected for best scent, colour and spectacular results not forgetting the need to care for our insect pollinators and bees. I read last week that in Britain we are on track to lose at least a third of our Bumble Bees of which we have 25 species. They apparently breed much more successfully in urban areas like ours than in rural areas because of the floral displays in parks and small gardens and there are better places for them make their homes in our gardens and walls. Bumble bees are usually solitary and do not live in hives. The unfortunate drive to achieve the perfect lawn by removing all weeds also removes the welcoming habitat for Bumble Bees. Clover flowers and dandelions are nectar rich food much sought after by the bees and other insects, moths, butterflies and hover flies. I even keep a small patch of nettles in my small back garden to encourage the types of butterflies (peacocks, red admiral and small tortoiseshell) which prefer them for food for their caterpillars so far I have been unsuccessful in attracting them but hope springs eternal.

The next problem is the planting medium, so many gardeners are still using peat based compost which is a resource which is not easily replaced in the wild. We know that destroying the tropical rainforests is bad for wildlife and the climate not so many people realise that lowland raised peat bogs are also vast stores of carbon



dioxide and help to slow down climate change. Gardeners use 2.1 million cubic metres of peat each year, the equivalent of 24,000 double decker buses full of peat. 94% of Britain's peat bogs are damaged or destroyed and it will take 7,000 years to replace them. Now we are importing the peat from the Republic of Ireland and destroying their precious habitats in the process.

For further information, see Scottish Wildlife Trust website <https://scottishwildlifetrust.org.uk/> and Scottish Allotments and Gardens Society website <http://www.sags.org.uk/>

*Margaret Horrell*

## St. Michael and All Angels Retreat 2020

Dom is leading a 4-day retreat in September 2020 at the Bield at Blackruthven, just outside of Perth. He is leading the retreat using the book 'Seeking God (The Way of St Benedict)' by Esther de Waal. Esther is a Benedictine and Celtic scholar, wife of a former Rector of Canterbury and mother of four sons. She is known for her way of incorporating monastic wisdom into everyday life.

The Bield is a lovely retreat centre with excellent facilities that we are welcome to use. It has a beautiful chapel, a conference room for our use, a lounge with a wood burner, a library, prayer rooms, an art room, a heated indoor swimming pool and extensive grounds, which include a labyrinth. We have booked for 12 places, which ensures a single room for those who want one, but rooms are mainly double or twin should people wish to share. One en-suite twin room on the ground floor has wheelchair access. The evening meal is set but with advance notice, the kitchen can cater for vegetarian, dairy-free and gluten free diets.

The website for more information is <https://www.bieldatblackruthven.org.uk/>

The date of the retreat is Tuesday 22nd September to Friday 25th September 2020. There is a £30 non-refundable deposit to book a space and the cost of the retreat is approximately £250. Places are limited and so please contact Helen Gibson email: [drhgibson@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:drhgibson@yahoo.co.uk) or on 820678 if you wish to book.

*Helen Gibson*

# CMS Scottish Conference

## Mission in South Sudan and Scotland



SATURDAY MARCH 7th

ST JAMES BISHOPBRIGGS

Suggested contribution £3.00  
\*Soup provided, bring sandwiches.  
**Venue:** St James the Less Church hall, Hilton Road, Bishopbriggs, G64 3EL.

**Getting there:** There is ample parking at the church hall. Also Bishopbriggs has a train station. There are half hourly train services from Queen Street Station and the journey takes 6 minutes. If you are coming from Edinburgh, you can take a Glasgow Queen Street train that goes via Croy and then change for a Bishopbriggs train which will be going to Queen Street.

Contact Paul Watson on 07943026773 or [paulrobertwatson@gmail.com](mailto:paulrobertwatson@gmail.com) if you need a life from the station or for any other information.

10.00am Coffee and Welcome  
10.30am Session 1  
South Sudan Lynn Treneary  
11.30am Coffee  
11.45 am Session 2  
Secular Scotland Paul Watson  
12.45 pm lunch (\*)  
1.30 pm CMS matters  
Jim Baker (CMS Oxford)  
2.15pm News and prayer  
3.00pm Finish

## Bobby Brown RIP

### HOPE AND EXPECTATION

Today my clock says 90, with so much I haven't done  
I hope that I'll be spared until my clock says 91

But if I haven't finished all the things I want to do  
Please may I stay awhile until I'm 92

Rangers back in SPL I still would like to see  
So I'd love to be around until I'm 93

My daughters all have lovely kids, they've got so much in store  
Maybe I should be around until I'm 94

And if by then I'm still alive I'd like to live to 95  
There'll be more aircraft in the sky and lots of sunshine picks

A one hour flight to the Algarve by the time I'm 96?  
I know of course it's much to ask, it must be nice in Heaven

But I'd like to stay away until I'm 97  
I know by then I'll not be fast and sometimes I'll be late

But I'm sure it will be pleasant here when I'm 98  
I've seen so many things and had a wonderful time

I'm sure I would be willing to leave at 99  
Then if I reach 100, and if Adam makes it too

WE'LL TANDEM THROUGH THE HIGHLAND GLENS  
JUST LIKE WE USED TO DO??

*Bobby Brown 1923-2020*

## Bobby Brown (continued)

When our elder son Andrew got his first post as a PE teacher in Walsall, he was befriended by a couple of PE teachers who had graduated from Jordanhill. This couple were like substitute grandparents to him and were very supportive to a fledgling teacher. They stayed close friends long after Andrew had moved on and got married.

In later years Andy Matthews, by now a widower and depressed phoned to say he was the last of a breed, knew no-one of his own age nobody to relate to. I asked if he knew Bobby Brown who would have been a contemporary of his at Jordanhill. Yes, he said and I told him Bobby attended our church.

On the following Sunday I gave his name and phone number to Bobby and asked if he could give him a phone to boost him up a bit. Without hesitation Bobby agreed to phone Andy and they had a long chat about old times at Jordanhill and had a continued friendship until Andy's decease. *Margaret Horrell*

Joan Sadden reminded me the other day of how Bobby, in his role as a Sidesperson greeting the congregation in the church porch, would always greet every man with a courteous and friendly handshake and all the ladies with a kiss. On occasion it was not unknown for certain ladies to pass through the church and out the Hall door to repeat this experience.

When my wife and I were new to the congregation, Bobby was one of those who befriended us and welcomed us to the church. In the days before I became orthopaedically incompetent on the hills, Jianping and I assisted in helping Bobby to conquer the "Dumpling" at Gartocharn by pushing him up the steep parts. What an inspiration he was to us all. *Richard Smith*



## CALENDAR FOR MARCH

### **FEBRUARY**

#### **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February**

7:30pm Lent retreat

### **MARCH**

#### **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March – First of Lent**

8:00am Said Eucharist (1970 Rite)

10:30-11:15am Young Church

10:30-11:30am Sung Eucharist (1982)

6:30pm Prayer Book Choral Evensong

#### **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March – Feria**

9:15-9:45am Church Prayer Group

10:30am Said Eucharist (1982 Rite)

6:30pm Vestry Meeting Lower Hall

#### **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March**

10:30am Monthly Coffee Morning

7:30pm Lent retreat

#### **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March**

9:00am Rambling Club Dalmuir/  
Bowling/Dumbarton

10:00am CMS Scottish Conference at St  
James the Less Church Hall Bishopbriggs

2:00-4:00pm Fishy Music at Cardross  
Church Halls – See Notice Board

7:00pm City of Glasgow Chorus concert  
at St. Michael's

#### **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March – Second of Lent**

8:00am Said Eucharist (1970 Rite)

10:30-11:15am Young Church

10:30-11:30am Sung Eucharist (1982)

6:30pm Prayer Book Choral Evensong

#### **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March – Feast-day of St**

**Kessog, Monk, Bishop, Martyr c700**

9:15-9:45am Church Prayer Group

10:30am Said Eucharist (1982 Rite)

#### **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March**

10:30am Mothers' Union Speaker Katrina  
Sayer from Jean's Bothy

7:30pm Lent retreat

#### **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March – Third of Lent**

8:00am Said Eucharist (1970 Rite)

10:30-11:15am Young Church

10:30-11:30am Sung Eucharist (1982)

6:30pm Prayer Book Choral Evensong

#### **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March – Feast-day of St.**

**Patrick, Bishop, Patron of Ireland**

9:15-9:45am Church Prayer Group

10:30am Said Eucharist (1982 Rite)

2:30pm Cardross House Communion

#### **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March**

2:30pm Kilcreggan House Communion

#### **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March**

7:30pm Lent retreat

#### **Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March**

9:00am Rambling Club Bridge of Orchy to  
Inveroran

#### **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March – Mothering Sunday**

8:00am Said Eucharist (1970 Rite)

10:30-11:15am Young Church

10:30-11:30am Sung Eucharist (1982)

2:30-5:00pm Daffodil Tea at the Wilsons'  
High Auchensail Farm

6:30pm Evensong at St. Mary's Cathedral  
– Installation of Revd Ian Barcroft and  
Revd Cedric Blakey as Honorary Canons

\*No Evensong\* Helensburgh Oratorio  
Choir performance at Parish Church

#### **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March – The Annunciation**

**of the Lord**

9:15-9:45am Church Prayer Group

10:30am Said Eucharist (1982 Rite)

#### **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March**

10:30am Mothers' Union

7:30pm Lent retreat

## /APRIL 2020

#### **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March**

7:15pm Bridge night at Helensburgh

Rugby Club on behalf of Malawi Sports  
Centre, Lingadze

#### **Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March – Passion Sunday**

8:00am Said Eucharist (1970 Rite)

10:30-11:15am Young Church

10:30-11:30am Sung Eucharist (1982)

6:30pm Prayer Book Choral Evensong

#### **Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March – Feast-day of John**

**Donne, Priest, Poet**

9:15-9:45am Church Prayer Group

10:30am Said Eucharist (1982 Rite)

### **APRIL**

#### **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April**

10:30am Monthly Coffee Morning

7:30pm Lent retreat

#### **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April**

9:00am Rambling Club Crinan and the  
Canal

#### **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April – Palm Sunday**

8:00am Said Eucharist (1970 Rite)

10:30-11:15am Young Church

10:30-11:30am Sung Eucharist (1982)

\*Liturgy starts in Upper Hall\*

6:30pm Prayer Book Choral Evensong

#### **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April – Tuesday of Holy**

**Week**

9:15-9:45am Church Prayer Group

10:30am Said Eucharist (1982 Rite)

7:30pm Lent retreat

#### **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April – Maundy Thursday**

10:30am Mothers' Union

7:30pm Sung Eucharist

#### **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April – Good Friday**

2:00pm Solemn Liturgy

#### **Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> April – Holy Saturday**

8:00pm Easter Vigil

#### **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April – Easter Day**

8:00am Said Eucharist (1970 Rite)

10:30-11:15am Young Church

10:30-11:30am Sung Eucharist (1982)

6:30pm Prayer Book Choral Evensong

#### **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April – Tuesday in Easter**

**Week**

9:15-9:45am Church Prayer Group

10:30am Said Eucharist (1982 Rite)

#### **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April**

10:30am Mothers' Union

#### **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April**

9:00am Rambling Club Glasgow Canal and  
River Kelvin Walkway

#### **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April - Second of Easter**

\*No 8am Eucharist\*

10:30-11:15am Young Church

10:30-11:30am Sung Eucharist (1982)

\*No Evensong\*

#### **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April**

\*No Eucharist\*

#### **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April**

10:30am Mothers' Union Speaker Chris  
Sanders

#### **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April – Third of Easter**

8:00am Said Eucharist (1970 Rite)

10:30-11:15am Young Church

10:30-11:30am Sung Eucharist (1982)

6:30pm Prayer Book Choral Evensong

#### **Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April – Feria**

9:15-9:45am Church Prayer Group

10:30am Said Eucharist (1982 Rite)

2:30pm Cardross House Communion

2:30pm Bible Study Group

#### **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April**

2:30pm Kilcreggan House Communion

#### **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April**

7:30pm Lent retreat

\*Change of Timing\*

## DATE SET FOR ENTHRONEMENT OF NEW BISHOP OF GLASGOW & GALLOWAY

The Right Reverend Kevin Pearson will be enthroned as the new Bishop of Glasgow & Galloway at 12 noon on Saturday 4 July, at St Mary's Cathedral, Glasgow.

Bishop Kevin, who was elected at a meeting of the Episcopal Synod in January, is currently the Bishop of Argyll and The Isles and his election to Glasgow and Galloway represents a historic 'translation' of a Bishop from one See to another. The See of Glasgow and Galloway became vacant in 2018 following the retirement of the Rt Rev Dr Gregor Duncan who had served the diocese as Bishop for eight years.



Bishop Kevin has served as Bishop of Argyll and The Isles since February 2011 and before that was Rector of St Michael & All Saints Church in Edinburgh, Canon of St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh, Dean of the Diocese of Edinburgh and the Provincial Director of Ordinands (responsible for the discernment and selection process for candidates for ministry). He is also currently the Convener of the Council of the Scottish Episcopal Institute (responsible for the training of those entering authorised ministry) and serves on the provincial Standing Committee of the Scottish Episcopal Church.

Bishop Kevin was elected to Glasgow & Galloway by the Episcopal Synod, a body comprising the Diocesan Bishops of the Scottish Episcopal Church. In accordance with the Church's canonical process, the right of election had passed to the Episcopal Synod, following previous processes of vocational discernment within the Diocese of Glasgow & Galloway.

Following the election at St Mary's Cathedral, Glasgow, Chair of the Episcopal Synod, the Most Rev Mark Strange, Bishop of Moray, Ross & Caithness and Primus of the Scottish Episcopal Church said:-

"I warmly welcome the unanimous election by the Episcopal Synod of Bishop Kevin as Bishop-elect of the Diocese of Glasgow & Galloway. The election follows a period of vacancy and since the right of election passed to the Episcopal Synod during the summer of 2019, the Bishops have continued to listen carefully to the views of the Diocese and to engage in a process of ongoing prayer and discernment throughout the autumn.

"Bishop Kevin will bring his wealth of experience as a Bishop to his new role in Glasgow & Galloway as well as his deep love, knowledge and understanding of the Episcopal Church. As he prepares for this new ministry, we hold him and his wife Elspeth in our prayers.

"The Bishops are aware that, in electing Bishop Kevin, this will in due course create a new episcopal vacancy in Argyll & The Isles and we will look forward to supporting that Diocese as it seeks a new Bishop."

Bishop Kevin said:-

"I am delighted, excited and humbled to be elected as the new Bishop of Glasgow & Galloway. I am looking forward enormously to entering this new phase of ministry and serving the people of Glasgow & Galloway. My wife Elspeth and I already know many in the Diocese but are also looking forward to living there and getting to know the people and the area better. We shall be very sad to be leaving the people of Argyll & The Isles which we have grown to love deeply over nine years of ministry there."

Bishop Kevin is married to Dr Elspeth Atkinson who is Chief Operating Officer for the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh. Prior to that Elspeth was Director of MacMillan Cancer Support in Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales and for most of her career held senior roles in Economic Development in Scotland.

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## Helensburgh Boys Brigade

I am captain of Helensburgh Boys' Brigade Company. Although we meet in Helensburgh (on Wednesday evenings), we have had Boys from neighbouring villages and all local churches, including yours.

Our aim is simple, in God's name to give through the BB: Fun & Friendship...Build Up Life Skills and Develop New and Existing Interests.

To achieve that we plan to focus on the young ones and "Build a strong, lively and fun loving company of Anchor and Junior Boys providing a foundation for life in faith". Three years ago we celebrated our centenary. We use various recruiting methods but numbers have declined at the upper end. Many of our current leaders have given many years of service – a combined 120. Some have indicated they wish to step back. We will have only two helpers next year. we need five or six leaders to continue and to achieve our aim

So we request: that you consider any school age boys who could be encouraged to join us; that you urge any in your congregation to consider taking on a leadership role. I attach some thoughts on leadership.

If it would be useful to have someone come and address your congregation or some part, please let me know. Thanks,

*Iain Talman 07810 801115*

**LEADERSHIP** What is leadership? "If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader." "Innovation distinguishes between a leader and a follower." "The true mark of a leader is the willingness to stick with a bold course of action — an unconventional strategy, a unique development roadmap, a controversial way of doing things even as the rest of the world wonders why you're not marching in step with the status quo. In other words, real leaders are happy to zing while others sag. They understand that in an era of fast change and non-stop disruption, the only way to stand out from the crowd is to stand for something special." "Leaders instils a hope for success and a belief in themselves. Positive leaders empower people to accomplish their goals." What we don't want is half hearted commitment we want and need people who are committed to give young boys life experience.



## Social Programme 2020

Date	Event	Time	Venue
Saturday, 7 <sup>th</sup> March	City of Glasgow Chorus	7pm	St Michael's Church
Sunday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Daffodil Tea	2.30-5pm	High Auchensail Cardross
Saturday, 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Parish Picnic	pm	Ross Priory tbc
Saturday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> August	Church Barbecue	lunchtime	Nigel Allan, 20 Millig Street
Sunday, 20 <sup>th</sup> September	Harvest Festival Exhibition		St Michael's Church

*John Hanks*

## City of Glasgow Chorus

**St. Michael's Church  
Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March at 7:00pm.**

We are delighted to welcome back the City of Glasgow Chorus after their very successful concert here 18 months ago. With a choir of 70 singers under the baton of their accomplished Conductor Graham Taylor MBE and accompanied by an excellent Organist, namely David Hamilton, we can look forward to a most enjoyable evening.

The program is as follows: 1<sup>st</sup> Half; Choral Classics incl. The Easter Hymn by Mascagni and Hubert Parry's I was glad. 2nd Half: Faure Requiem Soloists for Faure's Requiem are: Ellen Mawhinney Soprano & Colin Murray Bass.

Entrance is by ticket at £10. Tickets will be available soon and also at a venue in the town. Please put this date in your calendar and tell your friends and neighbours. It should be a superb evening.

*Shaun Hoey Social Committee*

## Eco Baby at the Cabin

Opening soon at the Drumfork Community Centre, Helensburgh

Sustainability issues are at the heart of ECO BABY

*Sustainable fashion is a movement and process of fostering change to fashion products and the fashion system towards greater ecological integrity and social justice. Sustainable fashion concerns more than addressing fashion textiles or products. It comprises addressing the whole system of fashion.* Wikipedia

There's a lot of waste in our world today and we need to be mindful of our environment. It's practical and sensible to pass on and re-use things which aren't worn out. Eco Baby will be a match making service, acting as a go-between for families whose baby has outgrown things and is in need of the next size. Our aim is to help reduce the unnecessary levels of waste in our society today.

Eco Baby will rely solely on donations, so if you have any good quality, pre-loved items which your baby has outgrown, please hand them in to the Drumfork Centre or St Michael's Church to help us get started. Once up and running the Cabin will work on an exchange basis and we will also be happy to help anyone who needs baby items but has nothing to donate.

This project has grown out of a desire to serve the community in a very practical way. It's a perfect way for families to help each other. Eco Baby is an open project available to everyone. If parents use this system as their child grows, we can significantly help sustain our environment.

Contact Anna by email at [ecobaby2020@gmail.com](mailto:ecobaby2020@gmail.com)

### **CALLING ALL PARENTS**

Eco Baby aims to reduce the unnecessary levels of clothing waste by asking people to exchange good condition pre-loved baby clothing. To get us started we need donations, so if you have any baby items which your child has outgrown, please hand them in to The Drumfork Centre, Churchill or St Michael's Church, William Street, weekdays between 10am-4pm. Thank you. *Anna Ind*

## ST MICHAEL'S RAMBLING CLUB

### **WALKS MARCH TO MAY 2020**

The walks will generally start at 9am but sometimes may start either earlier or later depending on the individual walk. Please ensure you read the information from the leader that will be circulated before the walk and will also be displayed in the church hall one week prior to the walk. If you need any further information on a walk please get in touch with the named leader.

DATE	WALK	LEADER
Saturday, 7 <sup>th</sup> March	Dalmuir, Bowling, Dumbarton (using train/bus)	John Lewis
Saturday, 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Bridge of Orchy to Inveroran	Sue & James
Saturday, 4 <sup>th</sup> April	Crinan and the Canal	Frankie Hanmer
Saturday, 18 <sup>th</sup> April	Glasgow Canal and River Kelvin Walkway;	Richard Horrell
Saturday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	New Lanark and The Falls of Clyde	Ruth Hanks
19 <sup>th</sup> – 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Berwick-on-Tweed	Sophie & Angus Hamilton

### **COMMITTEE MEMBERS:**

Sue Ashby, Pete Ashton, Maureen Douglass and Geoff Mason

## House Communion

Peninsula House Communion will be on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March and on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April at 2:30pm. Location to be advised. Everyone is welcome.

Cardross House Communion will be on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March and on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April at 2:30pm. Locations to be advised. Everyone is welcome.

## The Beacon Trust

What joy to have sunlight until nearly 5pm! As Spring approaches there is a buzz of excitement as many people's minds turn to the garden and perhaps even get the urge to do some spring cleaning.

At the Beacon Trust Andrea has taken over as shop manager and has been working hard to create some space so that we can take in more stock. A shortage of space has been a constant problem for us and we try to never turn away donations of furniture or other household goods. If we can't pick up ourselves, we attempt to divert them to other charities, so that nothing gets wasted.

Jean Butler retired from the shop just before Christmas after many years of loyal service. Like all our volunteers she was always willing to "go the extra mile" in the service of the Trust. After a short pause at Christmas, our van is back out on the road and Ian, Clive and Ronald are once again making pick ups and deliveries around the town.

Of course, we could not exist without the support of the many benefactors who make donations and send us household items. Once again, we would like to thank St. Michael's and All Angels for their generous support.

*Paul Allen, The Beacon Trust*

## Harriet from Zimbabwe

Recently I put a piece in the pew notices about Harriet from Zimbabwe, I just want to expand that a little more. Thank you for your prayers, she is most grateful.

Although Harriet has been in the UK for twelve years, she has spent the last eight years in Helensburgh. She attends Bible Study at Judy Harbour's, she makes a huge contribution, her Faith is so apparent in all she says and does. Also she is part of the meditation group. The church she attends, is in Glasgow where she meets other asylum seekers, as they worship together. Please continue with our prayers, they are so important.

*Margaret Wardil*

## LECTIONARY – MARCH/APRIL 2020

Sunday	Eucharist (NRSV)	Evensong (KJV)
1 March 1 <sup>st</sup> of Lent	Genesis 2.15-17;3.1-7 Psalm 32.1-8 - Romans 5.12-19 Matthew 4.1-11	Psalms 119.1-16 Genesis 18.17 Luke 4.1-15
8 March 2 <sup>nd</sup> of Lent	Genesis 12.1-4a - Psalm 121 Romans 4.1-5,13-17 John 3.1-17	Psalms 119.33-48 Genesis 21.1-21 Luke 15.11
15 March 3 <sup>rd</sup> of Lent	Exodus 17.1-7 Psalm 95 Romans 5.1-11 John 4.5-26	Psalms 119.73-88 Genesis 27.5-29 Matthew 18.21
22 March Mothering Sunday	Exodus 2.1-10 - Psalm 127.1-4 2 Corinthians 1.3-7 John 19.25b-27	<i>No Evensong</i> Helensburgh Oratorio Choir performance
29 March Passion Sunday	Ezekiel 37.1-14 - Psalm 130 Romans 8.6-11 John 11.17-45	<i>Lent 5</i> Psalm 119.145-160 Exodus 5.1-6.1 1 Corinthians 1.18-2.2
5 April Palm Sunday (Liturgy of the Passion)	Isaiah 50.4-9a - Psalm 31.9-16 Philippians 2.5-11 Matthew 26.14-27.66 Starts in Upper Hall	Psalms 23 Isaiah 59.12-20 Matthew 21.1-17
9 Apr Maundy Thursday	<i>7:30pm Sung Euch.</i> - Exodus 12.1-4,11-14 - Psalm 116.10-17 1 Corinthians 11.23-26 – John 13.1-7,31b-35	
10 April Good Friday	<i>2:00pm Solemn Liturgy</i> – Isaiah 52.13-53.12 – Psalm 22.1-11 Hebrews 10.16-25 – John 19.1-42	
11 April Holy Saturday	<i>8:00pm Easter Vigil</i> – Genesis 1.1-2.4a Exodus 14.10-31,15. 20-21 – Ezekiel 36.24-28 Romans 6.3-11 – Psalm 114 – Matthew 28.1-10	
12 April Easter Day	Acts 10.34-43; Psalm 118.15-25 Colossians 3.1-4 Matthew 28.1-10	<i>Easter Day</i> Psalm 115 Exodus 12.21-42 John 20.11-23
19 April 2 <sup>nd</sup> of Easter	Acts 2.14a,22-32 Psalm 16 1 Peter 1.3-9 John 20.19-31	<i>Low Sunday</i> No Evensong
26 April 3 <sup>rd</sup> of Easter	Acts 2.14a,36-41 Psalm 116.1-8 1 Peter 1.17-23 Luke 24.13-35	<i>Easter 3</i> Psalm 116 Numbers 16.1-19 John 10.22-40

**READERS' LIST – MARCH/APRIL 2020**

DATE	8:00am	10:30am	6:30pm
1 Mar	Sam Harris	Trevor Quickfall	Maureen McCormack
8 Mar	Penny Johnston	Jo Frain-Bell	Janet Hardy
15 Mar	Nigel Allan	Michael Blake	Margaret Gilbert
22 Mar	Chris Sanders	John Hanks	Jill Braid
29 Mar	Moira Miller	Alex Laing	John Sadden
5 Apr	Selina McGeoch	Chris Packard	David Ronald
12 Apr	Liz Sanderson	Julie Siemens	Csaba Barthos
19 Apr	No Eucharist	Helen Gibson	No Evensong
26 Apr	Sam Harris	Henry Douglass	Aileen Cameron

**SIDESPERSONS' ROTA – MARCH/APRIL 2020**

DATE	10:30am		
1 Mar	Henry Douglass	Maureen Douglass	
8 Mar	Trevor Quickfall	Gerry Quickfall	David Sheen
15 Mar	James Ashby	Sue Ashby	
22 Mar	Chris Packard	Ann Packard	
29 Mar	Chris Sanders	Linda Sanders	
5 Apr	Nick Parry	Carol Parry	John Busby
12 Apr	Brian Kyle	Maureen Kyle	Barbara Hoey
19 Apr	John Hanks	Alex Laing	
26 Apr	Henry Douglass	Maureen Douglass	



**Service Details**

**Sunday**

8:00am Said Eucharist (1970 Rite)

10:30am Sung Eucharist (1982 Rite) followed by refreshments  
*Crèche and Young Church*

6:30pm Prayer Book Choral Evensong

**Tuesdays**

10:30am Said Eucharist (1982 Rite) followed by refreshments

For dates of services please see Diary (Page 10) inside

