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# From the Rector



*Dear Friends,*

**At St. Cyprian's we have this rather strange practice with our magazine. It normally comes out every other month, but twice a year it comes out after only a month. It means that in total we have seven rather than six magazines a year. Actually it is something that works well – it allows us to feature the great festivals in the magazine. This is the magazine, at the beginning of May, that comes out only a month after the magazine at the beginning of April! It's only a month. Has anything really happened in that month? Surely not a lot has happened??????**

Well . . . . .

let me think . . . . . ?!?!?!

April has been a time of great events and a time of great change. And this year, the two of these became particularly intermingled through the celebration of Easter.

April is on a path of change this year. In the middle of March, we were still in lockdown, both at church and in our wider society here in Scotland. The Covid-19 pandemic was causing greatest turmoil. Our church was closed, and worship was online. However it changed. We opened on Palm Sunday, and now as I'm

writing this, have been for three Sundays. We are still restricted in our worship, but hopefully in the not too distant future we will be singing hymns again, worshipping without face masks, gathering freely. Opening up more of our life together. We are going to be cautious, and we are not going to break the guidelines we have! But things are opening up, moving forward.

Having said that, we did open up for Easter this year, and with the exception of the service on Easter Saturday, we had all our usual services using a mixture of live in church services and zoom services and celebrated the death and resurrection of Jesus our Lord. What was particularly pleasing was that we were able to join with our friends from Lenzie Old Church and Lenzie Union Church for our services on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, as we would do in previous years.

At the moment, we are moving forward towards our celebrations of the Ascension and Pentecost, with a mix of in-church worship and online worship. The technical word when you do live and online worship at the same time seems to be “blended!”

The truth is, we had a fabulous Easter. Even with doing things differently, and recovering from lockdown, I felt God blessed us, and we had a great time.

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# Magazine & DNS Deadline

**The next issue of *Cyprian Life* should be available on Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> June 2021. The deadline for material is Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> June, though it would be good to get things earlier, if possible. The magazine will be for July and August 2021.**

Please email notes, articles, photographs and anything else that may be of interest to other members of the congregation to me by the deadline in order to give time for typesetting and printing. For the time being, electronic format is likely to be the only option.

Please let me know about what is important to you, especially if you have tips for coping with Covid-19 and the hoped-for unlocking.

I incorporate items into this magazine from the Glasgow & Galloway Diocesan News that I hope might interest members of the congregation. You can subscribe to receive the monthly news email from the diocese by going to [glasgow.anglican.org](http://glasgow.anglican.org), the diocesan home page, and entering your email address in the box at the bottom of the page. The email newsletter takes the form of brief paragraphs with links to fuller articles on the diocesan website and, where appropriate, other sites. The diocese is also on Facebook—search ‘Diocese of Glasgow & Galloway’.

We are encouraged to contribute by sending any items for the email newsletter to [news@glasgow.anglican.org](mailto:news@glasgow.anglican.org). There’s no stated deadline, but they need to be in a few days before the email comes out (usually on the second last Friday of the month).

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**Paul Hindle**  
Magazine Editor

## From the Rector

Doing things differently, and coping with what is happening in the world had one particular impact. It forced us to look at things differently. Not just the practicalities of what we do, but the thinking behind what we do. It was particularly so with Easter, and if it is about Easter, it is about every time we worship.

For me, the different view of Easter, the other side of the coin from our normal approach to Easter, was about the “size” of Easter. Traditionally the Easter celebrations are great joyful occasions, celebrating something which is the centre of history, the centre of mankind. In cathedrals, in St. Peter’s Square in Rome, in the past great crowds gathered. In churches, we get more people than usual joining for worship. But this year it was all different. There was no-one in St. Peter’s Square in Rome and almost no-one gathered with the Pope in worship. There were few at Canterbury Cathedral joining with the figurehead of the Anglican Communion. At

## Cover Picture

**Christian Aid week this year is from 10<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> May and the theme is Climate Justice. Christian Aid is using its work in Kenya as an example of what can be achieved when people help each other.**

The picture is of people young and old collecting water from a dam that Christian Aid’s partner in Kenya helped the community to construct. Instead of walking miles to an unreliable supply, water is now reliably available on their doorstep.

There’s more about this project and how it helps on pages 10 and 11 and at [caweek.org](http://caweek.org).

our own cathedral, at most fifty people could gather at a time. Easter was somehow a smaller event.

It was a bit the same for us – while we gathered at St. Cyprian's and online, worship was "smaller" – no singing, socially distanced, mask wearing.

Worship was smaller, but it was two thousand years ago. Two women went to the tomb. One met Jesus alive. Two disciples saw the empty tomb. A handful had breakfast on the shore with Jesus. Only ten were in the upper room the first time Jesus appeared, and eleven the second time. There were only two men on the road to Emmaus when Jesus suddenly began walking with them. It is only Paul the Apostle who said there were 500 who saw him once. It was smaller.

It was not only smaller, it was much more intimate. The risen Christ dealt with individuals. Transforming them. Drawing them to believe. He dealt differently with them as was appropriate for each. But every

encounter with the Risen Christ was a very intimate encounter.

And this is the different view for this year. Yes, we celebrate the Resurrection – Jesus rising from the dead – in great ways, with great celebration, great events. Yet at the same time – celebrating the Risen Christ should also be a deeply personal event, as we encounter in our lives the risen Christ, who comes to us with hope, forgiveness, peace, joy, healing.

Every Sunday when we worship together, we are celebrating in some way the resurrection of Jesus. Great events, united with God's people throughout the world. Yet at the same time, we have an expectation as we gather. Today, God will touch me.

*Best wishes,*

*Les*

## The Link

**For the latest information about events at St Cyprian's, please check the *Link* each week in Church or on our web site:**

**[www.stcyprianslenzie.com](http://www.stcyprianslenzie.com)**

The Link and the colour version of this magazine can be downloaded in PDF format by clicking on the links on the Publications page (older copies of the Link are in Word format).

If you would like to add an event to the Link and/or the website, please email the details to [link@stcyprianslenzie.com](mailto:link@stcyprianslenzie.com) or phone the Rector on 0141-776 3866.

## Pastoral Care

**One of the important purposes of Christ's church is to provide the love and care we all need.**

In the current circumstances, we are having to change the way we work. Nonetheless, our Rector, the Revd. Les Ireland, is still available on the phone for a confidential chat and a prayer, please contact him. He will be happy to help in any way he can.

Other members of St. Cyprian's are also available to talk to if you wish. Les can put you in touch with an appropriate person that may be best qualified to help. Please telephone Les on 0141-776 3866.

# Someone You May Never Have heard of has just Died . . .

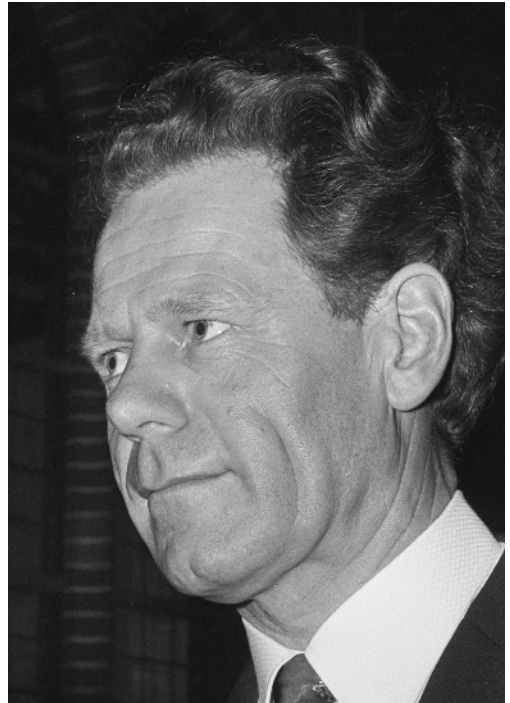
**It was announced on 7<sup>th</sup> April that Hans Kung had died aged 93. You may never have heard of him, but he was without doubt one of, if not the greatest Catholic Theologians of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Yet for most of his life he was barred from teaching within the Catholic Church. So who was he?**

He was born in 1928 in Lucerne, in Switzerland. After training, he was ordained priest in 1954, and then appointed Professor of Theology at the University of Tübingen in Germany, where he remained until his retirement.

In those early years, his influence was hugely significant. It was his theology that dictated and underpinned the work of the Second Vatican Council, which brought the Catholic Church into the 20<sup>th</sup> century. He was responsible for Cardinal Ratzinger becoming Professor of Theology at Tübingen, who went on to become Pope Benedict. While I was at college we all read his books, particularly “On Being a Christian,” a (long) classic of theology. Kung was also one of the great thinkers in the Ecumenical Movement, working hard to bring Anglicans and Catholics together. Through all of this he made a huge impact. However . . .

Hans Kung, in the end, was disappointed with the outcome of Vatican 2, thinking it didn’t modernise enough. He was also opposed, following the council, to the idea of the infallibility of the Pope. For that he was allowed to remain a priest, but was banned from being a teacher within the Catholic Church.

It was, for him, very sad. He was a supporter of the church and the Pope. He is said to have loved the Catholic Church. But he



was still banned, a ban that was never removed to the end of his life. He spent the rest of his life as a critic of the traditional teachings of the Catholic Church.

On one level he did okay. He could carry on teaching in the non-catholic parts of the University of Tübingen. His name was so big, he was so famous, that invitations to teach around the world continued right up to his death, but was continually snubbed by Catholic Institutions. He could be a bit of a darling of parts of the non-Catholic churches who thought anyone banned by the Pope for teaching that the Pope was fallible was someone they wanted to listen to! I’m sure he found that hurtful as well.

He was perhaps remembered for three things. Firstly as a rebel within the Catholic ►

# Finding something good . . .

**Amazon (the online book store, not the jungle), through the Kindle, gives access to millions of books. Many books, particularly classical ones, they provide free if you want them. Sometimes I look through what is available and download something to read.**

A few weeks ago I found books by Jerome K Jerome. The Author was born in Walsall in 1859, and is perhaps the ultimate one hit wonder – the only book he is really ever remembered for was “Three Men in a Boat”, which I read many years ago – great whimsy! However he wrote a lot, and one was a short book called “Diary of a Pilgrimage.” Thought I would give it a try (it was free, after all!!!!).

The book is a whimsical description of himself and a friend travelling to see the Oberammergau Passion play, and was published in 1891. In terms of the travelling part of the book it, is a bit hit and miss! His descriptions of eating German cheese, and struggling with German beds and the problems of packing are witty, but the humour hasn’t really travelled too well through time. It is refreshingly un-cynical!

► Church, banned from teaching, living in conflict with the Catholic Popes and Institution. Secondly, he will be remembered for his profound thinking. Thirdly, he will be remembered for his work in the Ecumenical movement, much of which was rejected by the Catholic Church simply because Hans Kung was involved in producing it.

Was he successful? Yes and no. He influenced many, but turned others away from key movements simply by being part of it himself. But success isn’t really what God’s people are about. He was deeply faithful, and offered himself to God’s work fully. And that is what matters.

Having said that, it is a book that suddenly transforms into something quite magical when he starts to talk about the play, and the impact the play made on him, and on the community in Germany where it is performed. It is suddenly a book with some really profound insights.

His description, for example, of Judas Iscariot and the sort of person he was, is deeply profound. His thoughts on the humanity of Jesus are also profound. And there is the description of the story of Easter as revealed in the play: the description of how the story is received by “ordinary” people is quite beautiful. His comment that faith comes to “ordinary” people not by learning, nor ideas, but by the story, is important.

It is not the greatest book! It is not very long. It is mainly whimsical. But if you are looking for something to read, then here is a book worth searching for partly because it is free, but mainly because of those beautiful descriptions and profound insights just over halfway through!

## Funny Oxymorons

**Phrases that don’t sound right when you think a bit more about them!**

Found missing  
Open Secret  
Small Crowd  
Act Naturally  
Fully Empty  
Pretty Ugly  
Original Copy  
Only Choice  
Liquid Gas  
Social Distancing

And my favourite:  
New recipe Werther’s Originals!

**Our April meeting saw 12 of us attempting some Chair Yoga with Gill Wood. The practise is very relaxing for both mind and body and everyone who took part enjoyed it very much. We have even had two ladies who have now joined Gill's regular Wednesday class – a good result all round.**



Plans for our May meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup> are now firmed up. Our theme is 'Flower Power' and we have asked everyone to come prepared to tell us which is their favourite flower and why. We also have a gentleman called Paul

Tran who is coming to give a talk about bees. Sally is also providing recipes which include honey in the ingredients, and has invited us to make one of the recipes and we will have a cuppa and some home baking during the meeting. As the weather improves there are certainly many more flowers visible in the area with many vivid colours on show.

With the changing pandemic restrictions, we have still not made plans for the final meeting for this year in June. Information will be provided in the weekly Link with details once we have a clearer idea of what will be allowed.

As always, I would like to invite you to any of our meetings. We are still meeting via Zoom, with links sent out in the previous week. Hope to see you with us.

**Maxine Gow**  
Branch Leader

## Are all footballers just about the money?

**Sadio Mané is one of the superstars of the Liverpool team, which won the English Premiership last season. He is from Senegal. He earns millions a year.**

He was seen carrying a cracked iPhone, and people (on the Internet) were amazed he didn't just go and buy a new one. He responded in an interview. This is what he said: "Why would I want ten Ferraris, 20 diamond watches and two jet planes? What would that do for the world? I starved, I

worked in the fields, I played barefoot, and I didn't go to school. Now I can help people. I prefer to build schools and give poor people food or clothing. I have built schools [and] a stadium; we provide clothes, shoes, and food for people in extreme poverty. In addition, I give 70 euros per month to all people from a very poor Senegalese region in order to contribute to their family economy. I do not need to display luxury cars, luxury homes, trips, and even planes. I prefer that my people receive a little of what life has given me."

# What are you thinking?

**Organising worship during lockdown is complicated, particularly when the church is open. There are all sorts of different things we have to consider. The rules, guidelines and restrictions. The Church season. What is practical in our building. One place which seems not to be perfect is the way we share the liturgy that we use in the service, but which we don't have a lot of choice about. So this is really the thinking behind how we share the liturgy, and will need to for some time to come.**

Firstly, the liturgy that we use on a Sunday is shared on our website, so that anyone can see it.

Secondly we share the liturgy on screen in church. We try to make it easily readable, but not massively intrusive, although there is no doubt it is unmissable. Having said that we did have some teething problems when we started, and it is not easy to see from the back of the church.

The real issue is about printed liturgy, and how we do that. So this is the thinking!

These are the factors we have to take into account:

- We are not supposed to have printed liturgy although members can have their own version. It is strictly forbidden to use service booklets that are retained in church.
- We are aware there are people who struggle with the computer screen, often because it can be difficult to see from parts of the church. We are also aware there are people uncomfortable without a printed liturgy.
- People are happy to have their own leaflets, which they take home and bring back each week. This is allowed within the guidelines.
- Just before lockdown we began to review our worship booklets, a task that we had not completed.

- We do not want to be wasteful of resources, and using too much paper is simply wasteful.

So our thinking: we have produced a “one sheet” liturgy for different periods in the church year. There are copies available that people can pick up in church and take away with them. It may feel a bit insignificant, but it solves the issues reflected above. I know they would be better quality if I did not have a problem with my printer! We continue also to project the liturgy.

I know this isn't perfect, but it does comply with the guidelines and good practice, allowing as many people as possible to have the words of the liturgy. I also promise that as we get further through lockdown and the guidelines allow, we will introduce the new service booklets. It is also a matter of debate, which no-one has decided yet, whether we keep the screen in some form. We are open to opinions!!!!

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## Some things to think about:

Which letter is silent in the word “Scent?”  
The S or the C.

If poison is past its sell by date, is it no longer poisonous?

The word “swims” upside-down is still “swims”.

Why is it that transporting something by ship is called a cargo, yet something transported by car is a shipment?

RACECAR backwards is RACECAR.  
PALINDROME backwards is  
EMORDNILAP



**With every gift, with every voice,  
with every prayer, with every  
action, we stop this climate  
crisis.**

**Our planet is changing, but some people are feeling the effects of this more than others. Weather extremes are now more frequent and more intense due to the climate crisis and one place that has experienced this is Kenya.**

In parts of Kenya in 2020, drought was followed by relentless rainfall and flooding, which damaged crops that had struggled to grow. Together, the climate and coronavirus are a double threat to lives and livelihoods.

In Kitui, eastern Kenya, 8 out of 10 people depend on rain to grow crops. Without water, staple crops like maize and beans wither and die. People can't earn a living and they go hungry.

People are forced to walk further and further to collect water. This daily burden robs them of the chance to farm and grow food for their families. Elderly women and children are especially vulnerable on these dangerous journeys and can face robbery or conflict as people battle over scarce resources. Cows, sheep and goats are becoming weaker and

weaker. They can't produce milk or be sold. People are struggling to cope. Lives are at risk. Families need every last drop to survive this climate chaos.

Christian Aid has been working in Kenya since 1997. One of our long-standing partners in Kenya is Anglican Development Services – Eastern (ADSE). They are working with communities in Kitui county to help them to adapt to drought as well as flooding, as climate change robs people of control over their lives.

ADSE helps communities build earth and sand dams, and rock catchments, so they can harvest water near their homes. Dams are simple and cost-effective natural storage solutions. They increase the amount of stored water available to communities, defend against intense rain and flooding, and free women and girls from making long and dangerous journeys to collect water.

**What happens when the search for water does not consume people's lives? What happened when people have the water they need to thrive?**

We can find out by meeting Florence: a woman who has transformed her life with access to a dam full of water.

Florence is a soulful, joyful woman: full of life, love and laughter. The women in her farming group look up to her. She's courageous and kind – a survivor.

A few years ago, her husband died, leaving her a widow. At that time, she had no water to grow crops. Her children were hungry. She had to walk for



hours to collect water. ‘Life was miserable,’ she told us.

Florence could easily have been defeated. But she is a fighter. With help from ADSE, Florence and her community built a dam together, just 30 minutes from her house.

Using water from the dam, Florence grows tomatoes, onions and chillies on her farm. Her children can eat healthy, nutritious vegetables, and she has enough left to sell. It’s her source of life and joy.

Florence also uses the dam to keep bees: the microclimate of plants growing around the dam means the bees don’t need to search long distances for nectar. She sells the rich, golden honey at the market.

She says: ‘I have been sustained by the earth dam. My life has changed. I am very happy. You can see it in my face: my face is shining. I have strength and power.’

You can see Florence’s strength and power as she hauls heavy buckets to water her crops. You can see her strength and power as she sings to encourage the women with whom she farms. You can see her strength and power as she takes climate justice into her own hands.

Florence is a generous woman of faith. She knows others are struggling to cope without a reliable water source, and wishes the same blessings she has received will be granted to them: ‘There is a village nearby – they don’t have an earth dam. They are suffering. I am thankful to people who have donated to build this earth dam. I am praying God will increase their giving.’

### **This Christian Aid Week, will you stand with people like Florence?**

Please donate this Christian Aid Week (10-16 May). Your gift could help a community build an earth dam, providing a reliable source of water in affected areas of Kenya.

- £4.40 could teach 10 farmers how to plant drought-tolerant crops that can survive the drought.



Photos: Christian Aid/Tom Pilston

- £10 could buy a pair of taps at a water point which will be installed at an earth dam, making it easier for people to fetch water.
- £42 could buy 350kg of cement, which is needed to build an earth dam.
- £545 could pay for a skilled labourer to work on the construction of a dam.

Every pound raised, every prayer said and every action taken, are expressions of our Christian love and compassion, of our belief that all life is equal and precious in the sight of God. Together, we stop this climate crisis, and give brave, hard-working women the chance to thrive.

Also, please pray with us for a radical change of heart for politicians, and that as a global community we will care for our common home and for all people living in poverty. We can all be part of the solution. All we need is courage and determination.

Join us this Christian Aid Week.

Donate at [caweek.org](http://caweek.org)

# We've all been exposed

**I came across this poem when I was preparing for the Diocesan Quiet Day, and also used it at the Good Friday Evening Service from Lenzie Union Church. I think it fantastic, and very profound. It looks beyond the obvious to make sense of our experience of the Corona Virus Pandemic, and does it, I think, quite beautifully.**

We've all been exposed.  
Not necessarily to the virus  
(maybe.....who even knows)  
We've all been exposed by the virus.

Corona is exposing us.  
Exposing our weak sides.  
Exposing our dark sides.  
Exposing what normally lays far beneath  
the surface of our souls,  
hidden by the invisible masks we wear.  
Now exposed by the paper masks we can't  
hide far enough behind.

Corona is exposing our addiction to comfort,  
Our obsession with control  
Our compulsion to hoard  
Our protection of self.

Corona is peeling back our layers.  
Tearing down our walls.  
Revealing our illusions.  
Levelling our best-laid plans.  
Corona is exposing the gods we worship:  
Our health  
Our hurry  
Our sense of security  
Our favourite lies  
Our secret lusts  
Our misplaced trust

Corona is calling everything into question:  
What is the church without a building?  
What is my worth without an income?  
How do we plan without certainty?  
How do we love despite risk?

Corona is exposing me  
My mindless numbing  
My endless scrolling  
My careless words  
My fragile nerves.

We've all been exposed.  
Our junk laid bare.  
Our fears made known.  
The band-aid torn.  
The masquerade done.

So what now? What's left?  
Clean hands  
Clear eyes  
Tender hearts.  
What corona reveals, God can heal.  
Come Lord Jesus.

*Sarah Bourns*

## Congratulations

**People will recall that Jackie Fenton began training to be a lay reader in the Autumn of 2019 and completed her first year of training. However, it was felt that Lay Reader may not be the perfect “Fit” for Jackie, and it was agreed she would be much more suited to the role of “Vocational Deacon.”**

This meant she had to take a year out from her training, and for the wider church to agree this was the right calling. She has just been through the required selection conference, and accepted for that role. As a result Jackie will be doing a further two years of training – starting in August, and then if she gets through that will be ordained as a permanent vocational deacon. If you want to know what that is, you will have to ask her!!!!!!

We give our congratulations and best wishes to Jackie, and I'm sure will support her through that time of training.

## When God sends help, don't ask questions

**She hurried to the chemist to pick up a prescription. When she got back to the car, she found her keys locked inside.**

The woman found an old rusty coat hanger on the ground. She looked at it and said. "I don't know how to use this."

She bowed her head and asked God to send her some help.

Within five minutes an old motorcycle pulled up, driven by a bearded man who was wearing an old biker skull rag. He got off his cycle and asked if he could help.

She said, "Yes, my husband is sick. I've locked my keys in my car. I must get home. Please, can you use this hanger to unlock my car?"

He said. "Yes." He walked over to the car, and in less than a minute the car was open.

She hugged the man and through tears said, "Thank you, God, for sending me such a very nice man. The man heard her little prayer and replied, "I'm not a nice man. I just got out of prison yesterday; I was in prison for car theft."

The woman hugged the man again sobbing, "Oh, thank you, God! You've even sent me a professional!"

## Unit Confusion

**When we joined the EU nearly 50 years ago, we as a country went metric. So how is the conversion to metric going? Well, check out these quotes reflecting people's experience . . .**

Went to the local timber merchant and asked for some 2"x2". He said it's all metric now so it's 50mm x 50mm. So asked him how much was it. He said it was 50p a foot.

My brother was helping my Mum renovate. He was charged by 'the metric foot' for timber!

I remember having a conversation with a guy and he was telling me we should be all metric. As he left I asked him how tall he was and he said 6 foot 2 inches.

Remember being asked for a 3m length of 4" pipe!

In Germany, they measure car efficiency in litres per 100 km. I told a friend over there that we use miles per gallon. He asked how much is a gallon. I had to admit I didn't know 'cos we buy it in litres.

We were measured for some gates a few years ago. 'Your driveway is an inch or so short of three metres wide', he said.

## BRF Discussion

**There is a group of folk at St. Cyprian's who read *New Daylight* published by the Bible Reading Fellowship. They usually get together on the fourth Wednesday of each month and they are now inviting anyone to join them.**

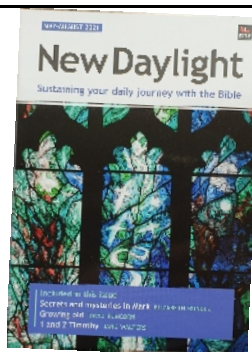
You don't need to have *New Daylight*, a note of the readings they are going to discuss is sent out with the joining instructions and will also be in the Link.

They are currently meeting on Zoom and

may well continue to do so even after lockdown eases.

The next meeting is on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> May and the June meeting is on the 23<sup>rd</sup>, both at 7.30pm.

If you are interested, please have a word with Glennis Tavener who will make sure you get the Zoom Access codes and readings each time.



# Anglican & Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

**We are asked to pray for our Bishop, Kevin, every day.**

## **MAY 2021**

1<sup>st</sup> Christian writers

### **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> May**

#### **Fifth Sunday of Easter**

##### **ANGLICAN**

The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem  
& The Middle East

##### **DIOCESAN**

Anglican Chaplaincy, University of Glasgow  
(Kevin Francis)

##### **Daily Prayers**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Migrant workers and travelling people
- 4<sup>th</sup> Marriage and family life
- 5<sup>th</sup> Scottish Episcopal Church: Those in training for ordained and lay ministries.
- 6<sup>th</sup> Bishop Gregor Duncan, Bishop Idris Jones, Bishop John Taylor, Bishop Gordon Mursell, all retired clergy and those in Post-Retiral Ministry.
- 7<sup>th</sup> All victims of rape and sexual abuse and their families
- 8<sup>th</sup> Thanksgiving for God's gift of Life and Love in Jesus

### **Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> May**

#### **Sixth Sunday of Easter**

##### **ANGLICAN**

The Anglican Church of Kenya

##### **DIOCESAN**

North Ayrshire Team: St Andrew's, Ardrossan; St Peter's, Dalry; St Andrew's, Irvine (Vacant, Linda Whitby, Margaret Williams).

##### **Daily Prayers**

- 10<sup>th</sup> The work of the Christian Aid movement
- 11<sup>th</sup> Christian Aid volunteers as they struggle to maintain their services during the pandemic.
- 12<sup>th</sup> The work of Marie Curie Cancer Care
- 13<sup>th</sup> The Risen, Ascended Lord
- 14<sup>th</sup> Porvoo Link: The Estonian Evangelical Lutheran Church
- 15<sup>th</sup> The Church of Scotland

### **Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> May**

#### **Seventh Sunday of Easter**

#### **(Sunday after Ascension)**

##### **ANGLICAN**

The Anglican Church of Korea

##### **DIOCESAN**

Holy Trinity, Ayr (Martyn Trembath)  
St Oswald's, Maybole (Jim Geen, Liz Crumlish)

##### **Daily Prayers**

- 17<sup>th</sup> Pastoral Assistants, Eucharistic Assistants, Worship Leaders and Spiritual Companions in the Diocese
- 18<sup>th</sup> Those addicted to drugs or alcohol
- 19<sup>th</sup> Porvoo Link: The Church of Norway.
- 20<sup>th</sup> The work of Save the Children
- 21<sup>st</sup> The Roman Catholic Church in Scotland
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Thanksgiving for gift of the Holy Spirit

### **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> May**

#### **Pentecost (Whit Sunday)**

##### **ANGLICAN**

The Anglican Church of Melanesia  
Anglican Communion Sunday: All members of the Anglican Communion around the world.

# & Daily Intentions

## DIOCESAN

St Columba's, Largs (Vacant)

St Ninian's, Prestwick (Jane Ross)

### Daily Prayers

- 24<sup>th</sup> The Dean (Reuben Preston).
- 26<sup>th</sup> Good health for all workers keeping our essential services operating
- 27<sup>th</sup> Lay Representatives, Alternate Lay Representatives and members of Regional Councils
- 28<sup>th</sup> God-parents and the newly baptised
- 29<sup>th</sup> Porvoo Link: The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Lithuania

## Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> May

### Trinity Sunday (Pentecost 1)

## ANGLICAN

La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico

## DIOCESAN

Holy Trinity, Kilmarnock (Vacant).

St Ninian's, Troon (Vacant)

### Daily Prayers

- 31<sup>st</sup> Protection of endangered species

## JUNE 2021

- 1<sup>st</sup> All those involved in Mission
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Medical staff of neonatal intensive care units
- 3<sup>rd</sup> The work of the British Red Cross at home and overseas
- 4<sup>th</sup> Diocese of Aberdeen & Orkney (Bishop Anne Dyer)
- 5<sup>th</sup> The Methodist Church in Scotland (Mark Slaney)

## Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> June

### Pentecost 2

## ANGLICAN

The Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma)

## DIOCESAN

St John the Evangelist, Annan; St John the Evangelist, Eastriggs; All Saints, Gretna; (Martin Callaghan, Melvyn Redgers)  
All Saints, Lockerbie; St John the Evangelist, Moffat (Paul Singh, John Stevenson)

### Daily Prayers

- 7<sup>th</sup> All voluntary workers overseas
- 8<sup>th</sup> Robin House (Balloch) and Rachel House (Kinross)
- 9<sup>th</sup> Thanksgiving for St Columba
- 10<sup>th</sup> The United Reformed Church (Paul Whittle)
- 11<sup>th</sup> Thanksgiving for St Barnabas
- 12<sup>th</sup> Bishop's Staff Group

## Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> June

### Pentecost 3

## ANGLICAN

The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

## DIOCESAN

All Saints, Challoch, with the Whithorn Fellowship; St Ninian's, Portpatrick; St John the Evangelist, Stranraer (Vacant)

### Daily Prayers

- 14<sup>th</sup> All those who doubt their faith
- 15<sup>th</sup> All sufferers of Multiple Sclerosis
- 16<sup>th</sup> Porvoo Link: The Church of Norway
- 17<sup>th</sup> The Anglican Consultative Council (Alistair Dinnie, Jenny Wright)
- 18<sup>th</sup> Christian Peacemakers reducing violence in conflict zones
- 19<sup>th</sup> The Gospel, the Good News of God's love

## Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> June

### Pentecost 4

## ANGLICAN

The Church of North India (United)

# Anglican & Diocesan Cycle of Prayer & Daily Intentions

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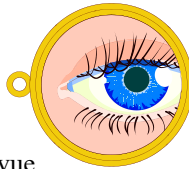
## DIOCESAN

St Mary's, Gatehouse of Fleet; St Francis of Assisi (Greyfriars), Kirkcudbright (Stephen Hazlett)

### Daily Prayers

- 21<sup>st</sup> The work of Macmillan Cancer Support
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Social services in their work in our area
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Diocesan Council
- 24<sup>th</sup> Diocese of Argyll and the Isles (Bishop-elect Keith Riglin)
- 25<sup>th</sup> An end to slavery and human trafficking across the world
- 26<sup>th</sup> Night-shift workers in hospitals and care homes

## Ode to a Spell Checker



Eye have a spelling checker  
It came with my pea sea  
It plainly marques for my revue  
Miss steaks eye kin knot sea.  
Eye strike a key and type a word  
And weight four it two say  
Weather eye am wrong or write  
It shows me straight a weigh.  
As soon as a Mist ache is maid  
It nose bee four two long  
And eye can put the error rite  
It rare lea ever wrong.  
Eye have run this poem through  
Eye am shore your pleased to no  
Its letter perfect awl the weigh  
My chequer tolled me sow.

## Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> June Pentecost 5

### ANGLICAN

The Church of Pakistan (United)

### DIOCESAN

St Ninian's, Castle Douglas (Christopher Ketley, Douglas Allison, Alan Rumble)  
Christ Church, Dalbeattie (Christopher Ketley, John Simmons, Helen Evans)

### Daily Prayers

- 28<sup>th</sup> Love, peace and joy within marriage
- 29<sup>th</sup> Chaplaincy teams in the armed forces
- 30<sup>th</sup> The continued good work of Childline

## JULY 2021

- 1<sup>st</sup> The protection of human rights
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Those struggling with mental illness
- 3<sup>rd</sup> An end to homelessness in Scotland

## Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> July Pentecost 6

### ANGLICAN

The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea

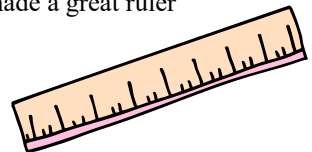
### DIOCESAN

St John the Evangelist, Dumfries (Janice Aiton, James Clark-Maxwell, Andrew MacKenzie, Paul Burbridge, Ann Shukman, Steven Ballard, Gordon Warwick, Richard Starkey)

St Margaret of Scotland, New Galloway (Vacant)



Once upon a time there was a monarch who was only 12 inches tall. He was a terrible king, but he made a great ruler



# Sunday Readings

## Fifth Sunday of Easter

*2<sup>nd</sup> May 2021*

Acts 8:26-40

Psalms 22:25-31

1 John 4:7-21

John 15:1-8

## Day of Pentecost

*23<sup>rd</sup> May 2021*

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Psalms 104:24-34, 35b

Romans 8:22-27

John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

## Pentecost 3

*13<sup>th</sup> June 2021*

1 Samuel 15:34 - 16:13

Psalms 20

2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17

Mark 4:26-34

## Sixth Sunday of Easter

*9<sup>th</sup> May 2021*

Acts 10:44-48

Psalms 98

1 John 5:1-6

John 15:9-17

## Trinity Sunday

*30<sup>th</sup> May 2021*

Isaiah 6:1-8

Psalms 29

Romans 8:12-17

John 3:1-17

## Pentecost 4

*20<sup>th</sup> June 2021*

1 Samuel 17: 32-49

Psalms 9:9-20

2 Corinthians 6:1-13

Mark 4:35-41

## Seventh Sunday of Easter

*16<sup>th</sup> May 2021*

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

Psalms 1

1 John 5:9-13

John 17:6-19

## Pentecost 2

*6<sup>th</sup> June 2021*

Genesis 3:8-15

Psalms 130

2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

Mark 3:20-35

## Pentecost 5

*27<sup>th</sup> June 2021*

Lamentations 3:22-33

Psalms 30

2 Corinthians 8:7-15

Mark 5:21-43

## Pentecost 6

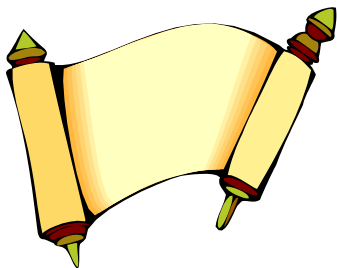
*4<sup>th</sup> July 2021*

Ezekiel 2:1-5

Psalms 123

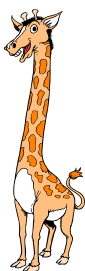
2 Corinthians 12:2-10

Mark 6:1-13



What's 197ft tall and smells of cheese?  
— the leaning tower of pizza

Some Giraffe's can grow up to 18 feet . . . .  
. . . But most have only four!



My dog can do magic tricks!!  
Well, he is a Labracadabrador



What is 300ft high and wobbles?  
The Trifle Tower



# Kalendar

## MAY 2021

**Sat 1<sup>st</sup> Philip and James, Apostles**

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**Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> Fifth Sunday of Easter**

anytime YouTube worship compiled by Les  
 10.30am **Eucharist** (in church and via Zoom)  
 from 11am SEC Provincial Service on Facebook and YouTube

**Thu 6<sup>th</sup> 10am Coffee Time** chat and prayer via Zoom (see back page)

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**Sun 9<sup>th</sup> Sixth Sunday of Easter**

anytime YouTube worship compiled by Les  
 10.30am **Eucharist** (in church and via Zoom)  
 from 11am SEC Provincial Service on Facebook and YouTube

**Mon 10<sup>th</sup> - Wed 12<sup>th</sup> Rogation Days**

**Wed 12<sup>th</sup> Bishop of Edinburgh, John Ames, consecrated this day in 2012**

7.30pm **Mothers' Union Meeting** - Flower Power  
 (online - see page 8)

**Thu 13<sup>th</sup> Ascension Day**

10am **Service for Ascension Day** followed by **Coffee Time**  
 chat and prayer via Zoom (see back page)

**Fri 14<sup>th</sup> Matthias, Apostle**

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**Sun 16<sup>th</sup> Seventh Sunday of Easter (Sunday after Ascension Day)**

anytime YouTube worship compiled by Les  
 10.30am **Eucharist** (in church and via Zoom)  
 from 11am SEC Provincial Service on Facebook and YouTube

**Thu 20<sup>th</sup> 10am Coffee Time** chat and prayer via Zoom (see back page)

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**Sun 23<sup>rd</sup> The Day of Pentecost (Whit Sunday)**

anytime YouTube worship compiled by Les  
 10.30am **Eucharist** (in church and via Zoom)  
 from 11am SEC Provincial Service on Facebook and YouTube

**Wed 26<sup>th</sup> Ember Day**

7.30pm **BRF Discussion** on Zoom (see page 13)

**Thu 27<sup>th</sup> 10am Coffee Time** chat and prayer via Zoom (see back page)

**Fri 28 & Sat 29<sup>th</sup> Ember Days**

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**Sun 30<sup>th</sup> Trinity Sunday (Pentecost 1)**

anytime YouTube worship compiled by Les  
 10.30am **Eucharist** (in church and via Zoom)  
 from 11am SEC Provincial Service on Facebook and YouTube

**Mon 31<sup>st</sup> The Visit of Mary to Elizabeth**

**If any of this changes, we'll update our website and advise those who receive the Link by email of the changes. The Link can be downloaded from: [link.stcyprianslenzie.com](http://link.stcyprianslenzie.com)**

## **JUNE 2021**

<b>Thu 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Corpus Christi</b>	10am	<b>Coffee Time</b> chat and prayer via Zoom (see back page)
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<b>Sun 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Pentecost 2</b>	anytime	YouTube worship compiled by Les
		10.30am	<b>Eucharist</b> (in church and via Zoom)
		from 11am	SEC Provincial Service on Facebook and YouTube
<b>Wed 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Columba of Iona, Abbot, 597</b>	TBC	<b>Mothers' Union Meeting</b> - see Link nearer time for details
<b>Thu 10<sup>th</sup></b>		10am	<b>Coffee Time</b> chat and prayer via Zoom (see back page)
<b>Fri 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Barnabas, Apostle</b>		
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<b>Sun 13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Pentecost 3</b>	anytime	YouTube worship compiled by Les
		10.30am	<b>Eucharist</b> (in church and via Zoom)
		from 11am	SEC Provincial Service on Facebook and YouTube
<b>Thu 17<sup>th</sup></b>		10am	<b>Coffee Time</b> chat and prayer via Zoom (see back page)
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<b>Sun 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Pentecost 4</b>	anytime	YouTube worship compiled by Les
		10.30am	<b>Eucharist</b> (in church and via Zoom)
		from 11am	SEC Provincial Service on Facebook and YouTube
<b>Wed 23<sup>rd</sup></b>		7.30pm	<b>BRF Discussion</b> on Zoom (see page 13)
<b>Thu 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>The Birth of John the Baptist</b>	10am	<b>Coffee Time</b> chat and prayer via Zoom (see back page)
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<b>Sun 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Pentecost 5</b>	anytime	YouTube worship compiled by Les
		10.30am	<b>Eucharist</b> (in church and via Zoom)
		from 11am	SEC Provincial Service on Facebook and YouTube
<b>Tue 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Peter and Paul, Apostles</b>		

## **JULY 2021**

<b>Thu 1<sup>st</sup></b>		10am	<b>Coffee Time</b> chat and prayer via Zoom (see back page)
<b>Sat 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Thomas, Apostle</b>		
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<b>Sun 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Pentecost 6</b>	anytime	YouTube worship compiled by Les
		10.30am	<b>Eucharist</b> (in church and via Zoom)
		from 11am	SEC Provincial Service on Facebook and YouTube

# 10.30 am Service

**We are very pleased to say that we haven't had any problems as a result of the easing lockdown restrictions, so we continue to open for worship with strict social distancing and hygiene measures in place.**

There may well be further relaxation of the rules during the currency of this magazine provided that the infection rate remains low and vaccine uptake and efficacy remain high. We may even be able to get together again in the hall, though this seems unlikely while our hall is being used daily during the week.

For the time being there will only be one service on a Sunday. There will be organ or piano music, but no singing and the Eucharist

will be in one kind only – no wine for now.

We'll continue to offer the opportunity to join via Zoom for those who find it difficult to come in person for whatever reason (recently someone had a flat tyre that stopped them). The joining instructions are available on the website (along with the liturgy) and in the weekly Link email. If you haven't already, you can subscribe for the email via our website. Any changes to services will also be notified in the email and on the website.

There is a Rota below of people who have volunteered to read the scriptures and provide intercessions. They can make their contribution in person or via Zoom.

If you have any comments or suggestions, please let the Rector know.

## Rotas

Date	Reader	Intercessor
2 May 2021	Kevin Wilbraham	Maxine Gow
9 May 2021	Maxine Gow	Mary Haigh
16 May 2021	Janet Faughey	Gavin Boyd
23 May 2021	Anne Carswell	Glennis Tavenor
30 May 2021	Mary Haigh	Aileen Mundy
6 Jun 2021	Eileen Ferry	Maxine Gow
13 Jun 2021	Jill Taylor	Mary Haigh
20 Jun 2021	Judith Beastall	Gavin Boyd
27 Jun 2021	Dianna Farnell	Jackie Fenton
4 Jul 2021	Mark Fenton	Aileen Mundy

## Coffee Time

**While we are now able to offer a Sunday service, it is unlikely that we will be able to gather socially for some time yet, especially during school term time. Coffee Time will continue to fill the gap by providing an opportunity to join in a chat and prayer time every Thursday morning from 10 via Zoom.**

If you are subscribed to the Link email (sign-up at [stcyprianslenzie.com](http://stcyprianslenzie.com)), you will receive invitations to Coffee Time (as well as the Sunday Service).

Usually the emails go out one or two days before. All you need to do to take part is to click on the link in the email and follow the prompts on the screen to download the Zoom App (if you haven't already got it) and then join the meeting. If you haven't got a suitable device, you can also join in sound only by phone using the meeting ID and password in the email. If you need any help, please phone the Rector or Paul Hindle (numbers on page 2).