

# CYPRIAN *Life*



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# From the Rector



## *Dear Friends,*

**Every year, the clergy of our diocese (the Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway) have a clergy conference at a hotel somewhere: last year – 2022 – it was in Hamilton. We had a speaker who I found difficult to be inspired by, but one session at the conference I was interested in. The session was on the viability of a church, particularly the spiritual viability of a church.**

When people talk about the viability of a church, it normally revolves around a couple of things. Is the building sound, or is it going to cost huge amounts to fix in the near future? Secondly, can the church survive financially – can we meet our overheads? Maintenance costs, heating, insurance, etc., etc. The irony is that if we see the building and the money as the measure of viability, then you can picture a time when a church has a good building and lots of money in reserves, but no-one attending, and be called “viable”!

The truth is – there has to be the third strand – is the church SPIRITUALLY viable?

Of course, this is controversial. How do you measure spiritual viability? Can you really put a value on the spiritual life of people, on an individual’s relationship with God?

Well, the diocese is trying to look at this, and come up with a way of discerning “spiritual viability,” particularly when a church is in \*interregnum (i.e. currently without a priest) so we will leave them to that! But the question is worth asking – what makes a church spiritually viable? What makes St. Cyprian’s Church “Spiritually viable?”

I hope you are still reading this, because it can sound rather esoteric. It isn’t. It is asking – are we as a church serving God as he wants us to? Do we, as individuals, have the relationship with God that he wants us to? Do we have the relationships with each other that God created us to have? Do we have the love for our wider world that God calls us to have? And are these things TOP of our agenda? First in our priorities?

This year is the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the opening of St. Cyprian’s Church. There had been a worshipping Episcopal Community in Lenzie before 1873, but the church opened in that year, on April 7<sup>th</sup>. There are on our website histories of St. Cyprian’s Church, and

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\*The truth is, with the announcement of the retirement of the Rector, issues like these will face St. Cyprian’s in the near future as it faces an interregnum after June.

# Magazine & DNS Deadline

**The next issue of *Cyprian Life* should be available on Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> March 2023. The deadline for material is Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> March 2023, though it would be good to get things earlier, if possible. The magazine will be for April 2023 only.**

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. Electronic format is strongly preferred.

Please let me know about what is important to you, especially how world events have affected you.

I sometimes incorporate items 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).

The views expressed in *Cyprian Life* are not necessarily those of the Editor or of the Scottish Episcopal Church.

**Paul Hindle**  
Magazine Editor

## From the Rector

our hope is that we will produce a new history at some stage through the year – takes a bit of time to write a book and then get it published. The history is full of practical issues. The struggles to raise money, and the debts that hung over the church. The installation of stained-glass windows. The fire of 1926 which destroyed the vestry and almost the organ. The building of a new hall. The building of the new rectory in 1970..... It is all there in the history! However, there is little about the spiritual history of the church. How did the people worship? How was private prayer encouraged? How did people learn to read the bible? How was God part of the life of the people of St. Cyprian’s? Who were the people who prayed for our church?

The truth is, of course, that there was a huge amount to celebrate in the “spiritual life” of St. Cyprian’s. Let me give an example: did you know we had a mission church in Kirkintilloch – from 1935 – 1950, which met in the Scout hut in Kirkintilloch? Imagine how exciting that would have been! Imagine the

## Cover Picture

**The culmination of our Open Church Day on 18<sup>th</sup> December was the Carol Service in the evening featuring The East Dunbartonshire Children’s Chorus and Youth Choir conducted by Janet Lax.**

This picture was taken during the performance of one of the group’s pieces. It was a lovely service and the children sang beautifully. There are more pictures from the day on pages 12 and 13.

If you have a picture you think would be of interest to others in the congregation, please send it to the editor at:

[magazine@stcyprianslenzie.com](mailto:magazine@stcyprianslenzie.com).

desire to tell others about our Christian faith, that a new church – the St. Barnabas mission would have been set up? A huge spiritual achievement for the church.

One day they will write and tell the story of the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of St. Cyprian's. My hope is that it will be a fantastic spiritual story, a story which says – St. Cyprian's church is a church that is spiritually viable – it was a time when God was worshipped, people encouraged to pray, love grew, the bible grasped, and new people heard the good news.

I would be very sad to think that the story of our anniversary would only be about how much money we raised, how beautiful the church looked, didn't we have a good do!

2023 is going to be a big year for St. Cyprian's. Let's ensure it is a big "spiritual year" where we discover anew Jesus, the founder of our faith. Where we experience God working in our lives. Where we see love grow, the impact of the gospel reach out.

Years ago, I heard a preacher say something like: The role of the minister and

the role of a church is to create a structure in which people can encounter God. I have taken it to heart, and used it as a picture of what my ministry should be. That is the challenge for our anniversary. Not that we have a great celebration, although that helps. But to ensure our celebrations are "the structure" in which people can encounter God. And that includes all of us who are members – to encounter God anew, and to all who touch our lives through these celebrations, that as they touch our life, they encounter God. Then we will be able to say – St. Cyprian's is more than spiritually viable.....

**Have a great 2023**

*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.



# A Remarkable Bishop

**In our December Magazine, I wrote an article about someone – Lizo Mazwai – who had attended St. Cyprian’s at one time, and became one of the leading surgeons in South Africa. The truth is there are many people who attended St. Cyprian’s and made huge and interesting impacts on our world. Another one is Keith John Benzies. Someone no-one seems to remember!**

I was recently given a box of old documents (the majority being old magazines) by the family of Bill Morris who was a former secretary of the church. In the box were two letters from Keith Benzies to someone called Margaret written in the 1990’s. I have not been able to track down who Margaret is. However, Keith Benzies is an interesting character, and this is his life as I can piece it together.

He was born in 1938, brought up in Stepps, and studied French and Czech at Glasgow University. He must have moved away at that stage. He next appears training for ministry at Salisbury Theological College, being ordained deacon at the age of 28 in 1962, and priest a year later. He served his curacy in Hull.

There is a comment in one of the letters on how his family lost contact with St. Cyprian’s after his mother and younger brother were killed in a plane crash. This was at Kano in Nigeria in 1958 – what they were doing in Nigeria and details of the crash seem to be unknown.

After completing his curacy in Hull, he was sent by USPG (United Society for the Propagation of the Gospel) to Madagascar in 1966 to be vice-principal of St Paul’s Theological College, Ambatoharanana, and then principal from 1969 to 1979. He also ran a home for 30 destitute boys at this time.

In 1982, he was elected Bishop of Antsiranana (one of 6 diocese in Madagascar)

a post he held until his death in 2002, aged 64, when he died of malaria and complications from Parkinson’s disease. He was awarded an OBE in 1993. He was buried in the cathedral grounds in his home city in Madagascar.

In his letters, he talks about some of the issues he faced in his role. There were 80 churches in his diocese, and only 8 clergy. The diocese was 480 miles from Antsiranana to the furthest reaches. The city itself is on the northern tip of Madagascar, and was very isolated. The diocese could not afford to cover the costs of a car, so he travelled everywhere by public transport – mainly buses, sometimes planes.

Keith Benzies was never married, but adopted a number of boys who were destitute or handicapped, putting them through education and helping them to work. The last one he adopted, aged 17, had no legs. He was living in complete destitution and squalor.

In many ways, John Benzies was one of that group of “Last of the colonial bishops,” but made a huge impact on the church in Madagascar. Surprising to think the reaches that St. Cyprian’s church has, and how God has used our church to make such a difference to the worldwide church and witness to Christ.

John Benzies was a remarkable character and Bishop – humble, strong, committed to the poor of the country he came to love. You can read a longer version of his ministry here:

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/33037982@N04/3466221417>

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*Ed note:* After Les told me about Bishop Keith Benzies, I spoke to a fellow trustee on the Mothers’ Union Worldwide Board who is based in Madagascar. She immediately recalled him. She had met him regularly in the latter years of his ministry and obviously recalled him with fondness and high regard.

# Property Matters

**Quite a bit has happened in and around our property in December, particularly on the roof and with the heating system in the hall.**

The rotten timber at the west end of the roof has now been replaced and the lead flashing to the coping of the west wall properly attached and sealed to prevent further water ingress, which was the problem that caused the rot in the first place. The scaffolding is now away and work stopped for the time being. More work will be needed later in the year especially around the gutter outlets, which are far too small and can be blocked by a single leaf. It seems nature is very good at placing falling leaves in just the right places!

Many of you will have seen me making regular forays into the ladies toilet to check the pressure in the heating system and top it up. This loss of pressure was gradually getting much worse. We had the boiler attended to because the pressure relief valve seemed to be leaking. It was. This seemed to be a cure until a few days later when there was a total loss of pressure. Refilling worked for about 24 hours and then no pressure again. This was right in the middle of the very cold spell, when no heat was not something we could live with. There was no sign of leakage from the boiler, but I could hear a hiss from the radiator in the staff toilet. That was the problem. The pipe had been resting on a brick sleeper wall and was carrying the weight of the main return pipe. Over the years, it had simply worn away due to movement caused by expansion and contraction. The picture shows the wear on the pipe that has now been replaced. I'm grateful



to Adrian and his mate for turning out at short notice to fix it.

A week or two earlier, I got a call about all the lights in the hall being out. I found that one row of lights in the hall had a short-circuit fault. This has happened before due to a ballast failing. The fittings are nearly two decades old now and the cost of buying spares would go a long way towards buying new LED fittings that would save a considerable amount of energy as well as offering better lighting. The Vestry has agreed to this and we have an offer to cover the cost, so this is planned to go ahead during the Easter break.

If anyone fancies being Property Convenor or can donate to the funds needed for property maintenance, please let me or the Rector know.

**Paul Hindle**

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## Warm Spaces

**The local ACTS group is organising a series of “Warm Spaces” at various churches in Kirkintilloch and Lenzie this winter, to provide warmth and something to eat for those who may be struggling.**

Could you volunteer, either on a regular basis, or occasionally as needed? This is a great initiative. If you can help, or simply want to know more, please talk to Mary Boyd who is our rep for this.

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**“Christianity, if false, is of no importance, and if true of infinite importance. The only thing it cannot be is moderately important” – CS Lewis**

# Music @ St Cyprian's

**It's been a busy time for Music @ St Cyprian's. We've had two concerts in December and another was planned to be held on the day this magazine went to print.**

The first took place on 3<sup>rd</sup> December. The McOpera Wind players were side by side in concert with the excellent young musicians of the Douglas Academy Music School (the whole ensemble is in the photo opposite). It certainly lived up to its billing as a concert of music new and old from professional musicians and emerging talent. Wonderful!!

Then two weeks later, on the 17<sup>th</sup>, we welcomed leading jazz singer, Ali Affleck, along with Roy Percy on bass, Ross Baird on guitar and Colin Steele on trumpet (*below*) for

*Singing the Blues for Christmas*. What an amazing concert. I certainly hope to see them back again in the not to distant future!

Aaron Hawthorne, a great organist, was due to be with us at the end of January, but unfortunately had to cancel due to illness. We hope to have him with us later in the year.

We're now looking forward to the concerts in February and March. The posters are below opposite and there are more details about these concerts and the May concert on the Music @ St Cyprian's website:

<http://musicstcyprians.co.uk/>

There are more pictures of the past concerts on the Facebook page, which is updated regularly:

[www.facebook.com/musicstcyprians/](http://www.facebook.com/musicstcyprians/)







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**Gosh another year has gone by. December saw a very enjoyable, well attended Christmas lunch at the Broadcroft. It seems to be our 'go to' place for outings.**

In January, we started with a good reading from the MU prayer diary and prayers for the coming year. This was our AGM meeting, which was short and sweet as there are no changes in our leader team once again.

We then discussed ideas for the coming year with suggestions like a talk from Maxine on her trip to New Zealand, a talk from an historian with a speciality on Kirkintilloch, and a games night. These ideas will be carried forward for when we plan the 2023/24 programme later in the year.

In a break with our normal second Wednesday of the month, our February meeting will be held on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup>, which is Shrove Tuesday. This will take place from 1pm in the Choir Vestry where we will be making pancakes for everyone who would like to come and join us that afternoon. Everyone is welcome – a great way to prepare for Lent this year.

Our March meeting will focus on planning for the Mothering Sunday service later in the month.



Everyone was saddened and shocked to hear of the passing of Peter Mundy in January. Our thoughts and prayers are with Aileen, Sheila, Fiona and Lisa.

**Glennis and Maxine**

## Make a Mother's Day

Can you give a gift  
of perseverance  
this Mothering  
Sunday

**MU's Make a Mother's Day Appeal this year will be for Gifts of Perseverance to support women, families and communities especially in Burundi.**

By choosing an ethical gift,

you could make the difference between a young person missing out on school or creating their new life at university.

You will be able to buy your gift from 10<sup>th</sup> February onwards by going to the website:

[makeamothersday.org](http://makeamothersday.org)



# Special Tree?

**Do we have a special tree at St. Cyprian's? If you sit in the hall, and look out the first window from the right, opposite the door, there is an alder. It has a nest box on it. But is it special?**

One Sunday in the Autumn, we saw a treecreeper (little, but beautiful, brown and white bird) climbing up it. A week or so later there was a small flock of long-tailed tits flittering through it (small pinkish birds with long tails and very white head bands). I've also seen blue tits using the nest box. Squirrels perching in it. A fieldfare (A beautiful winter thrush) sitting on it. That's as well as other common birds – blackbirds, thrushes, dunnocks etc. It seems to attract birds! BUT – why mention it now? Well one of the birds that I've seen in the tree in the past is even rarer and more beautiful. A bird almost uniquely attracted to alders. And generally only visits in early spring – February/March. It is small, delicate, green, often mistaken for a Greenfinch (which generally looks a lot “heavier”). Let's look out for and hope for a



visit this year by some siskins..... (indeed some have already turned up in January!)

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## The Time has Come!

**I know there has been a bit of speculation about whether I am planning to retire soon. Well I want to confirm that I have notified the vestry and sent an E.mail around the congregation that I intend to retire at the end of June (I think my last Sunday will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> July).**

I suspect most people already know by now. In June, I do make my pension age and Lucy will be a large round number by then (age wise), so time to move on.

Our hope is to move closer to our family –

they want us to move closer to them. However, there has been a few issues about purchasing somewhere to live, so we do not have anywhere yet. Our plan has been to move to Lincolnshire, where we are closer to our family, where we are near the sea, near good train links, and where there will be the opportunity to carry out “retiral” ministry – covering services, etc.

Please pray for us as we try to sort out our plans, and pray that God puts things into place. And we very much look forward to our final months ministering at St. Cyprian's.

**Les**

# Church Open Day



Here are scenes from throughout the day - from the nativity scene at the door to stalls throughout the day including the Brownies to soup and fruit lunch and finally the Carol Concert in the evening. A great day!





# — Photo Feature



# Ash Wednesday

This year, Ash Wednesday falls on 22<sup>nd</sup> February and at St. Cyprian's Church, we will have a special service at 7.30pm, which includes the imposition of ashes. For those who do not make it, we will offer the imposition of ashes at our Thursday morning service on 23<sup>rd</sup> February. By tradition, the ashes are made from burnt palm crosses.



Ash Wednesday, including the imposition of ashes, did not come into being until the 10<sup>th</sup> century, encouraged by the then Archbishop of Canterbury – Bishop Aethelwold – and monarch, King Edgar. It was only in the 11<sup>th</sup> century that the Church as a whole throughout Europe began to adopt the ceremony.

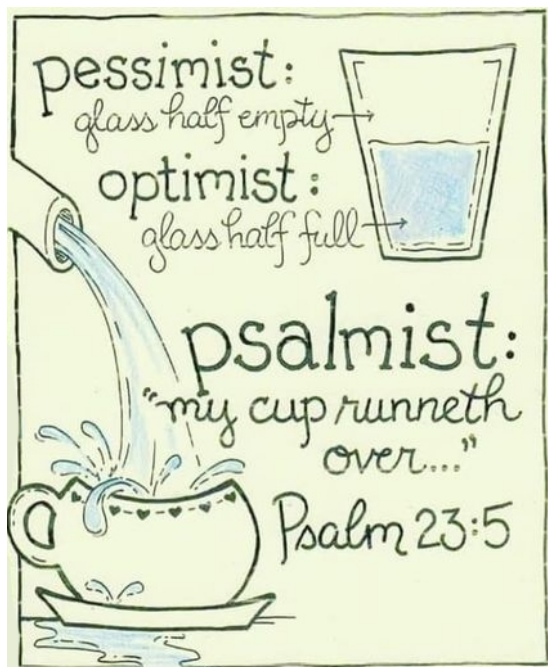
In the bible, there are many references to repenting – making public confession of sins – in sackcloth and ashes. Jesus himself spoke of the act. As the church developed, so many churches used this act for those who needed to

repent, but it was never associated with Lent. Lent then began on the Sunday after. It was only in the 9<sup>th</sup> century that Lent was extended by four days and ashes associated with it, and the tenth century when it became something for the whole church.

From the tenth century, the keeping of Ash Wednesday with ashing has continued in the Roman Catholic Church right up to today. In the Anglican Church from the reformation (approx 1525), Ash Wednesday with ashing was discouraged and in places banned. It disappeared from the tradition until the middle of the 19<sup>th</sup> century.

In the 19<sup>th</sup> century, the Oxford Movement (a movement which wanted to re-introduce catholic practices into the church, from which we at St. Cyprian's are descended) began to bring it back to the church. It was controversial, but grew in popularity in the first half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. There was no given liturgy for ashing in the Anglican Communion until 1986. At our churches in Manchester, it only became something we did in about 2008.

Today, for us at St. Cyprian's, it is a very special occasion. We do worship on Ash Wednesday. We do include ashing. It is the beginning of Lent. It is a time when we face God in sadness for the things wrong in our lives. Please come along at 7.30pm – Ash Wednesday really matters!!!



# Peter Mundy

## 1953 - 2023

**On the 2<sup>nd</sup> February, we will be holding the funeral for Peter Mundy who sadly died after a short illness on 12<sup>th</sup> January. The funeral will be at St. Cyprian's Church at 10.15am, and afterwards at Daldowie Crematorium.**

Peter had spent his life from his early years in Lenzie, and was always involved in the life of St. Cyprian's, although over recent years this was much more in the background, and as a support to his wife Aileen. In his earlier years he was a server, a member of the choir, property convenor, part of the youth club, amongst other things. In earlier years, he loved his motorbike and loved Badminton. Peter spent all of working life as an Environmental Officer for the local council. Most important for Peter was his family and the great support he showed to Aileen and his three daughters Sheila, Fiona and Lisa. Over the last five years



or so, Peter had enormous struggles with health, and that period of struggle revealed the great character and courage that he had. Having said that, I will remember him as a friendly man who was simply great company to be with.

Peter will be missed by his family and friends, and I am sure our prayers are with them at this time.



This artwork was created for WDP by Hui-Wen HSAIO who was born in Tainan, Taiwan. She says, "I cherish my God-given talents and serve God with my artwork. I humbly hope people will know God through my art."



**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2023**

**I Have Heard About Your Faith**

Program written by the World Day of Prayer Committee of Taiwan for WDP 2023

*Ephesians 1:15-19*

Look out for notices of the location(s) of local WDP services nearer the time.

More details at [www.wdpScotland.org.uk](http://www.wdpScotland.org.uk)



# Sesquicentennial Update

This year we are 150 years old. In April 1783, St. Cyprian's Church opened and has ministered as part of the Anglican community ever since. There is a programme of events lined up for the year, including a special concert in May, a flower festival at the beginning of September and an Autumn Fair at the beginning of October.



We are not a large church, so have chosen to do a few very special events well, rather than lots of activities throughout the year.

We plan to launch the anniversary with a special service on Easter Sunday, the Sunday nearest the launch date of our church. We will be welcoming Bishop Kevin Pearson, our diocesan bishop, to that special service.

We also plan to have a display of pictures and articles from the history of the church from Easter to the Autumn harvest, and will find opportunities for people to come and view the exhibition.

Do you have pictures from the past of St. Cyprian's? Articles? Ephemera? Would you be willing to donate them or lend them to St. Cyprian's for that period? I dream of

finding something of great value and interest in the history of the church – maybe you have it?

Mostly, I hope we have a great time, and a great celebration – 150 years is not young!!!!!!

## Concordia

### Praise

for

## Palm Sunday

2<sup>nd</sup> April 2023

St David's Memorial Park Church  
Alexandra Street, Kirkintilloch

*May also be at the Carmelite Convent  
on Monday evening - TBC*



**St.Cyprian's  
150th Anniversary  
Celebrations  
1873-2023**

## Festal Eucharist

**marking 150 years of worship in our Church**



**Celebrant Bishop Kevin Pearson**

**Easter Day 9th April  
10.30am**



Kirkintilloch and Lenzie ACTS Group

## Good Friday Walk of Witness

**10.15am**

Walk from  
Lenzie Old  
Parish to  
Lenzie Union,  
St.Cyprian's  
and along  
the footpath  
to  
Kirkintilloch



Gather  
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place  
At 11.00  
Walk  
along  
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Cowgate  
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AT  
8.50

open from 7.30 for  
tea and coffee

Scottish Charity SC039686



I once auditioned for a choir. They said I sang so badly, could I sing tenor? Tenor eleven miles away!!!!

I once auditioned for a solo part in the choir. They asked me to sing "On a Hill Far Away....."

When I started singing they said I should be on the stage. There's one leaving town in about ten minutes.....

It is impossible to be completely accurate, but since the bible became a unified entity about 1,500 years ago, it is reckoned that between 5 – 7 billion copies have been printed.

Highwaymen in the 18<sup>th</sup> century used to hang lanterns on their saddles to help them find their way home. This is the first ever form of saddle light navigation.....!!!!!!!



# Anglican & Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

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

## **FEBRUARY 2023**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Christian Stewardship
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Lay Representatives, Alternate Lay Representatives and members of Regional Councils
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Pastoral Assistants, Eucharistic Assistants, Worship Leaders and Spiritual Companions in the Diocese
- 4<sup>th</sup> The Dean (Reuben Preston).

## **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February**

### **Fifth Sunday after Epiphany**

#### **ANGLICAN**

The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea

#### **DIOCESAN**

Holy Trinity, Kilmarnock (Harriet Johnston)  
St Ninian's, Troon (Keith Thomasson)

#### **Daily Prayers**

- 6<sup>th</sup> Porvoo Link: The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Lithuania
- 7<sup>th</sup> Companions of Our Lady & St Mungo (Ellen Barrett, Alison Joy Whybrow)
- 8<sup>th</sup> St Cyprian's Mothers' Union
- 9<sup>th</sup> SEC Diocese of Aberdeen & Orkney (Bishop Anne Dyer).
- 10<sup>th</sup> The Aberlour Child Care Trust
- 11<sup>th</sup> Safety for all young adults, at home and abroad

## **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> February**

### **Sixth Sunday after Epiphany**

#### **ANGLICAN**

The Episcopal Church in the Philippines

#### **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**

- 13<sup>th</sup> Porvoo Link: The Church of Norway
- 14<sup>th</sup> All young couples on their journey through life together
- 15<sup>th</sup> Bishop's Core Group
- 16<sup>th</sup> For all whose ministry is expressed in healing
- 17<sup>th</sup> All "Maggie's" Cancer Care centres in Scotland
- 18<sup>th</sup> For Health Visitors and District Nurses

## **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> February**

### **Sunday before Lent**

#### **ANGLICAN**

Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda

#### **DIOCESAN**

All Saints, Challoch, with the Whithorn Fellowship, St Margaret of Scotland, New Galloway (Vacant - Dawn Rachel Matthew was due to be licensed to both charges yesterday)

#### **Daily Prayers**

- 20<sup>th</sup> Mothers' Union Worldwide Board and staff at Mary Sumner House
- 21<sup>st</sup> Sincerity, truth and love in all our relationships
- 22<sup>nd</sup> A Holy Lent (Ash Wednesday)
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Porvoo Link: The Church of Sweden
- 24<sup>th</sup> The people of Ukraine on the first anniversary of the start of the invasion by Russian forces
- 25<sup>th</sup> Kirkintilloch and Lenzie Action of Churches Together

# & Daily Intentions

## Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February First Sunday of Lent

### ANGLICAN

The Scottish Episcopal Church

### DIOCESAN

St Mary's, Gatehouse of Fleet; St Francis of Assisi (Greyfriars), Kirkcudbright (Stephen Hazlett, Gill Hart, John Martin, Gordon Mursell).

### Daily Prayers

27<sup>th</sup> SEC Diocese of Argyll and the Isles (Bishop Keith Riglin)

28<sup>th</sup> The work of Quarriers Homes

## MARCH 2023

1<sup>st</sup> The spirit of St David and the people of Wales (St David's Day)

2<sup>nd</sup> Bishop Ann of Aberdeen and Orkney (consecrated 1 March 2018)

3<sup>rd</sup> Diocesan Council

4<sup>th</sup> Porvoo Link: The Church of England

## Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> March Second Sunday of Lent

### ANGLICAN

Church of the Province of South East Asia

### DIOCESAN

St Ninian's, Castle Douglas (Christopher Ketley, Alan Rumble)

Christ Church, Dalbeattie (Christopher Ketley, John Simmons, Helen Evans)

### Daily Prayers

6<sup>th</sup> The staff and volunteers of Community Centres

7<sup>th</sup> Those addicted to drugs or alcohol

8<sup>th</sup> An end to terrorism

9<sup>th</sup> For all whose ministry is in the voluntary sector

10<sup>th</sup> Diocesan Secretary (John Mitchell).

11<sup>th</sup> Porvoo Link: The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland

## Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March Third Sunday of Lent

### ANGLICAN

The Church of South India (United)

### DIOCESAN

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

St Ninian's, Portpatrick; St John the Evangelist, Stranraer (Elizabeth Breakey)

### Daily Prayers

13<sup>th</sup> The people of Bangladesh

14<sup>th</sup> Grameen Caledonian College of Nursing

15<sup>th</sup> Diocesan Treasurer (Robert Burgon)

16<sup>th</sup> Diocesan Auditors (John R. Park, Jacqui McCarrell, Andrew Littlejohn)

17<sup>th</sup> The People of Ireland (St Patrick's Day)

18<sup>th</sup> Worldwide crop producers and providers of food

## Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March Fourth Sunday of Lent (Mothering Sunday)

### ANGLICAN

The Anglican Church of Southern Africa

### DIOCESAN

East End Team Ministry: St John the Evangelist, Baillieston; St Kentigern's, Dennistoun; St Serf's, Shettleston (Vacant, Lucy Ireland)

### Daily Prayers

20<sup>th</sup> Thanksgiving for the Eucharist

21<sup>st</sup> Wisdom for world leaders

22<sup>nd</sup> A forgiving spirit

# Anglican & Diocesan Cycle of Prayer & Daily Intentions

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- 23<sup>rd</sup> The whole of the Christian Church  
24<sup>th</sup> Rejoice in the free gift of salvation in Jesus  
25<sup>th</sup> The miracle of Christ's conception

## Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March Fifth Sunday of Lent

### ANGLICAN

The Anglican Church of South America

### DIOCESAN

St James-the-Less, Bishopbriggs (Paul Watson, Kennedy Fraser)

St Cyprian's, Lenzie (Les Ireland)

### Daily Prayers

- 27<sup>th</sup> Porvoo Link: The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland  
28<sup>th</sup> Mothers' Union Scotland Retreat starting today  
29<sup>th</sup> SEC Diocese of Brechin (Bishop Andrew Swift)  
30<sup>th</sup> Companions of Our Lady & St Mungo (Ellen Barrett, Alison Joy Whybrow)  
31<sup>st</sup> Mothers and children

## APRIL 2023

- 1<sup>st</sup> Thanks for the new spring growth

## Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April Palm Sunday

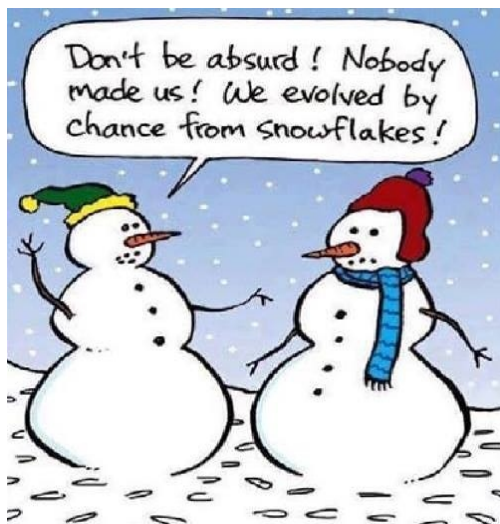
### ANGLICAN

Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

### DIOCESAN

Holy Name, Cumbernauld (Kirstin Freeman, Ray Gascoigne)

St Matthew's, Possilpark (David Wostenholm, Stuart Wood)



## Fair Trade

**St Cyprian's is a Fair Trade Church and is therefore committed to using Fair Trade products.**

We have been running a fair trade stall occasionally, but that has become more difficult for Glennis and her small team. We are currently looking for volunteers to run the stall it's only about four times a year could that be you?

Please buy Fair Trade at the local shops when you can. Thank you.



# Sunday & Christmas Readings

## Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

*5<sup>th</sup> February 2023*

Isaiah 58:1-9a

Psalms 112:1-9

1 Corinthians 2:1-12

Matthew 5:13-20

## Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

*12<sup>th</sup> February 2023*

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Psalms 119:1-8

1 Corinthians 3:1-9

Matthew 5:21-37

## Sunday before Lent (Transfiguration Sunday)

*19<sup>th</sup> February 2023*

Exodus 24:12-18

Psalms 2

2 Peter 1:16-21

Matthew 17:1-9

## First Sunday of Lent

*26<sup>th</sup> February 2023*

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

Psalms 32

Romans 5:12-19

Matthew 4:1-11

## Second Sunday of Lent

*5<sup>th</sup> March 2023*

Genesis 12:1-4a

Psalms 121

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

Matthew 17:1-9

## Third Sunday of Lent

*12<sup>th</sup> March 2023*

Exodus 17:1-7

Psalms 95

Romans 5:1-11

John 4:5-42

## Mothering Sunday (Fourth Sunday of Lent)

*19<sup>th</sup> March 2023*

Exodus 2:1-10;

Psalms 127:1-4;

2 Corinthians 1:3-7;

John 19:25b-27

## Fifth Sunday of Lent

*26<sup>th</sup> March 2023*

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Psalms 130

Romans 8:6-11

John 11:1-45

## Palm Sunday

*2<sup>nd</sup> April 2023*

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Psalms 118:1-2, 19-29

Philippians 2:5-11

Matthew 21:1-11

Altar Guild	
5 <sup>th</sup> February	Anne Carswell
12 <sup>th</sup> & 19 <sup>th</sup> February	Eileen Ferry & Judith Beastall
26 <sup>th</sup> February & 5 <sup>th</sup> March	Diana Farnell & Mary Boyd *
12 <sup>th</sup> & 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Volunteer Please *
26 <sup>th</sup> March & 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Anne Carswell *
* Lent Brasses only	



# Kalendar

## FEBRUARY 2023

<b>Wed 1<sup>st</sup></b>	2pm	BRF Discussion Group on Zoom (postponed from January)
<b>Thu 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD</b>	
	10.15am	Funeral of Peter Mundy in Church and on Zoom followed by committal at Daldowie Crematorium
<b>Sat 4<sup>th</sup></b>	11 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Consecration of the Bishop Kevin in Argyll & the Isles	
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<b>Sun 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Fifth Sunday after Epiphany</b>	
	10.30am	<b>Sung Eucharist</b> (in Church and via Zoom)
<b>Thu 9<sup>th</sup></b>	10am	Eucharist in Choir Vestry
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<b>Sun 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Sixth Sunday after Epiphany</b>	
	10.30am	<b>Sung Eucharist</b> (in Church and via Zoom)
<b>Mon 13<sup>th</sup></b>	7pm	Northeast Regional Council Service and meeting in St Cyprian's with Bishop Kevin attending
<b>Thu 16<sup>th</sup></b>	10am	Eucharist in Choir Vestry
<b>Sat 18<sup>th</sup></b>	7.30pm	<b>Concert</b> - Ito-Berridge-Storey Trio - see page 9
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<b>Sun 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Sunday before Lent</b>	
	10.30am	<b>Sung Eucharist</b> (in Church and via Zoom)
<b>Tue 21<sup>st</sup></b>	7.30pm	Mothers' Union Meeting in Church Hall
<b>Wed 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b>	
	2pm	BRF Discussion Group on Zoom
	7.30pm	Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes in Church
<b>Thu 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	10am	Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes in Choir Vestry
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<b>Sun 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>First Sunday of Lent</b>	
	9.15am	Said Eucharist
	10.30am	<b>Sung Eucharist</b> (in Church and via Zoom)
	7pm	Northeast Regional Council Service on Zoom

## MARCH 2023

<b>Wed 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Ember Day</b>	Anniversary of Consecration of the Bishop of Aberdeen, 2018
<b>Thu 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	10am	Eucharist in Choir Vestry
<b>Fri 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>World Day of Prayer - Ember Day</b>	
<b>Sat 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Ember Day</b>	

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)

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<b>Sun 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Second Sunday of Lent</b>	
	10.30am	<b>Sung Eucharist</b> (in Church and via Zoom)
<b>Wed 8<sup>th</sup></b>	7.30pm	Mothers' Union Meeting in Church Hall
<b>Thu 9<sup>th</sup></b>	10am	Eucharist in Choir Vestry

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<b>Sun 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Third Sunday of Lent</b>	
	10.30am	<b>Sung Eucharist</b> (in Church and via Zoom)
<b>Thu 16<sup>th</sup></b>	10am	Eucharist in Choir Vestry
<b>Fri 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Patrick, Bishop, Patron of Ireland, c 461</b>	
<b>Sat 18<sup>th</sup></b>	7.30pm	<b>Concert - Scots Baroque - see page 9</b>

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<b>Sun 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Mothering Sunday (Fourth Sunday of Lent)</b>	
	10.30am	<b>Sung Eucharist</b> (in Church and via Zoom)
<b>Mon 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Joseph of Nazareth</b>	
<b>Wed 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	2pm	BRF Discussion Group on Zoom
<b>Thu 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	10am	Eucharist in Choir Vestry
<b>Sat 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD</b>	

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## The Beginning of Passiontide

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<b>Sun 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Passion Sunday (Fifth Sunday of Lent)</b>	
	9.15am	Said Eucharist
	10.30am	<b>Sung Eucharist</b> (in Church and via Zoom)
	7pm	Northeast Regional Council Service on Zoom
<b>Thu 30<sup>th</sup></b>	10am	Eucharist in Choir Vestry

## APRIL 2023

## Holy Week

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<b>Sun 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Palm Sunday</b>	
	10.30am	<b>Sung Eucharist</b> (in Church and via Zoom)
	7pm	<b>Concordia</b> praise service at St David's Memorial Park Church, Kirkintilloch

The Province is still providing online services at 11am on Sundays and at various other times. The details and links are at [www.scotland.anglican.org/broadcast-sunday-worship/](http://www.scotland.anglican.org/broadcast-sunday-worship/). Les is also continuing to produce online worship services for special occasions like Lent on YouTube. He lets everyone who receives the weekly Link email know when and how to get them. Sign up for the email on our website if you haven't already.

# Where we are with Covid?

**Where are we with Covid – I think the answer is “delayed!” In December, we took a minor step forward – we agreed those administering communion could stop wearing face masks after consultations with the congregation.**

However, I think we are still in the position of continuing with the few restrictions we still have. We still encourage people to sit apart, and we do this by where we put the hymn books and service booklets in church. We still have a hand-washing station for people as they enter church. Perhaps for me the saddest is that we still only share the peace by waving at each other, rather than shaking hands, with the occasional hug.

Having said that, I still think we have to continue with these precautions for the time being. It was thought the pandemic was going away. It isn’t – indeed the numbers are worse now than they have been, as much as the illness is not so severe in most cases as it once was. At least four members of our church have had Covid since the last magazine was printed! So, just to be on the safe and cautious side, we will continue being careful for the time being.

We continue to offer indefinitely the option to attend online for those who can’t come to church in person for whatever reason. The instructions for joining are emailed out with the Link each week and are also available on the home page of our website. You can also sign up there for the email.

## Rotas

Date	Server	Reader	Intercessor	Coffee	Counting
5 Feb 2023	Mary Haigh	Mary Boyd	Mary Haigh	Mary & Gavin Boyd	Diana Farnell & Gavin Boyd
12 Feb 2023	Mary Haigh	Janet Faughey	Maxine Gow	Maxine Gow	David Taylor & Tony Farnell
19 Feb 2023	Sally Hadden	Sally Hadden	Glennis Tavener	Judith Beastall	Maxine Gow & Diana Farnell
26 Feb 2023	Sally Hadden	Diana Farnell	Gavin Boyd	Janet Faughey	Gavin Boyd & David Taylor
5 Mar 2023	Paul Hindle	Judith Beastall	Maxine Gow	Sally Hadden	Sally Hadden & Patrick Copsey
12 Mar 2023	Sally Hadden	Kevin Wilbraham	Glennis Tavener	Eileen Ferry	Paul Hindle & Aileen Mundy
19 Mar 2023	Aileen Mundy	David Taylor	Gavin Boyd	Pat & Paul Hindle	Diana Farnell & David Taylor
26 Mar 2023	Paul Hindle	Eileen Ferry	Maxine Gow	Anne Carswell	Tony Farnell & Maxine Gow
2 Apr 2023	Sally Hadden	Sally Hadden	Glennis Tavener	Jill Taylor	Gavin Boyd & Sally Hadden