

CYPRIAN *Life*



It's time to say goodbye

Join us for Les's Retirement on 2nd July

The Magazine of St Cyprian's Church, Lenzie July & August 2023

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Rector

Vacancy from 2nd July 2023

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From the Rector



Dear Friends,

It seems odd writing my final “Rector’s Letter” for the magazine, having written one at least every couple of months for well over ten years. I don’t know whether people have enjoyed the Rector’s letters, or ignored them, but I have tried to make them interesting, and make them have some “substance.”

One of the things that often happens when it is time to move on, is that the local newspaper phones you up and asks how you are feeling. And of course, we may change the words a bit, but one always says something like “we are very sad to be moving on and leaving folk behind, but are looking forward to new challenges!” Well that is the feeling now, although we are still struggling to work out where our future will be. Please pray for us – it is very difficult knowing we have to move, but not having somewhere to move to. Our plans are still to move to somewhere in Lincolnshire, closer to family, closer to the sea. When we do settle somewhere, we will let you have our address. For the time being, we will continue to live in the rectory as the future of St. Cyprian’s and the ministry at the church is discussed.

I know this is also an uncertain time for St. Cyprian’s Church. What is going to happen

in the future? What is the process that the church is about to embark on? Experience says that an interregnum (a period without a priest) rarely lasts less than a year, and sometimes a lot longer. Today it is a complex process to appoint a new minister. The diocese WILL NOT simply send another priest. It will not happen. It is important to ensure that the Vestry works hard and quickly on their part in the process, to ensure the process moves as quickly as possible. I know the Bishop is coming to St. Cyprian’s on Sunday 23rd July to take the service and point the way forward to the future.

In the meantime, the diocese will appoint an interim priest to support the Vestry and clergy will be made available to cover services at St. Cyprian’s. All the regular activities – worship on Sunday and Thursday, occasional offices (weddings, baptisms, funerals) will continue.

As I hope you will be praying for us, so we will be praying for you, that God will help and strengthen you through the interregnum.

In a former life, when Area Dean in Manchester, I dealt with a lot of clergy leaving. Too often, I saw clergy trying to organise the future for the church they were leaving. They would tell the church who

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Magazine & DNS Deadline

The next issue of *Cyprian Life* should be available on Sunday, 27th August 2023. The deadline for material is Sunday, 20th August 2023, though it would be good to get things earlier, if possible. The magazine will be for September and October 2023.

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, 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. 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

should follow them. What sort of priest they should appoint. They would go off to the Bishop and tell him what they thought should happen to their church. I will not be doing this. (If the Bishop asks, then I will respond, but he is unlikely to do that.) To try and fix the future would show my own insecurities if I were to do anything like that, and my lack of trust.

That is what I now have to do – trust. I have to trust God, that he has the future of St. Cyprian’s in his hands, and that he will lead forward to the great future he has in mind for St. Cyprian’s. I don’t know what is in God’s mind. I shouldn’t know what is in God’s mind. In the future, it would be nice to have glimpses of what God has done. But I have to trust that the future is in God’s hands, and if it is in God’s hands, then that is okay – he will only do good things, because that is all he can do.

Then I have to trust the people of St. Cyprian’s. It is the task of the people at St. Cyprian’s – everyone at St. Cyprian’s, to

Cover Picture

A picture from the past, taken as Les led the Intercessions during his licensing service on 11th November 2012.

The Sunday after this magazine is published will be our time to say goodbye as Les retires. We’ll be holding a celebration and presentation to mark the occasion in the hall after the 10.30am service on 2nd July. All are invited to attend.

Please pray for Les and Lucy as they embark on this next stage of their life.

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

magazine@stcyprianslenzie.com.

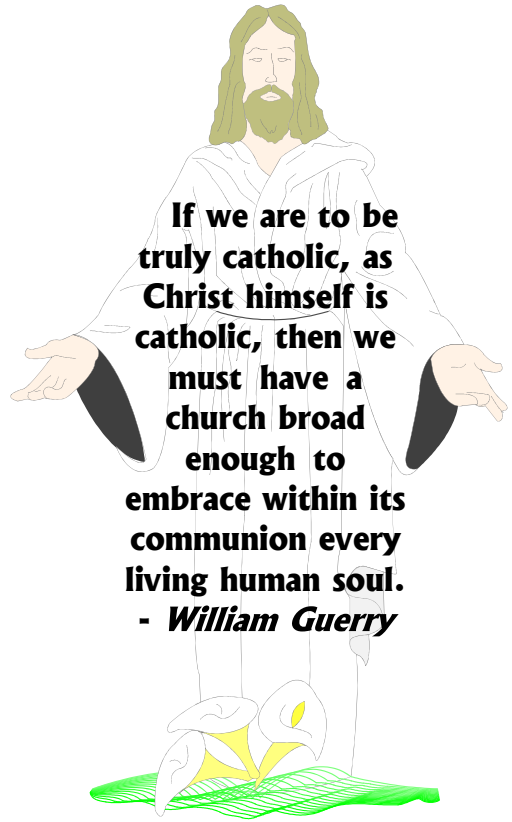
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wrestle (lovingly but not literally!) with each other to make sense of what God is doing. To wrestle with the diocese to ensure that, by working together, the right future is found. And to wrestle with God to ensure that the whole process is guided by his wisdom and His Spirit.

I wish St. Cyprian's well. I will miss the people of St. Cyprian's. I do not know our future yet. But I ask – hold on to God. He has your future in his hands. And we can trust Him. And expect only better things on your journey into the future.

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

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 or phone Paul Hindle on 0141-776 3237.

Pastoral Care

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

In the vacancy, we'll have to change the way we have been meeting this need for pastoral care. Please contact the Secretary in the first instance. She will be able to contact the diocese to arrange someone to call for a confidential chat and a prayer.

Other members of St. Cyprian's are also available to talk to if you wish. Mary can put you in touch with an appropriate person that may be best qualified to help. Please telephone her on 07702 224458.

Get those binoculars out.....

St Cyprian's Church has more than its fair share of bird watchers. Whether it is conversations about kites, bullfinches or swallows, birds are a stable fare of St. Cyprian's, and I do not mean roasted and eaten with stuffing, cranberry sauce and brussel sprouts!! Many of our members are interested in the small creatures! However, it is also true that birds have played their part in the symbolism of the Christian faith, particularly the Celtic tradition.



We all know about the dove in the bible, the symbol of the Holy Spirit. We know about the raven involved in the story of Noah's Ark. And the sparrows that Jesus talks about as a symbol of God caring for the least of people.

Birds also play a wider part in the history of the Christian faith. St. Francis had a particular encounter with a blackbird. St. John is often symbolised as an eagle. And of course there is much more. However, birds play a huge part in Celtic traditions in Scotland and the North of England.

It is said, for example, that St. Cuthbert lived the final months of his life on Outer Farne Island in a hut with no roof so he could commune with the oystercatchers! That is just a bit of the evidence to suggest he may have been going a bit nuts in the last months of his life!! But there are many more. Here are a few examples.

When the Christian faith came to the Celtic fringes, the Holy Spirit was spoken of as a dove. The trouble was – the people who lived on those fringes had no idea what a dove was – so they adopted geese as the symbol of the Holy Spirit. It seemed appropriate – the beauty of the skeins of geese, the wildness surrounding them, the plaintive sounds. Perhaps a much wilder picture of the Holy Spirit than the picture of the dove, but equally

good as an image of the Spirit at work. This picture is still used today, for example the Iona Community's publications arm is called "Wild Goose Publications."

The goldfinch (one of the most beautiful of all the British birds) was often seen as a symbol of a young Jesus. Why? Because goldfinches ate the seeds of thorns and teasels. The crown of thorns was worn by Christ. The goldfinch is a bird that defeats thorns by eating them! Jesus defeated the crown of thorns by rising from the dead. Hence the symbolism.

There is a story of St. Columba having a vision that a visitor would come in need, and draw love from his community. Legend says one of the monks rescued a heron battered by storms and brought it to the monastery on Iona where the monks together helped the heron back to strength before releasing it. The heron became the symbol of the community together.

Perhaps a bit later is the story of St Kentigern, also called Mungo, who protected the pet robin of St. Serf from boys wanting to destroy it (there are many versions of this story). Today, the robin is often a sign of St. Mungo – on the murals in Glasgow of both St. Mungo and St. Enoch with the baby Mungo a robin features strongly.

There are, of course, many other stories of birds in the traditions of the Christian church, and particularly the Celtic part of it where we have many of our roots. Perhaps next time we have our binoculars out, we might reflect – God gave us these birds as a sign.....

Our Father

Отче наш, що єси на небесах, Нехай святиться Ім'я Твоє. Хай прийде Царство Твоє, нехай буде воля Твоя Як на небі, так і на землі Хліб наш насущний дай нам сьогодні. І прости нам провини наші, як і ми прощаємо винуватцям нашим. І не введи нас у спокусу, але визволи нас від лукавого. Бо Твоє є Царство, і сила, і слава навіки. АМІНЬ

This is the Lord's prayer in Ukrainian. Ukraine is a nation which speaks a different language, uses a different script. It is a nation

which has a different culture, where many people are part of a different church, who worship in different ways to us. The chances are if we asked people from the Ukraine they would say the same about us!

Yet at this time – 18 months into war, we still pray for peace. For justice. For hope in that terribly hurting land, parts simply destroyed, beauty taken away.

We are one with our fellow Christians in Ukraine, and will continue to pray for them and with them at St. Cyprian's until justice comes.

Did you know where these phrases came from.....?

“Bob’s your Uncle.” Bob was the nickname of British Prime Minister Robert Gascoyne-Cecil, 3rd Marquess of Salisbury. In 1887 he appointed his Nephew Arthur Balfour as Chief Secretary to Ireland. People didn’t like the appointment – he only got the job because “Bob’s your uncle.....”

“Happy as Larry.” It is thought that in the late 19th century there was an Australian boxer called Larry Foley who never lost a boxing match. At one point, he won a prize purse of \$150,000. Subsequently, a New Zealand newspaper ran the headline “Happy as Larry...”

“Give up the Ghost.” This is a phrase whose origin is in the bible. Miles Coverdale published the first complete bible in English in 1535. The phrase is found in Acts 12:23: Immediately the angel of the LORD smote him. And he was eaten vp of wormes, and gaue

vp the goost.” In the NRSV version we use, it is translated as “an angel of the Lord struck him down, and he was eaten by worms and died.”

Fraud Warning

The police say someone had their bank accounts emptied after they paid a taxi driver with a debit card. They had wanted to pay with their credit card, but driver asked for another method because he didn’t want to pay the 4% visa fee.

Police advise that whenever you are asked to use a debit card instead of credit card for whatever reason, enter the wrong PIN. If it is a counterfeit machine it will pretend to process the payment and produce a receipt. Whereas an authentic machine will reject the PIN and request a “try again” message.

Help spread the word, as the police state this type of fraud is becoming increasingly prevalent.

Music @ St Cyprian's

Our St Cyprian's 150th Anniversary Concert featuring Seonaid Aitken and Rose Room was certainly a concert not to be missed. Despite a disaster with the double bass and Tam Gallagher being unavailable, it was a wonderful exposition of a variety of Jazz pieces.

Tam was replaced by Ross Baird, a brilliant guitarist we had seen and heard before with Ali Affleck last December. Thank you to them all for a wonderful concert.

The next season will start in early October. More details will be on the website later: <http://musicstcyprians.co.uk/>



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

www.facebook.com/musicstcyprians/

“The Story of St. Cyprian’s Church.”

Earlier this year, the vestry asked if I would write a history of St. Cyprian’s Church. This is now available in church – cost £7.

I’ve called the book “The story of.....” rather than “The history of.....” because so much of the past of St. Cyprian’s has disappeared in the mists of time.

Always pray to have eyes that see the best, a heart that forgives the worst, a mind that forgets the bad, and a soul that never loses faith.



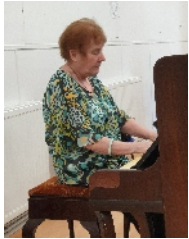
The Story of St. Cyprian's Church, Lenzie

By Les Ireland

St. Cyprian's church is 150 years old in 2023. This is the story of the first century and a half of the life of the church.

Musical Afternoon

A Musical Afternoon was held in Lenzie Old on Friday 23rd June by the Lenzie Action Group of the Scottish Bible Society. This group represents members in St Cyprians, Lenzie Old, Lenzie Union and the Home Church in Kirkintilloch.



afternoon the sum of £584 was gathered to be sent to the Scottish Bible Society for its work both in Scotland and overseas.



Lorna Hall

Coffee and home baking plenty were served and there were three musical interludes during the afternoon. These were provided by Phylis Strachan, pianist, Ben Smart tenor accompanied by Lynette Seggie and Donald McLeod, fiddler.

After a happy and highly entertaining

Did you know the word incorrectly is spelt incorrectly in every dictionary!

“I Really wish I’d listened to what my mother told me when I was young.”

“Why, what did your mother tell you?”

“I don’t know. I didn’t listen!”

To inspire people don’t show them your superpowers, show them theirs

Please support us on **Sea Sunday**, 9 July 2023



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For more information on our work visit seasunday@missiontoseafarers.org

Our May meeting became a planning meeting – with chat about our arrangement for the 150th Anniversary Flower Festival, preparations for Les's retiral lunch and suggestions for next year's programme.



We had a great afternoon tea at Caulders in Cumbernauld for our summer outing in June. We were also saying goodbye to Les and Lucy because they will not be with us when we start the new season in the autumn. It was a great afternoon's chat, spoiled only by the fact that the restaurant had to close at 5pm. We had so much more to say!

We are very grateful to Les for all his support over the years of his ministry with us here at St. Cyprian's. Encouraging us to be involved in the Mother's Day services, the

joint services with Cumbernauld and Bishopbriggs, leading other services like the Stations of the Cross at Schoenstatt, giving talks on a variety of subjects and generally championing MU to everyone. Thank you, Les. I am sure you will be reading this article during your last days with us at St. Cyprian's, so it seems an appropriate place to show our appreciation.

The summer break is upon us during July and August, but there are three Diocesan events during that time – to which all are invited.

- The monthly **Prayer Space** – held on the second Thursday of each month at both noon and 8pm via Zoom. These will be on 13th July and 10th August. Zoom link will be available from Maxine

JOIN THE GLASGOW AND GALLOWAY MOTHER'S UNION TO PRAY MIDDAY PRAYERS AND NIGHT PRAYER

MU PRAYER SPACE

Every 2nd Thursday of the Month,
Reflecting the seasons.
13th July 12.00pm and 8.00pm

(Next date 10th August 12.00pm and 8.00pm)

Mothers' UNION
Christian care for families

- **Diocesan Prayer Walk** – Saturday 15th July beginning at 11am from St Columba’s Church in Largs. The plan is to start with refreshments at the church hall, walk to the ferry, cross to the Isle of Cumbrae, and either walk or take the bus into Millport for a short service at the church there. Suitable for all levels of fitness.
- **Festival Service** – Saturday 12th August at 2pm in Holy Trinity, Ayr. This service will be led by Bishop Kevin and is made special because each Branch brings their MU banner for all to see. The collection will go towards the Diocesan AFIA project.



Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway Mothers' Union Prayer Walk 2023
 St. Columba's, Largs to Millport, Cumbrae

Meet St. Columba's for Refreshments at 11.00am
 For all abilities. Details from...

Saturday 15th July 2023

Our meetings will begin again on the 13th September, and every second Wednesday in the following months. Do have a look at the Mothers Union website for an idea of the

projects which are ongoing just now, and don't forget you don't need to be a mother, or a female to join in!

Have a great summer, everyone, and let's hope this wonderful weather continues.

Glennis and Maxine

Signs seen on churches through the pandemic:

WARNING: OUR PASTOR

- 1) BELIEVES IN SCIENCE;
- 2) BELIEVES IN JESUS;
- 3) DOESN'T KNOW EVERYTHING!

WE ARE PRAYING AND LISTENING TO SCIENTISTS.

WASN'T EXPECTING TO GIVE UP THIS MUCH FOR LENT.....

TRUST IN THE LORD & WASH HANDS.

SOCIAL DISTANCING DOESN'T APPLY TO GOD – DRAW NEAR TO HIM.

NOW EVERYONE HAS CLEAN HANDS LET'S WORK ON PURE HEARTS.

Patrick Henry Copsey

1st March 1941 - 5th May 2023

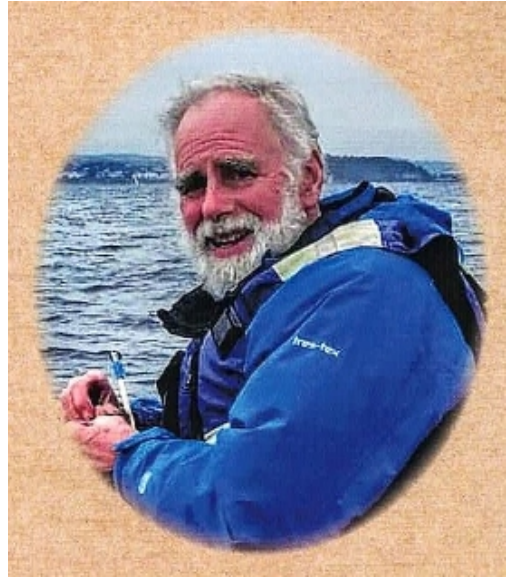
On the 2nd June we held the funeral for Patrick Copsey at St. Cyprian's church. He died after a short illness, through which he showed great courage as he faced the end.

Patrick only joined us last September after moving from the borders with his wife Jenny to be closer to family in Lenzie. Even in those few months Patrick had fitted well into the life of our church, and had even joined the Vestry. Patrick was a quiet man, but a man of integrity and graciousness.

Patrick was originally from the South East, where his father was an Anglican Priest. Patrick himself spent his whole working life as a social worker. The family spent several years living in Totnes in Devon, before moving to the borders 38 years ago, moving around to follow work opportunities.

In his spare time, Patrick loved sailing and fishing, and had a great concern for the environment.

Patrick was also a family man – married to Jenny for over fifty years, with daughter Amy and sons Jamie and Dickon (named after the



character in the book “The Secret Garden” by Frances Hodgson Burnett), and with six grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

Patrick will be very much missed by his family, but also by us at St. Cyprian's. Please continue to pray for Jenny and the family.

This came up on Facebook:

East Dunbartonshire Befriending Service:

Would you be interested in volunteering with East Dunbartonshire Befriending Service? Or know someone who might benefit from the service we provide?



**Befriending
Networks**

We aim to make a positive difference to the lives of lonely and socially isolated people across East Dunbartonshire by offering one to one, group and telephone befriending services and lunch clubs.

If you are interested in finding out more about what we do, we would love to hear from you. Please call 0141 345 0432 for more information. Thank you.

Welcome Words

Recently we held our annual “Praise in the Park” service in Peel Park – organised by ACTS (the local Churches together group). Because it was to be my last service, I was asked to give the short talk. I thought it might be worth sharing my thoughts for that service. And it was something like this:



In around 142AD, the Roman Emperor Antoninus Pius ordered the building of the Antonine Wall across the centre of Scotland. It took twelve years to build, but was abandoned just eight years later. It went right along the ridge in Peel Park. The Roman Soldiers were hated by the local Pictish tribes and the wall was regularly attacked. (The Scotiae only came into Scotland five hundred years later from Ireland). As well as being hated, the nearest relief was five days march away in Carlisle.

The reality was that few of the soldiers came from Rome or Italy – most were from conscripted regiments from all over the Roman empire. Near Falkirk, the soldiers were from Belgium. By Cumbernauld, they were from Syria. Many others were from Eastern Europe and Africa. Universally loathed, frightened and depressed, they were glad to retreat to

Hadrian’s wall down south.

Nineteen hundred years later, people have come to Kirkintilloch from Africa or Asia. More recently, many have again come from Syria. And even more recently, they have come from Eastern Europe – from Ukraine. Many are feeling lost and frightened.

I praise God they are no longer hated, but welcomed. As God’s people, we are now a people of hospitality. A people who offer love in the face of fear. We are people with arms wide in welcome to those who have had to travel to our part of the world.

And it’s right to be people with arms wide open in welcome. Because when Christ came 2000 years ago, his arms were wide open when he was nailed to the cross – stretched wide in suffering, in sacrifice and death. But those arms are wide open in welcome to me and you and everyone here – we have arms wide open in welcome because Christ had arms wide open in welcome for us. It is all about being a people of love because we have a God who loves.



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 had to be suspended in recent times. We are hoping that Marion Martin will provide a stall for us about four times a year. Marion is the local organiser for Fairtrade events.

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

Anglican & Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

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

JULY 2023

1st The protection of human rights

Sunday 2nd July Pentecost 5

ANGLICAN

Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil

DIOCESAN

St Cuthbert's, Cambuslang; St Mark's, East
Kilbride (Vacant)

Daily Prayers

- 3rd Porvoo Link: The Lutheran Church in
Great Britain
- 4th An end to homelessness in Scotland
- 5th Support and understanding for released
prisoners
- 6th Episcopalians in isolated parts of the
country
- 7th The work of the Glasgow City Mission
- 8th The Mission to Seafarers

Sunday 9th July Pentecost 6 (Sea Sunday)

ANGLICAN

The Anglican Church of Burundi

DIOCESAN

St Mary the Virgin, Hamilton; St Andrew's,
Uddingston (Matthew Little)

Daily Prayers

- 10th The work of Cancer Research UK
- 11th Interfaith Relations (Maggie
McTernan)
- 12th Our stewardship of the creation
- 13th Those in the grip of depression
- 14th Those affected by extreme poverty

15th New Stobhill Hospital

Sunday 16th July Pentecost 7

ANGLICAN

The Anglican Church of Canada

DIOCESAN

Christ Church, Lanark (Drew Sheridan,
Robert Burgon, Richard Evans)
St Paul and St John the Evangelist,
Monklands (Kirstin Freeman)

Daily Prayers

- 17th Effective support for victims of
alcohol addiction
- 18th Scottish Episcopal Church: General
Synod Office (John Stuart, Secretary
General)
- 19th Scottish Episcopal Church: Provincial
Standing Committee & Provincial
Boards
- 20th All who work in Kirkintilloch Health
and Care Centre
- 21st Blackwood Ferndean and Lillyburn
and Birdston Care Homes
- 22nd All the GP services in Kirkintilloch
and surrounding areas

Sunday 23rd July Pentecost 8

ANGLICAN

The Church of the Province of Central Africa

DIOCESAN

Anglican Chaplaincy, University of Glasgow
(Kelvin Holdsworth, Oliver Brewer-Lennon)

Daily Prayers

- 24th Those experiencing major changes in
their life
- 25th SEC Youth Groups across Scotland
- 26th Chaplaincy in Hospitals, Education
and Commerce

& Daily Intentions

- 27th Women's Aid and those supporting victims of domestic abuse
- 28th All those acting as care attendants to the old and infirm
- 29th The agricultural community

Sunday 30th July Pentecost 9

ANGLICAN

Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America

DIOCESAN

All Saints, Challoch, with the Whithorn Fellowship (Vacant)
St Margaret of Scotland, New Galloway (Vacant)

Daily Prayers

- 31st SEC Provincial Youth Week 2023 that started yesterday and continues to Saturday

AUGUST 2023

Daily Prayers

- 1st The United Reformed Church (Paul Whittle)
- 2nd The Methodist Church in Scotland (Mark Slaney)
- 3rd Countries riven by war and conflict
- 4th Strength to proclaim our Christian convictions
- 5th Relief from famine and hunger in Africa

Sunday 6th August The Transfiguration of the Lord

ANGLICAN

Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo

DIOCESAN

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

Daily Prayers

- 7th EMU Partnership Agreement
- 8th Christian Stewardship
- 9th The Anglican Communion
- 10th Working families trying to make ends meet
- 11th The Primates' Meeting
- 12th The Anglican Consultative Council (Alistair Dinnie, Lee Johnston)

Sunday 13th August Pentecost 11

ANGLICAN

Iglesia Anglicana de Chile

DIOCESAN

North Ayrshire Team: St Andrew's, Ardrossan; St Peter's, Dalry (Lee Johnston, Linda Whitby, Margaret Williams)

Daily Prayers

- 14th School teachers returning to work today
- 15th Christian homes and family life
- 16th School children returning to school today after the summer holidays
- 17th The sanctity of marriage
- 18th Protection of children and vulnerable adults
- 19th All those affected by Alzheimer disease and dementia

Sunday 20th August Pentecost 12

ANGLICAN

The Church of England

Anglican & Diocesan Cycle of Prayer & Daily Intentions (continued)

DIOCESAN

Holy Trinity, Ayr (Martyn Trembath)

St Oswald's, Maybole (Liz Crumlish)

Daily Prayers

21st The Church of Scotland

22nd Scottish Episcopal Church: Those in training for ordained and lay ministries

23rd The Balmore Trust and the venture at Gavin's Mill, Milngavie

24th The Diocesan Mothers' Union and its leadership team

25th The Prince and Princess of Wales Hospice

26th Boldness in speaking of God's love for all people

Sunday 27th August

Pentecost 13

ANGLICAN

Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui

DIOCESAN

St Columba's, Largs (Mark Goodman)

St Ninian's, Prestwick (Jane Ross)

Daily Prayers

28th The Roman Catholic Church in Scotland

29th All those who are physically and mentally challenged

30th All mothers and primary carers

31st Bishop Gregor Duncan, Bishop Idris Jones, Bishop Gordon Mursell, all retired clergy and those in Post-Retiral Ministry

SEPTEMBER 2023

1st Strength in faith and commitment to our Lord

2nd All those living with, and in remission from cancer

Sunday 3rd September

Pentecost 14

ANGLICAN

The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean

DIOCESAN

Holy Trinity, Kilmarnock (Harriet Johnston)

St Ninian's, Troon (Keith Thomasson)

Interregnum Prayer

St Cyprian's is about to enter an interregnum – a period without a priest. This is a prayer that can be used through an interregnum:

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the ministry of our previous rectors, and we pray for your presence and blessing upon them.

We ask now that you will help us to share responsibility, grow in faith, love one another,

care for those in need, reach out to others and welcome newcomers.

Lord Jesus, guard and grow our church as we serve you together in this period without a Rector.

Please guide those who are seeking the right priest for us, and those who are seeking the right church for their ministry, that together we may discover your way for the future and see your kingdom grow. Amen.

Sunday Readings

Pentecost 5

2nd July 2023

Genesis 22:1-14
Psalm 13
Romans 6:12-23
Matthew 10:40-42

Pentecost 8

23rd July 2023

Genesis 28:10-19a
Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24
Romans 8:12-25
Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Pentecost 11

13th August 2023

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28
Psalm 105: 1-6, 16-22, 45b
Romans 10:5-15
Matthew 14:22-33

Pentecost 6

9th July 2023

Zechariah 9:9-12
Psalm 145:8-14
Romans 7:15-25a
Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Pentecost 9

30th July 2023

Genesis 29:15-28
Psalm 128
Romans 8:26-39
Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Pentecost 12

20th August 2023

Genesis 45:1-15
Psalm 133
Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32
Matthew 15: (10-20), 21-28

Pentecost 7

16th July 2023

Genesis 25:19-34 and Psalm 119:105-112
Romans 8:1-11
Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

The Transfiguration of the Lord

6th August 2023

Genesis 32:22-31
Psalm 17:1-7, 15
Romans 9:1-5
Matthew 14:13-21

Pentecost 13

27th August 2023

Exodus 1:8-2:10
Psalm 124
Romans 12:1-8
Matthew 16:13-20

Pentecost 14

3rd September 2023

Exodus 3:1-15
Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b
Romans 12:9-21
Matthew 16:21-28

<h1>Altar Guild</h1>	
2 nd & 9 th July	Glennis Tavener & Janet Faughey
16 th & 23 rd July	Maxine Gow
30 th July & 6 th August	Anne Carswell
13 th & 20 th August	Aileen Mundy
27 th August & 3 rd September	Sheila Todd



Kalendar

JULY 2023

Sun 2nd	Pentecost 5	
	10.30am	Sung Eucharist (in Church and via Zoom) Retirement of our Rector, Les Farewell Presentation and Party in the Hall after the service
Thu 6th	10am	Service of the Word in Choir Vestry
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Sun 9th	Pentecost 6	
	10.30am	Sung Eucharist (in Church and via Zoom)
Thu 13th	10am	Service of the Word in Choir Vestry
	12noon	Diocesan Mothers' Union Prayer Space on Zoom
	8pm	Diocesan Mothers' Union Prayer Space on Zoom
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Sun 16th	Pentecost 7	
	10.30am	Sung Eucharist (in Church and via Zoom)
Mon 17th	Jane Haining	
Thu 20th	10am	Service of the Word in Choir Vestry
Sat 22nd	Mary Magdalene	
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Sun 23rd	Pentecost 8	
	10.30am	Sung Eucharist (in Church and via Zoom)
Tue 25th	James, Apostle	
Thu 27th	10am	Service of the Word in Choir Vestry
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Sun 30th	Pentecost 9	
	9.15am	Said Eucharist cancelled during interregnum
	10.30am	Sung Eucharist (in Church and via Zoom)

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/
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.

If any of these 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

AUGUST 2023

Thu 3rd 10am Service of the Word in Choir Vestry

Sun 6th **THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD**

10.30am **Sung Eucharist** (in Church and via Zoom)

Thu 10th 10am Service of the Word in Choir Vestry

12noon Diocesan Mothers' Union Prayer Space on Zoom

8pm Diocesan Mothers' Union Prayer Space on Zoom

Sun 13th **Pentecost 11**

10.30am **Sung Eucharist** (in Church and via Zoom)

Tue 15th **Mary the Virgin**

Thu 17th 10am Service of the Word in Choir Vestry

Sun 20th **Pentecost 12**

10.30am **Sung Eucharist** (in Church and via Zoom)

Thu 24th **Bartholomew, Apostle**

10am Service of the Word in Choir Vestry

Fri 25th (Consecration of the Bishop of Brechin, 2018)

Sun 27th **Pentecost 13**

10.30am **Sung Eucharist** (in Church and via Zoom)

Tue 29th **The Beheading of John the Baptist**

Thu 31st 10am Service of the Word in Choir Vestry

SEPTEMBER 2023

Sun 3rd **Pentecost 14**

10.30am **Sung Eucharist** (in Church and via Zoom)

“I’m not a Christian because I want the reward of heaven. I’m not a Christian because I’m running from hell. I am a Christian because the character of Jesus is so compelling to me that I want to spend my life chasing it, embodying it, sharing it.” *Clergy Coaching Network*

Where we are with Covid?

This is my final bulletin about Covid and St. Cyprian's! Well, Covid is still pretty rife – surprisingly so, but it is now most often a mild illness.

At the beginning of June, Lucy's sister and husband were staying and she went down with it for a few days, but not seriously so. I think almost everyone will know someone who has had it in recent months! Covid is something we have to live with and keep taking the injections – particularly if we are vulnerable.

At St. Cyprian's, we still continue as before. We still encourage spreading out in church simply by putting books on the pews, well spread around. We still have the hand washing station in the porch and encourage people coming to church to use it. The other thing is the peace.....

At the end of May, I went to a service in another church where everyone simply shook hands at the peace. Having seen that, I thought we should at least consult if people wanted to return to shaking hands. The truth is, most people didn't mind going back to shaking hands, but no-one was fantastically enthusiastic. A couple of people were still opposed to the idea. The vestry considered this and felt that the best outcome was to continue for the time being to wave and smile as we have done since the start of Covid.

We still offer the opportunity to join our 10.30am service on "Zoom" if you can't make it to church for any reason. We also offer to stream all funerals. Details of how to join are on our website and emailed out at the end of the week before. Please sign up at the website if you want to get the email.

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Date	Server	Reader	Intercessor	Coffee	Counting
2 Jul 2023	Mary Haigh	Janet Faughey	Mary Haigh	Maxine Gow	
9 Jul 2023	Jackie Fenton	Jacqui Stother	Gavin Boyd	Janet Faughey	
16 Jul 2023	Paul Hindle	Anne Carswell	Glennis Tavener	Eileen Ferry	
23 Jul 2023	Sally Hadden	Maxine Gow	Jackie Fenton	Jackie & Mark Fenton	Tony Farnell & Sally Hadden
30 Jul 2023	Aileen Mundy	Eileen Ferry	Gavin Boyd	Judith Beastall	
6 Aug 2023	Mary Haigh	Jill Taylor	Maxine Gow	Pat & Paul Hindle	
13 Aug 2023	Aileen Mundy	Mary Boyd	Mary Haigh	Sally Hadden	
20 Aug 2023	Sally Hadden	Sally Hadden	Gavin Boyd	Aileen Mundy	
27 Aug 2023	Mary Haigh	Diana Farnell	Glennis Tavener	Anne Carswell	Aileen Mundy & Paul Hindle
3 Sep 2023	Paul Hindle	Kevin Wilbraham	Gavin Boyd	Jill Taylor	