

# CYPRIAN *Life*



**Wishing you a Peaceful Christmas  
and Blessed New Year**



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**The Magazine of St Cyprian's Church, Lenzie Dec 2025 & Jan 2026**

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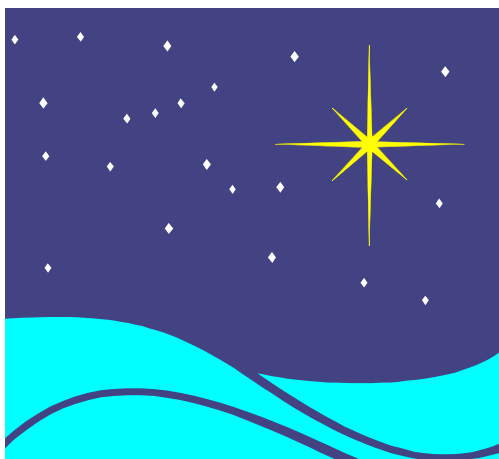
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# From Our Priest-in-Charge

*Dear Friends,*

**As we enter this Advent season, I find myself remembering my first winter in Scotland ten years ago. Nothing – truly nothing – prepared me for the long, dark nights. You would think that growing up in New England, where winters are sharp and frigid, I would have been ready for anything. But I wasn't ready for this kind of darkness.**

Back home, even on the coldest nights, the sky offered the comfort of stars. Growing up in the woods, I used to take the heavy duvet from my bed and go outside to lay in our backyard



hammock, surrounded by the snow, and look up at the clear winter stars. Here, between the clouds and the glow of city lights, I discovered just how deep winter darkness can feel.

And yet, that experience has shaped the way I understand Advent. The darker the night, the more powerful the promise of coming light becomes. Advent doesn't ignore the shadows around us (nor the ones within us.) Instead, it gently reminds us that God's light is on the way, steady and sure, even when we cannot yet see it.

As we move through these weeks together, may we hold onto that promise; noticing the small shimmers of grace breaking through. And may the light of Christ find us, wherever we are, and lead us toward hope, peace, and joy.

**With gratitude and expectation,**

*Rev. Audrey*



# Magazine & DNS Deadline

The next issue of *Cyprian Life* should be available on Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> January 2026. The deadline for material is Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> January 2026, though it would be good to get things earlier, if possible. The magazine will be for February and March 2026.

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).

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**Paul Hindle**  
Magazine Editor

# God-filled Iona

During the October Holidays, our Sunday School had the amazing opportunity to attend a three-day youth retreat to Iona! The Episcopal Churches of the West Highland Region, in the Diocese of Argyll and the Isles, have an annual retreat for young people and opened the invitation to others who would like to come along. We stretched their age demographics, but were warmly received on an amazing, God-filled adventure. We remain indebted to this incredible group who embraced us and helped us find God in a new place.

After joining the group at the Corran Ferry, we travelled together by minibus through the single track roads, over the cattle grids, and upon the ferries connecting the mainland to Iona. Kester was the same age as the other participants and was quickly welcomed into their circle of fellowship. The staff at Bishop’s

## Cover Picture

**This is a lovely cosy scene sent in by our Priest-in-Charge, which we hope will be replicated in many homes over the Christmas period.**

It was taken at Bishop’s House in Iona when the Sunday School visited there during the October break. You can see our former Interim Priest in Charge, Paul Watson, enjoying some games with some of the members. There is more about the adventure starting above on this page and continuing onto the next two pages.

If you have a picture you think would be of interest, please send it to the editor at: [magazine@stcyprianslenzie.com](mailto:magazine@stcyprianslenzie.com).

House even surprised Kester with a stunning birthday cake as he celebrated his 12<sup>th</sup> birthday during our time away! Hazel, Nichole, and Islay were able to participate in the activities as they chose or, to occasionally set off on other adventures with Rev. Audrey.



Each day, Rev Audrey invited the children to consider where they saw God on the island. There were a variety of responses to the question from the small chapel at Bishop's house to the holy walls of Iona Abbey, from the stones on the north beach to the herds of animals wandering around the hills.

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## 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)**  
and **[link.stcyprianslenzie.com](http://link.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 Rev. Audrey on 07424 723794.

## Pastoral Care

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

Our new Priest-in-Charge, Audrey, is now working on meeting the need for pastoral care. She is planning to visit everyone in the congregation, but if you have a more immediate need, please phone her on 07424 723794 or email her at [rector@stcyprianslenzie.com](mailto:rector@stcyprianslenzie.com).

Other members of St. Cyprian's are also available to talk to if you wish. Rev. Audrey can put you in touch with an appropriate person that may be best qualified to help.

# God-filled Iona

## *continued*

Some of our favourite activities included:

- Group campfire where Rev. Amanda Fairclough retold the story of Jesus' Breakfast on the Beach as we shared a eucharist around the fire.
- Climbing the tallest hill on the island, and singing in British Sign Language with Rev. Paul Watson at the top.
- Swimming in the sea (for the very first time ever!) even though it was bitterly cold.
- Making a cairn on the beach and finding Iona marble made smooth by the waves.
- Ringing the dinner gong as loudly as possible.

When it was time to head back down to Lenzie the universal sentiment was: we need to come back again – soon! Hazel wishes there had been time for us to hike to Columba's Bay so she could walk the labyrinth and find some of Columba's tears, Nicole wonders if there could be an opportunity to cook together on our next trip, and Kester is certain we could find some bungee jumping somewhere along the way. All four children cherished the campfire we shared and the new way of



viewing the Eucharist they discovered there.

The trip inspired Rev Audrey to look seriously at the opportunities for children and youth to experience the wealth of spiritual pilgrimages available to us here in Scotland. Such opportunities are often cost prohibitive, especially for trips involving young people, but the vision and leadership of the group from the West Highland Region Episcopal Churches has made it seem both possible and vital. The investment in youth programming was an inspiration to learn about from Laura Henshall, the Children, Youth, and Family Worker for the West Highland Region Episcopal Churches who organised the trip.

It was incredible to see the wonder and joy on the faces of St. Cyprian's children as we explored the boundless love of God in a place that is so holy and wild. Stay tuned, you never know where God will call us next!



# Sunday School Lord's Prayer

I'm sure lots of us have our own memories of learning the Lord's Prayer, or know amusing stories of how children have misheard the words, so when Audrey suggested that the Sunday School might concentrate on producing their own version of the Lord's Prayer, the Sunday School team thought it was a great idea.

The preparation started with each Sunday School member decorating a 'prayer stone' to hold during prayers and help give them a focus. They also decorated a candle holder and each week they take it in turns to light the candle at the start of Sunday School.

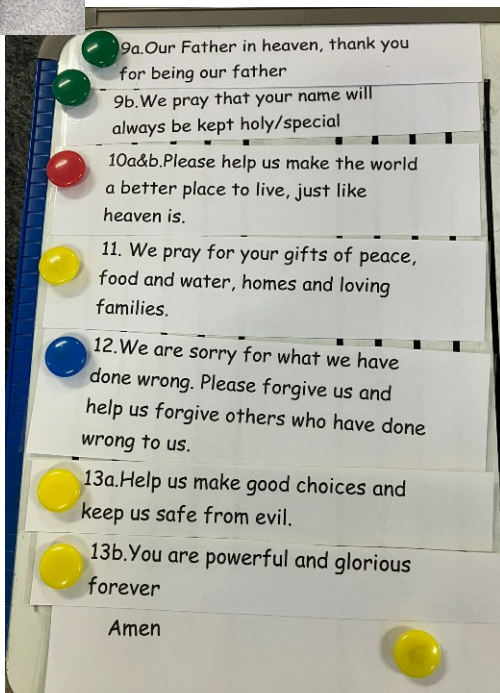
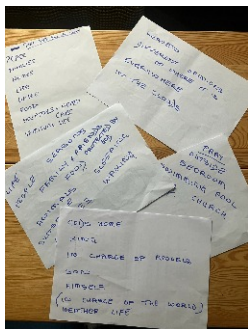
Then the work on the prayer began, firstly learning about the three parts of the prayer, praise, petition and thanksgiving. We thought about father/parent figures in our lives and about what heaven means to us. Then we thought about God's gifts to us and how we should pray for what we need, not just what we want. We thought about saying sorry and forgiving others who upset us.

Once we had decided on our choice of words for our own version, we made Lord's Prayer cubes which have the regular version printed on them. This involved lots of cutting, colouring and sticking. The children will be able to use these to help

them join in with the Lord's Prayer during services.

The culmination of all this activity was presented to the congregation at the Youth Service on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> November. All the members of

the Sunday School took part, doing readings, carrying the Gospel and taking part in the story, while the older young people helped with the offertory as they often do. When it was time to say the Lord's Prayer, the whole congregation joined in with the version that the Sunday School had created. The new words from a child's perspective certainly made an impact and hopefully gave us all something to think about.



**Our November meeting began with a soup and bread lunch followed by a discussion on how, as a Branch, we plan to celebrate the 150<sup>th</sup> year of MU in 2026 – watch this space – you are all invited.**

We had asked Audrey to be our 'speaker' at the meeting but she turned the tables on us asking why we belong to MU and what we

get out of it. Lots of comments after that, which also had the effect of making us realise not everyone knows what the organisation is



*'This Christmas I thank God for the changes in my life through our Mothers' Union savings group. He teaches us that love for others must come first, and from that love comes hope and provision.'*

*God's blessings to you and your families this Christmas. Thank you for supporting mothers and grandmothers like me.'*  
- Miriam, Uganda



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all about. We all love being part of MU and the support and friendship we get from it but not everyone understands the ethos, aims and objectives that we have signed up for. This will be discussed in more detail in the future – perhaps in February after our AGM.

December will see our outing for our Christmas lunch at the Stables on the 10<sup>th</sup> at 1pm – again you are welcome to join us. Just let Maxine know by the 7<sup>th</sup> if you would like to be there.

Our meeting on January 7<sup>th</sup> at 1pm will be an Epiphany Party – not quite sure how that will develop but am also sure it will be interesting.

More information will be posted in the Link nearer the time.

Can I also wish everyone a wonderful Christmas season as we celebrate the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ and hope to see you over the coming Advent days.

**Maxine Gow**  
(Branch Leader)

## MU Christmas Appeal

**In rural Uganda, 47% of the population lives in poverty. Many families survive on small-scale farming or casual labour, leaving them vulnerable to little setbacks.**

This year's Christmas Appeal will help roll out the Kingdom Savings & Credit (KSC) Programme that gives participants skills and resources to build a better future.

This programme has at heart a powerful message: You are not defined by poverty. God has given you gifts and the power to use them.

Miriam, is a 65-year-old grandmother whose life is being transformed through the KSC programme. She now runs a cereal selling business. She's paid school fees for her grandchildren, hired labour to tend her garden, improved her home and even bought bulls to grow her farming income. She says 'We begin with the Bible'.



*The following prayer is one that my family have prayed every Christmas morning before breakfast for the last 30 years. It was given to me by our Dean at the time, the Very Revd Keith R Joyce. It brings the love and gratitude of Christmastime to life for me every year. I'm so pleased to share this tradition with you, too.*



### A Christmas Prayer from Kathleen

Loving Father, help us to remember the birth of Jesus, that we may share in the song of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds, and the worship of the wise men.



Close the door of hate and open the door of love all over the world. Let kindness come with every gift, and good desires come with every greeting. Deliver us from evil by the blessing that Christ brings, and teach us to be merry with clear hearts.

May Christmas morning make us happy to be thy children, and Christmas evening bring us to our beds with grateful thoughts, forgiving and forgiven.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
Amen.



# Music @ St Cyprian's

We've had another two great concerts since the last issue of *CyprianLife* was published and we are looking forward to an unexpected extra that came about through a member of the audience for the October concert.

The October concert featured the welcome return of Aaron Hawthorne at the organ. This time he accompanied the classic silent horror, *the Phantom of the Opera*. In his preamble, Aaron gave some background to the film and warned us that we may well find sections of the film quite comical rather than horrific. It was okay to laugh, shout, boo whatever was a natural reaction to the movie and the accompaniment. It was wonderful to be part of such a great performance!

In November, we welcomed back Alastair Savage this time accompanied by Gregor Blamey. The evening was billed as Scotland and beyond and certainly was. We heard familiar tunes that go with words by Burns and other tunes from the greats of the Scottish fiddle tradition. There were tunes from America, Europe and Ireland. Another great concert that got the toes tapping and stirred the



emotions too.

We're now looking forward to the extra concert advertised opposite. It's come about as a result of a conversation with Euan after the Aaron Hawthorne concert. It will feature many local young musicians and is sure to be a great start to Christmas week.

We are assisted by Chamber Music Scotland which is in turn supported by Creative Scotland to bring live music to a local audience here in Lenzie.

The full programme for the season is now on the Music @ St. Cyprian's website: <https://musicstcyprians.co.uk/> It gives more information and will keep you up to date with any changes to the programme.

There are news and pictures of previous concerts including those featured here on the





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Music at St Cyprian's

# ENSEMBLE R6

Conductor Euan Kemp

Saturday 20 December 2025 | 7.30pm

A photograph of a snowy landscape with several evergreen trees covered in snow. The ground is a smooth, white expanse.

**Humperdinck** Overture from Hansel und Gretel  
**Wagner** Siegfried Idyll  
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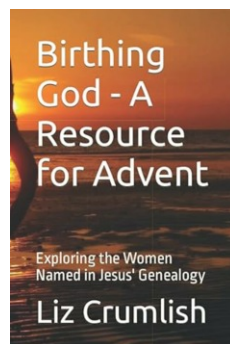
## Advent Book Study

**It's not too late to participate in this study. Please let Rev Audrey know if you are interested in participating. She has one or two books available for you.**

The study is based on the book 'Birthing God' by Rev. Liz Crumlish. We'll be looking at the women in Jesus' genealogy. Five women are named. This book explores the stories of these women and their subversive contributions to their generations. It also reflects on the plight

of women today who continue to "birth God in the world through subversive acts of love."

The day and time for group gathering is being determined in consultation with those who have expressed interest. We could make it a Zoom session if that is preferred.



# Sad News

**It is with great sadness that we announce the death of George Carswell on the evening of Monday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2025.**

He passed away peacefully in hospital surrounded by his close family. His twin died the previous Wednesday, so it is a double loss for the family. He had been struggling for a while and had become increasingly frail.

A Memorial Service for George will be held in St. Cyprian's at 1.30pm on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Our sympathy goes out to Anne and the family at this difficult time.

Thank you to Anne for the photograph.



**We are sad to announce that the Rt Rev Dr Gregor Duthie Duncan died peacefully on Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> November at the Prince & Princess of Wales Hospice in Bellahouston.**

His sister Morag and friend Liz were at his bedside. His funeral service will be held at St Ninian's, Pollokshields. Details of the date and time will be published on the Diocesan website and Facebook in due course.

Bishop Gregor was a great friend of St. Cyprian's. He celebrated many services during our interregnum and always held us in his prayers. He'll be much missed.

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## AGM of the Congregation

**The Annual General Meeting of the Congregation of St. Cyprian's Church  
will be held in person after the 10.30am Eucharist  
at approximately 12noon on  
Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2025**

**All members of the Congregation are invited to attend**

**AGM Papers will be available for collection in church the week before or by  
email on application to the Secretary**

**On request, we can provide facilities to join via Zoom. Please contact the  
Secretary by Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December if you would like us to make this available**

# Christmas Festival

The Church will be decorated for the Christmas Festival on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December from 9.30am

Donations of holly, ivy and flowers would be most welcome.



There will be flowers to arrange, the Christmas tree to assemble and decorate, the crib to organise, the brasses to clean and coffee and tea to make.

A little job for everyone. It's fun and there will be mince pies and plenty of chat so please come along to help.

You will be MOST welcome.

Anne

## Clear up Day

Thursday  
8<sup>th</sup> January  
from 10.45am

The Christmas decorations and tree need to be cleared from the church, vases and oasis packed away.

Again, your help would be much appreciated.

Thank you

Anne

## Altar Guild

7 <sup>th</sup> December	Jill Taylor <i>Advent. Brasses Only</i>
14 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Christmas Festival Decorating Team</b>
21 <sup>st</sup> December	Anne Carswell <i>Advent. Brasses Only</i>
28 <sup>th</sup> December & 4 <sup>th</sup> January	Anne Carswell
11 <sup>th</sup> & 18 <sup>th</sup> January	Anne Carswell
25 <sup>th</sup> January & 1 <sup>st</sup> February	Eileen Ferry

# Anglican & Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

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

**Please also pray for our Priest-in-Charge, Audrey, the Vestry and Congregation here at St Cyprian's as we continue on our journey together into the future.**

## DECEMBER 2025

### Daily Prayers

- 1<sup>st</sup> The people of Scotland
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Abolition of Slavery (International Day today)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> The 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence, which continues this week
- 4<sup>th</sup> "Women's Aid", helping those affected by domestic abuse
- 5<sup>th</sup> Those who are affected by visual and/or aural impairment
- 6<sup>th</sup> Our church AGM being held tomorrow

## Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December Second Sunday of Advent

### ANGLICAN

The Church of Bangladesh

### DIOCESAN

The Anglican Communion.

The Primates' Meeting.

The Anglican Consultative Council (Beth Routledge, Kelvin Holdsworth)

### Daily Prayers

- 8<sup>th</sup> Scottish Episcopal Church: Those in training for ordained and lay ministries
- 9<sup>th</sup> Hope for those who are struggling with doubts
- 10<sup>th</sup> Worldwide action for human rights (International Human Rights Day)
- 11<sup>th</sup> Victim Support Scotland, helping those affected by crime

12<sup>th</sup> Worship and thanksgiving for answered prayer

13<sup>th</sup> Effective mission and expansion of congregations

## Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December Third Sunday of Advent

### ANGLICAN

Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil

### DIOCESAN

The Church of Scotland

The Roman Catholic Church in Scotland

### Daily Prayers

- 15<sup>th</sup> Love for God and our neighbour
- 16<sup>th</sup> Porvoo Communion: The Estonian Evangelical Lutheran Church
- 17<sup>th</sup> Those who find Christmas a difficult time of year
- 18<sup>th</sup> Bishop Kevin Pearson, Bishop Idris Jones, Bishop Gordon Mursell, all retired clergy and those in Post-Retiral Ministry
- 19<sup>th</sup> Pastoral Assistants, Eucharistic Assistants, Worship Leaders and Spiritual Companions in the Diocese
- 20<sup>th</sup> Safety for those travelling over the holiday period

## Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December Fourth Sunday of Advent

### ANGLICAN

The Anglican Church of Burundi

### DIOCESAN

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

### Daily Prayers

- 22<sup>nd</sup> Families, especially those facing problems or divisions

# & Daily Intentions

- 23<sup>rd</sup> Peace throughout the world
- 24<sup>th</sup> Our preparations for the Christmas Festival
- 25<sup>th</sup> Worship and thanksgiving for the birth of our Lord
- 26<sup>th</sup> For oppressed and persecuted Christians and martyrs
- 27<sup>th</sup> Crisis at Christmas and all working to give those who are homeless respite from their difficulties

## Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> December First Sunday after Christmas

### ANGLICAN

The Anglican Church of Canada

### DIOCESAN

Holy Trinity, Ayr (Martyn Trembath, Patsy Thomson)

St Oswald's, Maybole (Liz Crumlish)

### Daily Prayers

- 29<sup>th</sup> Lay Representatives, Alternate Lay Representatives and members of Regional Councils
- 30<sup>th</sup> The Dean (Reuben Preston) and the Rural Dean (Elizabeth Breakey)
- 31<sup>st</sup> The work of Deafblind Scotland

## JANUARY 2026

- 1<sup>st</sup> Thanksgiving for this new year and the year now past
- 2<sup>nd</sup> 'Big Issue' sellers and all trying to make a fresh start
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Children and young people in distress and despair

## Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> January Second Sunday after Christmas

### ANGLICAN

The Church of the Province of Central Africa

### DIOCESAN

Holy Trinity, Ayr (Martyn Trembath, Patsy Thomson)

St Oswald's, Maybole (Liz Crumlish)

### Daily Prayers

- 5<sup>th</sup> For teachers and children returning to school today
- 6<sup>th</sup> Street Pastors, keeping our young people safe
- 7<sup>th</sup> The people and the city of Glasgow
- 8<sup>th</sup> Porvoo Communion: The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Lithuania
- 9<sup>th</sup> Those who are bedridden and housebound
- 10<sup>th</sup> All Bible Study and Prayer groups

## Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> January The Baptism of the Lord First Sunday after Epiphany

### ANGLICAN

Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America

### DIOCESAN

St Columba's, Largs (Vacant, Linda Whitby)

St Ninian's, Prestwick (Jane Ross)

### Daily Prayers

- 12<sup>th</sup> Scottish Episcopal Church: Aberdeen & Orkney (Bishop Anne Dyer)
- 13<sup>th</sup> The continuing refugee crisis
- 14<sup>th</sup> An end to cruelty to animals
- 15<sup>th</sup> Porvoo Communion: The Church of Norway
- 16<sup>th</sup> All Christian charities and aid agencies
- 17<sup>th</sup> The people and local authority of East Dunbartonshire

# Anglican & Diocesan Cycle of Prayer & Daily Intentions

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## Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> January

### Second Sunday after Epiphany

#### *Start of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity*

##### ANGLICAN

Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo

##### DIOCESAN

Holy Trinity, Kilmarnock (Harriet Johnston, Anthony Clapham)

St Ninian's, Troon (Keith Thomasson)

##### Daily Prayers

- 19<sup>th</sup> Unity among all Christians throughout the world
- 20<sup>th</sup> All the peoples of the world and especially for those in conflict zones
- 21<sup>st</sup> Respect and understanding for people of different faiths
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Missions to Seafarers and the work of the RNLI
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Christian Stewardship
- 24<sup>th</sup> The National Health Service

## Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> January

### Third Sunday after Epiphany

#### *Final Day of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity*

##### ANGLICAN

Iglesia Anglicana de Chile

##### DIOCESAN

St John the Evangelist, Eastriggs; All Saints, Gretna; (Vacant)

All Saints, Lockerbie; St John the Evangelist, Moffat (Vittoria Hancock, John Stevenson)

##### Daily Prayers

- 26<sup>th</sup> Those working in Prison Chaplaincy (Beki)

27<sup>th</sup> All those who continue to suffer from the Holocaust on this Holocaust Memorial Day

28<sup>th</sup> The National Meningitis Trust

29<sup>th</sup> Glasgow City Mission

30<sup>th</sup> Bishop's Core Group

31<sup>st</sup> Our Christian neighbours

## FEBRUARY 2026

### Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February

#### THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

#### (Fourth Sunday after Epiphany)

##### ANGLICAN

The Church of England

##### DIOCESAN

All Saints, Challoch; St Margaret of Scotland, New Galloway (Dawn Matthew, Kirsty Anderson)

## Coping at Christmas

**This group is intended for those who are struggling with loss this season.**

We will gather at St. Cyprian's on Wednesday afternoons in Advent to breathe deeply, acknowledge our feelings, and make space for Christ in this season of our lives. Please register your interest with Rev. Audrey so she can communicate directly about plans for this gathering.

There will also be a Blue Christmas Service at 7pm on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December.

# Sunday & Christmas Readings

## Advent Sunday

*30<sup>th</sup> November 2025*

Isaiah 2.1-5

Psalm 122

Romans 13.11-14

Matthew 24.36-44

## Advent 2

*7<sup>th</sup> December 2025*

Isaiah 11.1-10

Psalm 72.1-7, 18-19

Romans 15.4-13

Matthew 3.1-12

## Advent 3

*14<sup>th</sup> December 2025*

Isaiah 35:1-10

Psalm 146:5-10

James 5:7-10

Matthew 11:2-11

## Advent 4

*21<sup>st</sup> December 2025*

Isaiah 7:10-16

Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

Romans 1:1-7

Matthew 1:18-25

## Christmas Day

*25<sup>th</sup> December 2025*

Isaiah 52:7-10

Psalm 98

Hebrews 1:1-4, (5-12)

John 1:1-14

## Christmas 1

*28<sup>th</sup> December 2025*

Isaiah 63:7-9

Psalm 148

Hebrews 2:10-18

Matthew 2:13-23

## Christmas 2

*4<sup>th</sup> January 2026*

Jeremiah 31:7-14

Psalm 147:12-20

Ephesians 1:3-14

John 1:(1-9), 10-18

## Baptism of the Lord: First Sunday after the Epiphany

*11<sup>th</sup> January 2026*

Isaiah 42:1-9

Psalm 29

Acts 10:34-43

Matthew 3:13-17

## Second Sunday after the Epiphany

*18<sup>th</sup> January 2026*

Isaiah 49:1-7

Psalm 40:1-11

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

John 1:29-42

## Third Sunday after the Epiphany

*25<sup>th</sup> January 2026*

Isaiah 9:1-4

Psalm 27:1, 4-9

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Matthew 4:12-23

## Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

*1<sup>st</sup> February 2026*

Micah 6:1-8

Psalm 15

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

Matthew 5:1-12

*Please note that the readings  
are subject to change as the  
Spirit moves. Check the Link  
for the latest information.*



# Kalendar

## DECEMBER 2025

**Mon 1<sup>st</sup>**     **Andrew, Apostle, Patron of Scotland** (Transferred from 30<sup>th</sup> November)

**Thu 4<sup>th</sup>**                     10am     Said Eucharist in Choir Vestry

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**Sun 7<sup>th</sup>**     **Second Sunday of Advent**

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

12noon     **Annual General Meeting of the Congregation**

**Mon 8<sup>th</sup>**     **The Conception of Mary, Mother of the Lord**

**Wed 10<sup>th</sup>**                     1pm     **Mothers' Union Lunch** at The Stables (See page 8)

**Thu 11<sup>th</sup>**                     10am     Said Eucharist in Choir Vestry

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**Sun 14<sup>th</sup>**     **Third Sunday of Advent**

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

5pm     **Carol Service**

**Wed 17<sup>th</sup>**     **Ember Day**

7pm     **Blue Christmas Service**

**Thu 18<sup>th</sup>**                     10am     Said Eucharist in Choir Vestry

**Fri 19<sup>th</sup>**     **Ember Day**

**Sat 20<sup>th</sup>**     **Ember Day**

7.30pm     **Music@St Cyprian's Concert** - Ensemble R6 (see page 11)

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**Sun 21<sup>st</sup>**     **Fourth Sunday of Advent**

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

**Mon 22<sup>nd</sup>**     **Thomas, Apostle** (Transferred from 21<sup>st</sup> December)

**Wed 24<sup>th</sup>**     **Christmas Eve**

**Thu 25<sup>th</sup>**     **CHRISTMAS DAY**

10.30am     **Festival Eucharist** (in church and via Zoom)

**Fri 26<sup>th</sup>**     **Stephen, Deacon and Martyr**

**Sat 27<sup>th</sup>**     **John, Apostle and Evangelist**

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**Sun 28<sup>th</sup>**     **First Sunday after Christmas**

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

**Mon 29<sup>th</sup>**     **The Holy Innocents** (transferred from 28<sup>th</sup> December)

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/)

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). Sign up for the email at [stcyprianslenzie.com](http://stcyprianslenzie.com).

## JANUARY 2026

**Thu 1<sup>st</sup> THE NAMING OF JESUS**

10am Said Eucharist in Choir Vestry

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**Sun 4<sup>th</sup> Second Sunday after Christmas (Epiphany Sunday)**

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

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**Tue 6<sup>th</sup> THE EPIPHANY**

**Wed 7<sup>th</sup> 1pm Mothers' Union Meeting** in the Choir Vestry

**Thu 8<sup>th</sup> 10am Said Eucharist** in Choir Vestry

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**Sun 11<sup>th</sup> First Sunday after Epiphany: the Baptism of the Lord**

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

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**Tue 13<sup>th</sup> Kentigern (or Mungo), Bishop, c 603**

**Thu 15<sup>th</sup> 10am Said Eucharist** in Choir Vestry

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**Sun 18<sup>th</sup> Second Sunday after Epiphany**

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

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**Thu 22<sup>nd</sup> 10am Said Eucharist** in Choir Vestry

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**Sun 25<sup>th</sup> Third Sunday after Epiphany**

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

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**Mon 26<sup>th</sup> The Conversion of Paul, Apostle** (transferred from 25<sup>th</sup> January)

**Thu 29<sup>th</sup> 10am Service of the Word** in Choir Vestry

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## FEBRUARY 2026

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**Sun 1<sup>st</sup> Fourth Sunday after Epiphany**

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



## Fair Trade

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

We are in contact with Marion Martin who holds a local stock of fair trade goods. Please contact the editor with any request for goods. We are hoping to provide a stall about four times a year, if there is a demand.

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

# Rotas

Date	Server	Reader	Intercessor	Sunday School	Coffee *
7 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2025	Aileen Mundy	Jill Taylor	Jacqui Stother	Maxine & Janet	Judith Beastall
14 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2025	Sally Hadden	Diana Farrell	David Taylor	Janet & Maxine	Myke & Precious Mba
21 <sup>st</sup> Dec 2025	Mary Haigh	Eileen Ferry	Mary Haigh	<i>Xmas break</i>	Jill Taylor
28 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2025	Aileen Mundy	Aileen Mundy	Maxine Gow	<i>New Year break</i>	Pat & Paul Hindle
4 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2026	Mary Haigh	Janet Faughey	Mary Boyd	Sally & Aileen	Eileen Ferry
11 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2026	Paul Hindle	Kevin Wilbraham	Hazel Cain	Aileen & Sally	Mary Boyd
18 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2026	Mary Haigh	Mary Haigh	Glennis Tavener	Judith & Janet	Anne Carswell
25 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2026	Sally Hadden	Mary Boyd	Aileen Mundy	Janet & Judith	Aileen Mundy
1 <sup>st</sup> Feb 2026	Mary Haigh	Judith Beastall	Mary Haigh	Glennis & Maxine	Sally Hadden

\* When you are on **coffee**, please bring milk, some biscuits and a couple of tea towels (remember to take them home after)