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Belonging, Believing, Blessing

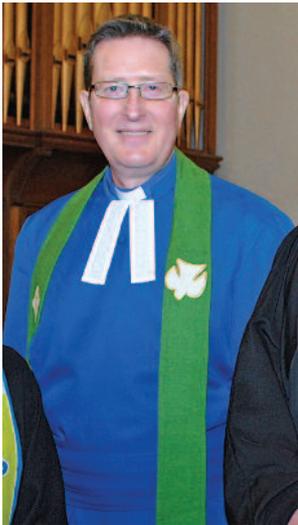


WHAT'S ON

LATEST NEWS

SERVICE TIMES

FROM THE MINISTER'S DESK



Would you think of yourself as spiritual? Often nowadays you hear people describe themselves as 'spiritual,' whilst quickly adding that they are not religious. I suppose they mean that they like to think deeply, to contemplate life, meaning and the universe – but heaven forbid that they actually stepped foot inside a church whilst a service was taking place.

Well, I don't think of myself as religious, if by religious, it is meant that you abide by rules and practices. And I don't regard myself as spiritual either if that suggests that I sit about contemplating a flower or even my own navel. I am, we are, Christians. We have a physical, bone of our bone, flesh of our flesh, incarnate Saviour. And at Easter this same person was crucified. Then he rose again.

This Christian proclamation goes against the current way of the world and its thinking about God. *We are conditioned to think that we get to God by first delving more deeply into ourselves whereas the cross says that God gets to us by forcing us to focus upon something other than ourselves.* (William Willimon)

Christ died for us. Christ rose for us. We don't do this ourselves, but rather worship this God. As we will say on Easter Sunday along with countless millions of others, *Christ is risen, he is risen indeed. Amen.*

Rev Dugald Cameron

EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP 1st APRIL 2018

Come and join in the Resurrection joy of Easter. On this day throughout the world millions of Christians will give thanks for the living God encountered in the risen Christ.

At 8.00am there will be an ecumenical praise service on Pulpit Hill.

From 9.40am onwards breakfast will be served in the Church Centre before our children roll their Easter Eggs outside.

At 10.30am we will then worship our Risen Lord together in the All-Age sharing of Communion. All are welcome at the Lord's table.

CHRIST IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN INDEED!

CHRISTOS ANESTI! ALITHOS ANESTI !

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MARK'S GOSPEL

It was a wee surprise initiative, prompted by a sermon, that got 20 of us reading Mark's Gospel right through. 20 copies were purchased by the church and folk indicated that they would like one. So the month of March was good for us as a congregation because more of us were reading God's word. It would be interesting to have feedback for if folk are interested in doing this again we will do so. Which Gospel this time, Matthew, Luke or John?

Rev Dugald

PRESBYTERY PRAYER ROTA

In the month ahead, please pray for the following:

1st April

Congregations of:

Ardchattan;
Killean & Kilchenzie

Across Presbytery:

Ministry Committee

8th April

Congregations of:

Colonsay & Oronsay;
Kilmeny

15th April

Congregations of:

Connel; Kilniver & Kilmelford

Across Presbytery:

Superintendence Committee

22nd April

Congregations of:

Glenorchy & Innishael;
Lochgilthead

Wider Community:

Other Denominations

29th April

Congregations of:

Iona;
Portnahaven

Across Presbytery:

Business Committee

MODERATOR UPDATE

Rev Dugald's term as Moderator of the Presbytery of Argyll will be over at the beginning of June. He has greatly enjoyed this time particularly in being fortunate enough to see the Induction and appointment of a number of new ministers and ministries. However, Presbytery work will continue to make calls upon his time. He has been appointed Interim Moderator to Coll and Connel as they look for a new

minister. Further, he is one of four people chosen by the Presbytery to formulate the new Presbytery 10-year plan. This will involve a number of visits to various parts of Argyll. Issues to do with the type of ministry provision, mission and the excess of buildings will be addressed. The committee will start its task by visiting Campbeltown.

CROSSREACH

In the current CrossReach News there are three interesting suggestions of how readers might raise sponsorship and cash on behalf of the organisation that seeks to assist in their work on behalf of older people.

These options, it must be conceded, are not for the faint-hearted!

CrossReach is the Social Care Council of The Church of Scotland.



- a) Skydive for CrossReach in the summer. Details of how to secure this are at www.tinyurl.com/ycxe6m7a. Use code `solsky10` for discounted jump of £60.

- b) Take a leap of faith off the Forth Bridge (supported by extensive gear and ropes!)

Abseil off the Forth Rail Bridge for CrossReach. Entries for this amazing experience are open now. For further information e-mail: Rebecca.Tennant@CrossReach.org.uk



- c) Come and participate in Scotland's BIGGEST running festival! The Edinburgh Marathon Festival is now in its 16th year and takes place on Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th May.

Starting in Edinburgh, the course heads out through

East Lothian offering stunning views and an unforgettable experience.

CrooReach have a limited number of free places for all races over the weekend. Contact www.tinyurl.com/ComReach-Marathon.

QUIZ NIGHT AT KILMORE



Thirty-three people formed into 7 teams gathered together on 9th March at the Barn Bar, Lerags Glen, for our Annual Quiz Competition. We are indebted to The Barn Bar for agreeing to be our genial hosts and to our own Martin Wilson for setting it all up. Not only that Martin prepared the questions and acted as amiable Quiz Master for the evening.

As well as our own church members and friends some of the Barn regulars and visiting guests joined in which made for a wonderful atmosphere in very cosy surroundings. Quite a few of us arrived

early and enjoyed an excellent "Barn Bar" meal.

In the Quiz there were seven rounds of about 12 questions including a music round all designed to tax a broad general knowledge. At the end of the evening the Ganavan Quartet of Rev Dugald his fiancée Kirsten with Alex and Sandra Clark came out as winners. Around £70 including a donation from the Barn Bar staff was raised and will go to church funds. The Barn Bar also ran a raffle which raised £57 for a Cancer charity.

Alex Clark

THE GUILD



Welcomes Men & Women of all ages

The Annual General Meeting of the Guild will take place on **Wednesday 28th March at 2.00pm** in the Church Centre Gallery.

EASTER MORNING

Remember you can miss your breakfast at home – you are allowed to crack open your Easter Egg though – and come along at 9.45am onwards to the Easter Breakfast in the Church Centre. Then about 10.10am we watch the children roll their eggs outside. Our celebration of Easter morning is an All-Age Service including Communion.

ADVANCE NOTICES

Christian Aid Week

13th – 19th May

**Esslingen Posaunenchor
Ceilidh**

Friday 25th May

Worship Sunday

Sunday 27th May

SPECIAL SERVICES FOR PALM SUNDAY, HOLY WEEK AND EASTER – 2018

Palm Sunday 25th 10.30am

Children will be waving Palm branches (Family Faithshare)

Wednesday 28th 7.00pm

Kilmore Holy Week Service

Thursday 29th 7.00pm

Christ invites us to share in the Sacrament of the Last Supper

Good Friday 30th 12.00-3.00pm

St. John's Cathedral: Ecumenical Vigil Service



WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT KILMORE & OBAN

Sunday 1st April – Easter Day

08.00		Pulpit Hill Son-rise Service
09.40	CC	Easter Breakfast at Church Centre
10.10		Egg rolling outside
10.30	PC	Easter Day Celebration with Communion
12.00	K	Kilmore Easter Day Service

Sunday 8th April (Remember Lord's Larder)

10.30	PC	Morning Worship
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Sunday 15th April

10.30	PC	Morning Worship
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Sunday 22nd April

10.30	PC	Morning Worship
15.00	PC	Gaelic Service

Sunday 29th April

10.00	CC	Family Faithshare
10.30	PC	Morning Worship

KEY: CC – Church Centre
K – Kilmore Kirk
PC – Oban Parish Church

CELEBRATIONS OF LIFE

Funerals ...*Nothing can separate us from the Love of God*

John MacFadyen of Polvinister Road, Oban

Donald Linton of Oban

Peter Craig of Oban

Andrew Cameron of Inverness

Mary Ann May of McKelvie Road Oban

Mary Stewart of Morven Hill, Oban

John McGregor of Dalriach Road, Oban

Annie (Nana) Michie of Eader Glinn
(formerly Longsdale Terrace), Oban

EDITORIAL: Ken MacColl

*Our next edition will be available
on Sunday 29th April 2018.*

Copy and photographs should be at the
Church Office or sent direct to the editor at
kenmaccoll@btinternet.com by
Monday 23rd April.

*Photographs and short news items
are always welcome.*

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CAN YOU ASSIST?

The photograph below is clearly taken around the middle of the last century and features a visiting choir in Oban probably for the Mod.

We have already established a clear relationship to our present congregation in one instance and would welcome suggestions of that and of the identity of any other choir members pictured.

The date of the particular Mod and the title of the choir pictured would also be welcomed.

All suggestions to the editor.



THE FRAUENKIRCHE THE LADY'S CHURCH IN ESSLINGEN

This stunning picture of the Frauenkirche in Esslingen trails the forthcoming visit to Oban as part of an extended tour in Scotland of the Choir and Brass Band from our friends in Esslingen who have acted as our hosts and guests in recent years.

They are to be our guests at a Ceilidh in the Church Centre in May and will join us in worship on the following Sunday morning.

More details next Newsletter.

