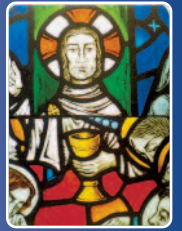




JUNE 2017
CHURCH of SCOTLAND LOCAL PARISH NEWSLETTER
KILMORE & OBAN
Belonging, Believing, Blessing



WHAT'S ON

LATEST NEWS

SERVICE TIMES

FROM THE MINISTER'S DESK



In these strange times when so many competing forces call upon our allegiance in politics, ethics and how to live it is worth re-asserting the primacy of our Christian faith. For in God we live and move and have our being. The Biblical story provides a true narrative in which our lives begin and end, and are brought home.

The theologian Karl Barth wrote, God is He who according to Holy Scripture exists, lives, acts, makes Himself known to us in the work of His free love, resolved on and consummated in Jesus Christ: he, God alone.

Put simply, our faith gives us a perspective to look upon and act within the world. We are both citizens of the commonwealth of heaven and walkers upon this earth. We cannot divorce our actions and attitudes from the faith that comes to us through the Holy Spirit and found in the living Christ. How we vote, how we act, how we speak must be understood in the light of faith.

And where we disagree on politics or on other issues of the day how disagree counts too. Whilst standing for what we perceive to be right, even under the greatest provocation, we must see in the other their worth as a child of God.

Rev Dugald Cameron

The Ministers and Elders of Oban and Kilmore
invite you to join with them in

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

to be celebrated sharing bread and wine.

SUNDAY 4th JUNE

at Oban Parish Church at 10.30am

at Kilmore Kirk at 12 noon

All are welcome

A shorter, less formal service is held on

WEDNESDAY 7th JUNE

at the Parish Church at 3.00pm

Additional services are held on

MONDAY 5th JUNE

Dunmar Court at 2.00pm

WEDNESDAY 7th JUNE

Lynn Court at 11.00am

A short (30 mins) Communion preparatory service is
held on Friday 2nd June in the Church at 7.00pm

and all are very welcome to attend.

This is particularly helpful for Elders
on duty on the Sunday.



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REMEMBERING & GIVING THANKS FOR THOSE WE HAVE LOVED....

Elsewhere in the newsletter you will find an invitation to attend an evening of remembrance and thanksgiving which will be held in the church centre at **8pm on 6th June**. This replaces the Grieving and Gratitude service we have held in church towards the end of the autumn over the past few years.

As part of the evening we will have the opportunity to tie a ribbon to a living tree. In the weeks to come the tree will be planted just by Kilmore Kirk and serve as a memory tree for years to come.

KILMARTIN WALK Saturday 24th June

A guided walk around the ancient site of Kilmartin will be fascinating for those interested in the history of this area. The sun will shine too. So put this date in your diary. More info to come via intimations in the weekly Order of Service.

KILMORE KIRK



For the recent happy wedding of Charles Hodge and Julie Gray the door to Kilmore Kirk was beautifully decorated. This year our kirk will be the venue for six weddings – the most for many years.

We invite you to join us for AN EVENING OF REMEMBRANCE AND THANKSGIVING in the Church Centre Tuesday 6th June at 8.00pm



The Christian faith tells of a God who will be with us through death to eternal life. This time of reflection is for all who continue to feel the loss of someone close. There will be the opportunity for remembrance and thanksgiving.

CONGREGATIONAL LEARNING TEAM

We are working for the Mission and Discipleship Council of the Church of Scotland. See below our newly launched and updated online resources pages:

1. Office Bearers Online Resources page (www.churchofscotland.org.uk/officebearers)

This much sought after resources page covers the sheer scope of being office bearers in the Church of Scotland. Consisting of three main sections ('Formation of the Kirk', 'Governance of the Kirk' and 'Practice in the Kirk') and twenty-two sub-sections, this page provides both theoretical, historical and practical information and extensive links for further exploration. Please do visit and explore the page. Full overviews of all topics are available as printable PDF files at the end of each page.

2. Children and Youth Online Resources (www.churchofscotland.org.uk/childrenandyouth)

Another long waited and much sought after resources page is finally live, offering lots of information, resources and ideas for shaping our churches ministry with children and youth. This page is thoughtfully sectioned for Leaders, Church, Community, Young Adults and Events. It will signpost to resources and information, develop learning and equip with skills those working with children and youth. Do have a look and share with others who might be interested.

3. Learn Online (www.churchofscotland.org.uk/learn)

The Congregational Learning Team is developing more online content. Check our new Resources pages in Learn Online by clicking through the cover cards here. We also have new pages about the Learning Disability Working Group and the Rural Working Group. Plus, you can find lots of helpful connections on our Facebook page Rural Churches in Scotland



KIRK SESSION CONFERENCE



Looking ahead to the autumn the Kirk session held a conference to discuss how we can build up our worshipping congregation. Like many churches the welcome people receive in our church is warm and open. However, we need people to come to church in the first place. Thus the conference explored the issue of Invitation (following on from a day Rev

Dugald and Rev Chris attended at Hampden Park). Robbie Morrison from C of S Mission and Discipleship ably led us in our deliberations. A concrete result from the evening is that in the autumn we will hold a series of afternoon and evening get-togethers under the title of Sharing Faith. Then we will explore a Season of invitation involving the whole congregation.



PRESBYTERY OF ARGYLL INDUCTION OF REV DUGALD CAMERON AS MODERATOR

The Presbytery of Argyll will meet on **Tuesday 6th June at 10.30am** to induct our own minister Rev Dugald Cameron as Moderator of Argyll. This year long appointment will be combined with his parish duties and role as Interim Moderator for Glenorchy and Innishael linked with Strathfillan. Over the course of the year

Rev Dugald will be required to chair Presbytery Meetings, attend various committees, visit some parishes currently without a Minister of Word and Sacrament, be a mouthpiece for the Presbytery and preside at any inductions or ordinations of new ministers.

CHRISTIAN AID



A big thank you goes out to all who collected door to door, or in street collections for this year's appeal. And also to those who gave through the envelopes in the Order of Service. As at going to print we don't know the totals. This information will be circulated after June 8th.

Rev Dugald

SONGS OF PRAISE Kilmore Kirk Sunday 11th June

Led by the Parish Church Choir we are holding a big sing of favourite hymns. Meeting first in the village hall at 6.00pm for tea and buns, we will then, along with any other folk who can make it for this time, start worship at 7.15pm in the kirk. Rev Dugald would be delighted to hear of your choice of hymn, just email into the church office. obancofs@btinternet.com



RECORDER CLUB CONCERT

**Tuesday 13th June
6.00pm in Church**

Please come and hear all the tunes we have learned and join us for refreshments afterwards.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT KILMORE & OBAN

Friday 2nd June

19.00 PC Preparatory Service

Sunday 4th June

10.30 PC Holy Communion

12.00 K Holy Communion

Monday 5th June

14.00 Dunmar Court

Wednesday 7th June

11.00 Lynn Court

15.00 PC Holy Communion (20 min service followed by tea and coffee)

Sunday 11th June *(Remember Lord's Larder)*

10.30 PC Morning Worship

Sunday 18th June

10.30 PC Morning Worship

Sunday 25th June

10.00 CC Family Faithshare

10.30 PC Morning Worship

15.00 PC Gaelic Service

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

CELEBRATIONS OF LIFE

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

Laura McNiven of Rowan Road, Oban

Sheila McKie of Morvern Hill, Oban

Elizabeth Robertson of Perth

Malcolm Carmichael of Longsdale Crescent, Oban

Iain Wells of Kilmore, By Oban

Katriona Campbell of Etive Road, Dunbeg

Baptisms *...And a child shall lead them*

Chimzaram Chidiogo Okekeogbu daughter of
Chukwuma and Adaobi Okekeogbu

ESSLINGEN TRIP

We counted them out and we counted them back and a good time was had by all in between. All who embarked in our Germany trip were built up in the faith as we explored something of the importance of the Reformation,

Luther and Calvin, and the Christianity we share with our brothers and sisters there. We worship, we sang, we walked and we enjoyed the company of each other – all in the fascinating places of Stuttgart, Bad Urach and Esslingen. And great thanks goes out to Pfr Christoph Bauerle, minister of the Stadt Kirche, Esslingen for all his hard work and fascinating leading.



PRAYERS OF MARTIN LUTHER



Part of the reason for the recent Germany trip was to mark the 500th anniversary of the start of the Reformation. Whilst there, Rev Dugald and Rev Steve Fulcher (Chris' husband) introduced various insight from the Reformer Martin Luther. Steve shared these prayers of Luther with the group.

Morning Prayer

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

I thank you, my heavenly father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger and I pray that you would keep this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Evening Prayer

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that you have graciously kept me this day, and I pray that You would forgive my all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. Let your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

EDITORIAL: Ken MacColl

Our July / August edition will be available on Sunday 25th June 2017.

Copy and photographs should be at the Church Office or sent direct to the editor at kenmaccoll@btinternet.com by Monday 19th June.

Photographs and short news items are always welcome.

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