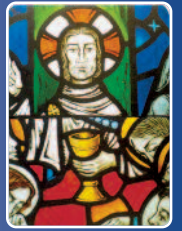




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CHURCH of SCOTLAND LOCAL PARISH NEWSLETTER
KILMORE & OBAN
Belonging, Believing, Blessing



WHAT'S ON

LATEST NEWS

SERVICE TIMES

FROM THE MINISTER'S DESK



*Almighty God,
teach us that no one can harm us
without harming himself
a thousand times more in thy sight.
Grant then that we may be moved
more to mercy than to anger,
more to pity than to resentment.*

In these strange and unsettling times it is worth using the words of Martin Luther in our prayers. He too lived in changing times – and indeed he was an instigator of ways of thinking and events that led to trauma and violence. Luther was no saint, he was flawed in his quickness to anger and the coarseness of his tongue. Yet despite this, or because of it, he knew his need for God – and that God leads us into better ways.

In our day we are having to deal with the dangerous banalities of Donald Trump, fake news and alternative facts. It will be easy to slip into cynicism and non-engagement. We may become prone to doubt anything said by a politician.

The Church needs to be a place of truth and honesty. We are grounded in the Gospel, our Communion and our baptism. The Transfiguration of Christ (Matthew 17 v 1-9) shows us that in Christ there is the Kingdom breaking through into day to day existence. Our Christian faith gives us a filter, or a story, through which we can view the world.

There is more to it, though, than just viewing the world. We are called to live the faith. And so in Luther's words we are to live mercy and pity. If we do so then we may be a beacon of hope – and a group of people, through the Holy Spirit's guidance, in which others can place their trust.

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 5th MARCH

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 8th MARCH

at the Parish Church at 3.00pm

Additional services are held on

MONDAY 6th MARCH

Dunmar Court at 2.00pm

WEDNESDAY 8th MARCH

Lynn Court at 11.00am

A short (30 mins) Communion preparatory service is
held on Friday 3rd March 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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MONDAY PRAYER GROUP

11.30am, in the Church Centre

During Lent we will be focussing on the environment; reflecting on our use of water, fuel, shopping habits, waste and biodiversity.

There will be a weekly challenge and time for discussion and prayer based on each topic. Please come and join us.

PASTORAL VISITING

Just a gentle reminder for people to let the ministers know if anyone needs a visit. And this can be yourself. Just call or email the church office or fill in one of the visiting cards at the end of the church pews. A verbal request at the church door can easily be forgotten in the busyness of a Sunday. Many thanks.

LYNNSIDE DAY CENTRE

Rev Dugald has just started a regular monthly pastoral visit to Lynnside. It is good to catch up with the people there – some church members too. Clients tend to be a bit frailer and so keeping in touch with church and friends can be so important.

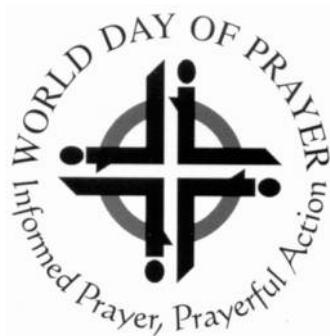
COFFEE AFTER CHURCH

It is good to be able to report that the total sum raised for teas and coffees served after our morning services at the Parish Church over the past year amounted to £600 this being the final sum after the deduction of expenses and the purchase of new decorative lights for the Christmas Trees inside and outside the church.

My sincere thanks to everyone who made this possible by the giving of their time, their talents and their support.

With the passage of time we presently have vacancies in our rota and would warmly welcome new friends to join with to provide this welcome provision in our fellowship and worship.

Margaret MacLean, Coffee Convener



FRIDAY 3rd MARCH at 3.00pm OBAN PARISH CHURCH

Join us in our ecumenical service here in Oban Parish Church. Followed by coffee and cake in the Church Centre. Our prayers will be united with millions of other people

throughout the world. This year our devotions will be led through the thoughts of the people of The Philippines.

More info from: Rev Dugald Cameron

ON THE ROAD TO HAMPDEN



As at going to print Hearts are still in the Scottish Cup. However, just in case, in the strange happening of the Jambos not being in the final Rev Dugald and Rev Chris will be at the National Stadium at the end of March anyway. This is a C of S conference on Mission and Outreach. They are going with the expectation of building

up ideas on how we can be more effective in creating links and worship opportunities for the wider community in Oban. The Kirk Session will reflect on this, along with guidance from Mission and Discipleship so that together all of us may be better witnesses to the Gospel of Christ.

WORSHIP IN OTHER PLACES AND TIMES

It is important to remember that worship does not just take place in Kilmore Kirk and Oban Parish Church. And some of these services cater for our members who are not so able to attend church. Rev Dugald and Rev Chris conduct services in Eadar Glinn, Dunmar Court, Lynn Court and North Argyll. Eadar Glinn has a monthly service. North Argyll has a fortnightly service led

by either Donald MacKinnon or Rev James Beaton; and Rev Dugald conducts Communion there. Dunmar Court and Lynn Court have fortnightly and weekly CD services respectively, as well as our ministers being there in person. There is also a regular communion service in the Parish Church for those who prefer a shorter time sitting.

COFFEE & CHAT

Coffee – and/or tea – and Chat meet every Wednesday in the Church Centre. This is an informal “drop in” facility with both regular and occasional participants. Topics are random and eclectic and often informative and stimulating. Visitors are very welcome.

There is no charge, yet we were able to donate £300 towards church funds from donations.

Last week we said a reluctant farewell to June Campbell, a stalwart of this and many other activities within our congregation and community, as she has moved close to the fairways of Gullane, East Lothian and closer links (?) to family members.

We feel sure she will look us up when she revisits Oban.



SIGNS OF SPRING



THE GUILD



Welcomes Men & Women of all ages

Our February meeting was well attended and, in the absence of Margaret MacLean, was led by the Rev Chris who gave a very interesting and informative talk about time she spent in Malawi.

March is always a very busy time for our members when we will be involved in hosting the World Day of Prayer in our church on Friday 3rd March at 3.00pm. We also have an invitation to visit Appin Church Guild on Monday 6th March at 7.30pm and also to visit with St Oran's and Dunbeg Guild at Dunbeg Church on Thursday 9th March at 2.00pm.

Yet another important date for our diaries is Wednesday 8th March for The Guild AGM when it is hoped for a good turnout of our members.

Margaret MacLean, Leader

THE LORD'S LARDER

The Lord's Larder provides individual food parcels for those in need. We are able to do this due to the generosity of members of churches in the Oban area.

All donations of non-perishable food are appreciated while a small financial contribution enables the purchase of fresh food to accompany each parcel we deliver. There are baskets at the back of the church for donations and the day on the rota for us in the Parish Church is on the second Sunday of the month.

Thank you to all those who have donated in the past. Your gifts are used with love.

MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT

DROP IN WEDNESDAY

Macmillan Cancer Support Service are in Oban Library from 2.15 pm until 4.15pm on Wednesdays and can give support and information on all aspects of cancer over a friendly cuppa.

Contacts at 01586 555932 or e-mail at macmillan@argyll-bute.gov.uk

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT KILMORE & OBAN

Friday 3rd March

19.00 PC Preparatory Service

Sunday 5th March

10.30 PC Holy Communion

12.00 K Holy Communion

Monday 6th March

14.00 Dunmar Court

Wednesday 8th March

11.00 Lynn Court

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

19.30 PC Lenten Worship

Sunday 12th March (Remember Lord's Larder)

10.30 PC Morning Worship

Wednesday 15th March

19.30 PC Lenten Worship

Sunday 19th March

10.30 PC Morning Worship

Wednesday 22nd March

19.30 PC Lenten Worship

Sunday 26th March

10.30 PC Morning Worship All age
incorporating Family Faithshare

15.00 PC Gaelic Service

Wednesday 29th March

19.30 PC Lenten 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

Flora MacGillivray of Keith (prev. Creran Gardens)

Agnes (Nancy) Dunlop of Lynn of Lorne
(prev. Ardconnel Road)

Michael Stevens of Warrington

Roderick Wilson of Lochgilphead

Chrystalla (Stella) Dean of Longsdale Crescent

Peter McLuckie of Glenshellach, Oban

Georgina (Ina) Campbell of Lynn Court, Oban



KILMORE & OBAN PARISH CHURCH



LIVING GOD'S LOVE WITH...

Generosity

Joy

Imagination

Courage

For the Sake of the World

8th March – 5th April 2017

7.30pm in Oban Parish Church

Based on resources produced by the Diocese of St Albans for Lent 2017

EDITORIAL: Ken MacColl

Our April edition will be available on Sunday 26th March 2017.

*Copy and photographs should be at the Church Office or
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Photographs and short news items are always welcome.

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