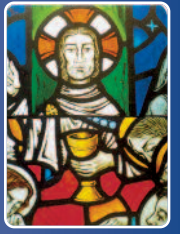




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WHAT'S ON

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FROM THE MINISTER'S DESK



Two phrases have stuck in my mind over recent weeks: *'Practice what you preach' ...and... 'Don't do as I do, do as I say'*.

When life is jogging along quite happily, it is perhaps a little easier to do the former. We can get on with our lives, hopefully according to the example that Christ sets us.

However, when life throws us a few dodgy balls, we might find ourselves reverting to the latter. Faith can be challenging when things happen in life that are difficult to come to terms with. We know the theory, but fear and doubt creep in.

These times can be really testing and there are two options set before us. We can either give up on our faith or live by our own strength alone, or we can lean completely on God, trusting that he will see us through whatever it is that we are facing.

Jesus experienced extreme testing during his 40 days in the wilderness, but he put his trust in God and God alone. That brought him through and prepared him for the ministry that lay ahead.

However life is going for you personally right now, during Lent we all take time to examine our own lives, our own faith and we rejoice in the wonder of Easter morning when it finally comes, knowing that all is well for those who put their trust in the Lord.

One of my favourite texts in the Bible comes from the end of Isaiah Chapter 40: *Those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.*

I think that is pretty good advice for all of us – whether life is good or tough – and especially as we journey towards the Cross of Good Friday and the Resurrection of Easter Morning.

Journey safe through Lent and keep your eyes focused on our Lord and Saviour.

Rev Chris

THE SHARING OF BREAD AND OF WINE

COMMUNION

Sunday 4th March

The Ministers and Elders of Kilmore and Oban invite you to join with us in sharing the Sacrament of Holy Communion at

Glencruitten Road Church – 10.30am

Kilmore Kirk 12.00 noon

a shorter service followed by coffee and fellowship

**Glencruitten Road Church – 3.00pm
 on Wednesday 6th March**

*The Lord's Table is open to all and we extend
 a warm invitation to all to join with us.*

A short Preparatory service is held at the Glencruitten Road Church on **Friday 2nd March at 7.00pm**. All are welcome but Elders who are on duty on Sunday are particularly urged to attend.



PRAYER BREAKFAST

Following on from the success of last year the Presbytery, along with both the Episcopal and Roman Catholic Dioceses of Argyll will be organising a Prayer Breakfast.

Again this will be in Oban, this time on **Thursday 14th June, 7.15am – 9.00am.** We aim to have even more than the 50 plus people who attended last year. The theme will be on health and wholeness with key note speakers from the Health Centre and Hope Kitchen contributing. Everything will be held before God in prayer.

Please ask Rev Dugald for more information.

PRESBYTERY PRAYER ROTA

In the month ahead, please pray for the following:

4th March

Congregations of:

United Church of Bute;
Kilarrow (Islay)

Across Presbytery:

Presbytery Meeting

11th March

Congregations of:

Dunoon High Kirk;
Kilcalmonell (Kintyre)

Wider Community:

The NHS and
Social Care Service

18th March

Congregations of:

Kyles (Cowal);
Kilchoman (Islay)

Across Presbytery:

Deacon & OLMs

25th March

Congregations of:

Appin;
Kildalton & Oa (Islay)

Across Presbytery:

Local Schools & Colleges

MODERATOR AND PRESBYTERY



Creich Church, Mull

February proved to be a busy and productive one for Rev Dugald in his role as Moderator of the Presbytery of Argyll. He conducted the Induction of Rev Jenny Earl to the parishes on the Ross of Mull and Iona, then returned the following Sunday to preach in Jenny.

He also attended the Commissioning as Missionary Partner of John McCulloch prior to his being ordained Minister of Saint Andrew's Scots Memorial Church, Jerusalem and Saint Andrew's, Tiberias. This took place in Lochgoilhead Parish Church on Tuesday 20th February.

It is also important to note that there will be a new minister, Rev Thomas Telford, inducted to Kilchrennan, Dalavich and Muckairn on 22nd March. He is coming over from the United States to take this charge. So we wish him a warm Scottish welcome.

Rev Dugald has just been appointed Interim Moderator for Connel linked with Coll. Further, he has been asked to be one of four people who will put together the Presbytery Plan for the next ten years in respect of ministerial positions and building provision. This job will again involve a great deal of travel across the length and breadth of Argyll.



Lochgoilhead Parish Church

KILMORE QUIZ NIGHT AT LERAGS

The Barn, Lerags, Friday 9th March – 7.30pm



Following the success of last year's venture the Social Committee has decided to repeat the Quiz Night at The Barn down Lerags Glen.

The date to note is Friday 9th March and the quiz will get under way at 7.30 pm with our own Martin Wilson as Quiz-master. Entry Fee is £1.00 per person and

there will be a prize for the successful participant(s). The Barn has a good Bar meals menu www.cologin.co.uk and entrants are encouraged to dine before or during proceedings. Individuals or teams are requested to add their names to the list at the rear of the church or to contact Alex Clark directly at 564684.

LETTER FROM AMERICA



Our former Associate Minister, Rev Catherine (Cat) Knott is now based close by the Ohio River, at the Hanover College Campus in Indiana, USA, where she is Chaplain and also has responsibilities as Adjunct Professor in the English Department.

Along the way Catherine was successful in gaining scholarships from the Garrett Seminary – a United Methodist School in

Evanston, Illinois, and also from the Chicago Presbytery – which helped her towards her studies for a PhD in the discipline of Theological Ethics. She graduates in mid-May and wonders what she will do to fill in her available time thereafter!!!

Catherine says a fond "Hello" to everyone at Kilmore and Oban.

Thanks to Alex Clarke for passing this news item on – Ed.

THE GUILD



Welcomes Men & Women of all ages

Our February meeting was well attended in spite of a very wet afternoon. Our speaker was the Rev Chris who gave a very heart warming personal talk on the importance of family life. As our Guild Theme this session is entitled "Go in Love" this brought home to us the importance of facing life's challenges having been brought up in a stable caring environment.

Since the New Year we have missed the company of some of our members through ill health and severe weather conditions and we hope, with the approach of Spring and lighter and brighter days, we will renew acquaintances and see a good turnout for our AGM in March.

Margaret MacLean

ASM

The Annual Stated Meeting of the congregation will be held on **Tuesday 20th March, at 7.00pm** in the church Centre Undercroft. All are welcome.



WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT KILMORE & OBAN

Friday 2nd March

19.00 Preparatory Service

Sunday 4th March

10.30 PC Sacrament of Communion
12.00 K Kilmore Sacrament of Communion

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

10.30 PC Morning Worship

Sunday 18th March

10.30 PC Morning Worship

Sunday 25th March *(NB: clocks spring forward)*

10.00 CC Family Faithshare
10.30 PC Morning Worship – Palm Sunday
15.00 PC Gaelic Service

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

CELEBRATIONS OF LIFE

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

Aria Rose Morrison at Oban Parish Church on Sunday, 25 February, 2018 by Rev. Dugald Cameron.

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

Robert Heap of Jura Road, Oban

Kenneth Smith of Oban

Morag Campbell of Dalriach Court, Oban

Lachlan MacDonald of Lynn of Lorne (formerly Oban)

Joan McGill of Lynn of Lorne (formerly Oban)

Isobel Black of Lynn of Lorne (formerly Oban)

EDITORIAL: Ken MacColl

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*Photographs and short news items
are always welcome.*

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CHRIST AND THE CHOCOLATERIE A LENT COURSE



- Week 1** Watch the film 'Chocolat'
- Week 2** Giving Up
- Week 3** Giving Out
- Week 4** Getting Wise
- Week 5** Getting Real
- Week 6** Growing Up

The Lent course will be held in the manse at 7pm on Wednesday evenings, starting on 7th March. You are warmly invited to come along.

For more information, please ask Rev. Dugald or Rev. Chris.



Caroline Owens is already well established in the Church Office as our new Administrator dealing. We will include a profile of Caroline in a future edition of the Newsletter – Editor.