

NOTICES

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Please note Tony's day off is Saturday



Sixth Sunday of Easter – 10th May 2026

Rev. Liz Kirby will be presiding along with Chizitere Azogama

✓ Morning Prayer is on Tuesday at 9.30am.

✓ The next monthly **Healing Service** in Holy Trinity will be held at 6pm on 10th May and last for approximately 45 minutes. For more information please contact **Rev Liz Kirby**.

✓ The **Movement to Music** class is on Thursday at 10am. It involves standing and sitting exercises suitable for all abilities. All are welcome

✓ **Midweek Service** takes place on **Wednesday at 12.45pm**. Please feel free to come along from 12.30pm onwards for short lunch time service which is open to all. On every second Wednesday of the month we will be having Communion with Reserved Sacrament Prof Ian Arbon will be presiding.

✓ **Bible study** on **Wednesday 13th of May** at 10.30am in small hall. All Welcome.

✓ **Dean Reuben is demitting office**. If you wish to donate to a gift then please do so by 5th May. Bank details are - sorting code 83 41 00; account No 00162089; Account Name Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway; use the reference Dean. If you require a receipt you will have to email iolanthe@glasgow.anglican.org

✓ The **Bishop's Lent Appeal**, there will be a retiral collection for the next 2 weeks. This will go to The **Daisy Project** that supports women and children heal from domestic abuse.

✓ **Ascension Day Service** this year will be held in **St Columba's Largs at 7.00pm** - all are welcome. If you need a lift then please add your name to the list at the back of the church.

✓ **St Columba's Largs on their 150th celebration to our churches in the Ayrshire Region**.

We are planning to hold an open-air communion at St Blanes Chapel ruins on Bute. We are inviting Largs churches together as well as all local SEC to join with us for a day's pilgrimage. If you are interested then let St Columba's Church know by 20th May at [Moran@btinternet.com](mailto: Moran@btinternet.com). It does involve some walking uphill, so it won't be suitable for all.

✓ **The Mothers Union** is again collecting cleaning items for EACHa to give people moving from supported accommodation to their own tenancy. The items are washing up bowl, washing up brush, dustpan and brush, toilet brush, cleaning spray (kitchen and bathroom) J clothes, tea towel. Please add one or two items to your shopping and put them in the box at the back of the church – thank you.

Collect

O God, from whom all good things arise: grant such grace to those who call on you, that, by your inspiration, we may ponder those things that are right, and, by your guidance, do them; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. **Amen**

Hymns

Processional	249	Great is thy Faithfulness
Gradual	452	Most glorious Lord of life
Offertory	103	Christ the Lord is risen again
Communion	456	My God and is thy table spread
Communion	422	Lord we come to ask
Recessional	666	The Spirit lives to set us free

Communion

Everyone is welcome to receive Communion. We offer both bread and wine sipped from the common cup. We no longer offer intinction. Receiving in one kind is also a complete Communion. If you prefer this option, simply come forward to receive the bread then return to your seat. If you wish to receive a blessing from the priest, please indicate this by placing your hands on your chest. If you wish to receive Communion in your pew or require gluten-free bread please inform one of the welcome team. During the offertory hymn the collection will be taken at the pew. If you wish to donate to the church by another means, or to gift aid your donation please contact Ian, the Treasurer or Doreen. Thank you for your generosity.

First Reading - Acts 17:22 - 31

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, 'Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, "To an unknown god." What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him - though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For "In him we live and move and have our being"; as even some of your own poets have said, "For we too are his offspring." Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.'

Second Reading - 1 Peter 3:13 - 22

Who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defence to anyone who demands from you an account of the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you - not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,

who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

GOSPEL - John 14:15 - 21

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.'



The **Keswick Ayrshire Convention** will be held at the Park Hotel on the evenings of **29 to 31 May**. Entry is free and there will be an opportunity to make donations. The theme is "Finding God in Hard Places". The Keynote speaker, Ian Coffey, is a Baptist Minister who has led churches in British and international contexts. He speaks at conferences in many parts of the world and has written 14 books. His passion is to teach the Bible in language people can understand. At Moorlands College Ian specializes in leadership training and development

Created to Belong - Celebrating Disability in the Image of God. This event will be held on **Saturday 23 May from 9.30 am to 4.30 pm** at the Howard Centre, Portland Road, Kilmarnock. Its aim is to promote disability inclusion in places of worship and in the wider community. The event will be as accessible and inclusive as possible for people with learning disabilities, physical disabilities, people who are neurodivergent as well as those who are interested in inclusion. Guide dogs are welcome and British Sign Language interpreters will be present.