

NOTICES

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Please note Tony's day off is Saturday

- ✓ **Morning Prayer is on Tuesday at 9.30am.**
- ✓ 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 Largs. This is an evening service. 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. It does involve some walking uphill, so it won't be suitable for all.
- ✓ **The Mothers Union** is again collecting cleaning items for EACHA (East Ayrshire Council Homeless Action) 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.



Fifth Sunday of Easter – 3rd May 2026

Assistant Priest Rev. Tony Clapham will be presiding

Collect

O God, who alone can bring harmony to the minds of your faithful people: give us grace to love the things you command, and to desire the things you promise; that, amid the uncertain changes of this world, our hearts may be firmly fixed where true joys are to be found; 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	162	Father I place into your hands
Gradual	297	How sweet the name of Jesus
Offertory	503	O Jesus I have (Tune 2)
Communion	361	<i>Jesus stand among us (3 Verses)</i>
Communion	366	<i>Jesus took a piece of bread</i>
Recessional	177	For all the Saints

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 7:55 - 60

⁵⁵ But Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, looked up to heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶ "Look," he said, "I see heaven open and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God." ⁵⁷ At this they covered their ears and, yelling at the top of their voices, they all rushed at him, ⁵⁸ dragged him out of the city and began to stone him. Meanwhile, the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹ While they were stoning him, Stephen prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." ⁶⁰ Then he fell on his knees and cried out, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he fell asleep.

Second Reading - 1 Peter 2:2 - 10

² Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation - ³ if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. ⁴ Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and ⁵ like living stones let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶ For it stands in scripture: "See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." ⁷ This honour, then, is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner," ⁸ and "A stone that makes them stumble and a rock that makes them fall. "They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do." ⁹ But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the excellence of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light. ¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

GOSPEL - John 14:1-14

¹⁴ 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. ² In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for

you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴ And you know the way to the place where I am going.' ⁵ Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' ⁶ Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷ If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.' ⁸ Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.' ⁹ Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? ¹⁰ Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹ Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. ¹² Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³ I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

