



CHRIST CHURCH LANARK  
CLYDESDALE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
MARCH - APRIL 2018

## **SERVICES FOR MARCH**

**Sunday 4th**

**Lent 3**

**09.00 am – Eucharist**

**10.30 am – Eucharist**

**Sunday 11th**

**Mothering Sunday**

**10.30 am – All Age Eucharist**

**Sunday 18th**

**Passion Sunday**

**10.30 am – Sung Eucharist**

**Sunday 25th**

**Palm Sunday**

**10.30 am – Sung Eucharist**

**For Holy Week Services -  
see separate article & notice**

## **SERVICES FOR APRIL**

**Sunday 1st**

**Easter Day**

**10.30 am – Sung Eucharist**

**Sunday 8th**

**Easter 2**

**10.30 am – Sung Eucharist**

**Sunday 15th**

**Easter 3**

**10.30 am – Sung Eucharist**

**Sunday 22nd**

**Easter 4**

**10.30 am – Sung Eucharist**

**Sunday 29th**

**Easter 5**

**10.30 am – Sung Eucharist**

## **LUNCH CLUB**

The Lunch Club meets every Tuesday in the Church Hall.      Cost  
£2.50

Come along and enjoy friendly company, homemade soup and a filled roll. There are also frequently speakers and slide shows.

**All welcome**

## HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

Holy Week recalls the events surrounding the last days of Jesus' life: Palm Sunday and the entry into Jerusalem; Maundy Thursday with the Last Supper, the washing of the feet and the agony in Gethsemane; Good Friday with the trial and death of Jesus; Easter Day with our Lord risen from the tomb.

Remembering the events of Holy Week we are drawn closer to the heart of our faith. We are the Church of God – the Body of Christ – and we too feel battered and bruised, desolate and despairing; we too need to be reconciled, redeemed and renewed.

Holy Week is **PASSIONTIDE** because we come face to face with the passion of God for humanity. Holy Week is compelling because passion demands a response. This is one of the key times where God can touch our lives.

### PALM SUNDAY

This is the day Jesus entered Jerusalem to face his destiny. The service has two distinct features; the PROCESSION and an account of the PASSION.



The Procession recalls the entry to the city and the crowds lining the way, but also serves to remind us to take up our own cross and follow Jesus. The reading of the passion takes us to the core of our faith. The power and victory of Jesus is achieved by his self giving love, even through death on a cross.

### HOLY MONDAY, TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY

As Jesus mingled with the crowds in Jerusalem, so we join with other Christians in our community at evening services at 7.00pm on each of the nights at the beginning of Holy Week. Monday night (St Mary's), Tuesday night (St Nicholas), Wednesday night (Christ Church)... Thursday night (Greyfriars) and Friday night (Congregational Church).

## MAUNDY THURSDAY



Here we remember the events surrounding The Last Supper – this is the heart of our Eucharistic Service: “Do this in remembrance of me” (Luke 22: 19). The Institution of the Eucharist and the Washing of the Feet will start at 7.30 pm.

After the meal Jesus and his disciples went to the Garden of Gethsemane where Jesus prayed in deep distress, was arrested and in the end “they all forsook him and fled” (Mark 14: 50). We symbolise the distress and abandonment of Jesus by stripping the church and leaving the sanctuary empty and abandoned.

The Service of The Vigil in the Memorial Chapel from 9 pm until 10 pm represents our own Garden of Gethsemane and our willingness to watch with Jesus for that brief time.

## GOOD FRIDAY

We witness Christ crucified and the shadow of the Cross cast over us.



While no one can be unmoved by the accounts of the crucifixion, this is not a day of mourning as we know of the resurrection to come. The suffering of Jesus engages with injustice and the anguish of innocents throughout time and the world, but like the Centurion we know that “truly with was the Son of God”. (Matthew 28: 54).

The Ecumenical Walk of Witness begins in Christ Church at 10 am. Our own Holy Hour will take place at 2 pm. There will also be an Evening Service at 7 pm in the town for those who cannot make these two earlier events.

## HOLY SATURDAY



The world of darkness gives way to the rising Son of God. The church abandoned on Thursday night is made ready for the greatest moment in the Christian Year. We light and bless the Easter Fire and from it the Paschal Candle. The service proclaims the discovery of the empty tomb, but finishes on the confusion in Mark's Gospel: "Terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid." (Mark 16: 8).

We will hold a version of the Easter Vigil in the early part of the evening of Holy Saturday. There will be a full Easter Vigil at St Mary's Church at 9 pm.

## EASTER DAY

**Alleluia! Christ is risen!**



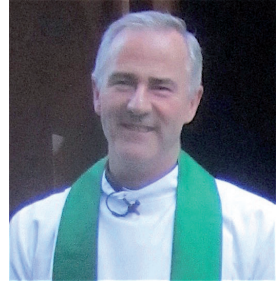
We are members of the Risen body of Christ. Through his death and resurrection Jesus has conquered sin and death and given us the means to conquer them too. Through the Holy Spirit we can join with him in proclaiming the transforming power of God. In the Easter Day Service, in response to his victory, we renew our BAPTISMAL VOWS as a sign of our commitment to God. We break the bread of COMMUNION and share the cup as visible signs that this is both an individual and a corporate response to the love of God.

There will be an ecumenical communion service at Lanark Loch at 8.30 am. Our Sung Eucharist in Christ Church will commence at 10.30.

## Drew's Pastoral Letter

Dear Friends

Just a few short days into the New Year, while Christmas Puddings and Christmas Cards were being sold of at bargain, discount prices, hot crossed buns went on sale in a well known supermarket in Lanark and Easter Eggs started to appear on the shelves of the same outlet as well.



Maybe we should take heart from the idea that the seasons of the Christian year are still being marked in some sort of way out there in our highly secular world, but I would like to suggest to you that there are more effective ways of observing the season that we will just have entered as this magazine goes to print - Lent!!

One more effective way of observing Lent would be to attend the Lenten Study Group which I shall be leading, or perhaps you could come to worship more regularly on a Sunday morning.

Whatever you decide to do, I would encourage you to try and use this Lent as a time for growth, so that you allow yourself to be challenged by Jesus and his Gospel in a way that will actually make a difference to your life and thereby make a difference to the world around you.

One verse from a great old Lenten hymn goes as follows:

Father, hear the prayer we offer,  
not for ease that prayer shall be,  
but for strength that we may ever  
live our lives courageously.

The courage to tread the “steep and rugged pathway” is something which every human being needs, and which the Christian way of life should help us to grasp. There’s plenty of pain and darkness around, within our congregation, out in our community and across the world. Lent can be a time when we get into training to overcome that darkness and reflect the light which God shines in our darkness.

God bless you in all that you do.

*Drew*



## Church News

### Baptism

On Sunday 21 January Emily Alice Stewart, daughter of Tracey and Kevin and granddaughter of our Lay Reader Richard Evans and his wife, Doreen, was baptised by Drew. Emily was a little star who behaved impeccably. Welcome to our church family.



### Marriage Blessing

Very best wishes to Jean and John Patrick who celebrated their Golden Wedding on Sunday 28 February. They had a wedding blessing in church and Drew then presented them with a beautiful bouquet of flowers which had been prepared by Jane Milliken. Afterwards we all enjoyed a piece of their celebration cake with our coffee.



Jean and John would like to thank Drew for blessing their fifty years of marriage and the congregation of Christ church

for the beautiful flowers and their good wishes. It helped to make the occasion all the more special. Also the cake made by Doreen was scrumptious.

Thank you again,

Jean and John Patrick.

### Funeral

on Friday 2nd February, the funeral of John Homer took place in Christ Church. May he rest in peace.

## Shrove Tuesday Pancake Party



A good night was had by one and all at our pancake party. The chefs did a magnificent job churning out hundreds of pancakes and there was a huge selection of tasty fillings.

The children had fun with games following the supper

Many thanks to all who contributed food and wine and special thanks to the chefs.



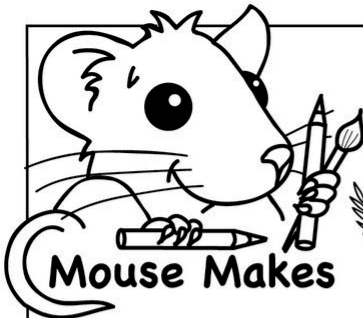




**There are lots more photos on our website and Facebook page**

### **FAST THIS LENT?**

Fast from hurting words and speak only kind ones  
 Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude  
 Fast from anger and strive for patience  
 Fast from pessimism and embrace hope  
 Fast from worries and have trust in God  
 Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity  
 Fast from pressures and be prayerful  
 Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy  
 Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others  
 Fast from grudges and seek reconciliation  
 Fast from words and be silent so you can listen



## Journey to the Cross

Read the Bible - find the answers



**READ Matthew 21:1-11**

Where did Jesus stop on his journey? vs 1

What did Jesus send his disciples to get? vs 2

What did the crowd spread on the road in front of Jesus? vs 8

What did the people shout? vs 9

What city was Jesus going to? vs 10

**READ Matthew 26:17-75**

What festival did the disciples celebrate? vs 17

Which disciple denied Jesus? vs 34

Which disciple betrayed Jesus? vs 47

**READ Matthew 27**

When Jesus was taken to be crucified, what did the soldiers put on him? vs 28-29

What time did Jesus die? vs 45

Whose tomb was Jesus buried in? vs 57

**READ Matthew 28**

On the third day who rolled away the stone covering the tomb? vs 2

What had happened to Jesus? vs 6,7



## Laughter is the Best Medicine

### What the teacher says and what the teacher means....

If you have ever wondered what the teachers really think of your child, you may enjoy these snippets from real reports....and the thought behind them!

James has a remarkable ability in gathering needed information from his classmates. (He was caught cheating on an exam.)

Karen is an endless fund of energy and viability. (Your hyperactive monster can't stay put for five minutes.)

Fantastic imagination! (He's one of the biggest liars I have ever met.)

Margie exhibits a relaxed attitude to school, indicating that high expectations don't intimidate her. (The lazy thing hasn't done one assignment all term.)

Nick thrives on interaction with his peers. (Your son never shuts up.)

Nancy's greatest asset is demonstrative public discussions. (Every time I give an assignment, she responds by sparking a classroom argument over it.)

John enjoys the thrill of engaging challenges with his peers. (He's an incorrigible bully.)

### What children think about angels

My angel is my grandma who died last year. She got a big head-start on helping me while she was still down here on earth. - Ashley, age 9

Some of the angels are in charge of helping heal sick animals and pets. And if they don't make the animals get better, they help the child get over it.-

Vicki, age 8

### Dear God...

A little boy's prayer: "Dear God, please take care of my daddy and my mummy and my sister and my brother and my doggy and me. Oh, and please take care of yourself, God. If anything happens to You, we're gonna be in a big mess."



One of my church wardens is a stickler for "Health and Safety"

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<b><u>2018</u></b>	Rosemary Marshall Tel: 663774	Jean Rance Tel: 662461	Connie Johnstone Tel: 01899 308764	Doreen Dixon Tel: 750295	
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<b>18 Mar</b>	S. Russell N. Broadbridge	M. Gibson J. Patrick	C. Johnstone S. Tian	20 March Diana & Connie	S Clark
<b>25 Mar</b>	R. Marshall J. Rance	L. Rickards E. Baxter	J. Comrie	27 March Hilary & Doreen	D Dixon

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<b>15 Apr</b>	N. Broadbridge J. Rance	M. Caddell C. Robbins	J. Rance K. Rance	17 April Diana & Connie	<b>P Glancy</b>
<b>22 Apr</b>	R. Marshall G. Rankin	M. Gibson J. Patrick	A. Comrie	24 April Hilary & Doreen	<b>R Cleary</b>
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<u>2017</u> 4 Mar	Lent 3	J Hill	Exodus 20: 1-17	1 Cor'thns 1: 18-25	John 2: 13-22
11 Mar	Lent 4 Mothering Sunday	All Age Service	-----	-----	T.B.A.
18 Mar	Passion Sunday	K Rance	Jerimiah 31: 31-34	Hebrews 5: 5-10	John 12: 20-33
25 Mar	Palm Sunday	N Broadbridge	Isaiah 50: 4-9a	Philippians 2: 5-11	Mark 14.1 – 15.47

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<b>8 Apr</b>	<b>Easter 2</b>	<b>C Johnstone</b>	Acts 4: 32-35	1 John 1: 1 - 2:2	John 20: 19-31
<b>15 Apr</b>	<b>Easter 3</b>	<b>J Rance</b>	Acts 3: 12-19	1 John 3: 1-7	Luke 24: 36b-48
<b>22 Apr</b>	<b>Easter 4</b>	<b>R Cleary</b>	Acts 4: 5-12	1 John 3: 16-24	John 10: 11-18
<b>29 Apr</b>	<b>Easter 5</b>	<b>L Rickards</b>	Acts 8: 26-40	1 John 4: 7-21	John 15: 1-8
<b>6 May</b>	<b>Easter 6</b>	<b>T. Sheridan</b>	Acts 10: 44-48	1 John 5: 1-6	John 15: 9-17

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