



PENTECOST

CHRIST CHURCH LANARK
CLYDESDALE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
MAY - JUNE 2018

SERVICES FOR MAY

Sunday 6th May

Easter 6

09.00 am – Said Eucharist

10.30 am – Sung Eucharist

Thursday 10th May

Ascension Day

7.30 pm – Regional Sung

Eucharist

Guest Preacher

The Very Revd Lorna Hood

(Former Moderator

of the General Assembly)

Sunday 13th May

Easter 7

10.30 am – All Age Sung

Eucharist

Sunday 20th May

The Day of Pentecost

10.30 am – Sung Eucharist

Sunday 27th May

Trinity Sunday

10.30 am – Sung Eucharist

SERVICES FOR JUNE

Sunday 3rd June

Trinity 1

09.00 am – Said Eucharist

10.30 am – Sung Eucharist

Sunday 10th June

Trinity 2

10.30 am – Sung Eucharist

Sunday 17th June

Trinity 3

10.30 am – Sung Eucharist

Sunday 24th June

Trinity 4

11.00am - Summer Barbecue

Service at

Cleghorn Estate

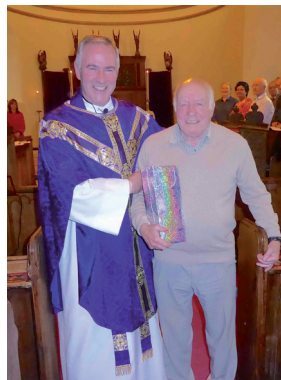


LUNCH CLUB

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.

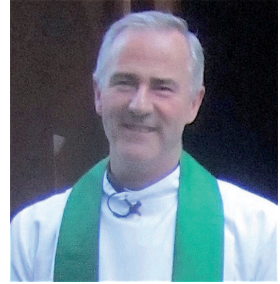
All welcome



- Ken Rance has reached the grand old age of 80 and still looks as fit as a flea. Many happy returns of the day, Ken! Congratulations for taking such good care of him, Jean!
- Gemma Horsburgh has taken to serving at the altar like a duck to water. It is great to have her assistance “up top”! She’s making such a good job of it that there have been a couple of requests from others to join her. So, watch that space. The serving team is set to grow!
- The Rector’s damp problem (no, not his wet personality, or the rising damp in his increasingly creaky joints) – the one that has caused havoc and devastation at the back of the Rectory – is now well on the way to being a bad memory. The decorators are in at the moment, transforming the re-plastered walls and ceilings. When all the work is done we will have après-service tea and coffee over in the Rectory so that you can all have a tour of the house and the chance to inspect the results of this two and a half years job!
- Our thoughts and prayers are with Jeanie Westgarth, Ann Irvine and Trevor Lewis and Marilyn Caddel in their recent bereavements.
- A date for your diary – Sunday 24th June! This is the provisional date for our Summer Service and Barbecue at Cleghorn.
- Congratulations to Nancy and Bobby Paterson on the birth of their latest grand-daughter – Olivia. I think there’s going to be one very “doted-on” little girl in Carluke. Enjoy every hold and cuddle that comes your way.

Dear Friends

**I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills:
from whence cometh my help.
My help cometh even from the Lord:
who hath made heaven and earth.
(Psalm 121)**



Mountains feature very prominently in the scriptures - Ararat, Sinai, Nebo, Hermon, Tabor to name but a few. In many cultures, since time immemorial, high points have been the place to worship, which explains why so often medieval churches are to be found on the high ground of an ancient community, built on earlier pagan shrines.

Mountains were the places to which Jesus retreated when he needed time out and away to be alone with God. Not only do mountains speak so eloquently of the glory of God the creator, they also provide a vantage point from which life can be viewed in a different perspective. As someone who grew up in this part of the world I've been to the top of Tinto countless times. When I lived in Dumfries I also made a point of scaling Criffel as often as I could. The views from the tops of these hills are etched in my mind. I still find that a retreat way up into the hills gives me a chance, not only to do some clear thinking, but also to encounter the glory of God.

It is not without significance that Jesus, as he sets his face towards Jerusalem, takes his three closest disciples to a mountain top where he is transfigured before them. This is what gives them all the courage to face what lies ahead. Again it is on a mountain top (in Galilee in Matthew, the Mount of Olives in Luke/Acts) that the Ascension, which we will soon be marking, takes place. Having observed the solemn forty penitential days of Lent, the glorious fifty days of Easter now form a continuous mountain top experience. Allowed to do their work in us they will not only nourish our souls but also enable us to see our lives in a new perspective in the context of God's unconditional love and to grasp the future with confidence in him.

With my prayers and best wishes

Drew



This is the logo for our Diocese's Strategy for Mission and Growth. It was created for the launch of the Strategy seven years ago when Gregor Duncan became our Diocesan Bishop and it still serves as an attractive reminder of the mission work to which every congregation, indeed every Christian, is called to undertake.

It has been a few years since we here in Lanark engaged with the Diocesan Mission and Growth Strategy. Many activities come to a halt at the start of a new incumbency; our Mission Action Planning was one that took a back seat when I became your Rector. That does not mean that mission and growth ceased to be important, either for you or for me. In the two years that we have been journeying together there has been a great deal of discernment going on in the background about the direction and shape of God's call to us as a community. We are now in a position to respond to that call and move from discernment into action.

To that end a new Mission Action Planning team has been created. The members of the team (some from the previous MAP team with the addition of some new ones) will hold their first meeting in the very near future to begin work on three goals that have been identified to foster continued numerical growth, outreach into the community and new approaches to children's ministry.

I ask your prayers and support for the team as it embarks on its important task of promoting growth and development in our community of faith. As it says on the logo: "May we grow with God's grace in Glasgow & Galloway."

Ascension Day 2018

(Thursday 10th May)

**Come and join
the other 8 Episcopal
Churches
of Lanarkshire Region**

in

CHRIST CHURCH LANARK

**for Sung Eucharist at 7.30 pm
on this festival day**

***** Guest Preacher *****

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Alison Burroughs was sent this poem and found it very poignant and meaningful for any of us who are living or dealing with people with dementia. She thought that there may be others in the congregation who could benefit from it

‘Do not ask me to remember, don’t try to make me understand,
Let me rest and know you’re with me, kiss my cheek and hold my hand.
I’m confused beyond your concept, I am sad and sick and lost.

All I know is that I need you to be with me at all cost.
Do not lose your patience with me, do not scold or curse or cry.
I can’t help the way I’m acting, can’t be different though I try.

Just remember that I need you, that the best of me is gone.
Please don’t fail to stand beside me, love me ‘til my life is done.

by Owen Darnell.

Our Church Garden

In Lanark November and December were mostly wild, wet and rainy and on looking at my diary the first heavy snow came on the 16th January this year. So we can say that winter really sets in here in mid January. February followed on with deep snow and very cold temperatures which continued into March. Hopefully, now that May is nearly here we shall all be released from winter's grasp and be able to get out into our gardens once again.

The first plantings in the Church pots are the primroses (variety Wanda) along with the miniature Tete-a-tete daffodils. These are such brave plants; the smaller daffodils will remain impervious to cold windy gales which would break and destroy taller flowers and the primroses even survive mild frosts. These latter are an evergreen variety and their bright flower colours contrast with the "wilder" natural woodland area behind the pots. The plant's generic name Primula is derived from two Latin words meaning "first rose". In the Middle Ages a concoction made from primroses was used as a remedy for gout and rheumatism and an infusion of the roots was taken for headaches. I would rather the congregation used aspirin etc., instead of our small floral display, for their ailments!

The large daffodils which were planted under the trees are now showing through and hopefully will have flowered for Easter Sunday!

The pots lift the flowers up to a higher level where not only do the plants have good drainage, but their patterns of colour can be seen and enjoyed more easily by people walking up to the Church. Make sure you notice the snowdrops flowering behind the Church gate on your way out!

Joan East

(So many people have commented on how beautiful the plants look. Many thanks Joan and Brian)



Lanark Flowerfest 2018

FUN... FLOWERS... & CRAFT FAIR

CASTLEBANK PARK ML11 9EG

11th - 13th May 11am - 5pm



Lanark in Bloom, Castlebank Park and Gardens, the Garden Valley with its myriad of Garden Centres that have replaced the old tomato houses: all these are becoming synonymous with Lanark, and this year's first Spring FlowerFest is a celebration of Lanark's horticultural heritage.

There will be 3 days of flowers, fun and a craft fair at Castlebank Park, to be opened by the Lord Lieutenant Lady Haughey and a Lanarkian Chelsea Pensioner Walter Swan. There will be competitions for the Garden Centres and schools for gardens with a Royal Wedding theme, and a competition open to all comers for a hand-held Bridal Posy - get creative!

Christ Church is entering the spirit of FlowerFest by putting on a Flower Festival of our own, giving the town a chance to see our lovely church in its very best light.

We do need a lot of volunteers, to help Jane with the flower displays in church, to man the church and also to help at Castlebank. If you feel you can help by giving us an hour or two please talk to Jamie or Jane.

Thank you, Drew

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you for the beautiful services taken by the Reverend Drew during Lent and Holy Week. It is clear how very hard Drew has worked throughout this most Holy time, an exhausting time mentally, physically and spiritually, as each service in Holy Week seamlessly ran into the next, the Easter message wonderfully delivered.

In the ecumenical Service on Holy Wednesday, Drew spoke of the betrayal of Judas and how betrayal would impact on us today. This led to some deep thought especially as we traced the actions of Judas, in the throwing down of coins onto the floor of the Altar.

A profound action as the coins rattled noisily on the tiles, breaking the silence and stirring up much emotion as we pictured the scene as it unfolded.

Again on Maundy Thursday, feelings ran deep with emotion as each part of this moving service ran its course. The Washing of the feet bringing us to the Upper Room and the humility of Jesus on His knees. The Stripping of the Altars, followed by the Watch of the Passion brought about such feelings of sorrow and sadness, one could almost feel the pain of our dear Lord as he prepared to die.

Those who attended the Good Friday Devotion, could not fail to be moved at the depth of its context, and accompanied by some unbelievably moving singing by Drew, took us, in our minds, to the barbaric scene of the Crucifixion and the unthinkable suffering of our Lord Jesus. Individual, yet inextricably linked, each service was delivered with devotion, sincerity, care, passion and love, and ran like an invisible thread, drawing us all together as one in Christ our Lord.

Thank you Reverend Drew for taking us all on this wonderful, fulfilling, Holy, Christian Journey

God Bless you and your continuing ministry.

With love and Prayers

Joyce Moody

Away Giving – First Quarter 2018

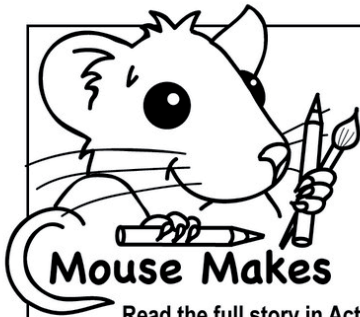
From our monthly charity collections, a total of £650 has been donated to Cornerstone, formally known as Cornerstone Community Care, which is a Scottish charity and social enterprise that provides support and care for adults and children with disabilities and other care needs. The charity operates with a person-centred approach and identifies goals for everyone it supports based on four key areas – increased social inclusion, improved health, improved independence and improved wellbeing. Since it was founded in Aberdeen in 1980 Cornerstone has grown to become one of Scotland's largest charities.

For more detailed information look up www.cornerstone.org.uk

My daughter, Amy, brought Cornerstone to my attention. As a result of getting an entry to run in the London marathon on 22 April, Amy has been raising sponsorship for Cornerstone and has surpassed her target of £2000. Hopefully some photographs for the next edition of Amy and her completion medal!

Bobby

We all wish Amy the best of luck in the marathon



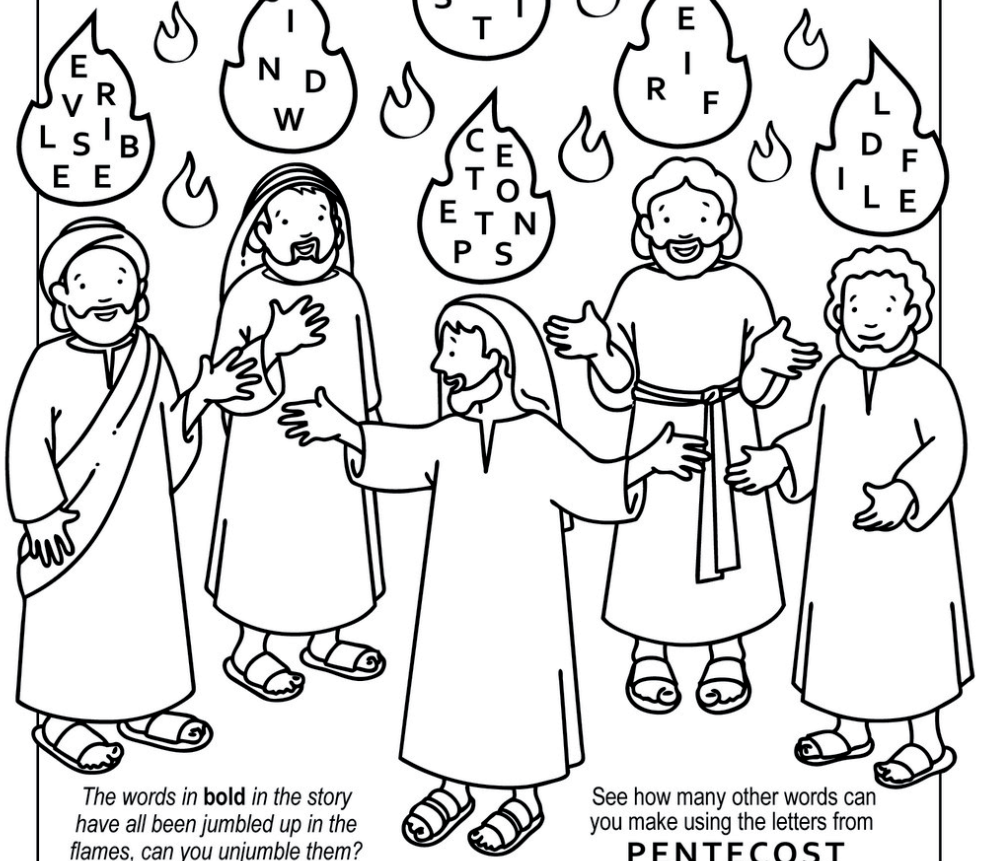
Mouse Makes

Read the full story in Acts 2

Which city were they in?
Which countries had people come from?
Who spoke to the crowd?
How many were
baptised that day?

It was the festival of **Pentecost** and the Apostles and other believers were all together in one place, when they heard a sound like a strong **wind** and saw what looked like flames of **fire** which spread out and touched each person. They were all **filled** with the Holy **Spirit** and began to talk in other languages as the Spirit enabled them.

A crowd gathered outside, they were excited and confused because each of them heard the **believers** speaking in their own language about the great things God had done.



The words in **bold** in the story have all been jumbled up in the flames, can you unjumble them?

See how many other words can you make using the letters from
PENTECOST

Laughter is the Best Medicine

Some miscellaneous one-liners ...

The best vitamin for a Christian is B1.

The Church: under the same management for over 2000 years.

Soul food served here.

Don't give up on yourself. Even Moses was once a basket case.

Satan subtracts and divides. God adds and multiplies.

What he lacked in depth as a preacher he made up for in length.
Mark Twain

Was Noah's wife called Joan of Ark?

Lead me not into temptation. I can find it myself.

The things that come to those that wait may be the things left by those who got there first.

Accept that some days you're the pigeon, and some days you're the statue.

Always keep your words soft and sweet, just in case you have to eat them.

Birds of a feather flock together and mess on your car.

The same yesterday...

Why did Moses wander in the desert for 40 years?

Because even back then men wouldn't ask for directions

Say yes

We accompanied our son and his fiancée when they met with the priest to sign some pre-wedding ceremony papers. While filling out the form, our son read aloud a few questions. When he got to the last one, which read 'Are you entering this marriage at your own will?' he looked over at his fiancée. 'Put down "yes,"' she said.



“... I wonder if at the end of the service, I could have a quick word with the flower arranger about the Flower Festival”

DATE	SIDESPERSONS	TEA/COFFEE	CHURCH CLEANING	LUNCH CLUB	COMMUNION CUP
<u>2018</u>	Rosemary Marshall Tel: 663774	Jean Rance Tel: 662461	Connie Johnstone Tel: 01899 308764	Doreen Dixon Tel: 750295	
6 May	S. Cardwell D. Evans	J. Rance K. Rance	M. Gibson J. Patrick	Soup 1 May Jamie & Janet	R Evans
13 May	J. Rance G. Rankin	N. Broadbridge C. Johnstone	C. Johnstone S. Tian	8 May Ruby & Joyce	G Rankin
20 May	R. Marshal F. Caddell	M. Caddell C. Robbins	J. Comrie	15 May Diana & Connie	S Clark
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2018 6 May	Easter 6	T Sheridan	Acts 10: 44-48	1 John 5: 1-6	John 15: 9-17
13 May	Easter 7	All Age Service	-----	-----	T.B.A.
20 May	Pentecost	P Clark	Ezekiel 37:1-14	Acts 2: 1-21	John 15: 26-17 & 16: 4b-15
27 May	Trinity	F Caddell	Isaiah 6: 1-8	Romans 8: 12-17	John 3: 1-17

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2018 3 June	Trinity 2	J. Hill	Deut. 5: 12-15	2 Cor's 4: 5-12	Mark 2: 23 – 3:6
10 June	Trinity 3	All Age Service	TBA
17 June	Trinity 4	K Rance	Ezekiel 17: 22-24	2 Cor's 5:6-10; 14-17	Mark 4: 26-34
24 June	Trinity 5	N Broadbridge	Job 38: 1-11	2 Cor's 6: 1-13	Mark 4: 35-41
1 July	Trinity 6	P Glancy	Lamentations 3: 22-33	2 Cor's 8: 7-15	Mark 5: 21-43
8 July	Trinity 7	A Burroughs	Ezekiel	2 Cor's 12: 2-10	Mark 6: 1-13

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