



Christ Church's beautiful
garden in Summer

CHRIST CHURCH LANARK
CLYDESDALE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
JULY - AUGUST 2018



SERVICES FOR JULY

**Sunday 1st July
Trinity 5 B
10.15 am – Joint Ecumenical
Service at Lanark EU Church**

**Sunday 8th July
Trinity 6 B
10.30 am – Sung Eucharist**

**Sunday 15th July
Trinity 7 B
10.30 am – Sung Eucharist**

**Sunday 22nd July
Trinity 8 B
10.30 am – Sung Eucharist**

**Sunday 29th July
Trinity 9 B
10.30 am – Sung Eucharist**

SERVICES FOR AUGUST

**Sunday 5th August
Trinity 10 B
10.30 am – Joint Ecumenical
Service at Greyfriars
Church**

**Sunday 12th August
Trinity 11 B
10.30 am – Sung Eucharist**

**Sunday 19th August
Trinity 12 B
10.30 am – Sung Eucharist**

**Sunday 26th August
Trinity 13 B
10.30 am – Sung Eucharist**

LUNCH CLUB

The Lunch Club takes a break over the Summer holiday period with so many people away. It will resume in September and everyone is welcome to come along to the Church Hall on Tuesdays at 12.30 for Soup and a filled roll.

COMPETITION

Number 1

I don't know if you've ever noticed this, but our Parish Magazine doesn't have a name! It's just plain old "Magazine". And very sad about it it is too!

I think we could do a lot better than that!

When I was Rector of Greenock I came up with the name "News in the Pews" and was very proud to see it emblazoned on the frontispiece of our monthly publication. It was catchy, quirky and very quickly it became known as "our" magazine in the town.

What names can you come up with? What name would you like to give to Christ Church's Magazine?

Get your thinking caps on, let those creative juices flow, and send your ideas to me at: thecanteringcanon@outlook.com

There will be a prize for the winning idea!

The Rector

Number 2

There will also be a 'Best Holiday Story' Competition. If something funny, strange or moving has happened to you while on holiday please let our magazine editor know about it for a feature in the September magazine.



A Curate for Christ Church

On the 30th September at 6.30 pm in St Mary's Cathedral, Glasgow, a 26 year old man will be ordained to the Diaconate (the first order of ministry) by The Rt Revd Dr Gregor Duncan. A bus load of us from Christ Church will be in the Cathedral for that occasion – hopefully – because the young man in question – Lee Johnston – will be ordained to come to Christ Church “to serve his title”, which is a fancy way of saying he will be becoming our Curate for three years. An exciting time for Lee. An exciting time for us.

At the beginning of Lanimer Week Lee came out to Lanark to get a taste of what goes on in the town at that time of the year and to start the search for suitable accommodation. While he was here I took the opportunity to ask him a few questions. I offer his answers here by way of an introduction to our new Curate

Drew: Tell us a little about yourself?

Lee: I'm originally from Paisley but have been living in Glasgow for a few years, most recently in Cathcart. I've worked for a bank since finishing university and whilst doing my two years church training.

Drew: What studies have you done?

Lee: I did a Bachelor of Divinity and Master's in Theology both at University of Glasgow before I started training.

Drew: How long have you felt called to ministry?

Lee: Since I was around 16 years old (when it was coming up to leaving high school). I didn't know at the time it would take another 10 years before I got ordained! <http://laoblogger.com/image-post/91240-free-frame-clipart-art-baby->

Drew: What are you looking forward to about your time in Clydesdale and in Christ Church?

Lee: I'm looking forward to being part of the community in both Christ Church and in Lanark as a whole. It's a very different place than I'm used to but that's part of the excitement. I think it's an ideal place to learn how to be a Deacon and Priest for real instead of just in books and seminars.

Drew: What gifts will you bring to our community of faith?

Lee: I hope I can take my theological background and use it in sermons, study groups and even just in conversation to engage people with faith in a way that's accessible and useful for real life.

Drew: What are your main interests and hobbies?

Lee: I enjoy travelling, I used to go to a new country every year and went backpacking during my summer breaks from university for months at a time. Other than that, I spend most of my time reading, going to the gym or socialising with friends. I'm also a big fan of live music at festivals or gigs. I might pick up a few new hobbies in Lanark though – even finding myself on the back of a horse one day soon!

Drew: Thank you, Lee. Roll on the 30th of September. We can't wait for you to start.

Stanford and Tisetso Mathe are thrilled at the arrival of their first grandson.

Lucas Ayanda Ricot-Gomez was Born to proud parents Gugulethu and Jean Paul Ricot-Gomez on 14/05/2018 at St George's Hospital, London.

We send our congratulations to the whole family



Dear Friends

I am writing this on the morning after taking part in the dramatic and moving Selkirk Common Riding. The picture (right) is taken at The Three Brethren, 3 massive cairns high in the hills outside Selkirk where the Standard Bearer and his companions sing “Lead Kindly Light” out into an enormous sky and a glorious expanse of Border countryside. As I sat there, on my horse, listening and feeling, I had a moment... one of those moments that I like to call “sacramental”.



Although difficult to describe, I think of “sacramental moments” as those fleeting times when the veil between heaven and earth is at its very thinnest... when we are aware of the divine breaking through into this ordinary world of ours... when God comes close and reveals Godself to us in a way that cannot be denied or explained away. These moments may come to us in special places, or during special events, or when listening to a moving piece of music or having a profound and meaningful conversation. They are, ultimately, truly holy moments.

I hope you can recall such moments in your own lives. When they happen they are not easy to forget. I believe they are important milestones in our journey of faith. They are moments of revelation, moments when, like Thomas, an affirmation of faith can break out of us almost involuntarily: “My Lord and my God!”

For me, sacramental moments often happen when I am away from home. Often, but not always. I wonder if that is a coincidence. Maybe I experience them when my mind isn’t so crowded with work issues, family concerns and day to day minutiae. Maybe, when I’m away, I am more open to the mysterious movement of the Holy Spirit.

Wherever you all get away to this summer (or even if you are sticking around this beautiful part of the world) I pray that you too will have one (or two) or those moments when God comes close, reveals his presence and his majesty you and meets you in a sacramental moment.

Our 'Cantering Cannon' in action



Our 'Cantering Canon' and the Rev Louise Mackay from St Nicholas Church also took part in all the Lanimer rideouts. They seemed to thoroughly enjoy themselves and the liberally applied superglue kept them firmly in their saddles (mostly). If this is to become an ecumenical event, perhaps we will see the other clergy in the town taking riding lessons for next year. I'm pretty sure our new Curate will find himself on horseback before he knows it!



Flowerfest 2018

Six months ago Jamie Hill asked me to consider organising a flower festival, and I said I would give it some thought. It was a huge task and unlike anything I had done before. However, with a little persuasion I agreed to take this on. I decided to concentrate on organising Easter flowers first at the beginning of April and then give my full attention to Flowerfest. This left approximately six weeks to get it all planned and put in place ready for 11 May.

We asked for volunteers and several members of the congregation agreed to help. A meeting was arranged and ideas were gathered, the theme being the Royal Wedding.

I made grids and lists and attempted to calculate the number of flowers and greenery we would need. Several 5am visits to the flower market in Glasgow and my garage was full of an assortment of white, yellow and gold flowers. These were conditioned and ready to go.

The flower team worked immensely hard over three days and others fetched, carried and watered which was a tremendous help. Gemma loaned us her wedding dress and Brian his highland dress, which were greatly admired. Doreen gave us a wonderful three tiered wedding cake, two of the tiers being enjoyed by Care of the Elderly at Wishaw General Hospital. My sincere thanks to ALL of these people.

Over the three days, approximately 300 people visited Christ Church. The sun was shining throughout the weekend, which brought people out to make the flower festival a huge success.

Once again my grateful thanks to all those who gave their time and talent.

Finally, to the congregation of Christ Church, you are fantastic. We could not have done this without your generous contributions. I was really overwhelmed by your words of encouragement, offers of help and, of course, donations.

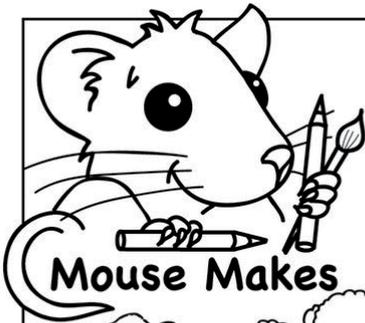
A heartfelt Thank You

Jane

Flower Co-ordinator

A heartfelt thanks to you too, Jane, for all your hard work. Everyone on the Development Trust Flowerfest Committee thought the church was a highlight of the weekend and we received so many compliments from people who had never visited our church before.





LOST AND FOUND

Jesus told three stories to help us to understand God's love and forgiveness.

The first is about a missing sheep that the shepherd did not give up looking for.

The second is about a lost coin that the owner kept searching for until it was found.

The third is about a young man who returned home after he realised he had made a mistake by wanting to go his own way.

Read the 'Lost and Found' parables in **Luke 15**



S P E N T E N
 S W E E P S F I N
 A L O O K E L A M P S
 J L O R E P E N T S I H R
 O I S E A R C H H O G E I
 U V T J E S U S E N S E N
 R E F O U N D F R O H P G
 N C O I N D E A D R O B E
 E A T C H U N G R Y M A N
 Y L C E L E B R A T E C P
 F O H U N D R E D I K
 O N E H E A R A G
 N S I N N E R

Can you find the lost COIN, the lost SHEEP and the lost SON in the word search? Can you find these other words from the Lost and Found parables too?

- HEAR • JESUS • HUNDRED • LOST • LOOK • FOUND
 REJOICE • SINNER • REPENT • TEN • ONE • LAMP • SWEEP • SEARCH
 FATHER • JOURNEY • SPENT • HUNGRY • PIGS • BACK • HOME • RAN
 ROBE • RING • CALF • EAT • CELEBRATE • DEAD • ALIVE

Laughter is the Best Medicine

Not covered by insurance

A recent letter that appeared in The Independent newspaper: 'Following the recent major flooding, I find myself out of pocket, due to what I am informed is an "act of God." To avoid future financial embarrassment, please could you recommend an atheist insurance company?'

Here for what?

A parishioner was confiding to his vicar: 'When you get to my age, you spend a lot more time thinking about the hereafter.'

'That's good,' approved the vicar, 'and what do you conclude?'

'Nothing much,' went on the parishioner. 'It's just that more and more I find myself going into a room and thinking 'now what on earth did I come in here after?'

Walk out

After church, the woman at the door was embarrassed before the minister. 'I hope you didn't take it personally when my husband walked out during your sermon.'

'I did find it rather disconcerting,' the preacher admitted.

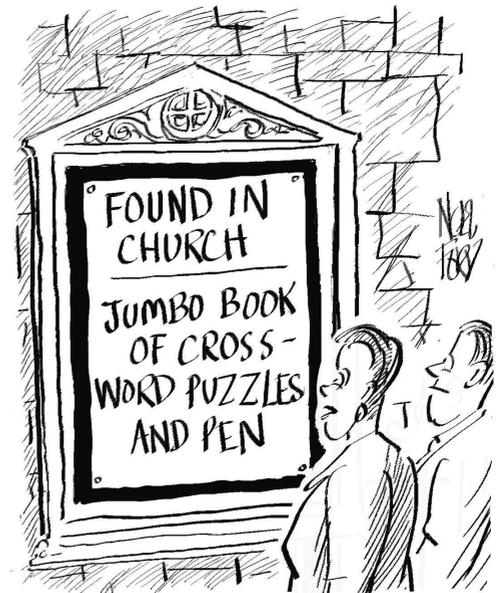
'It's not a reflection on you at all,' she assured him. 'Ralph has been walking in his sleep ever since he was a child.'

No, not any

The manager of the garden centre came out of his office to hear Jenkins, one of his most trusted assistants, saying to a lady customer: 'No madam, we certainly haven't had any for some time, and who knows when we will get any.'

When the customer had gone, the manager tackled him: 'I heard that, Jenkins,' he remonstrated, 'and I must say that I am surprised at you. Never, never admit to a customer that we can't get them something. That's what we're here for. If it's out of stock, tell her you'll get it for her soon. Now, what was it the lady wanted?'

'Rain,' said Jenkins simply.



"It'll be interesting to see if anyone has the nerve to claim them."

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2018	Rosemary Marshall Tel: 663774	Jean Rance Tel: 662461	Connie Johnstone Tel: 01899 308764	Doreen Dixon Tel: 750295	
1 July	M. Gibson J. Patrick	Soup
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15 July	S. Russell M. Main	N. Broadbridge C. Johnstone	J. Comrie		R Cleary
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26 Aug	N. Broadbridge D. Evans	J. Rance K. Rance	M. Gibson J. Patrick		R Evans
2 Sept	J. Rance G. Rankin	M. Caddell C. Robbins	C. Johnstone S. Tian		D Dixon
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2018 1 July	Trinity 6	ECUMENICAL	SERVICE	EU CHURCH	
8 July	Trinity 7	P Glancy	Ezekiel 2: 1-5	2 Corinth's 12: 2-10	Mark 6: 1-13
15 July	Trinity 8	A Burroughs	Amos 7: 7-15	Ephesians 1: 3-14	Mark 6: 14-29
22 July	Trinity 9	C. Johnstone	Jeremiah 23: 1-6	Ephesians 2: 11-22	Mark 6: 30-34 & 53-56
29 July	Trinity 10	J Rance	2 Kings 4: 42-44	Ephesians 3: 14-21	John 6: 1-21

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2018 5 Aug	Trinity 11	ECUMENICAL	SERVICE	GREYFRIARS	
12 Aug	Trinity 12	R Cleary	1 Kings 19: 4-8	Ephesians 4: 25 – 5:2	John 6: 35 & 41-51
19 Aug	Trinity 13	L Rickards	Proverbs 9: 1-6	Ephesians 5: 15-20	John 6: 51 -58
26 Aug	Trinity 14	T Sheridan	Joshua 24: 1-2a & 14-18	Ephesians 6: 10-20	John 6: 56 59
2 Sept	Trinity 15	P Clark	Deuteronomy 4: 1-2 & 6-9	James 1: 17-27	Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15 & 21-23

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