



CHRIST CHURCH LANARK JULY - AUGUST 2017

JULY SERVICES

Sunday 2 July

Trinity 3

9 am – Said Eucharist

10.30 am – Sung Eucharist

Sunday 9 July

Trinity 4

9.00 – Said Eucharist

10.00 am – Ecumenical Service
at Lanark EU

Sunday 16 July

Trinity 5

10.30 am – Sung Eucharist

Sunday 23 July

Trinity 6

10.30 am – Sung Eucharist

Sunday 30 July

Trinity 7

10.30 am – Sung Eucharist

AUGUST SERVICES

Sunday 6 August

Trinity 8

9.00 am – Said Eucharist

10.30 am – Ecumenical Service
at Christ Church

Sunday 13 August

Trinity 9

10.30 am – Sung Eucharist

Sunday 20 August

Trinity 10

10.30 am – Sung Eucharist

Sunday 27 August

Trinity 11

10.30 am – Sung Eucharist

LUNCH CLUB

The Lunch Club will be on Holiday
until September

VESTRY NEWS

- The Development Team for Prayer and Spirituality is organising a Pilgrimage to Whithorn, and St Ninian's Cave, on Saturday 2nd September 2017. Please put the date in your Diaries. Details will follow shortly.
- Over £7000 has been received from the tax man in 'Gift Aid'
- Repair to leak in side chapel roof has been made, Work is ongoing at the Rectory to find the source of the damp in the back bedroom.

FAMILY NEWS

- Congratulations and Very Best Wishes to Niamh Jopp, crowned Lanimer Queen, on Lanimer Day – Friday 9th June 2017. May her reign be a happy one and may she bring grace and joy to all she meets. Hip hip.... hoorah!!
- Many Happy Returns to Roy Russell, who celebrated his 80th birthday recently and congratulations to Sylvia who received an MBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours.
- Every blessing to Edward Julian Hasell McCosh and Johanna Neumann, who were married on 3rd June at the Chapel of The Holy Trinity, Lamington.
- Happy Birthday to Bob Cleary who turned 70 recently, although you'd never know it from his complexion. Years of good Carluke air and the care of his lovely wife have obviously worked a miracle on him! Congratulations.
- Congratulations to Alan and Janet Comrie who are celebrating their Ruby Wedding Anniversary this month

CHARITY GIVING

Christ Church congregation now has two opportunities to continue the tradition of being a giving people.

CLYDESDALE FOOD BANK

Weekly donations will be gratefully received for this Carluke based charity with suggestions for donations being found on the poster in the church vestibule alongside the boxes to receive your donations. These will be delivered on your behalf to the charity base in Carluke.

NEW BEGINNINGS

Meanwhile, our link with this charity (which has altered its structure and function this year) continues as Vestry has agreed to continue donating via the last Sunday plate offering, with New Beginnings receiving the 3rd quarter collection this year. New Beginnings new format involves purchasing "white goods" (cooker, fridge, microwave etc) for people with new tenancies that either Social Work or Housing officers have recommended as requiring assistance.

GENERAL SYNOD – STOP PRESS

The Scottish Episcopal Church has become the first major Christian denomination in the U.K. to offer church marriages to same-sex couples.

Bishops, clergy, and laypeople meeting at the church's General Synod approved the move Thursday, according to a statement on the denomination's website.

"I am very pleased for the couples who can now have their relationships recognized by the church and blessed by God," the Right Rev. John Armes, the Episcopal bishop of Edinburgh, told the BBC. "I'm also pleased for what this means about our church and the way we have been able to do this. But obviously any change like this creates pain and hurt in some as well, so as a bishop of the church I feel for them."

The Scottish Episcopal Church is part of the global Anglican Communion, which includes the Church of England, the U.S. Episcopal Church, and churches in many other countries. The U.S. church voted in 2015 to make its full marriage rite available to same-sex couples, for which it was sanctioned by Anglican leaders. The head of the Anglican Communion, the archbishop of Canterbury in the U.K., opposes allowing same-sex couples to marry in the church, as do Anglican leaders in many conservative countries. And some conservative congregations in the U.S. have left the Episcopal Church and affiliated with other Anglican bodies because of objections to the U.S. denomination's LGBT-accepting stances, including ordination of gay and lesbian bishops.

The Scottish church is already facing some opposition from the Anglican hierarchy and conservative elements within Anglicanism. Archbishop Josiah Idowu-Fearon, secretary general of the Anglican Communion, called the Scottish body's move "a departure from the faith and teaching upheld by the overwhelming majority of Anglican provinces on the doctrine of marriage," according to the BBC.

Archbishop Foley Beach, who heads the Anglican Church in North America, a group of more conservative congregations, also denounced the Scottish vote. "The attempt to redefine marriage is not one that a faithful Christian can support," he told the BBC. And the conservative Global Anglican Future Conference appointed a new "missionary bishop" to Scotland in light of the vote.

Officials within the Scottish Episcopal Church said clergy who wish to perform same-sex marriages will have to opt in, and no clergy member will be forced to officiate at such a marriage.

LGBT rights supporters said they hope the Church of England will follow Scotland's lead. "I'm thrilled that the Scottish Episcopal church has chosen to take this brave and momentous step in enabling same-sex marriage," Jayne Ozanne, a lesbian who has campaigned for LGBT equality within the Church of England, told The Guardian. "This has been done in a graceful and sensitive way, recognizing the differing views on how we interpret scripture, and is a model for others to follow."

British Christian musician Vicky Beeching tweeted, "Come on Church of England, we need you to watch and learn from Scotland's bold step today. Hoping for that change someday soon."

Also, the Church of Scotland — a separate denomination that has common roots with the Presbyterian Church (USA) — may soon approve church marriages for same-sex couples.

Civil marriage for same-sex couples has been legal in Scotland since 2014 and in England and Wales since 2013. The remaining component country of the U.K., Northern Ireland, still has not legalized same-sex marriage.

CONGREGATIONAL CONSULTATION

WEDNESDAY 23 AUGUST IN CHRIST CHURCH AT 7.00PM

An evening of exploration and development facilitated by
Revd Liz O'Ryan, Associate Priest at St Augustine's, Dumbarton

- Where are we going as a congregation?
- What is the Spirit Saying to us?
- How are we to fulfil our calling as the Body of Christ Church in Lanark today?

Come along and have your say as we journey on in faith

Why Sunday School? by Nonee Mathe



A few years ago, Dan announced to the congregation that Gemma and I would be starting a Sunday School at Christ Church. At the end of the service, Joan East walked over with a smile and asked what inspired me. I was completely caught off guard by the question, and the situation in general because I didn't know Dan was going to make the announcement and I had no idea who Gemma was. I can't actually remember what I said that day but the sentiment of it not being adequate has stayed with me. This is what I wish I had said.

Proverbs 22:6 says, "Start children off in the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it."

I am so grateful to my parents and especially my aunt who used to round up all the family children and put us in the back of a pick up truck (there was no health and safety in Bulawayo in the early 90s) and take us to Sunday School. This meant that whether our parents were busy or tired or had those "special headaches" grown ups have, the kids never missed out. The Sunday Schools in Bulawayo had many children, sometimes organised into classes by age like a small school. What I learned then - to treat people with kindness, good manners, respect, that Church was fun, that I mattered, that I was loved by God, that even if the kids at school were unkind there were kids who shared my values - has never left me.

Something as seemingly insignificant as an hour every Sunday in primary school helped me deal with difficult times as a young adult, gave me self worth, kept me from succumbing to peer pressure and ensured that no matter where I went wrong, the Church is always somewhere I can call home.

My favourite service without a doubt is the Holy Baptism, particularly the Christening of babies and young children. My observation of Christenings in the West is they not only form an important cultural celebration but present a doorway for the Church into the wider community. The reality that many established and historic church congregations face today, Christ Church being no exception, is that whole families seldom attend together. Yet at a Christening, the generations stand side by side professing their faith and introducing the newest member of their family to the family of the Church. Although, some babies choose this to be the time they scream relentlessly, in spite of despairing mums' pleas for quiet, I am always moved by the beauty of what a Christening symbolises.

The most poignant part of the service for me is when we the Church welcome the baptised child as we say,

“We welcome you.

We will care for you.

We will share our faith with you.” - Scottish Episcopal Holy Baptism 2006

Several months before Dan's announcement I attended a Christening and thought, we need a facility at Christ Church where the children we receive at Baptism feel welcome, cared for, where we can share our faith simply so they can understand. I approached Dan with this sentiment but I didn't have the courage to start it up on my own. That's where Gemma came in and had a completely independent conversation with Dan about her desire to start a Sunday School. The rest is history.

Though I no longer attend Christ Church regularly, having left the area. When I visit I am always delighted to see how the girls from the Sunday School are growing into lovely young ladies. It is so encouraging that with the support of Gemma, Joan, Drew and the whole congregation, the children are such an important part of our family at Christ Church. As Jesus said in Matthew 18:5 “whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me.”

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Christ Church Lanimer Stars

Lanimer Queen



Niamh Jopp carried out all her Lanimer duties with great grace and kept her lovely smile in place all the time.

Niamh says, “*I would like to thank everyone in the church for giving me such a lovely necklace. It was very kind of you all to think of me and I hope that you all had a Happy Lanimers.*”

I had the pleasure of escorting Niamh and her Chief Maids on visits to the local nursing homes where she chatted to and charmed all the elderly people she met. Well done Niamh - we hope you have lovely memories of Lanimers 2017.

Sylvia

The Canterng Canon!

Our Rector, Drew, also enjoyed his Lanimer experience and made many friends by joining the various Rideouts throughout Lanimer Week. He also managed to stay on board his lovely horse!

Please note that the Rector's highly appropriate new email address is:

thecanternganon@outlook.com



Open Air Service and Barbecue

We were so lucky with the weather for our annual open air service and barbecue. Although breezy, it turned out to be a lovely day. We were pleased to welcome members from other Lanark churches who came along and joined us in worship and then enjoyed the lovely food that many people had contributed. We also celebrated Alan and Janet's 40th Wedding Anniversary with Drew blessing their marriage and Doreen providing a gorgeous cake.

Many thanks to Richard and Nicky Elliott-Lockhart for hosting it as usual at their beautiful estate.



RECTOR'S LETTER

Dear Friends

Travel in faith

When I look at advertising in the press and on television I am always amazed that we have so much faith in visual images of holiday resorts, faith in the weather staying roasting hot in Spain or Portugal, faith in the travel arrangements we make on the internet or in the travel agents and, ultimately, faith in the pilots and ground crew who fly us off to our holiday destinations.

And yet, if we were to plan as carefully for the future for our community or our church, how much faith would we have? Where do the worries creep in? If we have to concern ourselves about our own future, our remaining days in this life and the prospect of the next, what resources do we draw on, or does faith go out the window?

As Christians we are encouraged to be people of faith; we are told of “the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen” (Hebrews 11:1), but we also acknowledge that we do not want our faith tested – “do not bring us to the time of trial” (Luke 11: 4). It can be very difficult to balance these aspects of our lives – the practical with the philosophical – and all too often the attempt leads to frustration and anguish as we cannot easily contemplate the greater mysteries of our lives and our faith while life storms around us.

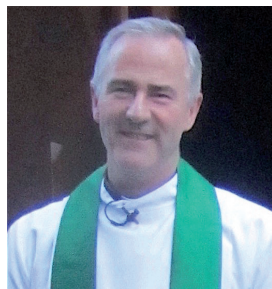
“Will Your Anchor Hold?” is not just a favourite old hymn of mine for sentimental reasons, but it also contains that serious question – is your faith strong enough to hold you in the storms of life? The answer is held in the last verse when we see ‘the city of gold and the harbour bright’ and recognise that our stresses and anxieties will pass, that most of the time we are storm free.

For me the greatest aspect to concentrate on and to practise is peace – stay calm – chill out, as the youngsters say these days! Peace, our own personal deep peace, is central to our faith and was a gift of grace that Jesus gave to us – ‘peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you’ (John 14: 27)

Stay calm over the vagaries of the summer weather and the delays at airports, stay at peace with yourself and those around you, and enjoy to the full the cities of gold and harbours bright that you visit this summer!

Yours in Our Lord's service

Drew



Laughter is the Best Medicine

Lost in translation

For those of you travelling this summer, look out for similar signs!

In a Paris hotel elevator: Please leave your values at the front desk.

On the walls of a Baltimore estate: Trespassers will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. - Sisters of Mercy

In a Bucharest hotel lobby: The lift is being fixed for the next day. During that time we regret that you will be unbearable.

In a hotel in Athens: Visitors are expected to complain at the office between the hours of 9 and 11 A.M. daily.

In a New York medical building: Mental Health Prevention Center

In the lobby of a Moscow hotel across from a Russian Orthodox monastery: You are welcome to visit the cemetery where famous Russian and Soviet composers, artists, and writers are buried daily except Thursday.

On a New York convalescent home: For the sick and tired of the Episcopal Church.

On the menu of a Swiss restaurant: Our wines leave you nothing to hope for.

Medical knowledge?

If you have never worried about the NHS before, perhaps it is time to begin now... here are seven actual sentences written in patient's notes

- The patient is tearful and crying constantly. She also appears to be depressed.

- Discharge status: Alive but without my permission.

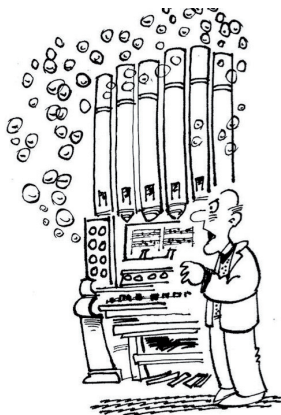
- Patient has left white blood cells at another hospital.

- Patient has two teenage children, but no other abnormalities

- On the second day the knee was better, and on the third day it disappeared.

- Skin: somewhat pale but present.

- The patient was to have a bowel resection. However, he took a job as a stockbroker instead.



For the last time! - which member of the junior choir put bubble mixture in the organ-blower?!

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..... **On Holiday**

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<u>2017</u> 2 July	Trinity 3	R Cleary	Genesis 22: 1-14	Romans 6: 12 - 23	Matthew 10: 40 -42
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23 July	Trinity 6	F Caddell	Genesis 28: 10-19a	Romans 8: 12-25	Matthew 13: 24-30, & 36-43
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20 Aug	Trinity 10	J Hill	Genesis 45: 1-15	Romans 11: 1-2a; & 29-32	Matthew 15: 21-28
27 Aug	Trinity 11	K Rance	Exodus 1: 8 – 2-10	Romans 12: 1-8	Matthew 16: 13-20
3 Sept	Trinity 12	N Broadbridge	Exodus 3: 1-15	Romans 12: 9 - 21	Matthew 16: 21- 28
10 Sept	Trinity 13	ALL AGE	SERVICE	-----	TBA

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