



...by faith we might  
receive the  
promise of the Spirit

Galatians 3:14

CHRIST CHURCH LANARK  
CLYDESDALE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

MAY - JUNE 2021

## **Booking Procedure**

- You must book in advance to attend any Sunday Services using the links at [www.ChristChurchLanark.com](http://www.ChristChurchLanark.com)
- You will not need to book to attend Wednesday Services, which will start from Wednesday 12th May at 11:30am.
- Choose the number of virtual 'Tickets' you need based on how many people from your household will attend.
- The booking system will stop working when a service is fully booked. Please try another service if this occurs.
- If you think you will be unable to attend after booking, please let Lee know by each Friday at 5pm, so that others may use your slot.
- If you are aware of anyone struggling to book a place, you may book tickets on their behalf online using their name.
- If you are still unable to use the online system, you can phone Lee at 0141 772 8176 on any day apart from Saturday (day off) to discuss booking.
- By booking and attending, you give your consent to us holding your contact details for 21 days and passing them on to NHS Test & Protect should anyone later test positive for Coronavirus.
- If you have any symptoms of Coronavirus (cough, change in taste/smell, temperature) then please inform the NHS and do not attend the service.

# *Booking Arrangements for Services*

Dear Christ Church,

I write to inform you of some exciting upcoming changes to services and booking arrangements at Christ Church.

## **Sundays - from 9th May**

To meet increased demand on Sundays we'll add an additional Sunday Service at 9:30am starting 9th May. The normal service will move from 11am to 11:30am - to allow cleaning time.

It is hoped having two Sunday Services will mean everyone can get a seat every week.

Until Sunday 9th of May, there will still only be one Sunday Service at 11am which must be booked for in advance.

## **Wednesdays - from May 12th**

Starting Wednesday 12th May there will be a Service each week at 11:30am.

There will be no service on Wednesdays until 12th May.

Since we don't expect maximum numbers there will be no booking needed for attending Wednesdays. We'll simply take a note of your names each Wednesday at the door.

All three services will be the same and we want to allow everybody to attend, therefore please attend only one out of three services per week.

I hope that's everything, but if you have any further questions - don't hesitate to be in touch.

Best wishes

*Lee*

## *Teas and Coffees*

Starting Sunday 9th of May we'll be able to meet in the hall over tea and coffee after the 11:30am Service, subject to the laws around indoor hospitality. **Up to six people from two households** will be able to sit together in groups and socialise. Masks must be worn when you enter the hall until you are seated then tea and coffee will be served at the tables. Socialising more widely by moving between tables won't be possible and social distancing must be maintained between households. Although this is still far from normal, we soon hope that these restrictions will gradually ease.

# *Clergy Cogitations*

Dear Friends,

Just as sure as the seasons change, so too do things in the church. As lockdown eases and life begins to return to something a little closer to normality we are developing some new strategies at Christ Church to cater for our changed circumstances and to keep our mission and ministry both on track and up to date.

## **PATTERN OF SERVICES**

As it is now safe to do so, we would like to encourage ALL of you to return to Christ Church in person. To facilitate this we are increasing the number of services we offer in the building. These will be:

### Sundays

9.30 am (online booking required)

11.30 am (online booking required)

### Wednesdays

11.30 am (no online booking required)

The first Sunday with this pattern will be the 9th May; the first Wednesday will be the 12th May. On Sundays the Church building will be deep cleaned between services. It will receive similar treatment between the Sunday and Wednesday celebrations. Please only attend one of the services on offer each week. This will ensure that everyone gets a chance to be in church. The same sermon, prayers and music will feature on all three occasions.

## **ONLINE MEETINGS**

The pattern of fortnightly zoom gatherings on Tuesdays and Thursdays will continue. Tuesday zooms at 2 pm will be a variety of worship, talks/presentations and social events (quizzes etc). Thursday zooms at 7.30 pm will be a study group forum for discussion and discipleship. If you are not receiving the weekly links for these online meetings please contact Lee (l.johnston.gla@gmail.com). He will add you to his mailing list.



Given the high demand for in person services we will be paring back our own service recordings (which can take up to three days to prepare, shoot, edit and upload). In their place we will be highlighting the Scottish Episcopal Church's national recordings and those of the Church of England. These are services which will allow you to sing along to your favourite hymns at home in a way that we are currently unable to do due to copyright restrictions.

## **PREACHING TEAM**

With the looming prospect of our Curate Lee's departure to pastures new we are discerning and recognising the wealth of gifts among our number. To that end we are exploring the possible creation of a new team of preachers and worship leaders to assist Drew in enriching the congregation's experience of worship post Lee's curacy. Those of you who accessed the written reflections that we made available to you in written and digital form during Holy Week will already have benefitted from their prayerful and reflective perspectives. More details of the team will appear later in this magazine.

Over the last year the only constant has been change. As things have changed, however, God has enabled us to continue our life of worship and care and even to grow both numerically and spiritually. With that conviction in mind let us move forward into another new phase full of faith, hope, love and the excitement that comes from being a follower of Christ, a pilgrim on the way.

Yours in Christ's service

*Drew & Lee*



## Bishop's Lent Appeal 2021

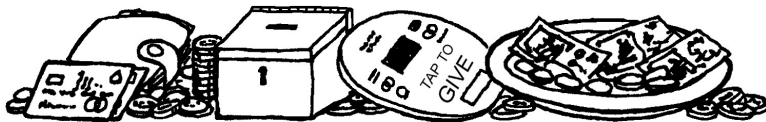


Bishop Kevin has chosen Aberlour as the subject of the Diocesan Lent Appeal this year. Aberlour supports children, young people, and families to give them the best chance to flourish and has been doing so for over 140 years. The origins of the Charity have a fascinating history and explain the strong link with the Scottish Episcopal Church (see the history section on their website, which also tells you much more about the charity: [www.aberlour.org](http://www.aberlour.org)).

COVID 19 has had a big impact on Christ Church's 'away givings' over the past year and we haven't been able to collect and distribute donations to charities. However, the Vestry has agreed to donate £600 to the Aberlour appeal.

If you would like to contribute – thereby defraying the cost to the church – then you can do so by placing your donation in an envelope marked 'Aberlour' and leaving in the plate when you next visit church. Alternatively, donations can be made by bank transfer to a church account (as below\*), or a cheque, payable to Christ Church Lanark, can be sent to the treasurer at his home address given in the magazine; please add 'Aberlour' somewhere on the envelope.

\*Royal Bank of Scotland, sort code 83-24-12, account number 00127075 with Aberlour as reference.



## *Christmas is Coming*

Now is the time to start thinking about looking out for fillers to make a someone who has nothing smile and enjoy a surprise this Christmas. The fill a shoebox is so simple all you need is an age group from newborn to 100 and find anything from a toy to a pair of mitts,



some soap bars, socks, candles, boiled sweets, pencils and paper, a hair brush, a small tin mug and any type of new underwear that will fit into a shoe box. I know you will be thinking a bit early Christmas but the boxes are picked up for distribution in October, One or two items into the box every month would help to spread the cost. Please, please, help it is well worth the effort and really great looking for gifts that will bring the joy of having a gift for Christmas.

Margaret Hannah, On behalf of Blyswood Care



## *Birthday Girl*



Anne Gray has celebrated her 70th birthday and was presented with a beautiful bouquet of flowers and a 'socially distanced' card by Lee.

## *Vestry Business*



We are delighted to inform you of three Vestry initiatives that, we hope, are going to boost our ministry and mission no end.

### **HALL KITCHEN & TOILETS UPGRADE**

For many years now the kitchen and toilet facilities in the hall have been needing serious attention. Until lockdown our hall was used all day, every day by ourselves and by a variety of other groups and organisations. After receiving a very generous donation from Yvonne and John Cannon for the purchase of a new cooker the thought took root that this might be the time to consider a complete revamp of the kitchen, as well as a very necessary makeover of the cubicle toilets, where damp has caused a lot of damage to the lower parts of the walls. A team has been set up to take this forward. Watch this space for further updates and information.

### **NEW LIGHTING SCHEME FOR THE CHURCH**

During the time of Dan Gafvert's incumbency a number of IKEA standard lamps were purchased and installed along the interior walls of the church. The idea behind these was to enable worship of a more creative kind to take place. All of the standard lamps are now past their sell buy date, as are the other spots onto the chancel and altar areas and the main lights above the nave. Vestry has decided it is time to look at other possibilities. As with the kitchen upgrade a team consisting of vestry members and people with electrical expertise in the congregation has been put together with a view to making this exciting project happen. Again, watch this space for further updates and information.



## **APPLICATION TO THE DIOCESAN RECOVERY & RENEWAL FUND**

The Diocese has made available to congregations funds to help them cope with the new demands of digital ministry and mission in these times of pandemic. At Christ Church we will be filing an application to access some of these funds in the next week or so. While we are encouraging everyone to return to “live” church by providing extra slots on Sundays and in the middle of the week it cannot be guaranteed that “live” church will pertain without further spikes and lockdowns in the future. To that end we need to ensure that our technical provision for the production of online videos of worship is as up to date as it possibly can be. As the equipment we are using just now is basic to say the least, we shall be applying for funds to purchase a “teleprompter” (which will enable us to speak directly to camera and give our films a more professional finish), a large, standing “tripod” (which will make the positioning of cameras much easier) and a “lighting deck” (which will help to remove the bags under the Rector’s eyes and give his grey hair a dazzling white sheen!)

We trust these projects meet with your approval and look forward to feeling the benefits of them in the months and years that lie ahead.



~ Working for you and for Christ Church ~



## *Pulpits and Preachers*

One of the things that has been a constant source of inspiration for me at Christ Church is the high number of good, faithful and gifted people that God has gathered together here for the benefit, not only of us as a faith community, but also of the wider community at large.

During lockdown some of these people have come to the fore and made significant contributions to the life of our congregation through homilies and reflections that they have prepared and delivered during our regular fortnightly Tuesday Zoom services or on our Facebook page during Holy Week. They have all been very well received, very much appreciated.

You all know the saying: “Variety is the spice of life”. Well, nowhere is that saying more pertinent than in the pulpit and in the preaching task. As we prepare to send our Curate Lee off to pastures new later in the year it would be good to know that we have a team of capable preachers in place to assist me as your Rector in maintaining that spicy variety in the pulpit. So that you can have a sneak preview of who they might be ahead of their appearance in the pulpit at Christ Church, here are their photographs.



Dr Richard Evans  
(Lay Reader)



Bobby Burgon  
(Lay Reader)



Sheila Cardwell  
Lay Preacher)



Dr John Wilcox  
(Lay Preacher URC)



Br Gerard Creaney  
(Monk)



Yours Truly  
(The Rector)



# *Pilgrimage*



The Revd Elizabeth Clelland, who is the Church of Scotland Minister in charge of Braehead Christian Healing Centre on the outskirts of Crossford and who, when time permits, likes to join us for worship at Christ Church, has been in touch to let us know that she will be undertaking a pilgrimage around Clydesdale in the month of May.

A keen pilgrim Elizabeth has completed many world-famous pilgrimages in the past. One such is the testing Camino de Santiago (the way of St James) which starts in southern France and runs all the way along the north of Spain to the awe-inspiring city of Santiago de Compostela in Galicia with its magnificent Cathedral and renowned Botafumeiro! No mean feat! But plenty of sore feet!

For Elizabeth the act of walking takes her deeper into prayer. Each step, each forward movement enables her to get into a regular rhythm, to still her breathing and to focus on the beauty of creation all around her, the support of the other pilgrims around her, and the love of God which shines from both.

As she walks from Carluke to Covington, from Dalsarf to Douglas, from Thankerton to Tinto and from Lanark to Lamington she has asked if we can keep her in our prayers as she prays for each town, village or hamlet and area as she progresses through Clydesdale.

Elizabeth, be assured that we will be thinking of and praying for you! We hope you will take loads of photographs of our beautiful area and we look forward to seeing them when covid restrictions permit! Every blessing.

## The Travellers

They travelled together sad and forlorn  
With all of their dreams shattered and torn,  
It started so well, their hopes were high  
Never to guess that He would die.

The Man joined the two as they walked along,  
He asked why their faces were sad and long,  
'Have you not heard' disbelieving they cried  
'How the One we followed was crucified?'

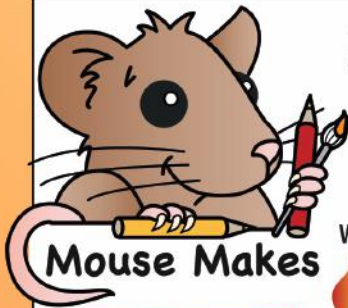
Opening the scriptures He began to unfold  
How the Christ should suffer as written of old,  
It was not a disaster, but all of God's plan  
That one should come as Redeemer of man.

They listened enraptured as slowly they saw  
The purpose of God revealed in the Law  
The Prophets and Psalms, it's all about Him  
The One who should come and rescue from sin.

O that eyes should be opened and scripture made plain,  
To see Christ in its pages again and again,  
That just like the travellers I too should see  
The Master, the Saviour dying for me.


By Megan Carter





## Mouse Makes

Re arrange the scrambled letters to find the missing words.

 The Holy Spirit  
**VSEIL**  
with us and in us.

The Holy Spirit helps us to  
**WKNO**  
we belong to God.

The Holy Spirit  
**HCTSEEA**  
us about God.

The Holy Spirit  
**KPESSA**  
God's word to us.

The Holy Spirit  
**PHLSE**  
us to tell others about Jesus.

The Holy Spirit helps us when we  
**AYPR**



On the day of PENTECOST the disciples were gathered together in one place...

What sound did they hear?

Acts 2:2

What did they see?

Acts 2:3

What filled them?

Acts 2:4



How did they speak?

Acts 2:4



What did the crowd hear?

Acts 2:6



Which countries had they come from?

Acts 2:9



What was their reaction?

Acts 2:12-13



Who explained what was happening? What did he say?



Acts 2:14-36

How many people were baptised that day?

Acts 2:41



Change each letter to the letter before it in the alphabet and see what the **Holy Spirit** produces in us:


  
KPZ
   
IVNJMJUZ
   
TFMG DPOUSPM
   
GBJUIGVMOFTT
   
LJOEOFTT
   
QBUJFODF
   
QFBDF
   
MPWF
   
HPPEOFTT
 

*Galatians 5:22*

What is the work of the **Holy Spirit**? What does He do?  
Fill in the missing letters.

  
TEAC \_ ES  
COMF \_ RTS  
REVEA \_ S

IN \_ OU  
    
TRAN \_ FORMS

 HEL \_ S 

GU \_ DES

 ENEWS  
CONV \_ CTS  
SANC \_ IFIES

## Laughter is the Best Medicine

### Coronavirus – warning about vaccine **What did I do with the car?**

This happened recently and is an important lesson for our friends and family in the older age group. A friend had his second doze of vaccine at the vaccination centre. Shortly afterwards he began to have blurred vision and struggled to get home.

He rang the vaccination centre and asked if he should go straight to the hospital for help. He was told NOT to go to the hospital, but instead to return at once to the vaccination centre and pick up his glasses....

### **The puppies**

A client brought a litter of Golden Retriever puppies to the local veterinary clinic for inoculations and worming. As the look-alike pups tumbled over and under one another in their box, the experienced vet realised it would be difficult to tell which had been treated and which hadn't. So, the vet turned on the water tap, wet her fingers and gently moistened each dog's head as she finished giving it the necessary shots.

After the fourth puppy, the vet noticed her hitherto talkative client had grown silent and was looking rather reverent. As the animal doctor sprinkled the last pup's head, the owner leaned forward and whispered, "Thank you so much. I hadn't realised you baptised them, too."

### **Finding**

The shin bone is a device for finding furniture in the dark.

As I left a meeting at our church, I could not find my car keys. They were not in my pockets. They were not in the church. Then I thought – I've left them in the car! As I burst through the doors of the church, my heart sank: the church car park was empty.

With a heavy heart I called the police, confessed that I had left my keys in the car, and that it had been stolen. Then I made the really difficult call, and told my wife that the car had been stolen. There was a little gasp. "You did not have the car. I dropped you off. Remember?"

My heart sang as relief flooded through me. "Of course! Thank God! Well, come get me quick – I am already running late... what is keeping you?"

My wife replied with ominous calm: "What's keeping me? I'll tell you what's keeping me. The police are here. They think I've stolen the car..."



"After a year of working from home, Anthony will seize any opportunity to put on a suit"

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