



**CHRIST CHURCH LANARK
CLYDESDALE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER '24**

Schedule of Services

September

Sunday 1

Trinity 14

08.30 am - Said Eucharist
10.30 am - Sung Eucharist

Sunday 8

Trinity 15

10.30 am - Sung Eucharist

Sunday 15

Mission to Seafarers Service

10.30 am - Sung Eucharist

Sunday 22

Trinity 17

10.30 am - Eucharist (Lamington)
10.30 am - Sung Eucharist (Lanark)

Sunday 29

Trinity 18

10.30 am - Sung Eucharist

October

Sunday 6

Trinity 19

08.30 am - Said Eucharist
10.30 am - Sung Eucharist

Sunday 13

Harvest Thanksgiving

10.30 am - Sung Eucharist

Sunday 20

Trinity 21

10.30 am - Sung Eucharist

Sunday 27

Trinity 22

No service at Lamington
10.30 am - Sung Eucharist (Lanark)
followed by AGM

November

Sunday 3

All Saints Sunday

08.30 am - Said Eucharist
10.30 am - Sung Eucharist

Sunday 10

Remembrance Sunday

10.30 am - Sung Eucharist

News in the Pews

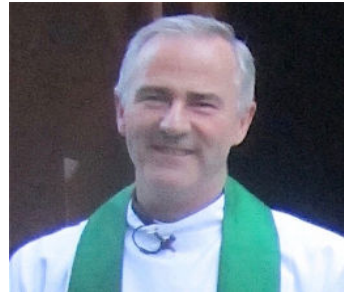
- Situations vacant. We are in dire need of A Vestry Secretary and a Hall Convener. If any of you out there feel called to take either of these roles on, please do not hesitate to contact the Rector. He will be delighted to hear from you. Neither role is onerous.
- Presentations. Beth Anderson (of Lamington) celebrated her 80th birthday recently. We wish her many happy returns and hope she enjoyed all the festivities arranged in her honour. Joyce & Paula Moody left us here to go back to Yorkshire to be closer to family. They will both be sorely missed. We wish them and Peter a happy future.
- Memory Lane will be going on a trip to Moffat. Thanks to all who have organised this. We hope they have a very pleasant day - with some good weather!!
- We were so sorry to hear of the passing of Margaret Craig. She had just reached her 100th birthday and received her card from the King. May she rest in peace and rise in glory. And may her family gain comfort from knowing the strength of her faith in her Lord.
- Bishop Kevin retires at the end of August. After he leaves us the process for electing a new bishop will kick in. The congregation has been issued with a sheet, asking for ideas about what qualities and characteristics we would be like our new bishop to possess. Please pray for the clergy and the Lay Rep (Rob Thain) as they engage with the electoral process.
- The Rector would like to thank his team for shouldering the burden of parish life while he was on holiday in Italy recently. He had a great time and is back, refreshed, firing on all cylinders and looking forward to causing more damage!!!
- Further thanks to the volunteers who gave of their time to tidy the garden in front of the hall. The place is looking spic and span thanks to their efforts. Well done.



Clergy Cogitations

Dear Friends

While looking for a Spanish cookery book in the Rectory library the other day I came across another cookbook - The Escoffier Cook Book - which I acquired many moons ago and which I had forgotten that I had. Escoffier did a lot to codify French cookery at the end of the 19th and the beginning of the 20th centuries. He laid out the necessary groundwork that his recipes were built on, insisting on the vital part played by stock. "Stock is everything in cooking, at least in French cooking. Without it, nothing can be done. If one's stock is good, what remains of the work is easy; if, on the other hand, it is bad or merely mediocre, it is quite hopeless to expect anything approaching a satisfactory result...no theories, no formulae, and no recipes, however well written, can take the place of practical experience in the acquisition of a full knowledge concerning this part of the work - the most important, the most essential, and certainly the most difficult part."



If we were to distil our Christian faith to its essence, to its necessary groundwork, I wonder what we would have? I suspect it will vary from person to person. Some will point to, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, mind and soul and your neighbour as yourself." Or, "...do justice...love kindness...walk humbly with your God." Others will point to, "Faith, hope, love abide, but the greatest of these is love." Or "Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner. Yet others will cite, "Faith without works is dead." Or... "Serve one another humbly in love".

Escoffier's point about good cooking is that it needs a good base, a sound foundation, quality ingredients, before a recipe can be followed. As we look at this coming new 'season' in our Church's life, with all its challenges, anxieties, possibilities and realities, we too will need a good base, a sound foundation and quality ingredients. What are you able to bring to the table of faith? What will we, as a Church family, be preparing to share with our community, country, and world in the days ahead?

Never mind good stock. To paraphrase Escoffier, "Faith is everything... without it, nothing can be done."

Drew

Monastic Musings



One of the watchwords of the Benedictine monastic way is: moderation. St Benedict wrote it into his rule in order to protect "the good of all concerned". He was against excess of any kind - thought,

belief, opinion, behaviour, practice, punishment, expectation. What he wanted to see in the Benedictine monk or nun was self-restraint, self control and self discipline and to feel in the monastery or convent an atmosphere of calm, mutual love, respect and forbearance.

Outside the monastery, in the life of the world, moderation is a quality that most of us aspire to as well. When we say "everything in moderation" we are usually referring to our intake of alcohol (!) but we know that it extends to other habits and practices too, such as the language that we use, the lifestyle that we lead, the personal, political and religious views that we hold. Excess in any of these areas we consider to be bad. Just the right, measured, moderate and balanced amount we consider to be good and not harmful.

In England at the moment we are witnessing an excessive amount of violent behaviour in the streets of towns and cities. That behaviour is being generated by the excessive views of a minority towards other racial and religious groups who share the same space and air as them. There is nothing moderate about it. It is wholesale, unadulterated and, frankly, very ugly. Moderation has been thrown out of the window and people have lost the plot. There's no saying, at this juncture, when things will calm down, but my prayer is that it will do so very, very soon.

When I pray for that calming down I shall be holding the Benedictine quality of "moderation" in the forefront of my mind and hoping, with fingers and toes crossed, and the help of almighty God, that towns and cities in our country can return to normal and that moderate, temperate, sane and careful behaviour and dialogue can lead us to a deeper truth and a better place where "the good of all concerned" is taken into account.

Gerry Creaney

Deacon's Deliberations

Brunch and Browse

As a Vocational Deacon one of my roles is to teach and share God's word. In Colossians 3:16-17 we read: "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teach and admonish one another in all wisdom, and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him". This is the task to which I have been called among you and it is a privilege to have the opportunity to provide Bible study with Rev Liz Clelland. The Bible study we run is called Brunch and Browse.

Brunch: we enjoy lunch and a chat, getting to know one another This is followed by Browse: where we browse the bible. In the first three sessions Rev Liz covered "Art and the Gospels", with a theme of healing. This was very informative and included some interesting biblical art which gave us lots of food for thought and sparked some good conversations. Everyone had an opportunity to voice their opinion about the three different pictures over the three sessions.

Following on from Rev Liz I provided three sessions on "Contemplative Dialogue of the Gospels", also with the theme of healing. After looking closely at the gospel readings we split into groups to contemplate and discuss what it must have been like to be the different characters in the bible stories in that biblical time. We explored how we felt and what we thought, also what the gospel reading was saying to us today and in what way God was healing us now.

Rev Liz and I plan to run another Brunch and Browse starting on 26 September from 12noon to 1.15pm. This will take place every other Thursday. I will take the first three sessions with a theme of "Prayer" and Rev Liz will take the next three sessions with a theme of "Journeying with Jesus". Everyone is very welcome to attend.

Retreat

Before Brunch and Browse returns Rev Liz and I will be running a retreat on 12 September from 10am to 4pm at Braehead House, Crossford. The cost will be £20 per person. The programme will be as follows:

10 am Tea/Coffee	1.45 pm Food for the Journey Rev Liz Clelland
10.30 am Welcome Rev Liz Clelland	2.20 pm Tea/Coffee
11 am Prayer Beads Rev Jackie Fenton	3 pm Gathering/Time to share Rev Jackie Fenton
12 noon Self Reflection	3.30 pm Service Rev Canon Drew Sheridan
12.30 pm Lunch	4 pm Close
1.30 pm Devotions Rev Jackie Fenton	

The retreat is open to everyone. If you would like to attend, please sign the sheet on the table at the back of the Church or contact me for further information or to register your interest. The Rev Liz and I look forward to seeing you there.

Jackie



Orkney's Italian Chapel

The ultimate in recycling is a whole church in the Orkney Islands created from tin cans, concrete, old paint and driftwood from sunken ships. The act of will to do this amazing construction can only be said to be inspired by God's Holy Spirit. The church of course is the Italian Chapel made from two Nissen huts which Brian and I visited on holiday this summer.

It was made by Italian prisoners of war who had been captured during the North African campaign and sent to Orkney to work on the Churchill Barriers. These were made of huge concrete blocks which sealed off the German access to Scapa Flow. The P.O.W. camp Italians transformed the bleak area with with flowers, paths and a theatre, but they still felt the need for a church. This was led by an enthusiastic padre, an artist called Domenico Chiocchetti and a willing commandant. With a small group of creative Italians to help, the inside of two Nissen huts was transformed from dreary corrugated iron to a beautiful chancel and altar with frescoes and imitation stonework (clever trompe d'oeil painting). Painted glass showing St. Francis of Assisi and St. Catherine of Sienna illuminates the altar area. The illusion of a beautifully decorated Catholic Church is total. The outside has also been transformed and the facade recreated in concrete, complete with belfry and gothic pinnacles.

After the war, the Chapel became a place of pilgrimage for people holidaying in Orkney, and its preservation became a concern. In 1960 Chiocchetti himself returned to restore some of the painted frescoes. His home town in Italy gifted the large carved Christ on the Cross, a wayside shrine that greets visitors today.



This Chapel remains as a reminder of a Faith which survived war and religious divisions and what started in a very local way has become famous worldwide and has had far reaching effects like a stone thrown into a pond that creates ripples on every shore.

Joan East



Golden Wedding



On Sunday 30 June Drew presented Anne Gray with a beautiful orchid to celebrate her Golden Wedding Anniversary with husband Leonard. Congratulations to the happy couple.

Goodbye

We were sorry to say goodbye to Joyce and Paula Moody who are moving back to Yorkshire. We have all enjoyed getting to know them while they lived locally and we especially enjoyed the wonderful baking that they produced. Joyce and Paula will also be missed in the choir where they sang their hearts out every Sunday.

Jackie presented Joyce with a card and gift from the congregation and we wish them all the best in their new home.



Autumn Ladies

Autumn Ladies restarts on 11th September with Frank Roy, LCCT drivers in Lanarkshire.

September 25th: Rev. Tom White, Recovery from Stroke.

October 9th: John Wilcox, Gold.

October 23rd: Danny McQuillan, Antiques.

November 6th: Stewart Houston, Toys.

November 20th: Rob Thain, Life Stories.

December 4th: Hazel Fripp, Craftwork.

Syllabus is available from Isobel, at the front door of the Church and in the Church Hall.

Everyone has been making the most of our Scottish summer and now we look forward to changes in our activities with the Autumn just around the corner. I look forward to seeing friends again and 'catching up'.

Isobel Malcolm

Happy as Larry?

(Or, His Majesty's Chief Mouser to the Cabinet Office)

If you should be in Downing Street
It may just be that you will meet
A public servant of long years
Who has a tail, and pointy ears!

His job, around that famous house?
To keep it free of any mouse.
A job he'd have more chance of
keeping
By hunting rather more than sleeping!

His name is 'Larry', this fine cat
Upon the step you'll find him sat.
Prime ministers? They are only guests
Seen off like mice, or other pests.

Or Palmerston, a nearby cat
(The Foreign Office cleared of rats.)
But Larry, he withstood the threats –
That cat has gone, like Thatcher's wets!

So Larry, happy, licks his paws
No cat around to test his claws.
But wait! What's this? Another drama!
A cat has come with Sir Keir Starmer!

By Nigel Beeton



Away Giving

Bishop's Lent Appeal

The diocese has received a letter of gratitude to Bishop Kevin from Brendan Metcalfe, CEO of Friends of the Holy Land, offering fulsome thanks for the efforts of all in our diocese who contributed to this year's appeal.

He Writes:

Thank you for choosing Friends of the Holy Land to be the recipients of your Lenten Appeal 2024 to support Christians in the Holy Land. The appeal has raised an amazing £11,790 including Gift Aid towards our Hope and Healing appeal, aimed at helping Christians to build a brighter future in the Holy Land.

We are immensely grateful that so many churches and individuals in your diocese have responded to your call so generously. The money you have collectively donated will help to seed the new projects outlined in our launch edition of Giving Hope, centring around education and employment as well as emergency support. If you would like copies of the update for yourself or your church, please contact us.

Now, more than ever, the small Christian community in the Holy Land needs our assistance to bring them hope and healing and to help create a sustainable future. We have just launched a work placement scheme, bringing 30 young people in the Bethlehem area employment for 3 months. Your diocese contribution is enough to fund the programme for a period of 3 months. The work placements not only provide income and the dignity of work but also support local community organisations in the work, strengthening communities, building resilience and enabling young people to remain in their family homeland rather than leaving to find employment elsewhere.

Thank you once again for your support in our mission and we ask for your continued prayers for the people of the Holy Land.

Christ Church donated £600 to this appeal.

Our second quarter 'Away Giving' of £400 was sent to CHAS (Children's Hospice Across Scotland) and Bobby has received this letter in return

From: Children's Hospices Across Scotland <support@chas.org.uk>
Sent: 20 July 2024 16:54
To: Robert Burgon
Subject: Thank you for helping families like Amelias say goodbye with love and dignity.

Dear Robert

Thank you for helping families like Amelias say goodbye with love and dignity.

Your kind donation of £400.00 will help provide comfort, and compassion to families across Scotland, at home, in hospital and in our hospices. Thank you!

For some families, the heart-breaking truth is, this Christmas will be the last one they spend together. But thanks to your kindness and compassion, CHAS' bereavement service can support families through their grief and help them to piece their lives back together.

From providing respite stays at our hospice to offering emotional support and guidance, your generosity enables families to access support when they need it most.

"As incredible as CHAS was during Amelia's short life, they were even more amazing in the days after her death."

- Ainslidh, Amelia's mummy

The journey of grief is daunting and isolating, especially for families facing the loss of a child. Thanks to you more families, just like Amelia's, will be able to access crucial support and guidance through every step of this hardest of journey.

With very best wishes,

Juliette Moxham

Supporter Care Manager

Thank You!



Colours

1. In greyhound racing the dogs wear coloured jackets according to the lane trap they start from. Lanes 1-5 are designated red, blue, white, black and orange. What coloured jacket do the dogs who start in trap 6 wear?
2. Apart from white what two other colours make up the flag of Luxembourg?
3. Although often pink to start with, what is the normal colour of most apple blossom?
4. In the board game Monopoly, what colour is designated to the title deeds of the two most expensive properties of Mayfair and Park Lane?
5. In spite of their names, what is the actual colour of an aircraft's black box?
6. You can create green by combining which two colours?
7. What colour is the Zero on a roulette wheel?
8. What colour is Topaz?
9. There are 4 seas named after colours. Three of them are white, black and the Yellow sea. What is the 4th sea called?
10. The Olympic flag features 5 interlaced rings in blue, black, red and which two other colours? ?

Answers

1. Black and White Stripes 2. Red and Blue 3. White 4. Blue 5. Orange 6. Yellow and Blue 7. Green 8. Yellow 9. Red 10. Yellow and Green

Church Notices that didn't quite make it...

A talk on drugs will be given at the next Mothers' Union meeting. This will be followed by a Bring and Buy Sale.

A sudden gust of wind took all who were at the ceremony by surprise. Hats were blown off and copies of the vicar's speech and other rubbish were scattered over the site.

The Rector is on holiday this month. Local clergy will be celebrating with us all the Sundays that he is away.

Don't allow anxiety to kill you. Let the church help.

Don't miss the Young Wives' Victorian evening next month. It will be a fun night and some of the women will wear clothes

Cucumber

A small boy asked his mother for a cucumber to take to Junior Church. A slightly puzzled mother complied. Later she asked what it had been used for. "Sorry, mum," he confessed. "I got it wrong. We were supposed to bring a newcomer."

Egg

What did the egg in the monastery say? "Out of the frying pan and into the friar."

Permission

Extract from an official letter notifying residents of a new boundary road: "It is hoped to take the new by-pass through the old cemetery, provided we can get permission from the various bodies concerned."

Golf

"I play Second World War golf," one clergyman confessed to another. "You know – out in 39 and back in 45."

True Story

A vicar entered a Christian bookshop to buy a popular book title. "Do you have 'Time to Embrace' please?" he asked. The astonished elderly lady assistant responded by slapping him across the face



...I take it our local supermarket has a rather good offer on tinned peas at the moment!

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