**St. Cyprian’s Link**

**Easter 5**

**18th May 2014**

***Into your hand I commit my spirit; you have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God.***

**Services today:**

9.15am – Eucharist

10.30am – Eucharist

Hymns today are from the Source. We also have Holy Communion on Thursday Morning at 10.00am, followed by Tea or Coffee for everyone who would like to join us.

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**Many thanks to everyone who helped at both the Christian Aid Coffee Morning and the Car boot Sale. The help was much appreciated.**

If you would like to get something into the Link next week please let Kathryn have it before teatime on Wednesday – 578 0734 or email kathryn.potts2@ntlworld.com

Les, our Rector, has written a new book called: “Up the Crow Road” – thoughts inspired by the famous road from Lennoxtown to Fintry.

There are copies available in church for £3.

**PRAYERS**

**ANGLICAN:** The Anglican Church of Melanesia: The Most Revd David Vunagi, Archbishop of Melanesia and Bishop of Cebtral Melanesia.

**DIOCESAN:**

All Saints, Jordanhill (Sydney Maitland & Graeme Hely)

**DAILY PRAYERS**

**19th**  Porvoo Link: The Church in Wales

Butterflies are one of nature’s great symbols of death and resurrection, with the caterpillar seeming to die as it becomes a pupa, only to emerge into new life as the glorious butterfly. As such, it is a great Easter Symbol, reminding us of the death and resurrection of Jesus.

I also like butterflies!! Last year was a particularly bad year for butterflies, with the long cold spring and late summer. Many types of butterfly didn’t seem to appear at all, and the breeds that did were very sparse. The worry was – would 2013 affect the long term populations of butterflies?

The answer to the question seems to be – NO!!!!! This has been a great year for butterflies so far.

The butterfly which is a sign of spring is the orangetip – white wings with orange tips! Last year there were almost none. This year, this week, there have been hundreds. Lots and lots of them! Fantastic. But other butterflies have appeared even earlier this year – I’ve seen lots of Tortoiseshells and small whites already. Not seen one of my favourites – the Holly Blue – yet, but haven’t stared at any holly bushes yet!!!!

Of course the glorious butterflies – such as the peacock and red admiral, come later in the year, as does the reserved, ubiquitous and quietly beautiful speckled wood. I wait to see how spectacular they are going to be, and whether any of the rare visitors such as the painted lady appear...

**20th**  For all suffering with OCD

**21st**  The work of Marie Curie Cancer Care.

**22nd**  The Scottish Episcopal Church

**23rd**  Good health for all manual workers

**24th** For chaplaincies in hospitals, education and commerce.

**Please also remember**

**in your prayers:** Margaret Conway; Daphne Fraser; Cynthia Frost, Susan Frost; Kirsty Kilday; Eric and Sheila Oakes; Mark Parry; Alan Paterson; Doreen Rendell; Karen Rose; Geoff Scobie; Jack Smith; and for all those in the “Prayer Book” at the back of the church.

“Any concern too small to be turned into a prayer is too small to be made into a burden.”
― [Corrie ten Boom](http://www.goodreads.com/author/show/102203.Corrie_ten_Boom)

Diocese of Glasgow & Galloway

**BISHOP’S LECTURE**

**‘Matthew, Mark and Luke’ Exploring the Synoptics**

 Tuesday, 3 June

Bishop Court, Holy Trinity & St Barnabas, St James’ Place, Moss Street, Paisley, PA1

The lecture will begin with tea from 7.00pm with the lecture itself from 7.30pm - 9.00pm

**10.30am Eucharist**

**Hymn: 526: To God be the Glory.**

**Collect**: Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another and walk in the way of his commandments, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Reading: Acts 7.55-60**

 **(Eileen Ferry)**

5But filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God.56“Look,” he said, “I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!” 57But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. 58Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. 59While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” 60Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” When he had said this, he died.

**Psalm 31:1-5 & 15-16**

1In you, O Lord, I seek refuge; do not let me ever be put to shame; in your righteousness deliver me.

**2Incline your ear to me; rescue me speedily. Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me.**

3You are indeed my rock and my fortress; for your name’s sake lead me and guide me,

**4take me out of the net that is hidden for me, for you are my refuge.**

5Into your hand I commit my spirit; you have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God.

**15My times are in your hand; deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors.**

16Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love.

**Reading: 1 Peter 2.2-10**

**(Anne Carswell)**

2Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— 3if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

4Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God’s sight, and 5like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. 6For it stands in scripture: “See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.” 7To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, “The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner,” 8and “A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.” They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. 9But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.10Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

**Gradual: 870: Lord enthroned...**

**Gospel: John 14.1-14**

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. 2In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?3And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also.

4And you know the way to the place where I am going.” 5Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” 6Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. 7If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.” 8Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” 9Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? 10Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. 11Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves.

12Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. 13I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

**Offertory: 492: There is a Redeemer.....**

**Communion: 18: Amazing Grace**

**Prayer after Communion:** God of love, in this eucharist we have heard your truth and shared in your life. May we always walk in your way, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

**Hymn: 510: Thine be the Glory**

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