

"For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord"

1 Corinthians 2 v 4

WELCOME TO ST CYPRIAN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH THE LINK FOR THE SUNDAY 12TH FEBRUARY 2012

The Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

The Second Sunday before Lent
We welcome all visitors and invite you to join us for coffee after the service.

9.15AM - HOLY COMMUNION



10.30AM - SUNG EUCHARIST

We welcome our celebrant today, the Rev Moira Jamieson

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

Hymns are in the Red Book unless otherwise stated

SERVICE OF THE EUCHARIST USING THE 1982 'BLUE BOOK'

INTROIT HYMN: 2 New every morning is the love....

COLLECT:

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever.

FIRST READING: 2 Kings 5.1-14 (Vivienne Provan)

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favour with his master, because by him the Lord had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, 'If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy.' So Naaman went in and told his lord just what the girl from the land of Israel had said. And the king of Aram said, 'Go then, and I will send along a letter to the king of Israel.'

He went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten sets of garments. He brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, 'When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you my servant Naaman, that you may cure him of his leprosy.' When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, 'Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me.'

But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, 'Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel.' So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, 'Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean.' But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, 'I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?' He turned and went away in a rage. But his servants approached and said to him, 'Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, "Wash, and be clean"?' So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 30

Response:-Thanks to the Lord our God, for He answers our every cry!

I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up, and did not let my foes rejoice over me. O LORD my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me. O LORD, you brought up my soul from Sheol, restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit. - R

Sing praises to the LORD, O you his faithful ones, and give thanks to his holy name. For his anger is but for a moment; his favour is for a lifetime. Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning. As for me, I said in my prosperity 'I shall never be moved.'- R By your favour, O LORD, you had established me as a strong mountain; you hid your face; I was dismayed. To you, O LORD, I cried, and to the LORD I made supplication: 'What profit is there in my death, if I go down to the Pit? Will the dust praise you? - R

Will it tell of your faithfulness? Hear, O LORD, and be gracious to me! O LORD, be my helper! You have turned my mourning into dancing; you have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy, so that my soul may praise you and not be silent. O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you for ever. - R

EPISTLE: 1 Corinthians 9.24-27 (Gavin Boyd)

Do you not know that in a race the runners all compete, but only one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win it. Athletes exercise self-control in all things; they do it to receive a perishable garland, but we an imperishable one. So I do not run aimlessly, nor do I box as though beating the air; but I punish my body and enslave it, so that after proclaiming to others I myself should not be disqualified.

GRADUAL HYMN: 204 Let us with a gladsome mind.....

GOSPEL: Mark 1.40-45

A leper came to him begging him, and kneeling he said to him, 'If you choose, you can make me clean.' Moved with pity, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, and said to him, 'I do choose. Be made clean!' Immediately the leprosy left him, and he was made clean. After sternly warning him he sent him away at once, saying to him, 'See that you say nothing to anyone; but go, show yourself to the priest, and offer for your cleansing what Moses commanded, as a testimony to them.' But he went out and began to proclaim it freely, and to spread the word, so that Jesus could no longer go into a town openly, but stayed out in the country; and people came to him from every quarter.

OFFERTORY: Source 335 Lord, the light of you love....

COMMUNION: Source 92 Father God, we worship you...

POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

God our creator, by your gift the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise, and the bread of life at the heart of your Church: may we who have been nourished at your table on earth be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross and enjoy the delights of eternity; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

RECESSIONAL HYMN: 292 Eternal Father, strong.....

BLESSING



DISMISSAL

THIS WEEK IN PRAYER

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: "May they prosper who love you," Psalm 122:6

For your prayers this week:

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we are asked to pray for The Church of the Province of Central Africa — The Most Revd Albert Chama, Archbishop of Central Africa & Bishop of Northern Zambia. In our own Diocese, please pray for St Margaret of Scotland, Newlands (Scott Robertson, Maggie McTernan, Archie Linnegan).

Daily Prayers

For all whose ministry is expressed in healing professions
All young couples on their journey through life together
For "Maggie's" Cancer Care centres throughout Scotland
Our Primus, the Most Revd David Chillingworth
For all whose ministry is in the voluntary sector
For all those following a course of Study

Please also remember in your prayers: Margaret Conway; Graham Durkin; Susan Frost; Jean, Paul and Pat Hindle; Susan Iveson; Mary Kitching; Brian MacDonald; Jean Mott; Eric and Sheila Oakes; Prim Parry; Alan Paterson; Bob Provan; Doreen Rendell; Sheila Shaw; Jack Smith; Richard Taylor; and for those in the "Prayer Book" at the back of the church. May God keep them all in His care.

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SERVICES AND EVENTS			
SUN 12 TH FEB	SIXTH SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY		(Sexagesima)
	9.15am	Holy Communion (said)	•
	10.30am	Sung Eucharist	
Thur 16 th	10am	Holy Communion (said)	
Sat 18 th	7.30pm	Allander Jazz Band Cor	ncert
SUN 19 TH FEB	THE SUNDAY BEFORE LENT (Quinquagesima)		
	10.30am	Sung Eucharist	· -
	3pm	Afternoon Service	
Tue 21 st	Shrove Tuesday		
	7.30pm	Pancake Party in the cho	ir vestry
Wed 22 nd	Ash Wednesday		
	7.30pm	Holy Communion; imposi	tion of ashes
Thur 23 rd	10am	Holy Communion (said); i	mposition of ashes
SUN 26 TH	FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT		
	9.15am	Holy Communion (said)	
	10.30am	Sung Eucharist	
Mon 27 th	1.30pm	Lent Meditation in the C	hoir Vestry





Spring Fair

in St Mary's Parish Church Halls, Kirkintilloch on Saturday 3rd March 2012 10.30am to 1.30pm Stalls, Tombola, Tearoom

Admission £1.50 (including refreshments)

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LENT 2012

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE PARTY

Anticipation of our Lenten Sacrifices gets underway with a **traditional**Pancake Party in the choir vestry, on Shrove Tuesday, 21st February at 7.30pm.



Tuck into fresh pancakes made on the premises and choose your own filling from lots of delicious mouth-watering options.

All welcome - Bring along a friend

ASH WEDNESDAY COMMUNION

There will be a service of
Holy Communion to commemorate
Ash Wednesday
on 22nd February, at 7.30pm.



The Bishop's Lent Appeal 2012



THE beneficiary of this year's Bishop's
Lent appeal is "Waverley Care", a charity
which has, for 21 years, been providing
care and support to people who are living
with or affected by HIV.

Lenten Meditations

Starting on Monday 27th February, Rev Moira is running a series of 4 Lent Meditations in the Choir Vestry from 1.30pm to 2.30pm. These will be based on the "I Am" sayings from the Gospel of John. **All welcome**



FEBRUARY

Mon 27 th	1.30pm	Lent Meditation in the Choir Vestry
MARCH		
Mon 5 th	1.30pm	Lent Meditation in the Choir Vestry
Mon 12 th	1.30pm	Lent Meditation in the Choir Vestry
Mon 19 th	1.30pm	Lent Meditation in the Choir Vestry





Ecumenical Service

Written by the
Christian women of Malaysia
'Let Justice Prevail'
In St Columba's Church,
Kirkintilloch at 2pm on
Friday, 2nd March 2012

The 2012 Diocesan Synod will be held at the Barony, Lochmaben, on Saturday 3rd March 2012.





"Come Visit Us"

Thursday 26 April 2012,

The Tall Ship @ Riverside, 10am-12noon

Coxswain Joe Millar of Troon lifeboat will give a talk on what it is like to be at the front end of the rescue service, and show some real-life rescue footage. We will also have information about RNLI fundraising and how vital public support is to our operation; the RNLI receives no central Government funding. Six out of 10 of our lifeboat launches are only possible thanks to gifts in Wills.

Cost will be £2.95 per head (payable on the day). Tea, coffee and cakes provided

Anyone who would like to attend, please contact Mary Haigh as soon as possibility as space will be limited. We expect this event to be popular. There will also be a tour of the Tall Ship included in the event. If you wish to take advantage of this, please let Mary know so she can organiser numbers. This is the opportunity to attend a unique event.