

ST. CYPRIAN'S LINK

Sunday 22nd Feb
1st Sunday of Lent

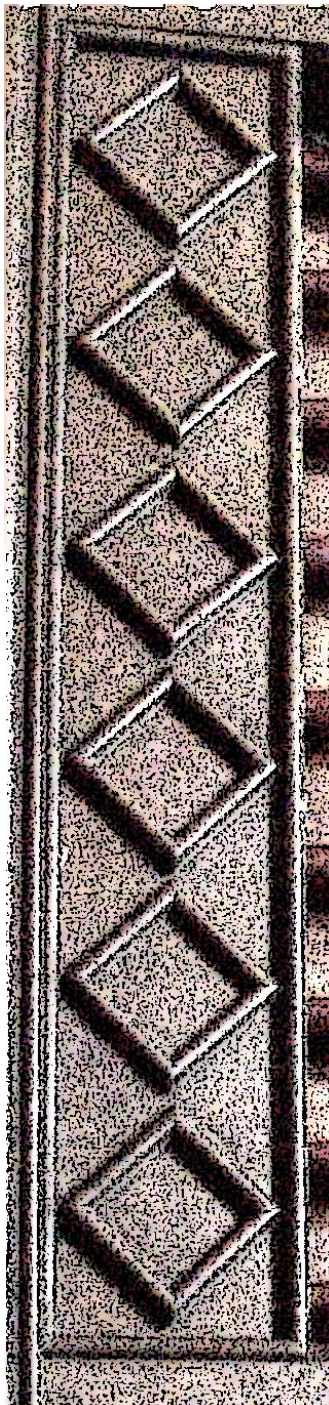
Services today:
9.15am – Eucharist
10.30am – Eucharist

We give a special welcome today to Ken Saw who is taking our services today.

We also have Holy Communion on Thursday Morning at 10.00am, followed by Tea or Coffee for everyone who would like to join us

If you would like to get something into the Link please let Les know on 0141-776 3866 or e-mail rector@stcyprianslenzie.com by teatime on Wednesday evenings.
Thanks.

How well do you know our church? Do you know where the picture is at the top of this Newsletter? Answer later in the Link.



Through Lent we will be having special times of prayer and sharing on a Tuesday evening from 6.30pm – 7.30pm in the choir vestry. The theme for these evenings is “Searching for Beauty,” and the dates are:

- 3rd March: Seeking Beauty in Art.....
- 10th March: Seeking Beauty in Writing.....
- 17th March: Seeking Beauty in Music.....
- 24th March: Seeking Beauty in Symbols.....

(Please note, we will not be having a group on 24th Feb).

PRAYERS

ANGLICAN: The Dioceses of Maseno North and South (Kenya) and their Bishops: Rt Rev Simon Oketch (Maseno North) and The Rt Rev Francis Abiero (Maseno South).

DIOCESAN: St. Fillan’s, Kilmacolm and St. Mary’s, Bridge of Weir (David Gifford, Gerard McKeown)

Daily Prayers

23rd The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Iceland

24th For sincerity, truth and love in all our relationships.

25th The Scottish Episcopal Church Provincial Board

26th The diocesan Property Committee

27th All involved in marketing Fairtrade goods.

28th For Kirkintilloch and Lenzie Action of Churches Together.

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

Bishop's Lent Appeal 2015

This year, all seven diocesan bishops in the Scottish Episcopal Church have agreed that, in their Lent Appeals, they wish to support the training and formation of those entering the ordained ministry or licensed lay ministry in the Scottish Episcopal Church. In commending my 2015 Lent Appeal to you, I do so alongside each of my fellow bishops in their respective dioceses.

2014 saw significant change in the Scottish Episcopal Church. It saw the creation of the new Scottish Episcopal Institute (SEI), which replaces the former Theological Institute of the Scottish Episcopal Church (TISEC).

The Scottish Episcopal Institute is the training agency for the Scottish Episcopal Church and forms people for service as competent and confident public ministers, whether as Lay Readers, Deacons or Priests. Currently there are 24 students in its midst, drawn from all seven dioceses. SEI is poised to launch new courses and fresh ways of formation to fit the changing Scottish context. To find out more about its ethos and courses, please go to:

<http://www.scotland.anglican.org/who-weare/vocation-and-ministry/sei/>

This year's appeal is to support the work of the institute and students in the preparation for ministry for the future of the Scottish Episcopal Church. If you would like to support the appeal, please take a box from the back of the church, and return it after Easter to our church.

Almighty God, giver of all good things, you showed your love for us by giving us your only Son: help us to show our love for you.

Grant us this Lent the vision to see where you are at work in the world, the courage to join in that mission and the desire to give in support of those seeking to train within the Scottish Episcopal Institute.

In the power of the Spirit we make our prayer through Jesus Christ our Lord.



**Kirkintilloch and
Lenzie Christian Aid
Group**



Spring Fair

**St. Mary's Church Hall, Kirkintilloch
Saturday 7th March 2015 _ 10am – 1pm**

**Books, baking, groceries, attic finds,
crafts, toys.**

Tickets 2 pounds, including tea.

Scotland Charity Number SC039150

From Eileen Ferry:

If anyone is able to donate items to sell at the sale, especially home baking, that we be very much appreciated. Help is also needed to serve on the stall and clear up at the end.

It would be great to see as many people as possible – please come along with your friends to enjoy your coffee, cake and a chat, in support of a very worthwhile cause.

If you can help, please contact Eileen Ferry on 0141 775 0621.



Picture on the front of the Link this week is of a panel on the front of the organ pipes.

East Dunbartonshire Fair Trade Group, set up by East Dunbartonshire Council, is organising a meeting on Saturday 28th Feb from 10.30 – 11.45am at Cadder Church South Hall in Bishopriggs, for anyone interested in fair trade issues, who might also be interested in joining the group which works for Fair Trade in this area. To find out more and register, please contact Louise Finch at lfinch7@gmail.com or on 0141 772 1363 / 07557 966 887. To quote their letter, the meeting: “ will feature a guest producer from a developing country; it will also present the opportunity to network with like-minded people and to become part of a movement that brings together creative and committed individuals to improve lives abroad and locally.”

Some dates:

On Wednesday 11th March the Mother’s Union meets from 1.30 – 3.00pm.

Sunday 15th March is Mothering Sunday – we will have a special service that morning at 10.30am, organised by our Mother’s Union.

On Saturday 28th March we are going to have a book and CD sale from 10.00am – 1.00pm. Please come along. Please help. We have a mountain of books, although would not turn away more. If you have any CD’s you want rid of, please bring them in.

On the Third Sunday of each month we have an extra service of Holy Communion at 3.00pm in the Choir Vestry.



"Lent stimulates us to let the Word of God penetrate our life and in this way to know the fundamental truth: who we are, where we come from, where we must go, what path we must take in life..." - Pope Benedict XVI

Humanity is never so beautiful as when praying for forgiveness, or else forgiving another. *Jean P.F Richter*

If we could read the secret history of our enemies, we should find in each man's life sorrow and suffering enough to disarm all hostility. *Henry Wadsworth Longfellow*

Today's hymns are from "Hymns Ancient and Modern".

Opening Hymn 440: Christ is the World's Light

Collect: Almighty God, whose Son fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are but did not sin, give us grace to discipline ourselves in submission to your Spirit, that as you know our weakness so we may know your power to save; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Genesis 9:8-17

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, 'As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.' God said, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.' God said to Noah, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.'

Psalm 25:1-9

1 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

2 O my God, in you I trust; do not let me be put to shame; do not let my enemies exult over me.

3 Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame; let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

4 Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths.

5 Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long.

6 Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

7 Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast

love remember me, for your goodness' sake, O Lord!

8 Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

9 He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way.

1 Peter 3:18-22

For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight people, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Hymn: 56: Forty Days and Forty Nights...

Mark 1:9-15

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness for forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.'

Hymn 234: Thine For Ever.....

At Comm: 233: O Thou Who Camest.....

Prayer after Communion: Faithful God, in this holy bread you increase our faith and hope and love. Lead us in the path of Christ who is your Word of life. We ask this in his name.

Closing Hymn: 239: Forth in Thy Name.....

