

ST. CYPRIAN'S



Sunday 24th May *Pentecost*

Services today:

9.15am – Eucharist 10.30am – Eucharist

We also have Holy Communion on Thursday Morning at 10.00am, followed by Tea or Coffee: everyone welcome

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.

There has been a request for a workshop on leading the intercessions in church. I am proposing to hold one on Saturday 13th June – 10.30 – 12.00am. My hope is that all those who lead intercession in church will come along. However, anyone else interested in what the intercessions are about, how they are organised, and maybe interested in leading them, is welcome to come along as well. There will even be tea/coffee before.

PRAYERS

ANGLICAN: The Diocese of Northern Luzon (Philippines) currently without a Bishop.

DIOCESAN: St James the Less, Bishopbriggs (Shelley Marsh, Bryan Owen, Kennedy Fraser, Geoff Scobie); St. Matthew, Possilpark (David Wolsteholme, Stewart Wood)

Daily Prayers

25th Chaplaincy in hospitals, education and commerce 26th Development Team for welcome, integration and numerical growth (convenor – Drew Sheridan) 27th Those addicted to drugs and alcohol

28th New life in the Spirit

29th Ministry Development Officer - Vacant 30th Sufferers from Systemic Lupus Erythematosus

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.

Today 24th May is Pentecost, our service at 10.30am will be a healing service

Dates in June:

Thursday 11th June – 11.00am – Fundraising Group. **Sunday 14th June** in the evening is "Praise in the Park", in Peel Park – organised by ACTS, the churches together organisation for Kirkintilloch. If wet in St. Ninian's church.

Sunday 20th June- Car boot sale.

Sunday 27th June: Strawberry Tea, from 2 – 4.00pm.

As God's people, we always seem to be on the edge of the bizarre! We do strange things! The way we worship, the hymns we sing, our foundations based not on the concrete physical realities but on faith in a God that so many people reject. Our life based on faith in a man who came, was executed, and we believe rose from the dead. Who we are seems odd – yet we know that this is life giving.

The things we do can look equally strange, and for many people both within the church and outside the church, praying for healing for people can feel equally strange! And yet we do it. Why?

Quite simply because we do believe in God. And Jesus. And we know that if we believe in God we have to be involved with him – to truly believe we have to allow him to be involved with our lives.

Prayer for healing is that. It is simply coming before God and asking him to be involved in our lives, especially when our lives are proving to be a struggle. It is simply placing ourselves in a place where we can hear the prayer to God, and in our kneeling be open to receiving God's work in the struggles we face.