

ST. CYPRIAN'S CHURCH LINK

SUNDAY 18TH FEBRUARY 2024

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Today we have worship in church and online at 10.30am (see website for online access).

The service is a Sung Eucharist and we welcome back Bishop Gregor Duncan as our celebrant and preacher.

Hymns from the Source

Introit	391	O Jesus I have promised (omit v4)
Gradual	49	Be still my soul
Offertory	128	God is working his purpose out
Communion	97	Father I place into your hands
Recessional	21	And can it be that I should gain (omit vs 4 & 5)



Please join us for a chat and refreshments in the Hall after the service.

ANGLICAN Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan

DIOCESAN The Church of Scotland

The Roman Catholic Church in Scotland

St Cyprian's Congregation and Vestry for the Vacancy and the process of finding a new Rector

Daily Prayers

- 19th The United Reformed Church (Paul Whittle)
- 20th Mothers' Union Worldwide Board and staff at Mary Sumner House
- 21st Sincerity, truth and love in all our relationships
- 22nd The Anglican Consultative Council (Beth Routledge)
- 23rd The Anglican Communion
- 24th The people of Ukraine on the second anniversary of the start of the invasion by Russian forces

Please also pray for these people: Agnes Rose; Bill Fergus; Rosa Revell and her sister; Sheila and Shaunda; Ruth Mitchell; Kennedy Fraser; Duncan Naysmith; Jean McLean and her mother; Jean Dick; Margaret Conway; Susan Frost; Alan Paterson; Karen Rose; Tom and Lynda; Val Fallon; Bishop Kevin; and all who have recently been bereaved. Also please remember those whose names appear in the **Prayer Book** at the back of the church.

*If you would like to get something into the Link for next Sunday, please let Paul Hindle know on 0141-776 3237 or e-mail link@stcyprianslenzie.com by teatime on **Wednesday 21st February 2024***

Music @ St. Cyprian's

The next concert in our Winter Series will be on Saturday, 9th March 2024, at 7.30pm.

We hope you enjoyed Alastair Savage and Alice Allen yesterday. Our next artist will be classical guitar virtuoso Ian Watt. There is more information about the concert on the website, musicstcyprians.co.uk and on Facebook. We know it will be another great evening. Tickets: Adult: £12.50, Children: free.

Lent Study

Here's the link to a blog article Paul Watson has written about a different way we may want to explore Lent: <https://stillpointfaith.blogspot.com/2024/02/curiosity-in-lent.html>

Paul is encouraging us to consider joining others in reading through the gospel of Matthew during Lent. We will be meeting on **Wednesdays at 7pm on Zoom** starting this week (Zoom link in the Link email). The first section to read by Feb 21st is chapters 1-6. We will each share three things that strike us from these chapters. Subsequent weeks we'll read chs 7-12 by Feb 28th, 13-18 by Mar 6th, 19-23 by Mar 13th and 24-28 by Mar 20th. Matthew is chosen as there is a good mix of teaching and action and each section has some of each. It is amazing what can strike us when we simply spend time reading for ourselves!

Thursday Morning Eucharist

On Thursday at **10am**, our interim priest will be celebrating the Eucharist with us in the Choir Vestry.

Please come along.

Lent is a good time to make extra time for God.

There will be refreshments as usual after the service. Everyone is welcome. Please enter via the church door.

Congregational Meeting - Reminder

Sunday 25th February 2024 over coffee after church

As previously notified, the Vestry is calling this meeting next Sunday to involve everyone in the development of the Parish Profile. A draft document for discussion is available today. This is to give you time to think about what you would like to see in the final document. Also please think about these questions:

- What do you like about St Cyprian's and wouldn't want to change?
- What change(s) would you like to see if you came back after 5 years away from St Cyprian's?
- What should we look for in a new Rector?

Interim Priest in Charge

The Revd. Canon Paul Watson, Rector of St James the Less, Bishobriggs, has taken on this role. He can be contacted on 07943 026773 or by email on paulrobertwatson@gmail.com in case anyone needs visiting or pastoral care.

Lent Resources

Our Diocesan Environmental Group (DEG) has created a series of resources for use during this season. It is called *Consider Creation* and is available on the diocesan website via bit.ly/ConsiderCreation. More items are being added each Sunday. There's quite a lot there to think about. Well worth a look!