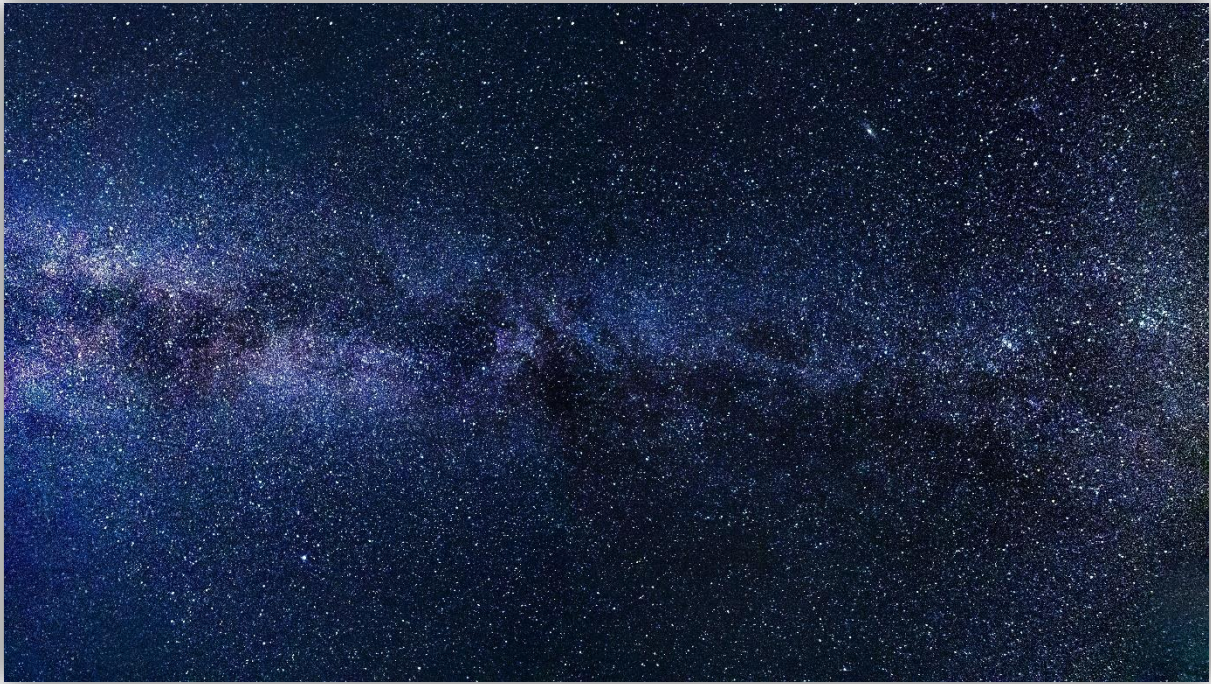


CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Ayr St Columba Church
Sunday 31st July
10am and 11.15am



Our dignity: a story for all human beings.

Together with everything that has ever existed in this universe, we exist *in* God. God is never absent. God is everywhere, involved in the unfolding of matter and life wherever this happens.

God, the Cause, Ground, Sustainer of all that exists, always has been and continues to be actively involved in the slow development of human life from the dust of stars. All human beings share the same origin. We share the dignity of participating in the mystery we call God.

Michael Morwood
Australian author, speaker, and teacher.

Organ Voluntary

The Bible, God's Word for life, is placed in the pulpit by the Beadle.

Welcome & Announcements

Preparatory Silence

Call to Worship

Hymn 152 Praise the Lord, his glories show

(t. Llanfair)

Praise the Lord! God's glories show,

Alleluia!

saints within God's courts below,

Alleluia!

angels round the throne above,

Alleluia!

all who see and share God's love.

Alleluia!

Earth to heaven, and heaven to earth,
tell God's wonders, sing God's worth.

Age to age, and shore to shore,
Praise him, praise him evermore!

Praise the Lord, his mercies trace;
Praise his providence and grace,
All that he for us has done,
All he sends us through his Son.

Strings and voices, hands and hearts,
in the concert, play your parts;
all that breathe, your Lord adore,
praise him, praise him evermore.

Call to Prayer *(please remain standing)*

Prayers of Adoration, Confession, Absolution and Supplication *(seated)*

Hymn 238**Lord, bring the day to pass***(t. Love Unknown)*

Lord, bring the day to pass
when forest, rock and hill,
the beasts, the birds, the grass,
will know your finished will:
when we attain our destiny
and nature lives in harmony.

Forgive our careless use
of water, ore and soil--
the plenty we abuse
supplied by others' toil:
save us from making self our creed,
turn us towards each other's need.

Help us, when we release
creation's secret powers,
to harness them for peace,
our children's peace and ours:
teach us the art of mastering
in servant form, like Christ our King.

Creation groans, travails,
futile its present plight,
bound -- till the hour it hails
God's children born of light,
that we may gain our true estate.
come, Lord, new heavens and earth create.

Lesson

Luke 12: 13 – 21

Hymn 468**Son of God, eternal Saviour***(t. Blaenwern)*

Son of God, eternal Saviour,
source of life and truth and grace,
Son of Man, whose birth incarnate,
hallows all our human race;
great High Priest, who, throned in glory,
for your own will ever plead,
fill us with your love and pity,
heal our wrongs and help our need.

Lord, as you have lived for others,
so may we for others live;
freely have your gifts been granted,
freely may your servants give.
Yours the gold and yours the silver,
yours the wealth of sea and land,
we but stewards of your bounty
held in trust at your command.

Come, Lord Jesus, reign among us,
King of Love, and Prince of Peace;
Hush the storm of strife and passion,
Bid its cruel discords cease.
Yours the prayer, and yours the purpose,
That your people should be one;
Grant from heaven our hope's fruition:
here on earth your will be done.

Reflection

Music for reflection

Prayers of Thanksgiving, Intercession, Commemoration of the Faithful
Departed and the Lord's Prayer

Hymn 153 Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father *(t. Faithfulness)*

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
there is no shadow of turning with thee:
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not,
as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

Great is thy faithfulness!

Great is thy faithfulness!

*Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided--
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

Summer and winter, and seed-time and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Great is thy faithfulness.....

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Great is thy faithfulness.....

Benediction

Choral Amen

Postlude

WELCOME: we are delighted to welcome you to our Worship Service this morning and hope that you feel at home in the Sanctuary. If you are visiting us this morning please record your attendance in our visitors' book at the main door.

SERVICES in August

SUNDAY 7/14/21/28 10am - All Age Service
11.15am - Morning Worship Service

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SERVICES: Please note – that during the month August there will be no Wednesday afternoon Communion Service

EVENING SERVICES: Please note – that there will be no evening service in August.

VIDEO RECORDED SERVICE: The recorded service for the summer months is available online. This may be accessed from the website or the Church YouTube channel.

GILLEAN RICHMOND: Having successfully passed her placement at St Columba, Gillean is to be appointed as Locum Minister at Troon Old and Troon Portland. The appointment starts on 1 September. During much of the month of August, Gillean will be doing pulpit supply in Troon and covering pastoral work.

TODAY IS GILLEAN'S last Sunday at St Columba. Gillean's date of ordination has been provisionally set for Thursday, 1st September at Portland Church in Troon. More details to follow. We wish her well as she begins this new part of her faith journey

TEA PARTY: Our Oasis Café Team are hosting a Tea Party for Gillean following the 11.15am Service today. Tea/coffee and a multitude of home baked cakes will be available in the Hall. All welcome.

INTERIM MODERATOR: Following the departure of their Minister, Scott has been appointed as Interim Moderator at Troon Old.

DEATHS: We extend our sincere sympathy and prayers to Barbara and the family of Alexander (Sandy) Allan who passed away peacefully at home on Monday 25th July. The funeral arrangements are still to be finalised.

SCHOOL UNIFORMS: It is time to think about school uniforms! The children are hardly on holiday and we really do need to start collecting new uniforms for next term. As you might expect the need for the charity “South

Ayrshire Clothing Bank” to help with the provision of uniforms has grown so much in the past year. Every child deserves to be able to attend school with a new uniform. Children have enough to contend with on a day to day basis without fingers being pointed because they have no uniform. Please think about donating uniform or a monetary gift. Both may be handed in to the Office. Thank you so much.

OASIS: The Café Hub is open on Thursday morning from 10am – 12noon. You are most welcome to come along and enjoy first class homebaking, a tea or a coffee in a warm and friendly place!

INTERFAITH VISITS: The visit to Garnethill Synagogue has been organised for Wednesday, 7th September at 2pm. There will be a bus to take us from St Columba to the Synagogue on the day, leaving the Church at 12.45pm. All who have signed up will be contacted by Gillean about these arrangements. There are a few places left: if you are interested, please let Gillean know. gilleanrichmond@yahoo.co.uk Mob: 07811835197

FOOD BANK: Sadly, there is an ever-growing need for the Food Bank and they are most grateful for all the donations they receive. Stocks are running very low on the following: Tinned main meals(mince, stew, curry),tinned or packet potatoes, jam, diluting juice, small jars of coffee, biscuits, 500g breakfast cereal, tinned rice, tinned custard, dried rice 500g.

WALKING GROUP: The Walking Group calendar for the next three months is:

26th August. Christina Kennedy will lead a walk along the old railway line. Meeting at the car park at Burns Cottage at 10 am.

30th September. Boswell’s Coach House. Meet at Halfords, Heathfield at 10am to car share.

28th October Fullerton Woods. Details to follow.

Please contact Helen for directions or further information if required.

Helen Greig 07922059368 or hcgreig@icloud.com

THE ORGANIST ENTERTAINS: Monday, 1 August, Ayr Town Hall, - the organist is Aaron Hawthorn, Freelance Recitalist, Lanarkshire

FLOWER CALENDAR: The Flower Calendar for 2022 is up in the Carrick Park vestibule, if you would like to add your name to a specific date please fill in the Calendar or contact Anne Drennan the Flower Convenor on 01292 287304. Donations to the Flower Fund are greatly appreciated. This allows the Flower Team to provide beautiful flowers in the Sanctuary and we thank Anne and her team for looking after this part of our Worship. If you know of anyone to whom the ministry of flowers might be uplifting, please let the Minister or Irene know.

The flowers this week were donated by Wendy Campbell.

DAYR to Sing Rachel's breathing singing groups, has its monthly in person meet up on Thursday at 4pm in St Columba's Church main hall. New or previous members welcome & bring a friend. Please contact Rachel on rachellizhynes@gmail.com or 07771601820 for more information and Covid protocols to attend.

KEEP FIT COFFEE DATE: first Wednesday of the month, August 3rd
Meet at Dobbies and remember to bring your card, if you have one!

