

SUNDAY – 4 OCTOBER 2020

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

CHURCH SERVICES at **AYR ST COLUMBA** will be held at **10am and 11.15am**, these services will last for approximately 30 minutes.

BOOKING You are encouraged to register a place ahead of Sunday. Please call Irene on 01292 265794 **ANY** morning between 9.30am and 12 noon; or email on irene@ayrstcolumba.co.uk. All messages received will be acknowledged, please do not hesitate to be in touch if they are not.

RECORDING OF SERVICES The Sunday Worship Service will be recorded and uploaded to the website and to our Church Facebook page. The link will allow you to watch the Service via our YouTube channel on your smart phone, iPad, Laptop or smart TV.

SERMONS ONLINE: The text and an audio tape of the sermon for this week is available on the Sermons Tab on the website <https://www.ayrstcolumba.co.uk/category/sermons/> and the Recorded Service is available on the Worship Service tab <https://www.ayrstcolumba.co.uk/category/worship-service/>

THE OCTOBER PRAYER CALENDAR for week ONE is available on the website.

COLUMBA NEWS material for the Autumn issue of the Columba News should be with the editor by Wednesday 7th October. editor.columbanews@gmail.com

DEATHS We extend our sincere condolences to the families (McNidders, Kemps of Alloway Parish and Cochranes from Fortrose), on the death of their stepmother, Muriel Cochran, aged 100, resident of Creggan Bahn. The families wish to express their sincere gratitude to Barbara Ramsay, church visitor, special friend to Muriel these last five years.

FLOWERS: we are indebted to our Flower Convenor Anne (Drennan) and her team for the beautiful arrangements that are gracing the Sanctuary. Thank you too to the volunteers who are dismantling and helping to deliver the Sunday arrangement to send out. If you know of anyone who might benefit from some Church flowers or if you are able to deliver please speak to the Minister or Irene.

DIAL-A-SERMON It is now possible to access Scott's Sunday Sermon by using your telephone; no internet is required. All you need do is call **01292 851074**. The call is charged according to your landline or mobile phone package.

WE continue to pray for all our members and friends in hospital, for our bereaved families and for the Ministers and Office bearers as they continue to seek a way forward for our Church that will be safe for all.

PLEASE do not hesitate to let us know of anyone unwell or struggling at this time.
Irene - 265794

20's IN THE PEWS: Please continue to save your 20's – we will provide a very large collecting jar when we all return to Church.

LIFE & WORK: Pre-ordered copies of L&W will be hand delivered until we return to normal! If you do not subscribe but would like more information please contact the Life & Work Convenor – Hazel Steele on Tel. 861631

OFFERINGS: During this time when the Church building access is restricted, members may be considering how they can continue to give offerings to the Church. You can contact the Treasurer (01292 443271), the Session Clerk or the Church Secretary (both at 01292 265794).

MARY'S MEALS: likewise your coppers for Mary's Meals – there will always be a great need to help.

FOOD BANK: Please remember our Food Bank. They are working to capacity under very severe hygiene and distancing regulations to meet this growing need. Extra food items can be left at a number of stores around Ayr. (Asda; Tesco, Sainsbury and the Co-op – to name a few). Monetary donations by cheque – made out to South Ayrshire Foodbank and send to the Foodbank at New Life Church, 62 Monkton Road, Prestwick. KA9 2PA or you can contact the Foodbank on 0759907114.

FACEBOOK – THIS IS FREE – there is no cost in using this service. **You do not require a FB account to access** the Church FB page. Something new will be uploaded every day. <https://www.facebook.com/ayrstcolumba/>

DAILY PRAYING May I recommend the website pray-as-you-go.org which offers a daily 10 minute reflection with music, Scripture and help with sensitive praying. It will help you reflect on the day. You can listen first thing in the morning, during the day or towards last thing at night. Often, I find them very peaceful, though they differ each day. **Scott**

Books for the journey.....

Marcus Borg	<i>The Heart of Christianity</i>	
	<i>Days of Awe and Wonder: How to be a Christian in the 21st century</i>	
Rowan Williams	<i>Luminaries: Twenty lives that illuminate the Christian way</i>	SPCK
Thomas à Kempis	<i>The Imitation of Christ</i>	
Anthony De Mello	<i>Seek God Everywhere</i>	
Esther De Waal	<i>Seeking God</i>	

Also, you can sign up for the daily meditations of Fr Richard Rohr, Centre for Action and Contemplation.

www.cac.org/sign-up/

Meditative daily worship with readings, music and prayers are available from:

<https://pray-as-you-go.org/>

SPOTLIGHT ON FAITH – Revd. Dr. Scott McKenna in conversation with Iain Stewart of Edinburgh Inter Faith Association. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rrX0YdGevd0>