

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL EMAIL We were delighted to be able to send out our first Congregational email this past week – if you completed your consent form with your email and you have not received a copy please follow these hints (a) check your junk /spam; (b) let us know you have not received the email. Below is a copy of the message sent to everyone.

Dear Friends,

Welcome to the first congregational email of St Columba Church!

Thank you for providing your email address on the Consent Form. This will help improve communication between the Ministers, Elders, Office-Bearers and Members. There are four items in this email:

Approval of the Annual Accounts

Elders will meet (via zoom) to approve the annual accounts on Tuesday 16 March at 7.00pm. All members of St Columba are welcome to join the meeting. Please use the link here:

Topic: St Columba

Time: 7pm Tuesday 16th March.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89094661970?pwd=NLNtdoRrYjRYcWRQdlhUQWNLMnZXUTog>

The Accounts are available here:

<https://www.ayrstcolumba.co.uk/church-accounts/>

Holy Week

Monday 29 March – Saturday 3 April. A short service including hymns, readings and reflection will be available online each morning from **9.00am**. These special services may be accessed in the same manner as the recorded video of our current Sunday Worship. The reflections will be offered by:

Holy Monday Revd Dr Scott McKenna

Holy Tuesday Revd David Gemmell

Holy Wednesday Muriel Wilson DCS

Holy Thursday Revd Dr Scott McKenna

Good Friday Revd David Ness

Holy Saturday Revd Roddy McNidder

Pastoral Care

If any member would like a conversation with the Minister, please call Scott at the manse on 01292 226075. The purpose can be an informal chat or something more specific. If anyone requires the services of one of the Ministers, please do not hesitate to contact Scott.

Columba News

It is hoped to send a monthly email to the congregation. Shortly, it will be possible access Columba News by opting for the magazine online. Watch this space!

Keep safe, and let's hope that the lockdown restrictions will end soon. God bless.

Kindest regards

Scott

SUNDAY SERVICES Following the Government's announcement this week, the Kirk Session is pleased to announce the return to public Worship Services at Ayr St Columba Church from Sunday 28 March, Palm Sunday. There will be services at **10am and 11.15am**, these services will last for approximately 30 minutes.

BOOKING It is essential that you register a place ahead of Palm Sunday, as there is a limit on available seats. Please call Irene - 01292 265794 on Tuesday/Thursday or Friday morning between 10.00am and 12 noon; or email on irene@ayrstcolumba.co.uk. All email messages received will be acknowledged, please do not hesitate to be in touch if they are not.

RECORDING OF SERVICES Within Scottish Government guidelines, Sunday Worship is recorded in the sanctuary. All the service material can be found on the Website on "Worship Services" Tab. Each week we provide:

Website	Full Service Sermon (script and audio)
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Facebook	Full Service
YouTube	Full Service

St Columba is now using the PREMIERE SERVICE, which means that the Service of Worship will begin each Sunday at 11.00am on our Website, YouTube and Facebook. You can access the Worship at 11.00am. If you join the Service of Worship during the 30 minutes of the Service, you are able to restart it from the beginning. As usual, you will be able to watch the Service any time afterwards.

Dial-a-Sermon	Audio	01292 851074
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WEBSITE There are new links on the home page of the website to make navigation to the recorded service, sermon, and audio sermon - easier

TRUSTEES Are reminded of the Trustees' meeting on Tuesday March 16 at 7pm on Zoom. The link has been sent by email. If you have not received this please contact the Session Clerk on sessionclerk@ayrstcolumba.co.uk

HOLY WEEK Service details can be found in the letter above.

PRAYER CALENDAR The Prayer Calendar for the first week in March is available on the website.

PASTORAL CARE Please do not hesitate to contact the Minister directly with any pastoral matter on **01292 226075** or scottsmckenna@aol.com

OFFERINGS During this time when the Church building is closed, members may continue to give offerings to support the work of the Church. Please contact the Treasurer, Tom Cairns, on 01292443271, the Session Clerk or the Church Secretary (both at 01292 265794).

CHARITIES You are welcome to continue saving for **20's in the Pews** and **Mary's Meals**, and dropped off when the Church re-opens.

FACEBOOK There is something uploaded to the Church Facebook page every day. You do not require a FB account to access the Church FB page and it is free. Take a look!

FLOWERS Thank you to everyone who has continued to send their flower donation. This has allowed 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. At the present time we are unable to deliver flowers to members but please be assured you are in our thoughts and prayers.

REFLECTIONS AT THE QUAY – Sunday 14 March at 11.15am – Reflections at the Quay continues with a mix of words and music

DAILY PRAYING Visit **pray-as-you-go.org** for a short daily reflection with music, Scripture and help with sensitive praying. You can sign up for the daily meditations of Fr Richard Rohr, Centre for Action and Contemplation www.cac.org/sign-up/

Books for the journey.....

David Adam	<i>The Eye of the Eagle: Meditations on the hymn 'Be thou my vision'</i>
Marcus Borg	<i>The Heart of Christianity</i>
	<i>Days of Awe and Wonder: How to be a Christian in the 21st century</i>
Martin Laird	<i>Into the Silent Land: The Practice of Contemplation</i>
Anthony De Mello	<i>Seek God Everywhere</i>
Philip Newell	<i>Sounds of the Eternal: A Celtic Psalter (Morning and Evening Prayer)</i>
	<i>Praying with the Earth (A Prayerbook for Peace)</i>
Esther De Waal	<i>Seeking God</i>