

WORSHIP SERVICES at Ayr St Columba Church. There will be services at **10am and 11.15am**, these services will last for approximately 30 minutes.

MAXIMUM PLACES following the announcement earlier this week we will be able to accommodate more people in the Sanctuary. All social distancing will be maintained and Duty Elders will assist to make sure everyone is safe.

BOOKING Due to the changes in available spaces there will be an alteration in the booking process. If you wish to attend Church at **10 am** you will still have to request a place, please register by phoning Irene - 01292 265794 on **Tuesday** or **Thursday** morning between 9.30am and 12noon; 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.

PLEASE NOTE If you are unable to secure a place when you call we will guarantee a place on the following Sunday.

ALSO NOTE if you wish to attend at **11.15am from Sunday 2nd May** pre booking would be helpful but as a trial exercise, you are not required to book a place, but you will however, need to give contact details at the door.

YOUR MINISTER is here for you, and would love to hear from you. If any member would like a conversation please call Scott at the manse on 01292 226075. The purpose can be an informal chat or something more specific.

MINISTER ZOOM VISIT If you would like a visit by Zoom, please call or email Scott and a 'visit' can be arranged.

PASTORAL CARE If anyone requires the services of one of the Ministers, please do not hesitate to contact the Minister directly with any pastoral matter on **01292 226075** or scottsmckenna@aol.com

PROBATIONER MINISTER: Gillean Richmond will begin her fifteen-month probationary period at St Columba on 1 June. This is a full-time appointment, and we look forward to welcoming her to the ministry team and congregation.

HOLY COMMUNION On Sunday 6 June, we will celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion at both morning services. These services are open to members and non-members: all are welcome. Booking arrangements are the same as on any Sunday (see above). In line with government and Church of Scotland guidance, the services will meet the necessary safety requirements. As usual, worshippers will be socially distanced. On arrival, each person will be offered a retailer-sealed pack of bread and wine. The pack can then be opened later in the service at the appropriate time. If you have any questions, please speak to the Minister or Session Clerk. It will be very good to welcome you to the service.

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)
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**

DISCUSSION GROUP After two successful groups discussing the work of the Jesus scholar, Marcus Borg, I propose a weekly one hour discussion for five weeks on *Seeking God* by Esther De Waal.

Described as 'a contemporary spiritual classic', we will read, ponder, reflect and share our thoughts on this text written for daily living. The book is spiritual exploration rather than an exegesis of biblical texts.

The discussion group(s) will run from the week beginning 31 May to the end of June. If numbers allow, I hope to have an afternoon and an evening group. If you would like to join the group(s), please let me know by email (scottsmckenna@aol.com) or telephone 01292 226075. **Scott**

FLOWER DELIVERIES – can you help? We are looking for people willing to make socially distanced deliveries of flowers on a Sunday. If you feel able to assist please phone Margaret Johnston on 01292 442913. welcoming her to the ministry team and congregation.

FLOWER CALENDAR The Flower Calendar for the remaining months of 2021 is available. If you would like to add your name to a specific date please contact Anne Drennan the Flower Convenor on 01292 441493. Thank you to everyone who has continued to send their flower donation. 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. We are now able to deliver flowers to members, if you know of anyone to whom the ministry of flowers might be uplifting, please let the Minister or Irene know.

Today's flowers were donated by Yvonne Russell and the Flower Fund

PRAYER CALENDAR The Prayer Calendar for the fourth week in April is available on the website.

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!

BBC TV - REFLECTIONS AT THE QUAY –Sunday 2 May 2021 at 11.15am - Reflections at the Quay is led by former moderator the Very Rev Dr Lorna Hood. David Strachan talks to Rabbi Moshe Rubin, Scotland's Senior Rabbi, from Giffnock and Newlands Synagogue, about the experience of Passover.

FACEBOOK There is something uploaded to the Church Facebook page every day. This includes the Service recordings, prayers and information. We love to hear from you so please take a look and leave a comment.

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

WEBSITE There are new links on the home page of the website to make navigation to the recorded service, sermon, and audio sermon - easier

OFFERINGS During this time when Church attendance is restricted, 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 Please continue saving your donations for **20's in the Pews** and **Mary's Meals**, which may be dropped off on Sunday morning or retained until the Office re-opens.