

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 we are now able to accommodate a maximum of 71 people in the Sanctuary. All social distancing will be maintained and Duty Elders will assist to make sure everyone is safe.

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 the Booking arrangements are the same as on any Sunday (see below).

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.

BOOKING. We expect to be able to accommodate everyone but if you wish to attend Church at **10 am** it would be appreciated if you register - please call to request a place, 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. Communion is open to members and non-members.

ALSO NOTE if you wish to attend at **11.15am** pre booking would be helpful but is not required, but you will need to give contact details at the door.

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

CHURCH OFFICE the Satellite Office will be closed on Monday 31st May

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.

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 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**

COLUMBA NEWS Material for the next edition should be with the editor next Sunday 6th June. Please email articles to the editor at editor.columbanews@gmail.com

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**

URGENT - MISSING please look in your loft or garage – you may have forgotten that you borrowed a couple of tables before lockdown in March 2020. It is vitally important that we locate the tables. There are ten tables missing; they are very expensive to replace. If you are able to throw any light on our dilemma please contact John Stewart 07847639528
Tables can be returned to the Church on Wednesday morning between 9.30am and 12 noon

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 Shirley Scott and Elizabeth McLeod

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

WALKING GROUP you are cordially invited to join the Group on their next walk which will be on Friday, 25 June. The Group will meet at Dunure Harbour at 10.30am. The walk will be an undulating 3 miles along the Coastal Path.

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 01292 443271, the Session Clerk or the Church Secretary (both at 01292 265794).

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

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.

BBC TV - REFLECTIONS AT THE QUAY – Sunday 30 May 2021 at 11.00am – Sam Nwokoro and Victoria Walker, both students at New College, University of Edinburgh, lead this week's Reflections.