

The Messenger

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He makes all things new



News from
the Episcopal
Churches of
St Columba's,
St Serf's,
St Angus' &
St Fillan's,
Strathearn.

PARISH PEOPLE

Deaths

St Columba's

January

Alice Campbell

Janet McLuckie

St Angus'

February

Maurice Baker

Robina Pye

We have also welcomed the following people:-

St Columba's – Ina West and Louise Pengelley

St Serf's – Robert Prentice and Robert Thompson



*Congratulations to
Barbara Tarran
from Comrie
who celebrated her
90th Birthday
on 24th February.*

PADDY'S PONDERINGS

Dear Friends,

What a few months it has been and how the next phase is galloping by! In a minor way it seems to be mirroring the pace of Mark's Gospel which is our Gospel for this year and one of the things we have really been noticing in our Lent studies is the repeated use of words like 'immediately', 'at once', 'straight away' and words like 'awe' and 'amazement' and 'wonder'. All responses to the direct experience of the character and the work of Jesus, as he bursts into the daily reality of people's lives and religion and politics and shows them the truth of those ancient promises, that God would live among his people, that he would bring life in all its fullness, that he would bring healing and renewed joy.

And somehow in the rush of our humble doings I can't help feeling something of that reality still bursting in on us just as it did for those early believers. We see Jesus in each other, in extraordinary 'coincidences' of timing and rescue and healing, in our worship and study. Sometimes he feels very vividly there, other times a bit fuzzy and misty, but Lent is a very good time for making a point of hanging in, keeping up our spiritual practice - being in church to worship together on a Sunday, reading, praying. If you have got out of the habit of praying, which happens so easily, start with something as basic as 'Good morning, Lord. Haven't spoken for a while but I just want to say....' Or simply stop and time yourself for as little as two or three minutes for a start, stand or sit still, breathe in slowly, visualising yourself breathing in the Spirit, breathing in peace and love and breathing out all the jangle and chaos the besets us. Breathe in a thank you or a please and breathe out a yes and then go on your way. Then repeat two or three times a day. You will be amazed at subtle changes that come as you establish a pattern. The Psalms are a fertile source of prayer, or

wonderful old familiars like the 'Our Father' or some of the other beautiful prayers that come from the Prayer Book.

Then come and join us as we celebrate Easter in all its harrowing turmoil and all its glory. You will find Sunday means so much more if you are able to pop in on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday to experience the whole journey. In Crieff we always celebrate with folk from the other churches too in an evening service which remembers the Last Supper, Jesus washing his disciples' feet to show them what love means and his leaving for the Garden - and we keep the church open till midnight for prayer. There is so much calamity in all the world at the moment - prayers are so important and sacrificial prayer together can be very powerful.

And after Easter - do check the diary for a myriad of interesting and exciting events in all the churches - What fun!!

God bless you all,

Paddy



Farewell Party for Paddy

Sunday 20th May

3.30pm - 5.30pm

at The White Church, Comrie

A Farewell Party to celebrate Rev Canon Paddy Allen's retirement and show appreciation for her work and service for the Episcopal Churches of St Columba's, St Serf's, St Angus' and St Fillan's is being held in the White Church at 3.30pm on Sunday 20th May. Afternoon Tea will be served and a presentation from the congregations will be made.

*Strathearn Episcopal
Churches*

*invite you to join us at
our Easter Services*



Sunday 18th March - Passion Sunday

St Columba's, Crieff - 8.00am

St Serf's, Comrie - 9.30am

St Fillan's, Killin - 10.00am

St Columba's, Crieff - 11.15am

St Angus', Lochearnhead - 11.30am

Sunday 25th March - Palm Sunday

St Serf's, Comrie - 9.30am

St Columba's, Crieff - 11.15am

St Angus', Lochearnhead - 5.30pm

St Fillan's, Killin (with Lochearnhead)

Thursday 29th March - Maundy Thursday

St Serf's, Comrie - 11.00am

St Columba's, Crieff - 7.00pm

Joint Ecumenical Service

Friday 30th March - Good Friday

St Columba's, Crieff - 12 noon

St Serf's, Comrie - 1.00pm

St Angus', Lochearnhead - 2.15pm

Sunday 1st April - Easter Day

Celebration on the Knock - 7.00am

(joint churches - followed by breakfast)

St Angus', Lochearnhead

Lochside Service - 8.00am

(followed by bacon butties at the Lochearnhead Hotel)

St Serf's, Comrie - 9.45am (Communion)

St Fillan's, Killin - 10.00am (Communion)

St Columba's, Crieff - 11.15am (Communion)

St Angus', Lochearnhead - 11.30am (Communion)



Diocesan Lent Appeal:

Every year the Diocese combines to make a meaningful contribution to some good cause.

This year the funds will go to the Scottish Episcopal Institute which trains priests and lay readers for service in the Episcopal Church. Wonderful things are happening

and wonderful people are preparing for ministry: they are our future and they deserve our help. We will have a retiring collection in each church on Easter Sunday and two Sundays thereafter, then all the money raised will be forwarded to the Diocese for this cause.



Two Music Events in St Fillan's, Killin



Please come and support two events to be held in St Fillan's Church, Killin on Saturday 16th June, which links with the Killin Music Festival Weekend - promises to be fun and lift your spirits!

Come and Try Ukulele Workshop. A fun and interactive workshop with Lorna Swan and Elenor Macdonald. You will be surprised by what you will be able to do at the end!! Maximum 8 participants. Ukuleles provided. Saturday, 16th June 1.30pm till 2.30pm, at St Fillan's Church, Main Street, Killin. Minimum age 11, no upper age limit. Tickets £4. To reserve a space please contact mrsebarrie@yahoo.co.uk.

A Performance of Scottish folk music and singing, with some audience participation with Elenor Macdonald (guitar, vocals and hammered dulcimer) and Lorna Swan (fiddle, and clarsach) at St Fillan's, Killin 3.00pm to 4.30pm, on Saturday, 16th June 2018. Tickets £8 at the door - refreshments included.

St Columba's Flower Festival

1st - 3rd June 2018



Put this date in your diary if you would like to see a wide variety of amazing floral displays created by our Flower Group. Café Columba will also be serving a wonderful selection of light lunches as well as teas, coffees and cakes. There will also be home baking and a raffle. All welcome - bring your friends!



Two of the wonderful floral displays from the Flower Festival in 2016

The Pancake Morning



at Ardvorlich, Lochearnhead on Shrove Tuesday, 13th February raised £436 for St Angus' funds as well as being a very special morning. Lots of pancakes, tea and coffee as well as a Bring & Buy stall and a raffle. Thanks to all who contributed.

Strathearn Pilgrimage 4th - 7th May 2018



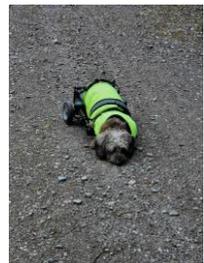
The route up Glen Ogle along the old railway line

If you haven't already taken part in the Strathearn Pilgrimage you have missed out on a very special experience. While some people walk all the way from Crieff to Killin others only walk part of the way either by doing part of the route each day or by only walking on certain days. This allows everyone to walk the distance they are comfortable with while having the

opportunity to try to do more. Each day begins with a short time of prayer and apart from the last day ends with a barbeque. Day 1 is Crieff to Comrie, Day 2 Comrie to St Fillans, Day 3 St Fillans to Lochearnhead and the final day is Lochearnhead to Killin. The scenery is wonderful and varied from the fairly gentle walk along Strathearn beside the Earn and then cross country, using the old railway track. Then the magnificent views going up and down Glen Ogle to Killin. The friendship and especially the spiritual blessings make all the effort more than worthwhile.

More details to follow nearer the time.

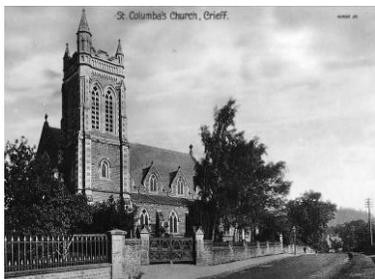
Skye at the end of an amazing walk half way down from the top of Glen Ogle towards Killin. If she can do it so can you!!



St Columba's through the ages



First Church -
consecrated
1848



Second Church -
consecrated 1887



1910



Aerial View 1970's?

consecrated 1987



At a recent Stroke Group Meeting in St Columba's Julian Inglis showed his slides of Old Crieff and we thought that you might enjoy seeing these old black and white photos alongside the current church. Does anyone know what the event in 1910 was?

Paddy's 70th Birthday Bash!



Paddy wished to celebrate her 70th Birthday by holding a 'Hog Roast Luncheon' to thank all her friends and family for their support over the years. On Thursday, 28th December 2017, Jenny and Martin Robb of Carroglen, Comrie, expertly spit-roasted up the hog at St. Columba's Church in Crieff. It was accompanied by salads and all sorts of 'sides', followed by delicious puddings - all made and served by Paddy's willing team of organisers, cooks, waiters and 'washers-up'!

Elizabeth Boyd entertained us with her playing and led us with her beautiful voice to sing our favourite songs. There was a magnificent surprise Birthday cake to finish, gifted by the Churches that Paddy serves.



Approximately 110 people came to the Hog Roast to celebrate Paddy's Birthday! Paddy's, 'No presents, thank you' plea was heard and instead of presents £1035 was raised on the day in donations for:



ZANE - Zimbabwe A National Emergency'. This charity is designed to help those adversely affected by the economic chaos in the country - black and white, old and young. Zane has systems in place to ensure that every pound raised is used to its maximum advantage.



Paddy wished to thank her husband Bruce and their son Colin for all their patience in her work transitions which often meant time spent away from home and wished to thank her siblings for their constant encouragement. Paddy feels they have had a marvellous time here, thanks to the

incredible generosity and warmth of her friends.

It was certainly a Luncheon to remember and was much enjoyed by all those present!

Sue Bradbury

Paddy Allen's Desert Island Discs

Friday 27th April 2018

at 7.00pm in St Serf's

Paddy Allen will be retiring at the end of May, but before she leaves please come and enjoy the story of her life: born in Zimbabwe, living through the civil war, nursing and teaching in Africa before being ordained and moving to Scotland. Please come and enjoy an evening of stories and hear Paddy's choice of music. Linda White will be leading the interview.



Followed by wine and nibbles.

All welcome. Donations for St Serf's Carpet Fund. (No tickets)

Contact: Emma and Angus Barrie (671182)

The Alastair Haggart Bursary Award



The winner of this year's Alastair Haggart Bursary Award is **Mrs Kate Sainsbury**, Lay Reader in the Strathearn Group of Churches, Diocese of St Andrews, Dunkeld and Dunblane.

Kate's study leave will be spent considering how an 'intentional emergent community' and a fresh expression of Church might be created through the foundation and nurturing of the Appletree Community, and how Scottish and international L'Arche communities might inform this development. The Appletree Community is a residential community for people with complex and profound learning disabilities currently being developed in the Diocese of St Andrews, Dunkeld and Dunblane, modelled on the L'Arche communities. It will also be a research hub; conversations with the Scottish Government and individuals within the research community in Scotland are already making that a reality.

The core of the study programme is a series of visits to Jean Vanier and the founding L'Arche community of Troisly in Northern France, to Professor Jonas Ruskus and the Lithuanian L'Arche community - Professor Ruskus is a member of the UN Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities - and to Professor John Swinton and the new L'Arche-like community on the campus of Aberdeen University. Such visits and subsequent study will contribute to the theological dimension of the book Kate is proposing to write, describing the founding of 'Appletree Community' and to a presentation in 2019 at the International Association for the Scientific Study of Developmental Disability, Glasgow.

In receiving this Bursary, Kate says "I hope that my leadership of the project, identified as part of my missional role to all of God's people, will bring credit to the Scottish Episcopal Church. I hope that my focus of ministry on those on the outside who are amongst the most marginalised will demonstrate a credibility of the gospel in our time.

I am thrilled that the Trustees of the Alastair Haggart Bursary Award are supporting the development of Appletree Community through this award: my thanks to them, to Bishop Mark Strange who prompted me to apply and to all those who have prayed for and encouraged the vision; this invites people with profound learning disabilities into the heart of the Scottish Episcopal Church, for which I am profoundly grateful."



Kate with Southton
Community Group

Bishop Mark said: "I am delighted that Kate has received this Bursary. She has dedicated so much of her life and ministry to the inclusion of those with profound learning disabilities. When Kate shared her vision of the Appletree Community, I was aware that I was glimpsing something very powerful and potentially life-changing for some of the most vulnerable in society".

The Bursary is awarded annually in memory of Bishop Haggart, Principal of Coates Hall 1971-1975, Bishop of Edinburgh 1975 - 1985 and Primus of the Scottish Episcopal Church 1977 - 1985, through the kindness and generosity of Mary, his widow, and the family. It is awarded to help the financing of sabbaticals or other similar leave of absence for ministers of the Scottish Episcopal Church, at a stage in the person's ministerial life when the project will significantly enhance his or her development.

Kate would like to thank everyone who has prayed so hard for so long for Louis and the Appletree Community.



**When God
steps in,
miracles happen**

DATES March – June 2018



Friday 9th March	Crieff United Churches Prayer 7.00pm
Saturday 10th March	Synod, Perth
Wednesday 14th March	Art at Killin 2.00pm
Thursday 15th March	Pastoral Team, St Columba's 4.00pm
Friday 16th March	Comrie Special Friends 6.30pm
Monday 19th March	St Columba's Vestry 2.00pm
Friday 23rd March	St Columba's Afternoon Service 2.30pm
Sunday 25th March	Edith Wilson's 90th Birthday Celebration 12.30pm St Columba's
Thursday 5th April	Comrie Special Friends 6.30pm
Wednesday 11th April	Art at Killin 2.00pm
Friday 13th April	Crieff United Churches Prayer
Friday 27th April	St Columba's Afternoon Service Paddy's Desert Island Discs 7pm St Serf's Strathearn Pilgrimage
4th – 7th May	Art at Killin 2.00pm
Wednesday 9th May	Gardeners' Questions St Angus'
Thursday 10th May	Crieff United Churches Prayer
Friday 11th May	St Columba's Afternoon Service 2.30pm
Friday 18th May	Electoral Synod, Perth
Saturday 26th May	Electoral Synod, Perth
Saturday 2nd June	St Fillan's, Killin: -
Saturday 16th June	Come and try the Ukulele 1.30 – 2.30pm Scottish Folk Music 3.00pm – 4.30pm

Additional dates and any changes will be included in the Weekly Notices.

For details of Easter Services please see pages 5 & 6

STRATHEARN SERVICES



March – May

4th March		Lent 3		Purple	
Crieff		Comrie		Killin	
8.00am & 11.15am Communion Bill Rootes		9.30am Communion Bill Rootes		11.30am Eucharist Paddy Allen	
10.00am Eucharist Paddy Allen					
Gospel John 2: 13 - 22 Exodus 20: 1 - 17				Psalm 19 1 Corinthians 1: 18 - 25	

11th March		Mothering Sunday		Purple	
Crieff		Comrie		Killin	
8.00am & 11.15am Eucharist Paddy Allen		9.30am Eucharist Paddy Allen		5.30pm Evensong Paddy Allen	
				With Lochearnhead or Parish Church 10.00am	
Gospel Luke 2: 33 – 35 Exodus 2: 1 - 10				Psalm 34: 11 - 20 2 Corinthians 1: 3 - 7	

18th March		Passion Sunday		Purple	
Crieff		Comrie		Killin	
8.00am & 11.15am Eucharist Paddy Allen		9.30am Eucharist Paddy Allen		11.30am Communion Bill Rootes	
				10.00am Communion Bill Rootes	
Gospel John 12: 20 - 33 Jeremiah 31: 31 – 34				Psalm 151: 1 - 12 Hebrews 5: 5 - 10	

25th March		Palm Sunday		Red
Crieff	Comrie	Lochearnhead	Killin	
11.15am Eucharist Paddy Allen	9.30am Eucharist Paddy Allen	5.30pm Evensong Paddy Allen	With Lochearnhead or Parish Church 10.00am	
Gospel Mark 11: 1 - 11 Isaiah 50: 4 – 9a		Psalm 118: 1 – 2; 19 – 29 Psalm 31: 9 – 16 Second Reading	Palms Passion Philippians 2: 5 - 11	

1st April		Easter Day		White
Crieff	Comrie	Lochearnhead	Killin	
11.15am Eucharist Paddy Allen	9.45am Eucharist Paddy Allen	8.00am Lochside Paddy Allen 11.30am Kate Sainsbury	10.00am Kate Sainsbury	
Gospel John 20: 1 - 18 Acts 10: 34 - 43		Psalm 118: 1 -2, 14 - 24 1 Corinthians 15: 1 - 11		

8th April		Easter 2		White
Crieff	Comrie	Lochearnhead	Killin	
8.00am & 11.15am Eucharist Paddy Allen	10.30am Eucharist Paddy Allen	5.30pm Evensong Paddy Allen	With Lochearnhead or Parish Church 10.00am	
Gospel John 20: 19 - 31 Acts 4: 32 - 35		Psalm 133 1 John 1: 1 – 2: 2		

15th April		Easter 3		White
Crieff	Comrie	Lochearnhead	Killin	
8.00am & 11.15am Communion Bill Rootes	9.30am Communion Kate Sainsbury	11.30am Eucharist Paddy Allen	10.00am Eucharist Paddy Allen	
Gospel Luke 24: 36b - 48 Acts 3: 12 – 19		Psalm 4 1 John 3: 1 - 7		

22nd April		Easter 4		White
Crieff	Comrie	Lochearnhead	Killin	
8.00am & 11.15am Eucharist Paddy Allen	9.30am Eucharist Paddy Allen	5.30pm Evensong Paddy Allen	With Lochearnhead or Parish Church 10.00am	
Gospel John 10: 11 - 18 Acts 4: 5 - 12		Psalm 23 1 John 3: 16 - 24		

29th April		Easter 5		White
Crieff	Comrie	Lochearnhead	Killin	
No 8am service 11.15am Eucharist (SPB) Paddy Allen	9.30am Eucharist Paddy Allen	5.30pm 'Food for Thought' Paddy Allen	With Lochearnhead or Parish Church 10.00am	
Gospel John 15: 1 - 8 Acts 8: 26 - 40		Psalm 22: 24 - 30 1 John 4: 7 - 21		

6th May		Easter 6		White
Crieff	Comrie	Lochearnhead	Killin	
8.00am & 11.15am Communion Kate Sainsbury	9.30am Communion Kate Sainsbury	11.30am Communion Bill Rootes	10.00am Communion Bill Rootes	
Gospel John 15: 9 - 17 Acts 10: 44 - 48		Psalm 98 1 John 5: 1 - 6		

13th May		Easter 7		White
Crieff	Comrie	Lochearnhead	Killin	
8.00am & 11.15am Eucharist Paddy Allen	9.30am Eucharist Paddy Allen	5.30pm Evensong Paddy Allen	With Lochearnhead or Parish Church 10.00am	
Gospel John 17: 6 - 19 Acts 1: 15 - 17, 21 - 26		Psalm 1 1 John 5: 9 - 13		

20th May		Pentecost		Red
Crieff	Comrie	Lochearnhead	Killin	
8.00am & 11.15am Eucharist Paddy Allen	9.30am Eucharist Paddy Allen	5.30pm Eucharist Paddy Allen	4.00pm Eucharist Paddy Allen	
Gospel John 15: 26 – 27, 16: 4b – 15 Acts 2:1 - 21		Psalm 104: 25 – 35, 37 Romans 8: 22 - 27		

27th May		Trinity Sunday		White
Crieff	Comrie	Lochearnhead	Killin	
8.00am & 11.15am Communion Bill Rootes	9.30am Communion Kate Sainsbury	5.30pm Evensong Kate Sainsbury	With Lochearnhead or Parish Church 10.00am	
Gospel John 3: 1 - 17 Isaiah 6: 1 - 8		Psalm 29 Romans 8: 12 - 17		

2nd June		Green		
Crieff	Comrie	Lochearnhead	Killin	
8.00am & 11.15am Communion <i>All services tbc</i>	9.30am Communion	11.30am Communion	10.00am Communion	
Gospel Mark 1: 40 - 45 2 Kings 5: 1 – 14		Psalm 30 1 Corinthians 9: 24 - 27		

Encouragement is awesome



*It can actually change
the course of another person's day*

Regular Weekly Services

Everyone is welcome at any of the Sunday services and midweek events.

Occasionally there are joint services so do phone one of the ministry contact numbers to check.



St Columba's, Crieff

Sunday	8.00am	Eucharist (Scottish Prayer Book)
	11.15am	Eucharist (1982 Liturgy) (5 th Sunday 11.15am only)
Tuesday	8.30am	Breakfast Flock - Tea, Toast and Communion
	1 – 3pm	(1st and 3rd) Stroke Support Group
Thursday	2 – 4pm	Crafts and Coffee



St Serf's, Comrie

Sunday	9.30am	Eucharist (1982 liturgy)
Monday	8.30am	Morning Prayer
Tuesday	5.30pm	Evening Prayer
Thursday	11.00am	Communion



St Angus', Lochearnhead

1 st & 3 rd Sunday	11.30am	Communion
2 nd & 4 th Sundays	5.30pm	Evensong
5 th Sunday	5.30pm	'Food for thought' - topical discussions.
Wednesday	7.30pm	Home Group



St Fillan's, Killin

1 st & 3 rd Sunday	10.00am	Eucharist (1982 Liturgy)
2 nd & 4 th Sunday	10.00am	Service with Parish Church (or 5.30pm Evensong at Lochearnhead)
5 th Sunday	10.00am	Service with Parish Church (or 5.30pm 'Food for Thought', Lochearnhead)



Thoughts from the Sage of Lochearnhead

It is fascinating to talk to folk about what they think about God. For some people he seems to be the big kill-joy in the sky, ready to disapprove when we put a foot wrong. For those who have had a difficult relationship with their own father it is difficult for them to see God as a loving Father. For others God is an irrelevancy or He just doesn't care about us enough to stop bad things happening. The Churches have struggled over the centuries to present God as He really is and, after all, does anyone really know? I wonder if anyone has read 'The Shack' by Wm. Paul Young? A controversial book but I really enjoyed it. Paul Young takes the nature and very essence of God as he understands Him and presents Him as a large black American woman overflowing with love.

Now I am going to get controversial - some Churches tell us that sin separates us from God. I'm not sure I altogether agree. The Apostle Paul tells us that "NOTHING can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus" check it out in Romans ch 8 v 35 onwards. Sin certainly didn't separate Jesus from folk in fact he seemed to deliberately seek out the sinners so that he could love them back into wholeness. He didn't stand there pointing an accusing finger or condemn them. Strangely, the only folk he really had a go at were the religious ones! Just pondering....

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