

**'For to us a child is born, to
us a son is given ...
Wonderful Counsellor,
Mighty God, Everlasting
Father, Prince of Peace.'**

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The Messenger



**Merry Christmas
and a Blessed
New Year**

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

PARISH PEOPLE

St Serf's



Baptism of Evie Baron

On the 16th October Evelina Baron, daughter of Adele and James, was baptised by Paddy in St Serf's. Evie is the granddaughter of Peter and Rosemary Dundas.

Funerals

1st November

Christopher Reith

7th November

Camilla Jauncey (Perth Crematorium

then Parish Church)

Fred Martin (Perth Crematorium)

11th November

Interment of Ashes: Sylvia Honeyman

(at Fowlis Wester Church)

Welcome

Alan Blair

St Fillan's

Funerals

10th November

Emilda Tuck



Many congratulations to Rosemary Roper-Caldbeck from St Columba's whose 100th Birthday was on 29th November.

PADDY'S PONDERINGS



Dear Friends

What a turbulent year it has been! A year of growth in many ways and challenge and hardship in others, reminding us that in the end we are about God's business – being God's love on earth and serving others beyond ourselves. It is so tempting so often to hold tightly on to what seems sensible and secure, what is known and familiar, even if those known and familiar ways have brought us often to a point of shrinking and loss. It is there that this season, beloved by us because it is so predictable, so bound in tradition and expected treats, models for us the reality of God's dealings – the steps into the unknown, the embracing of the vulnerable, the willingness to tear up the agenda and start with nothing.

When we look at the darkness of the world at the moment – the rising of forces that we cannot fully understand or predict, we do well to take comfort from God, as he placed himself in simple love and self-giving into our arms and to risk trusting him in our turn.

This year the Gospel that we will be living with is the Gospel of Matthew. Matthew, the ex-tax collector, was writing from his position as Bishop of a fragile new church, struggling to find its way in political chaos and general hostility. He battled to find purity and orthodoxy in a world where anything went, tried to build protective walls for his new community, tried to call them to courage in the face of persecution. As we look at the story of Jesus through his eyes, we might find a light that shines for us in our circumstances too. I am looking forward to new adventures as we move on from our strengths and our fears, straighten our backs and look up, to where salvation comes.

May you have a blessed remembering of all that is good this Christmas and may the New Year bring new life in all its fullness for you.

May God bless you,

Across Strathearn

'Christmas Presence Ceilidh'



The Filling Station sponsored a Ceilidh on 26th November in St Andrews Hall, Crieff. What a lovely evening it was. Plenty of dancing with an excellent local band, great food and an inspiring Christmas message.



There were people of all ages there and it gave a real sense of what it means to be a Christian family.

'A Meal and More'

Thanks to the kindness and generosity of Andrew Low at the Four Seasons Hotel in St Fillan's, St Angus's Church in Lochearnhead had a very successful and enjoyable fund raising event. Two local authors spoke about their recent books. Sam Morshead talked about 'Racing



through Life' - his experiences in the world of horse racing and Donnie Duncan talked about his adventures as a geologist and his book 'The Psychologists (surprisingly!) Just Been'. We were also beautifully entertained by a trio of accomplished musicians - Kathy Whitaker, Sally Herbert and Isla McFarlane. A total of £890 was raised to be shared between St Angus's Church and Search and Rescue.



Fiona Martin

Blythswood

Once again St Columba's has facilitated the packing and checking for customs of the 2016 Blythswood Shoebox appeal (2400 boxes). £2753 was raised.



Volunteers from all denominations have worked very hard in supporting this worthwhile cause. Many children will have an extra special Christmas because of their labours. Sincere thanks to everyone involved up and down the Strath.



Kate Clements

Regular Weekly Services

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

Occasionally there are joint services so do phone the contact numbers below 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
Thursday	2.00pm 2.00 – 4.00pm	(1 st & 3 rd) Stroke Support Group Crafts and Coffee



Pic Donnie Duncan

St Serf's, Comrie

Sunday	9.30am	Eucharist (1982 liturgy)
Monday	8.30am	Morning Prayer
Tuesday	5.30pm	Evening Prayer
Thursday	10.00am	Communion



St Angus's, Lochearnhead

1 st & 3 rd Sunday	11.30am	Eucharist
2 nd & 4 th Sundays	5.30pm	Evensong
5 th Sunday	5.30pm	'Food for thought' - service with topical discussions.
Wednesday	7.15pm	Lochearnhead Home Group



St Fillan's, Killin

1 st Sunday	10.00am	Eucharist (1982 Liturgy)
2 nd Sunday	7.15pm	Evening Praise (worship and ministry)
3 rd Sunday	10.00am	Eucharist
4 th Sunday	10.00am	Service with Parish Church (or evensong at Lochearnhead)
5 th Sunday	10am	Service with Parish Church (or 'Food for Thought', Lochearnhead)



MINISTRY CONTACTS

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*Strathearn Episcopal
Churches
invite you to
Celebrate Christmas
with us*



Sunday 11th December

*7.00pm Carols, Candles & Christingle St Fillan's
& Mince pies*

Thursday 15th December

*7.00pm Lochearnhead Community Carol
Singing in the Village Hall
Mince pies, fruit punch and mulled wine*

Friday 16th December

*6.00pm Carol Service St Columba's
Mince pies, fruit punch and mulled wine*

Sunday 18th December - Comrie

*6.30pm Carols in St Kessog's Square followed by
7.00pm Carols by Candlelight
with the Parish Church Choir.
Mince pies, fruit punch and mulled wine*

Saturday 24th December - Christmas Eve

- 3.00pm *Christmas Carols in the Square*
followed by mince pies at Logos
- 4.00pm *Crib Service St Fillan's*
- 5.30pm *Crib Service St Angus's*
- 9.30pm *Christmas Communion St Columba's*

Sunday 25th December - Christmas Day

- 10.30am *Christmas Communion*
in St Columba's, St Serf's
and St Angus's/St Fillan's



Sunday 1st January 2017 - New Year's Day

- Communion*
- 9.30am *St Serf's*
- 11.15am *St Columba's*
St Angus's/St Fillan's



Across Strathearn

Haiti Disaster

In October retiring collections were taken in each of the churches to raise money for 'Shelter Boxes', costing £590, to house families left homeless by the disaster. The amazing total of £900 was raised so thank you all for your generous contributions.



STRATHEARN SERVICES

December – March 2016



Killin/Lochearnhead

Crieff/Comrie

11th December Advent Three Purple

Evensong	Paddy	Kate
5.30pm	Lochearnhead	8am / 11.15am
7pm Carols	St Fillans	9.30am - Paddy

Gospel Matthew 11:2-11
Isaiah 35: 1-10

Psalm 146: 4-9 or Luke 1: 46b-55
James 5:7-10

18th December Advent Four Purple

Eucharist	Paddy	Bill
10am	Killin	8am / 11.15am
11.30am	Lochearnhead	9.30am

Gospel Matthew 1: 18-25
Isaiah 7: 10-16

Psalm 80: 1-7, 16-18
Romans 1: 1-7

25th December Christmas Day White

All services at 10.30am.

Crieff – Paddy Comrie - Bill Lochearnhead (& Killin) - John Richardson

Gospel John 1: 1-14
Isaiah 52: 7-10

Psalm 98
Hebrews 1: 1-4 (5-12)

1st January New Year's Day White

	Bill	Paddy
10am	Killin	11.15am (no 8am Crieff)
11.30am	Lochearnhead	9.30am

Gospel Luke 2: 15-21
Numbers 6: 22-27

Psalm 8
Galatians 4: 4-7 or Philippians 2: 5-11

Killin/Lochearnhead

Crieff/Comrie

8th January

Epiphany 1

White

Evensong
5.30am
7.15pm

Paddy
Lochearnhead
St Fillans
Evening Praise (+ Kathy)

8am – Bill
11.15am Active Church - Paddy
9.30am – Paddy/Kate

Gospel Matthew 2: 1-12
Isaiah 60: 1-6

Psalm 72: 1-7, 10-14
Ephesians 3: 1-12

15th January

Epiphany 2

White

Eucharist
10am
11.30am

Paddy
Killin
Lochearnhead

Kate
8am / 11.15am
9.30am

Gospel John 1: 29-42
Isaiah 49: 1-7

Psalm 40: 1-11
1 Corinthians 1: 1-9

22nd January

Epiphany 3

White

Eucharist
5.30pm
(Killin join Lochearnhead or Parish Church)

Paddy
Lochearnhead

Paddy
8am / 11.15am
9.30am

Gospel Matthew 4: 12-23
Isaiah 9: 1-4

Psalm 27: 1, 5-13
1 Corinthians 1: 10-18

29th January

Epiphany 4

White

5.30pm

Lochearnhead
'Food for Thought'
Paddy +

Paddy
11.15am (SPB) No 8am
9.30am - Bill

Gospel John 2: 1-11
1 Kings 17: 8-16

Psalm 36: 5-10
1 Corinthians 1: 18-34

Killin/Lochearnhead

Crieff/Comrie

5th February

Epiphany 5

White

Eucharist
10am
11.30am

Kate
Killin
Lochearnhead

8am Paddy
11.15am Bill
9.30am Paddy

Gospel Matthew 5: 13-20
Isaiah 58: 1-9a

Psalm 112: 1-9
1 Corinthians 2: 1-12

12th February

Epiphany 6

White

Evensong
5.30pm
7.15pm

Paddy
Lochearnhead
Killin
Evening Praise + Kathy

Kate
8am / 11.15am Active Church
9.30am Paddy

Gospel Matthew 5: 21-37
Deuteronomy 30: 15-20

Psalm 119: 1-8
1 Corinthians 3: 1-9

19th February

Epiphany 7

White

Eucharist
10am
11.30am

Paddy
Killin
Lochearnhead

Bill
8am / 11.15am
9.30am

Gospel Matthew 6: 325-34
Genesis 1: 1 - 2:3

Psalm 136: 1-9
Romans 8: 18-25

26th February

Epiphany 8

White

Evensong
5.30pm
Killin with Lochearnhead or Parish Church

Paddy
Lochearnhead

Paddy
8am / 11.15am
9.30am

Gospel Matthew 17: 1-9
Exodus 24: 12-end

Psalm 2 or 99
2 Peter 1: 16-21

1st March

Ash Wednesday

2pm Killin 7pm Lochearnhead 10am Comrie 12noon St Columba's

Killin/Lochearnhead

Crieff/Comrie

5th March

Epiphany 7

White

Communion
10am
11.30am

Kate
Killin
Lochearnhead

Paddy
8am / 11.15am
9.30am

Gospel Matthew 4: 1-11
Genesis 2: 15-17 & 3: 1-7

Psalm 32
Romans 5: 12-19

12th March

Epiphany 8

White

Eucharist
10am
11.30am

Kate
Killin
Lochearnhead

Paddy
8am / 11.15am
9.30am

Gospel John 3: 1-17
Genesis 12: 1-4a

Psalm 121
Romans 4: 1-5, 13-17

DIARY DATES 4th December 2016 – 5th March 2017

Friday 7 th December	2-5pm	Killin Art Group
Thursday 8 th December	1.30pm	Craft Group to Pantomime, (Stirling)
Friday 9 th December	7pm	Comrie Film Night
Saturday 10 th December	4-9pm	Balquidder Christmas Tree Event in Village Hall
Saturday 17 th December	2pm	'Held in Mind' Crieff
Thursday 12 th January	11am	Executive Meeting Comrie
Sunday 15 th January	12.30pm	AGM St Angus's (after service)
Monday 16 th – Wednesday 18 th January		Clergy Conference in Dunkeld
Thursday 19 th January	12noon	Vestry St Columba's
Wednesday 25 th January	11am	Vestry St Angus's
Thursday 26 th January	6.30pm	Vestry St Serf's
Saturday 28 th January	7pm	Filling Station Crieff

Sunday 29 th January	9.15am	AGM St Columba's (Breakfast served 9am)
Wednesday 1 st February	2-5pm	Art at Killin
Sunday 5 th February	10.30am	AGM St Serf's (after service)
Tuesday 30 th February	SHROVE TUESDAY 1030am	Pancake Celebration at Lochearnhead
Wednesday 1 st March	ASH WEDNESDAY Eucharist with imposition of ashes	
	10am St Serf's; 12noon St Columba's; 2pm St Fillan's and 7pm St Angus's	

Thought for the day from Fiona Martin

I'm sure many reading this are not too young to remember the name Dag Hammarskjöld. His name cropped up many times in the 1950's in his capacity as Secretary General of the United Nations. He was notable in negotiating the release of American soldiers from the Chinese in the Korean War; he worked hard to try to reduce tensions in the Middle East; he was instrumental in establishing the first Observation Group in Lebanon and worked tirelessly in trying to negotiate the horrific conflicts in South East Asia in the late 1950's and 60's. He was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1961 shortly before he died in a plane crash in Central Africa while trying to negotiate a peace accord in Congo. He kept a journal which he called 'Markings' and it was published posthumously. He calls this journal "a sort of White Book concerning my negotiations with myself and with God". He was originally a Swedish diplomat and referred to work with the United Nations as 'preventive diplomacy'. I can't help feeling we need someone just like him to negotiate in Syria.

And what has all this to do with St Angus's Church in Lochearnhead I hear you ask? Well, nothing I suppose except that in his journal he writes about his faith in this way: "At some moment I did answer 'yes' to Someone - or Something - and from that hour I was certain that existence is meaningful and that, therefore, my life in self-surrender had a goal". I think that's worth thinking about, don't you?