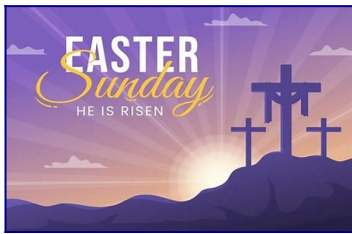


APRIL 2025

St Andrew's Episcopal Church, Milngavie



Regular meetings....10am, each week in the Church, or Garden Room

Sundays.....Sung Holy Communion

Tuesdays.....Prayer Group

Thursdays.....Said Holy Communion

Holy week Services

13th 1000 Palm Sunday.....St Andrew's
14th 1930 Monday.....Eucumenical UF Ch
17th 1000 Maundy Thursday.....St Andrew's
18th 1100 Good Friday.....Meet at Gavin's Mill.
. Walk of Witness, and ending at St Paul's.
1400 St Andrew's..... Decorate after service
20th 1000 Easter Sunday.....St Andrew's
29th Ascension Day Service....All Saints', Jordanhill

Why do some people fast for Lent?

For such an important time in the Church year, and one which is based on Biblical texts outlining Christ's fasting time in the wilderness, it appears that there is no direct instruction to Christians to fast for 40 days during Lent, or even to follow any set of traditions.

However, Christ himself said that those who would follow him needed to deny themselves. Matthew 16 refers to gloomy hypocrites who disfigure their faces when fasting, so there was discussion at the time. The Book of Common Prayer entered the discussion designating that 'All the Fridays in the year excluding

Christmas Day should be times of fasting or of abstinence'. At one time Roman Catholics did not eat meat on a Friday, and fish was the substitute protein. Also, some folk fast in a limited sense to emulate Christ's fasting, whilst using gifting to charities with the food costs saved. For whatever reason, it is setting the world briefly aside to think on important events which occurred a long time ago, but are still relevant.

Advance Notice:-

Our new Bishop, Nicholas John Bundock, will be installed at Glasgow Episcopal Cathedral, Gt Western Road on 3rd May, at 4pm. It is hoped that the Service will be streamed, and details will be available later...

What is a Reader, and what do they do?

I was born into a Methodist family, where one of my great-uncles was a lay preacher who had been known to occupy the pulpit for over an hour! So instead of going down that trail, who better to ask than our own Fraser Gold. I learned much more than this note contains, but he will be able to help with more details. The blue sash or scarf tells that he been given authority by the Bishop to act as a Reader in the G & G Diocese. He is one of a number within Scotland who contribute to the on-going ministry of the Church.



His Church involvement goes back to Morpeth where he undertook training on preaching as a Baptist. He taught divinity, and was Head of RE at a school. He attended C of E in Morpeth and was asked to consider the Ministry. After a long (no-doubt harrowing) interview by senior clergy he was Licensed subject to further training in conducting Anglican worship. His Admission was at Newcastle Cathedral on October 22 1962now over 60 years ago!

And what do they do? A dis-jointed history to say the least! The Reformation proposed Readers as part of the parish ministry, but it had to be revived in the 1860s to help clergy with multiple charges, or busy urban areas. Readers originally took Morning and Evening Prayer, preached, took prayers and read Lessons. Since 1960s, administration of the chalice, taking Communion using reserved Sacrament, visiting the housebound with Communion, and preaching at Eucharist. With the increasing use of other congregation members, the main 'visible' aspects of Reader Ministry are involvement and preaching at the Eucharist, and funeral Ministry.

The Dorcas Group:-

..... is a small, friendly craft group which now meets on the fourth Monday of each month in the Church Hall from 11.15am- 3pm. They each donate £5 per meeting for materials etc and cash remaining, after costs, is donated to a charity working with refugees in some part of the world. As an example of what they do, the last meeting was on embroidery. The next meeting is on 24th April, and the theme is still undecided. For more info contact Liz Macdonald. (lizjmac@gmail.com)

Learning Together (Continued):-

Over the Lent period, in All Saints' Church Hall, a Study Course called '**Wild Bright Hope**' continues reflections on looking at the challenges we face in a new way. The book "invites readers to explore uplifting perspectives on hope, featuring emerging writers who share their insights on Unity, Peace, and Faith in Action"

Times and dates:- 2.00pm Tues:-April 1, 8, 15

Stainer's 'Crucifixion':-

Most Church singers have sung this popular oratorio at least once. It was written in 1887 by the organist Sir John Stainer, to a text by W.J.Sparrow-Simpson a member of the clergy staff at St Paul's Cathedral

The words and music were designed to be within the reach of many parish choirs, with congregational hymns, soloists and SATB choir, which may account for its popularity. The most popular piece is probably 'God so loved the world', followed by 'Could you not watch with me, one brief hour?'

All in the April Evening:-

All in the April ev'ning, April airs were abroad.
The sheep with their little lambs, passed me by on the road.
All in the April ev'ning, I thought on the Lamb of God.

The lambs were weary and crying, with a weak human cry;
I thought on the Lamb of God, going meekly to die.

Up in the blue, blue mountains, dewy pastures are sweet;
Rest for the little bodies, rest for the little feet.

But for the Lamb the Lamb of God, up on the hilltop green.
Only a cross, a cross of shame, two stark crosses between!

All in the April ev'ning, April airs were abroad;
I saw the sheep with their lambs,
.....and thought on the Lamb of God.

Words.....Kathryn Tynan Music..... Hugh S Robertson

Book Group News:-

Caroline has picked 'The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks' by Rebecca Skloot, for the meeting on Wed 23rd April at 2.30.

The Walking Group 15th March :-



Several of us gathered to enjoy a walk to Dougalston in the beautiful spring sunshine. On return to the Hall we enjoyed tea and home-made cake. Thanks, Jane and Tim, for organising this. *Andrea*

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