

Welcome to St Columba's Sunday 3rd April

The Bible (please stand if you are able)

Welcome and intimations and introit

Call to worship

Hymn 417 - Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain

Prayer and Lord's prayer

Children's time

Hymn 426 - All heaven declares

Reading- Acts 1:1-14 (New Testament page 147)

Offering Hymn 445 - Alleluia, sing to Jesus!

Sermon

Hymn 559 - There is a Redeemer

Prayers of intercession

Hymn 512 - To God be the glory, great things he has done!

Benediction.

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Welcome to any visitors with us this morning. It's great to share in fellowship with you. Toilets are along the corridor under the organ pipes. Please join us for tea or coffee in the hall after the service, along the same corridor. There is an **Introduction to worship at St Columba's** on the back of this leaflet.

The **Malawi Partnership Group** is raising money to assist with the costs of the trip to Malawi this summer and for partnership projects. The **Journey to Malawi** sponsored walk started on March 1st and we are adding steps together to see if we can reach Malawi. **So far, we have walked to Merzouga in Morocco.** We are pausing this morning to shake the sand out of our shoes!

This afternoon at 2pm, the **parish grouping will be holding a short traditional service** in Leslie: Trinity. This service would be especially suitable for people who would appreciate things which were once familiar, especially if they find it hard to get to church.

Please think about anyone who might like to attend.

If anyone needs transport or can offer transport, please see Alan or one of the clerks.

The **Boys' Brigade** is looking for new helpers or officers. If you know someone who might consider this valuable and rewarding opportunity, please see Mike Hay or Alan. For those interested there is a Youth Leader Training course being run at Methil Parish church hall on 16th & 17th April 2016 (9am to 5pm both days).

The Nurturing Faith Group, the Exploring Crafts Group and the Prayer Promoter have created **Prayer Bags**. These are in the prayer corner at the back of the church. Each different coloured bag contains all you need for a time of prayer at home. Please take a bag and keep it as long as you want. You may wish to use it every day and you might find the experience of prayer changes each day. When you return the bag, you may wish to try one of the other prayer bags.

The reading next Sunday will be Acts 3:2-10

The Malawi Partnership are promoting a concert by Chris Stanhope in St Columba's on 20th April 2016 at 7pm. This will be run by Fife Electronic Organ Society, but tickets can also be purchased through St Columba's for £5. All proceeds from the tickets sold by St Columba's will support partnership projects and the initial partnership trip in July this year. Tickets from the fundraising committee, at the door or phone Alan on 742233.

'Opportunity Knocks' - Any member of the church family who has been PVG'd in the last 4 years is expected, by the Church of Scotland, to attend an approximately two and a half hour Safeguarding training course. A number of people still have to do this. The next opportunity is extremely convenient. It is to be held at St Margaret's Church, Glenrothes on Wednesday 11th May at 7 pm. Names of anyone interested should be given to Jim Shand by Wed 4th May.

Roths Trinity Parish Grouping – Shared Notices

Churches Together in Glenrothes & District have been asked to organise the **Churches' Hustings** for the forthcoming Scottish Parliamentary Elections. This has been arranged for Friday 15th April at 7.00pm in the Lomond Centre, Glenrothes.

Adult education group – "The Better Together" studies will continue on Monday 11th April 2016 from 7.30pm to 9.00pm in the small hall at St. Ninian's Church. Tea and biscuits will be available. We look forward to seeing you then.

PRESTON HOUSE – the next service at Preston House will be at 10.30am on Thursday 14th April. It would be greatly appreciated if anyone is able to help John.

Introduction to worship at St Columba's

We welcome visitors to our services. Please don't worry about what to do when, what to wear or feel you have to be on your best behaviour. If you need to move around, or leave during the service, that's just fine. We also enjoy children being present and don't expect them to be silent and still all the time. We start the service together and, except for family services, children leave for the **crèche or Junior Church** after about 20 minutes. For information about these, please ask one of the welcome team.

We are delighted to welcome you!

Please sign the visitor's book in the vestibule.

On the last Sunday of most months the service includes communion. This is open to others from different denominations.

In general, if you are able to stand comfortably, you are invited to stand for the Bible coming in at the start of the service and during hymns (except offering). We usually remain seated for prayers.

The **page numbers** for the readings refer to the Bibles in the pews. The Old Testament readings are at in the first section of the Bible, the New Testament readings are towards the back.

The version of the **Lord's Prayer** that we use is:

*Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name,
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on Earth as it is in Heaven.*

Give us this day our daily bread,

*And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors,
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,*

*For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,
Forever, Amen.*