

Order of Service and Intimations

Sunday 16th April 2017
EASTER SUNDAY



Opening Voluntaries:

Easter Chimes – Malcolm McKelvey

Easter Hymn – Mascagni

I know that my redeemer liveth – Handel

Easter Greeting (*said three times, each time louder*)

Leader: *The Lord is Risen!*

All: *He is risen indeed! Hallelujah!*

Intimations

Hymn 410: Jesus Christ is risen today

**Prayer of Approach to God, Confession and Forgiveness
and Lord's Prayer**

Hymn 404: I danced in the morning

Some thoughts about how to tell the Easter story

Readings: Jeremiah 31: 1-6 (page 765)

Matthew 28: 1-10 (page 44)

Hymn 417: Now the green blade riseth

Sermon: Shock and Awe

Hymn 403: Were you there

Our offering for God's work through the Church in the world

(You raise me up – Josh Groban)

Prayers of Commitment, Thanksgiving and Concern for others

Hymn 419: Thine be the glory

The Blessing and Choral Amen

Dismissal: Alleluia, Alleluia

Closing Voluntary:

Hallelujah Chorus – Handel

Christ
is
Risen!

DOXOLOGY (CH4 428) sung twice

Alleluia, Alleluia,

Jesus, risen Lord of life!

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Preacher: Rev Alan Ward **Organist:** Stuart McMahon **Readings:** Morag Forsyth

*We extend a warm welcome to any visitors joining our service this morning.
You are invited to join us for tea & coffee in the Large Hall after the service.*

Intimations

REGULAR MEETINGS AND EVENTS:

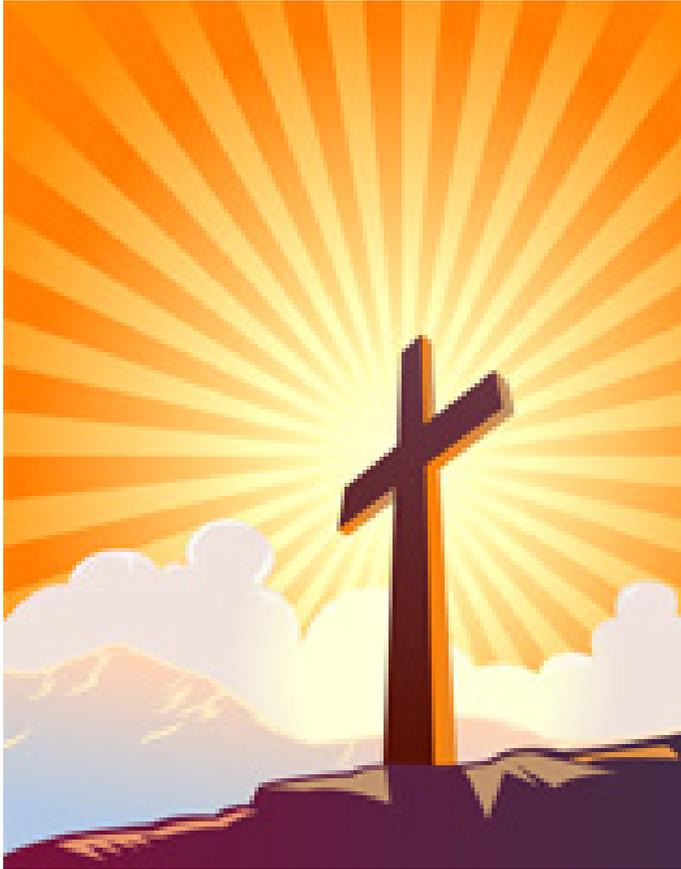
Monday	10am: Keep Fit Class;
Tuesday	2pm: KA Leisure Chair Aerobics; 4pm: Craft Team
Wednesday	6.30pm: 1st Saltcoats Girl Guides
Thursday	10.30am: 30 minute Midweek Service; 2.30pm / 7.30pm (alternate weeks) Country Dancing

1. Due to Dorothy's continued absence, Presbytery has appointed Rev James McNay as an Interim Moderator to oversee any urgent business that may arise over the next few weeks. If you require the services of a minister whilst Dorothy is off, please contact James on 01294 823186. We thank James for agreeing to take on this extra role. Please remember Dorothy in your prayers and we wish her voice a speedy recovery.
2. It is important to keep the **Pastoral Care Team** up to date with information about people who need pastoral care or support. Please don't assume that they already know. They would rather hear several times over than not at all. The main contacts for pastoral care are Miss Alison Buick (01294 464531) and Mrs Morag Forsyth (01294 463762) - please let either Alison or Morag know about anyone who needs visited at home or in hospital. Alternatively please speak directly to Rev Dorothy Granger on 01294 463571.
3. Our **Annual Stated Meeting** will be held after the morning service on **Sunday 30th April**. Following that, we will be holding a special congregational meeting to discuss options for Phase 2 of our Restoration Project. You should have received a discussion paper for the meeting along with this Order of Service. If you haven't got one yet, copies are available at the doors, and it is also available to download from the church website at www.kirkgate.org.uk.

A lunch will be provided after these meetings – for catering purposes, please add your name to the sheet in the hallway if you intend to stay for lunch.
4. This week in the **Presbytery Prayer Diary** we are asked to pray for all the Readers within Presbytery, along with those in training.

5. **Women's Guild Spring Outing:** It is proposed that on Monday 15th May, the Guild Outing will be to Kirkcudbright, with a visit en route to Galloway Forest Park for coffee/lunch, and High Tea in Selkirk Arms Hotel, Kirkcudbright. Depending on numbers, the cost should be around £27 per person. Please add your name to the list in the hallway as soon as possible, so that the bookings can be arranged. More information is available from Anne Hynd.
6. **HUSTINGS - LOCAL ELECTIONS 2017**
Three events are planned: Monday 24th April in Saltcoats Town Hall for Saltcoats, Wednesday 26th April in Ardrossan Indoor Bowling Club for Ardrossan and Arran and Thursday 27th April in the High Kirk Hall for Stevenston. All meetings start at 7.30pm, chaired by Canon Matt McManus and organised by the Three Towns Churches. All candidates have been invited. Come along and hear what the candidates have to say!
7. The Gleniffer Singers will be performing a summer concert at St Andrew's Episcopal Church on Friday 5th May 2017 at 7.30 p.m. featuring an easy listening programme with songs from the Musicals & Film, Popular & Folk, Gospel & Secular Music. Tickets £10 (£6 for children) including refreshments after the concert can be booked by Stuart Mitchell at stuart_mitchell_99@yahoo.com.
8. The **Guild Presbyterial Council** will be holding their Annual Business meeting in Kilwinning Old Parish Church on Wed 19th April at 2pm.
9. The **Country Dance Group** will be holding a party on Thursday 20th April at 7.30pm in Stevenston High Kirk Hall. They will also be holding a ceilidh with Billy Gray in Kirkgate on Thursday 4th May at 7.30pm. Tickets costing £4 are available from Elizabeth Howie.
10. **North Ayrshire Foodbank** is grateful for all the donations it receives from us. However, they are desperately short of a few items at present:
- Tinned Meat
 - Juice
 - UHT Milk
 - Tinned Fruit

So much so, they find themselves in a position of having to consider suspending issuing food parcels for the next few weeks. Donations can be placed in the box in the hallway or additionally can be handed in to St Mary's Church Hall on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 11am and 12.30pm, or left at any local supermarket.



Anyone wishing to include a notice in the weekly intimations should give details to Stuart McMahon, stuart@md93.co.uk, Tel: 01294 603848 ***no later than a Wednesday evening.***

Fire Safety – in the event of a Fire:

- Remain calm and leave the building by the nearest exit.
- Do not wait to uplift belongings.
- Do not attempt to go back into the building until instructed it is safe to do so.
- Please gather outside the Royal Bank of Scotland, Chapelwell Street.

A loop system is installed in the church for people who may have hearing difficulties. Our Sunday services are also recorded most weeks and published on the church website, www.kirkgatechurch.org.uk. CD's are also available on request.