



Newsletter of St John's Johnstone

March 2019

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Welcome to the March Newsletter.

This Lent we have a variety of different events and happenings for you to join in with and take part in to help you in your Christian pilgrimage through the season.

Are you a 'giver up' or a 'taker on' for Lent? Or perhaps the season passes you by because of all that is happening in life at the moment. I hope you will feel able to join in some of the Lent events and feel that you are trying to grow closer to God in this holy season.

Ash Wednesday starts our Lenten observance as always with the haunting words "Remember you are dust and to dust you shall return", as the sign of the cross is offered on your forehead, followed by those words focussing our attention of the person of Jesus Christ, "turn away from sin and be faithful to Christ".

These two phrases we take with us into our daily prayers in this Lenten season as we hold in our minds our own mortality and also God's call to us in Christ Jesus to look to him in faith.

We have much to hold in prayer in our corporate life at the moment as the Vestry is beginning to look at the plans for the renovation of St John's Church building and grounds. We have much to celebrate from the past as our heritage and much to look forward to and work towards in the future as we seek together to make the building fit for the coming generations as a place for worship in our Episcopal tradition.

The physical environment of our worship is important for our spiritual life, our habits and our outreach. We are currently working on our online presence in Johnstone as well as further afield and this will give us a missional presence on the worldwide web, Facebook, Twitter and the other social media platforms which are part of ordinary life for those

under 50. Our missionary zeal and passion for Jesus Christ in our Episcopal tradition is a great gift we have to celebrate, enjoy and hand on to those who will be the next generations. All the apparent change some may find disturbing, but we remember that our walk through Lent invites us each, as creatures of the "dust", empowered by God's Holy Spirit, to be individual vessels of light and hope and faith.

Keep a good Lent, look at the Lent leaflet and come and join in in whatever way you can. Also I am available to talk to about prayer and spirituality – just say "I'd like to talk to you" and we can arrange a convenient time to talk together, one to one.

With all good wishes, for a good Lenten observance in 2019.

Rev'd Reuben Preston – Rector

Collect for Ash Wednesday

O Lord,
grant that your faithful people
may enter this season of penitence with faithfulness,
and complete it with steadfast devotion;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end. Amen

HYMNS on Sunday

I am beginning to get the rota of hymns together from Lent to end of Eastertide. If you have a hymn you would like to sing on a particular day please let me know. There are some request slips at the back of church for you to give your selections to the Rector. The next music list will run from Lent to Pentecost.

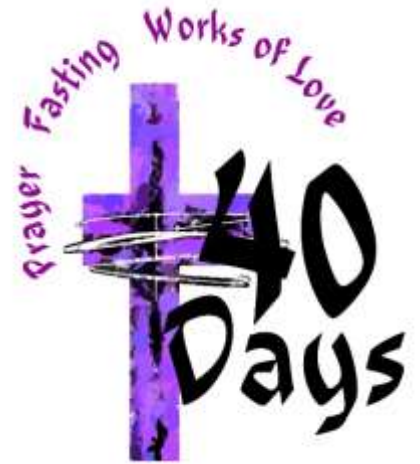


LENT begins on ASH WEDNESDAY 6 March



our **ASH WEDNESDAY service is at 2pm** – please pick up a copy of the separate LENT leaflet with details of all that you can join in with during LENT this year.

Pick up a copy of the Lent leaflet with details of the different groups and events that are taking place during Lent this year



COFFEE MORNING – The Social Committee are having a coffee morning on Sunday 10 March after the service. Cost £1.50

St John's Women's Fellowship

The Women's Fellowship meetings will be held on 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month. All Welcome

Lilias Day is 1st Saturday in June and the **Gala Day** is 2nd Saturday in June – Olive is asking us all for bottles for the bottle stall and lucky dip. Please bring your contributions and put them in the boxes at the back of church.



WORSHIP WITH US

See this week's
worship schedule

Weekly Worship

9.45am-10.45am Sundays
& 2-2.30pm Wednesdays
Refreshments are served
after each service

Worship Ministry Rota for March 2019

Wednesday 6 March	ASH WEDNESDAY Purple/Lent Array	Rector
A Principal Holy Day		
<i>The ceremony of receiving the ashes in the sign of a cross on the forehead will be offered at the service which will be at the high altar.</i>		
Epistle	2 Cor 5.20b-6.10	
Gospel	Mt 6.1-6,16-21	
Sunday 10 March	Lent 1 Purple/Lent Array	Rector
Epistle	Rom 10.8b-13	
Reader	David Fowles	
Gospel	Lk 4.1-13	
Intercessions	Kay Cherrie	
Eucharistic Assistant	David Fowles	
Sunday 17 March	Lent 2 Purple/Lent Array	Rector
Epistle	1 Cor 15.12-20 ...	
Reader	Ann Lamont	
Gospel	Lk 13.31-end	
Intercessions	Gil Reynolds	
Eucharistic Assistant	Ann Lamont	
Sunday 24 March	Lent 3 Purple/Lent Array	Rector
Epistle	1 Cor 10.1-13	
Reader	Agnes Fullerton	
Gospel	Lk 13.1-9	
Intercessions	Kay Cherrie	
Eucharistic Assistant	Kenny Murdoch	
Sunday 31 March	Lent 4 – Mothering Sunday Rose/Lent Array	Rector
Epistle	2 Cor 5.16-end	
Reader	Fiona	
Gospel	Luke 15.1-3, 11b-end	
Intercessions	Rector	
Eucharistic Assistant	Wilma	

The Lectionary can be found online at <https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu>

Also the Apps **Lectionary** and **Sunday Worship** can be downloaded for free from the App Stores