



**The Scottish Episcopal Church  
St Fillan's, Kilmacolm**

**EKKLESIA**

*A Place of Welcome;  
A Space for God;  
The Grace to Grow*



**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2019  
Fifth Sunday in Lent**

### **Collect Fifth Sunday in Lent**

*Merciful God, look upon your family as we travel to the foot of the cross: and, by your great goodness, guide us in body; that, by your protection, we may also be preserved in heart and mind; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen*

### **Readings:**

**Isaiah 43:16-21**

**Psalm 126**

**Philippians 3:4-14**

**Gospel: John 12:1-8**

The passage from Isaiah comes at the time of Israel's release from captivity in Babylon (under the Persian ruler Cyrus). The prophet is calling together the people to rejoice at this blessing from God after their long years of suffering in Babylon. The imagery in the poetry draws on their ancestor's time in the wilderness.

Isaiah, however, contrasts this experience of Israel in the past with what God is doing now 'as a new thing'. This is not to downgrade their historical experience but to show there is a link between the past and the present. God is always faithful, even when people are disobedient. Isaiah's message is a reminder of God's blessings, which even wild animals know, and for the people not to forget to praise God.

### **Intercessions Years Mind**

#### **St Fillan's:**

We pray for those in our congregation who are frail, housebound or a Care Home: Margaret Lloyd, Mary Hopkins, Ken Graham; Celia Craig. We remember those who mourn the lost of a loved one.

### **The Anglican Communion**

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer today we pray for the Church of Ireland and Dr Richard Clarke (Primate, and Archbishop of Armagh).

#### **The Scottish Episcopal Church:**

The Primus (Bishop Mark Strange), the Dean (Ian Barcroft), Development Team for Learning and Discipleship (David Gifford); Bishop's Staff Group; All Saints', Challoch, with the Whithorn Fellowship; St Ninian's, Portpatrick; St John the Evangelist, Stranraer; The Heartland Clergy: David Gifford and Heller Gonzalez.

### **Prayers for Our Nation (from separate sheet)**

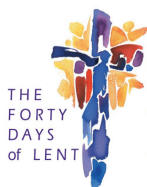
**A warm welcome to this first Sunday Service of Matins led by Gerard McKeown, our Reader.**

**The weekly CCP (Coffee, Cake and Prayer) continues at St Fillan's Rectory at 3pm with Martin Axford's talk tomorrow on 'The Language of Prayer'**

### **The Regional Lenten Course**

#### **Israel Counter Testimony**

**The final session will be this Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> April, in St Fillan's and starts with a soup and sandwich supper at 7pm. Led by Gerard. All are welcome!**

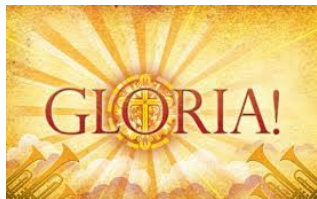


**Holy Week and Easter Services – please take the leaflet home with all the details of the Heartland Churches' events. Make Easter special for you and the family this year.**

**St Colm's Church are running their Soup Lunch on 12-1pm on Thursdays during Lent in support of SCIAF.**

**The Clydemen Lunch Club will be visiting the Royal Yacht Britannia on Tuesday. To all St Fillan's men who will be going along we wish you a great day. The May meeting of Clydemen is on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May starting at 11am.**

The Diocese now has a 'Digital Missioner' Petko Marinov and running a Course for Beginners and those who want to develop Internet and Social Media skills. There is also support for charges' running web pages to ask any questions they might have. There are leaflets with more details and dates on the table in the porch.



#### **Bridge of Weir Choral Society**

**Spring Concert on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April  
at 7.30pm in St Columba Church, Kilmacolm**

There is a varied Programme of much loved choral singing; with sacred music from Handel, G. Faure's Requiem and Vivaldi's Gloria. This will be a most unlifting event not to be missed! Tickets from choir

Thanks to everyone who supported the Spring Bulb Coffee Morning in Aid of Heartland Circle yesterday and to Judy for the wonderful pots of spring plants & bulbs. The total amount raised was £973. The Heartland Circle will greatly benefit from this amount.

Pick up your new style Heartland News today from the table in the porch if you have not done so yet.

**Mid Week Services resume**

Tuesday BoW 8.30am Morning Prayer  
Thursday Klm 8.30am Morning Prayer  
Friday PG 8.30am Morning Prayer

**Wednesday Holy Communion**

10am St Mary's PG  
10.30am in St Fillan's Kilmacolm

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2019**

**Palm Sunday**

10 am St Mary's BoW 10am Eucharist & Psalms  
11.30am St Fillan's Eucharist & Palms

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**The Brunch & Browse is next  
Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May 10am - 2pm**