



Newsletter of St John's Johnstone

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Yippee!! Yippee!!

Well given we are in Lent I didn't feel I could use the A***** word so Yippee! fits the bill well.

On the 10 February our application to the Diocesan Property Committee was considered. And after all the hours that Gill & I had spent with the architect to check the initial proposal plans were right, we sent off the application form and eleven supporting sets of documents. Nothing, nothing.....so I made a few enquiries and discovered it had been okayed by the DPC and had been passed on to the Primus, as our acting Bishop, to sign off. So I contacted him and went into Glasgow to meet with him and explain what the application was saying. And folk on Wednesday afternoon were very good as I had made a video of the building to show the Primus what it was like inside, and relate it to the architect's plans. Bishop Mark was very interested and appreciated the opportunity to see the video of St Johns and talk through our application. He signed it off and sent me back to St Johns with the paperwork. So Yippee indeed!



The next steps are for the architect to write the specification of the work so that we can get tenders for quotes and then go on to appoint builders and craftsmen to do the work.

There is also a lot of time to be spent applying for grants towards parts of the work, because we still have a lot of money to raise. But we are well past the starting blocks so it is a cause for excitement as we look ahead.

Please continue to pray for our architect and team as they draw up the specifications, for our Vestry as we begin the task of applying for grants, and for the gifts of grace and patience in dealing with all those with whom we have to consult.

What a good set of intentions for our Lenten prayers.

Rev Reuben Preston – Rector

Gifts for the Gala Stalls – bottles and gifts are needed for the tombola.



A chance to pass on unwanted or needed toiletries and ornaments along with bottles and other such gifts as you can think of..... Please bring your offerings to church and place in the box at the back. Any questions to Olive!

Dates to keep in your diary:-

Lillias Day Saturday 6 June at Kilbarchan and

Lochwinnock Gala Sat 13 June

These are important events for our outreach to the villages we serve do come along and enjoy both representing St Johns and bringing friends along to join in as well.



Lent 2020 - **JOURNEY INTO FREEDOM**

We start the St Johns **Lent Group on Wednes 4 March at 3pm**
in Church

It is an opportunity to reflect on our experiences during the week gone by in looking at the passages and images



set in the Lent Course. It will finish by 430pm each time.

There are copies of the course booklet in church – it is free and if you would like to give a donation towards the printing costs you can send it in yourself (details on page 116) or pass your donation of Reuben to pass on. The generosity of a donor F Szczuka has made the course possible.

**The course can be followed in the booklet
or online at www.iscglasgow.co.uk/lent2020.html**

LENT APPEAL 2020

Glasgow City Mission – their work with the homeless and vulnerable.



This year the Primus, as our interim Bishop, has called us to raise money to help Glasgow City Mission in their work with the homeless and vulnerable of



our region. Bp Mark notes that the homeless make their way to Glasgow and the help and support the GCM offers as people need a helping hand to get back on their feet after disasters in life.

After each service during Lent there will be opportunity to give towards the Appeal. We shall use the Font to collect donations in. Please be as generous as you are able to. Thank you.

Pioneering in Renfrewshire

The clergy and Lay Ministers of the SEC Renfrewshire Region are meeting in Lent to study the book "How to Pioneer (even when you haven't a clue)" by David Male. It is a book of case studies of how churches have reached out in new ways that fitted in with their setting. During the coming months we will start to talk about how St John's might be a place of Pioneering and reaching out to the town and villages in new ways. Planning any work like this takes time which is why we need to start the conversations now and pray for discernment of where God may be calling us to work and minister in the forthcoming years as the building is renewed. Please hold in your prayers the Renfrewshire ministers as they study together this Lent.



Coronavirus – guidance for churches

The College of Bishops have issued guidance after consultation with the General Medical Council that **we must not intinct** (dip the bread into the chalice). Because one of the known routes of transmission is touch. Please receive the chalice or choose not to and do not dip your host into the wine.

May you have a Happy and Holy Lent



Sunday Worship Ministry Rota for March 2020

Sunday 1 March	Lent 1 Purple/Lent Array	Rector
Epistle	Genesis 2.15-17;3.1-7	
Reader	David Roberts	
Gospel	Matthew 4.1-11	
Intercessions	Gill Reynolds	
Eucharistic Assistant	Wilma	
Sunday 8 March	Lent 2 Purple/Lent Array	Rector
Epistle	Genesis 12.1-4a	
Reader	David Fowles	
Gospel	Matthew 17.1-9	
Intercessions	Kay Cherrie	
Eucharistic Assistant	David Fowles	
Sunday 15 March	Lent 3 Purple/Lent Array	Rector
Epistle	Exodus 17.1-7	
Reader	Ann Lamont	
Gospel	John 4.5-26	
Intercessions	Gill Reynolds	
Eucharistic Assistant	Ann Lamont	
Sunday 22 March	Lent 4 – Mothering Sunday Rose/Purple/Lent Array	Rector
Epistle	1 Samuel 16.1-13	
Reader	Agnes Fullerton	
Gospel	John 9.13-41	
Intercessions	Kay Cherrie	
Eucharistic Assistant	David Fowles	
Sunday 29 March	Lent 5 Purple/Lent Array	Rector
Epistle	Ezekiel 37.1-14	
Reader	Ann Lamont	
Gospel	John 11.(1-16)17-45	
Intercessions	Rector	
Eucharistic Assistant	Ann Lamont	

In Lent we shall enjoy the Old Testament reading set for the Sunday mornings

If you are reading the Sunday Pewsheets is available on the website
from midday on Saturday

www.SECStJohnStMargaret.org.uk

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The next Newsletter will be produced for Sunday 29 March 2020 – please hand, or email, any items for inclusion to the Rector by the Sunday before.