

*Scottish Episcopal Church,
Saint Ninian's, Troon*

Sunday 15th February

8.00 am
10.30 am

Readings at the Sung Eucharist

Hebrew Scripture

Epistle

Gospel

Wednesday 18th February

10.00am

7.30pm

Friday 20th February

The Sunday before Lent

Holy Communion (pages 326 & 131)

Sung Eucharist

The Year of Mark (*Pew Bible pages in brackets*)

2 Kings 2: 1 - 12 (290)

2 Corinthians 4: 3 - 6 (939)

Mark 9: 2 - 9 (820)

Ash Wednesday

Holy Communion (pages 326 & 133)

Holy Communion (Contemporary Liturgy)

Evening Prayer

Welcome

Welcome to St. Ninian's on this the Sunday before Lent. We extend a warm welcome to all who join us for worship this morning. Please join us for refreshments in the Hall following the Sung Eucharist.

We are delighted to welcome Gary Noonan and his family to church this morning on this their first Sunday of exposure to Episcopalian worship. Gary will be reading the lesson this morning.

***** Easter Egg Initiative and Lent Study Course - Please see page 2 *****

Communion

All who are baptised are welcome to receive Holy Communion. If you would prefer a simple blessing please come to the altar with the Order of Service in your hand. If you are frail and would like the Sacrament brought to you, please inform the Welcomers before the Eucharist begins.

Ash Wednesday

Lent begins on **Wednesday 18th February** with services of Holy Communion at 10.00am and 7.30pm which will both include an opportunity to receive the Imposition of Ashes.

Sunday School

This morning there are books, crayons and paper at the back of the church for the children which they can use at any point during the Service. This includes Communion Booklets for the children available with instructions. The Rector will report on the Review Meeting in due course.

Community Arts Project

An invitation has been extended to all Hall User Groups to invite their participation in our Community Arts Project. The Rector would be delighted to welcome any members of the congregation to the Launch Cheese and Wine on **Saturday 21st February from 7.30 - 9.00pm** in the Hall. If you are able to come please sign the list on the Welcome Desk to help with catering.

St Ninian's Mission Action Plan

The Rector is delighted to announce that our Mission Action Plan commissioned by the Bishop has been prepared and will be signed today during the Sung Eucharist by the Church Wardens, the Vestry Secretary, Dr Susan Burr our MAP Facilitator and the Rector before being placed before the Bishop and the Dean and published on the Diocesan Website.

A presentation of the substance of its contents will be made to the Congregation directly. Suffice to say at this stage is that it is both exciting and challenging and is worthy of our wholehearted prayerful support.

It's first action is the Commissioning of our Community Arts Project on Saturday Evening.

Funeral of Betty Aitkenhead

Betty's coffin will be received into church on Monday at 5.00pm. The Service of Thanksgiving will take place on **Tuesday 17th February** in the Church at 1.00pm and the Committal, which is open to everyone, will follow at Holmsford Bridge Crematorium at 2.00pm.

Planning for Christmas Stall

It is proposed to hold a meeting at 51 Bentinck Drive on **Monday 16th February** at 7.00pm to discuss ideas for the Christmas Stall at this year's Christmas Fair. Anyone interested is most welcome to come along. Nothing like starting early!

Easter Eggs Initiative

On the first Sunday in Lent, **Sunday 22nd February**, there will be a Retiring Collection to enable all the Primary School Children in Troon to receive an Easter Egg with the Easter story.

Troon Churches Together invites every person attending church in Troon to consider donating a £1 coin on exiting the church, to help with this.

Lent Study

The Lent Study this year is based on the film 'The Way' and the Course book is entitled The Long Road to Heaven. These books, and the DVD are available from Amazon.

The Lent Study Course will run from **Wednesday 25th February to 25th March inclusive**, from 7.30pm - 9.00pm in the Choir Vestry.

Fellowship

On Tuesday 17th February the Fellowship will be joining with all the Guilds in the town for the Joint Meeting at Troon Old Parish Church at 7.30pm, an evening of entertainment by the Maybole Concert Party.

Bishop's Lent Appeal 2015

Lent begins on Wednesday 18th February, Ash Wednesday. Lent boxes are now available at the back of the church for the 2015 Bishop's Lent Appeal. This year all seven diocesan bishops have agreed that in their Lent Appeals they wish to support the training and formation of those entering the ordained ministry or licensed lay ministry in the Scottish Episcopal Church.

The new Scottish Episcopal Institute (SEI) was created in 2014 and will be formally approved later this year at General Synod. Already they have been encouraged by the numbers of potential young candidates exploring vocation and, funding permitting, hope to be able to offer full-time training as a pathway to the future. You are therefore encouraged to support this very important aspect of the life of the Scottish Episcopal Church.

Real Easter Eggs

If you would like to order a 'Real Easter Egg' this year can you please complete the form on the Welcome Desk by **Sunday 27th February**. Original Easter Eggs containing a new 24 page Easter Story Book are £3.99, Dark Chocolate Eggs with the Easter Story are £5.50 and Special Milk Chocolate Eggs with the Easter Story and an olive wood peace dove key ring from the Holy Land are £9.99.

Flower Rota

There is a new Flower Rota for 2015 on the Welcome Desk. If you are able to organise the church flowers on any given date please sign the rota.

Anne's Sahara Challenge

On 6th March Joyce McCune's daughter Anne sets off on six days trekking in the Sahara Desert. She is doing this to raise money for British Liver Trust in memory of her father David. If you would like to help her raise money for this important charity there is a Sponsor Form on the Welcome Desk along with flyers giving more information or you can go to her donation page www.justgiving.com/Anne-McCune

Sukhitachild Musical Evening

The Charity Sukhitachild, which runs various projects to help children in Sri Lanka, is holding a Musical Evening at St Margaret's Episcopal Church in Newlands on **Saturday 14th March at 7pm**. Admission will be by ticket only and adults are £10/under 16's £5. Quality music will include pop, folk, music from stage and screen and classical. If you would like tickets please speak to Linda as soon as possible as this event will sell out quickly.

Fiddlers' Concert 2015

Featuring The Tourie Band with Jim McCall, there will be a concert in Troon Concert Hall on **Friday 20th February at 7.30pm**. Tickets are priced £12/£10. This is a fun-filled, foot-tapping night of Scottish music including a Bar. Proceeds are for Rotary charities. Tickets are available from David Sutherland or at the door.

St Ninian's Church Website: www.stninianstroon.org.uk

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