

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

Sunday 9th March

8.00 am

10.30 am

First Sunday of Lent

Holy Communion (pages 326 & 135)

Family Service with Holy Communion

Readings at the Sung Eucharist

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

Hebrew Scripture

Genesis 2: 15 - 17 + 3: 1 - 7 (2)

Epistle

Romans 5: 12 - 19 (917)

Gospel

Matthew 4: 1 - 11 (785)

Wednesday 12th March

10.00am

7.30pm

Holy Communion (pages 326 & 135)

Lent Study Group

Friday 14th March

5.30pm

Evening Prayer

Welcome

Welcome to St. Ninian's on this the First Sunday of Lent. We extend a warm welcome to all who join us for worship this morning. Please join us in the Hall after the Family Service this morning for the Lent Lunch in aid of the Rector's Easter Project!

Sunday School

Today is a Family Service and there is no Sunday School however there is a simple play area at the back of the Church. There are also Communion Booklets for the children which are available in a box at the back of the church, with instructions. Sunday School will resume next week.

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.

Lent Study Group

The Lent Study Group begins this Wednesday, 12th March from 7.30pm - 9.00pm in the Choir Vestry and runs for five weeks. The course will be based on the film 'Chocolat'.

It would be useful if people have watched the film before attending the group. Copies of the DVD are available online or speak to Linda or Helen Mawson.

Any Questions?

Children, young people and all members of the congregation are invited to place questions for the Rector in the red box at the back of the church. This is an idea introduced by the Sunday School at the suggestion of the teachers who sometimes struggle to find answers to the children's more searching questions. Tom will be joining the Sunday School next Sunday, 16th March, to answer their questions and following that they will make a display using the information they have gained. Children are invited to write their questions in colourful pencils and adults in blue or black biro. The Rector will attempt to answer the adults questions over the next year in his sermons. All questions can be anonymous.

Bible Study Group

The Bible Study Group will resume after Easter on a date to be announced.

Bishop's Lent Appeal

The 2014 Bishop's Lent Appeal for Yorkhill Children's Charity was launched at the Diocesan Synod. Yorkhill Children's Charity is giving support to children all over Scotland and is a European Centre of excellence for the care and support of sick children. Monies raised help in four areas, the purchase of state of the art equipment, the sponsoring of pioneering medical research, practical support for parents and families of patients and life affirming activities for a child patient particularly the initiative of clown doctors.

The Rector hopes that we might be able to present the Bishop with £1,000 through the Lent Appeal. If 50 people support this, it is the equivalent of less than 50p a day, less than the cost of a bar of chocolate. Lent boxes are available at the back of the church this morning. You can find more details about the charity on www.yorkhill.org

Easter Flowers

Volunteers are needed to assist with the preparation of posies for Mothering Sunday on 30th March and decorating the church for Easter which will take place on **Saturday 19th April from 10.00am**. If you are able to help please contact Patricia Thomson-Turner on 01292 314158 so she can allocate tasks.

Donations for Easter Flowers

There is a sheet on the Welcome Desk at the back of the church if you would like to make a donation for Spring Flowers in memory of a departed loved one, to decorate the church for Easter. Their names will then be printed and included in the Liturgy on Easter Day. Donations should be placed in the designated envelopes marked 'Easter Flowers' and placed in the offertory bag.

Holy Week & Easter

Please remember that the Bishop is joining us from Palm Sunday so please put these dates in your diary - Palm Sunday **13th April**, Maundy Thursday **17th April**, Good Friday **18th April**, Holy Saturday **19th April** and Easter Day **20th April**. No pressure!

Swallow Watch

A rota is being drawn up for people willing to clean the porch once our feathered friends return from their winter holidays in South Africa. If you would like to help please sign the list on the welcome Desk.

Fellowship

The next meeting of the Fellowship will be the AGM on **Tuesday 18th March at 7.45pm** in the Hall when representatives from St Augustine's in Dumbarton, who support our charity for this year, the Dumbarton London Corner Nursery School in the Gambia, will be present to receive the cheque. This is a Taste and Try Evening so please bring a contribution for the supper. Everyone is welcome to come along.

The Fellowship are planning a visit to the Darvel Telephone Museum on **Tuesday 1st April, meeting at the church around 12.45**. Full arrangements will be given shortly but if you would like to come please give your name to Hazel as soon as possible, so transport can be organised.

Pathway to Prayer

There are leaflets on the Welcome Desk about the 2014 Pathway to Prayer, an ecumenical day exploring our relationship with God through prayer. This takes place on **Saturday 15th March from 10.15am - 4.30pm** in the Church Halls at St. Meddan's and Portland Church in Troon. The leaflet gives full details of the workshops on offer and contains a booking form.

Dig for Victory Day

A day is being organised to tidy the Church Grounds before Easter, on **Saturday 22nd March from 10.00am until 'whenever'**. All are most welcome to come along and help with this.

Ayrshire Regional Council

The next meeting of the Ayrshire Regional Council is an open meeting and will focus on how best to react to the growing local crisis of poverty and debt. Anyone who worships in Ayrshire is invited to attend when the Council will take Archbishop Welby's call to action on debt and poverty as their starting point. The meeting takes place at St Andrew's, Irvine on **Tuesday 18th March at 7.30pm**.

Flower Rota

The Flower Rota for 2014 is available, if you are able to organise the flowers for any particular Sunday please sign the list on the Welcome Desk. There are still several dates to be filled. If you would like more information please contact Patricia Thomson Turner.

Diocesan News

Diocesan News for March is available on the table at the back of the church. This months articles include full details of the Bishop's Lent Appeal for Yorkhill Children's Charity, an invitation to the Ayrshire Regional Council Meeting on 18th March and details of the Scottish Episcopal Church and Christian Aid's Cookbook for Lent 2014.

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Umbrellas

A number of umbrellas have been left in the church over the last couple of months. If you own one of them you can be reunited with it on the shelf at the back of the church.

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

**PLEASE TAKE THIS LEAFLET AWAY WITH YOU AND KEEP IT FOR REFERENCE
DURING THE WEEK**

