

SAINT NINIAN'S SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH, TROON

Sunday 23 March 2025 (Third Sunday of Lent)

President & Preacher: Rev Keith Thomasson

Sunday 30 March 2025 (Fourth Sunday of Lent & Mothering Sunday)

St Ninian's Episcopal Church, Maryborough Road, Prestwick KA9 1SD

Please see further information overleaf.

Our hope is that you will encounter God and friendship. You may sit anywhere in the nave part of the church. If you have young children with you, their exploration and heartfelt articulation of sound are most welcome.

Please join others in the hall for refreshment afterwards. Toilets are available in the hall, please ask for directions.

If you want to know more about faith, become involved with the life of St Ninian's, or want a pastoral visit please speak to Keith our Rector.

All who are baptised are welcome to receive Holy Communion in one or both forms.

Please ask for a blessing if you want one when you come forward. Gluten free wafers are available and those requiring them should let the Welcomers know.

Please note that today's service will be live streamed via YouTube.

This will be as non-intrusive as is practicable but will include video of the nave except the back row on the right.

Hymns at the Eucharist

Opening hymn 179 Nature with open volume stands (v 2 'us' replaces man')

Gospel hymn 388 Speak, O Lord, as we come to you

Offertory 433 Broken for me, broken for you,

Communion Organ music

Final hymn 761 Praise the Lord! Ye heavens, adore him; (tune 315)

The Collect

Merciful Father, we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: when we are discouraged by our weakness, give us strength to follow Christ, our pattern and our hope; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen

Readings Year C

Hebrew Scripture Isaiah 55: 1 - 9 (598)

Psalm: Psalm 63: 1 - 8

Refrain: My soul thirsts for you, O my God

Epistle 1 Corinthians 10: 1 - 13 (931)

Gospel Luke 13: 1 - 9

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The live stream can be viewed by clicking on link: [youtube.com/@stninianstroon](https://www.youtube.com/@stninianstroon) or 'st ninian's troon' on You Tube.

WHAT ABOUT MONEY?

Everything that happens at St Ninian's is dependent on the offerings and donations of everyone in the congregation.

If you wish you can also make an offering to St Ninian's by bank transfer to:

Bank account name: St Ninian's Church Vestry

Sort code: 82-68-21 **Account number:** 20510140

GIFT AID declaration forms are available on the Welcome Desk

THIS WEEK AT ST NINIAN'S - W/C SUNDAY 23 MARCH

Monday

10.00am Morning Prayer with global music

Wednesday

10.00am Holy Communion

11.15am Lent Study Group @ 5 Darley Crescent, Troon

Thursday

10.00am Story & Song

7.30pm Choir Practice

LENT STUDY GROUP

A Lent Study Group will be meeting each Wednesday throughout Lent to discuss "Women in the Bible – Miriam's Sisters, Deborah's Daughters" by Rev Liz Crumlish (St Oswald's Maybole). The next meeting will be held at 5 Darley Crescent Troon KA10 6JH on

Wednesday 26 March at 11.15am

EASTER OFFERING

Easter Offering envelopes are available in the basket on the Welcome Desk and also gift aid slips if you wish to complete one. All donations will go to our two nominated charities, River Garden, Auchincruive and Water Aid.

W/C Sunday 30 March: Fourth Sunday of Lent (Mothering Sunday)

We are all invited to join St Ninian's Episcopal Church, Maryborough Road, Prestwick KA9 1SD on **Sunday 30 March at 10.30 am** for their worship. Should you require transport please try to make these arrangements yourself. If you need support with it please ask Keith. Car sharing is encouraged and Keith also asks that when we attend St Ninian's Prestwick together, please can you, if able, bring a monetary gift for the collection.

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7.30pm Choir Practice

Saturday

10.00am Creative Community Group (see opposite)

Sunday 6 April Fifth Sunday of Lent

Sung Eucharist with Hymns

MEDITATION GROUP

The next meeting of the Meditation Group will be on **Monday 31 March at 10.30am** in the Church.

LENT STUDY GROUP

The next meeting of the Lent Study Group will be held at 5 Darley Crescent, Troon on **Wednesday 2 April at 11.15am.**

CREATIVE COMMUNITY GROUP

The next meeting of the Creative Community Group will be on **Saturday 5 April at 10am** in the Church Hall. All are welcome to join in or bring your own projects to work on or simply join us for a coffee and chat.

SUMMER SUPPERS

The Summer Suppers will begin again in May and take place on the first Tuesday in the month until September. All the suppers will be at Scott's and begin at 6.00pm. There will be sheets on the Welcome desk each month to sign up for the supper and there are also slips with all the dates on the Welcome desk.

Dates for 2025 are Tuesdays 6 May, 3 June, 1 July, 5 August & 2 September. All are very welcome.

BISHOP'S LENT APPEAL

The Lent Appeal this year is for Refuweegee, a Glasgow based charity. It is a community-led charity that gives people a way to welcome and embrace those newest to arrive. We strive to ensure that people who have been forced to flee their homes arrive in Scotland to a warm welcome and some of the things that will help them to feel more at home here. There is more information at www.refuweegee.co.uk. Lent boxes will be available at the back of the church.

TROON CHURCHES TOGETHER (CRAIGHEAD INSTITUTE COURSE)

On **Thursday 8 May** from 7pm – 9pm St Ninian's Troon will host in the hall, on behalf of Troon Churches Together, a taster session for the Craighead Institute facilitated Course, Growing in Faith, Living in Hope. To register your intention to attend please email Keith and do ask him or Julia and Diane our Vestry Reps for further info.

What is the Core Business of St Ninian's?

CONGREGATIONAL LUNCH AND DISCUSSION

The Vestry invite you to join a lunch followed by positive discussion on **Sunday 13 April at 12.00** in the Church Hall.

Before we can set priorities for the next five, twenty, and fifty years, we should be clear what our core business is. This will be a phrase or sentence. Vestry can then discern the shape of, and prioritise, our shared mission and ministry. Your input to this is essential so please do join us so all voices can be heard. If you are not able to join us please leave your contribution (with your name on) in the box at the back of the church. These will be read out and attributed on the day. We look forward to discerning the way forward, supported with a contribution from everyone. All questions are welcome. Please speak with Vestry reps, Diane, Dorothy, or Keith.

SEASCAPE MONTHLY QUIZ

Copies of the monthly Quiz to support SeAscape are available on the Welcome Desk. The March quiz is on the theme of comedy characters from television. They are all from sitcoms.

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