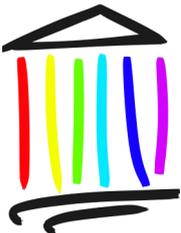


WELLINGTON CHURCH

Welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. (Romans 15:7)

We welcome into the life and worship of our congregation all people whatever their ethnic origin, gender, background, age, sexual orientation, mental or physical ability.
We affirm our diversity and the dignity of each person.

Love one another, as I have loved you. (John 15:12)



SUNDAY, 24TH MARCH 2019

Third Sunday in Lent Lenten Appeal Service

Opening Voluntary: *'Priere à Notre Dame'*
(from Suite Gothique) Leon Boëllmann

Introit: *'You teach me the way of life'* Rylan Gleave

Welcome and Notices

Opening Responses:

God, ground of all being, truth behind all mystery,
life within all living

We gather to praise you

God, way beyond all journeying, salve for every soreness,
mender of all brokenness

We gather to open our hearts and minds to you

God, maker, redeemer, inspirer, midwife of a better future

**We gather to commit ourselves once more to follow
in your way**

Hymn 43 *'O God you are my God alone'*

Prayer of Approach*

One: God of justice, mercy, and truth,

All: we gather in your presence, aware of it in all creation -

One: where in the refreshing touch of rain, the strength of the wind,
the warmth of the sun, the early signs of spring around us
we are reminded of your constant love and your power to change
and challenge our lives.

One: God of justice, mercy, and truth,

All: we gather in your presence, aware that in our world

One: we are complicit in that there is one law for the rich and one for the
poor, the scales are too often weighted against many who are
excluded, exploited and left behind.

One: God of justice, mercy, and truth,

All: we gather in your presence, aware of our own lives -

One: individually and in community - where they measure up, where they
fall short, where they are out of kilter - as your plumb line shows us
what is true.

One: God of justice, mercy, and truth,

All: we gather in your presence, with the help of your Spirit,

One: to join together as one body, to unite our voices, to quietly
contemplate, to worship you.

**All: Help us to be true to ourselves, true to our history,
true to our own story, true to you. Amen.**

Isaiah 55.1-9

Come, all you who are thirsty,

come to the waters;

and you that have no money,

come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk

without money and without price.

Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,

and your labour for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,

and delight yourselves in rich food.

Incline your ear, and come to me;

listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant,

my steadfast, sure love for David.

See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.
See, you shall call nations that you do not know,
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel,
for he has glorified you.

Seek the LORD while he may be found,
call upon him while he is near;
let the wicked forsake their way,
and the unrighteous their thoughts;
let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.
For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD.
For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

St Luke 13.1-9

At that very time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. Jesus asked them, 'Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.'

Then he told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, "See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?" He replied, "Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig round it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down."'

Hymn 83 *'I rejoiced when I heard them say'*

Lenten Appeal 1: Embrace the Middle East -*Douglas Callander*

Anthem: *'Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake'* John Hilton

Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake lay not our sins to our charge;
but forgive that is past, and give us grace to amend our sinful lives;
to decline from sin, and incline to virtue,
that we may walk with an upright heart,
before thee this day and evermore.

Lenten Appeal 2: Macmillan Concert Support - *Michelle Jeffcott*

Hymn 726 *'When we are living, we are in the Lord'*

Lenten Appeal 3: Revive MS - *Caroline McGuinness*

Hymn 721 *'We lay our broken world'*

Litany of Intercessions**

We come in service to God,
In our need, and bringing with us the needs of the world.

We come to God, who has come to us in Jesus,
and who walks with us the road of our world's suffering.

We come with our faith and with our doubts;
we come with our hopes and with our fears.

We come as we are, because it is God who invites us to come,
and God has promised never to turn us away.

While the music plays, please write on the paper you were given to offer your prayers for the world, rulers, neighbours, vulnerable people, and yourself. No one will read your writing. It is between you and God.

When the singing starts, you may join in, and please feel free to come and offer your intercession by placing it on the cross or near the cross. If you are not able to come forward, please ask a neighbour to bring your prayer forward.

Hymn 759 *'Come to me, come to me'*

The offering is presented

Prayer of Thanksgiving, Dedication and The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,
now and forever, Amen.**

Reflection

Hymn 55 *'Safe in the shadow of the Lord'*

Closing responses:

In our concerns and in our choices

God is with us

In our disappointments and in our joys

God is with us

Now and always

God is with us

Benediction

Hymn 805:

Your will be done on earth, O Lord
(Mayenziwe 'ntando yakho)

Closing Voluntary: *Minuet (from Suite Gothique)* Leon Boëllmann

Organist: Alan Kitchen

* Jan Sutch Pickard "Plumb line prayer" Eggs and Ashes. 2004, p102 (adapted)

** Service of Prayer for Healing. The Iona Community Worship Book. 1991, p38.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES 2019



- Sunday 14 April** **11 am** **Palm Sunday Service in Wellington**
 7 pm **United Service in Wellington**
- Monday 15th April** **7 pm** **United Service in St John's Renfield**
- Tuesday 16th April** **7 pm** **United Service in St. John's Renfield**
- Wednesday 17th April** **7 pm** **United Service in St. John's Renfield**
- Thursday 18th April** **7 pm** **United Maundy Thursday Communion Service and Washing of Feet in Kelvinside-Hillhead**
- Friday 19th April** **12noon-3pm** **Good Friday Vigil in Kelvinside-Hillhead**
- Saturday, 20th April** **10.30 am** **United Service in St. John's Renfield**
- Sunday 21st April** **8.30 am** **United Easter Morning Service in Botanic Gardens followed by breakfast in our own churches**
- 11.00 am** **Easter Morning Communion Service in Wellington Church**

TODAY - SUNDAY, 24TH MARCH

11.00 am Morning Service - Third Sunday in Lent - Lenten Appeal Service

led by the Rev. Dr. Norman Shanks

Crèche facilities available (under 3's) Bible Story Time (under 16's)

Tea, Coffee and Lenten Lunch in Woodlands Hall after the Morning Service

12.30 pm Kirk Session (Church Sanctuary)

7.00 pm Evening Service in Kelvinside Hillhead

Led by Jeff Evans - Lent 3

THIS WEEK

Tuesday, 26th March

10.30 am - 1.45 pm Crypt Café Open (University Open Day in Church)

2.30 pm Study Break (Library)

(see More Notes and Dates)

2.00 pm Prayer Group (at the Wilsons' home, 15 Falkland Street)

Wednesday, 27th March

3.00 pm English Language Conversation Corner in the Crypt

Thursday, 28th March

7.30 pm Lent Studies (Woodlands Hall)

(see More Notes and Dates)

Friday, 29th March

10.15 am Hillhead High School Assembly

7.30 pm International Welcome Club (Library)

(see More Notes and Dates)

**Congregation - Weekend Away to the Atholl Centre, Pitlochry
(29th– 31st March)**

NEXT SUNDAY – 31ST MARCH

11.00 am Morning Service - Fourth Sunday in Lent

led by the Very Rev. Dr. David Lunan

7.00 pm Evening Service in Kelvinside Hillhead

led by the Rev. Dr. Penny Stuart - Lent 4

MORE NOTES & DATES

LENTEN APPEAL 2019 - Every year during Lent, we appeal to the congregation to support three causes; an international, a national, and a local one. Speakers of all three organisations have been invited to talk to us today during our morning worship. This year we will support the following charities: **Embrace the Middle East** (a Christian charity bringing change through healthcare, education and community development projects); **Macmillan Cancer Support** (who care and support people living with cancer); **Revive MS** (who provide information, support and specialist therapies for those affected by MS). There will be an opportunity to talk at more length to the speakers during coffee or the Lenten Lunch in the Woodlands Hall. Envelopes are available today which can also be used by those who wish to Gift Aid their donation. Please make cheques payable to: **Wellington Church of Scotland**.

'GIVE ME A BREAK' – Students – take a break from your studies and a time-out from stress! Meet in Wellington's Library between 2.30 and 4.30 pm on Tuesdays for tea/coffee/biscuits, play board and card games, colour, chat, share a good rant, or find a shoulder to cry on. Dates: 26th March, 2nd, 9th and 16th April and 7th, 14th and 21st May. Our Locum Minister, Liz Johnson-Blythe, looks forward to meeting you. If you have any concerns, please email Liz: lblythe@wellingtonchurch.co.uk

LENT STUDIES – Roger Sturrock is leading this year's Lent Bible studies based on the film "The Greatest Showman", the story of the great American showman Phineas Barnum. The study booklet, "From Now On", deals with the great themes of hope and redemption. The studies take place in the Woodlands Hall from 7.30-9.00 pm on **Thursdays, 28th March and 4th, 11th April**. Coffee and tea will be available. All welcome.

WEEKEND AWAY TO PITLOCHRY - The Weekend Away is almost here! Could everyone who has not already paid the full amount please give the remainder of the money to Christine Johnston as soon as possible. For those who have just paid the deposit, that will be £95, and cheques should be made payable to Wellington Church. (Christine cannot be in church today, Sunday 24th March, but you may bring a cheque with you to Pitlochry.)

THE CRYPT CAFÉ is now closed and will re-open for the next session at 10.30 am on Monday, 16th September. Thank you to all volunteers who have helped throughout the year.

MORE NOTES & DATES (continued)

INTERNATIONAL WELCOME CLUB - BIKE FOR GOOD - We meet in Wellington's Library at 7.30 pm on **Friday, 29th March**. Come and hear from the Bike Community Hub as they encourage us to get on our bikes and maintain safe bikes. Afterwards we will have tea, coffee and chat, plus enjoy some home baking. Free and all welcome. Further details from Liz Davidson email: liz@iwelcomeclub.com

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE OUTING to 'Mackintosh at the Willow' 217 Sauchiehall Street, G2 3EX on **Tuesday, 2nd April** at 2.15 pm. Twenty-five places have been booked for the visit which includes Afternoon Tea. As this is fairly substantial, sharing plates will be provided at a cost of £12 per person. We will also be given a tour of the Billiard room and artefacts. A lift has been installed for ease of access to the upper floors. Please give names to either Helen Sturrock (942-7412) or Kate Fyfe (954-8651) and let them know if transport is required.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE - Sail on Loch Lomond on **Wednesday 15th May** followed by a snack lunch at Loch Lomond Shores. We plan to travel to Balloch by coach leaving Wellington at 10.15 am. There will be twenty-five places and the cost per person is £16.50. Cheques should be made payable to John Fyfe Anderson. Names and payment should be given to John by Sunday, 7th April at latest.

WELLINGTON NEWS The deadline for material for the April edition is **Wednesday, 3rd April at 12 noon**. If you have any news or articles for inclusion we would be very pleased to hear from you: deliver contributions to the office or email: wellingtonchurch@btinternet.com or linda.m.brown@btinternet.com

ENCOUNTERS AND REFLECTIONS – Hosted by Kelvinbridge Church in Websters Bistro 146 Gt. Western Rd. **Sunday, 7th April** from 09.30 to 10.20 am with Judith Williams – Celebrant, actor, singer, theatre-maker. *'Becoming and being a Celebrant'*.

TRUSSELL TRUST NORTH EAST FOODBANK - Items required are: Tins of Meat, Potatoes, Vegetables, Fruit. A box is available at the side door for donations of non-perishable items and it is entirely at people's discretion how often or whether they donate.

AFRICAN CHILDREN - March Appeal - The following items are now needed by SIR for children in Africa: Crayons or coloured pencils, jotter or notepad, pencil, pen.

PRAYER GROUP - The Prayer Group meet regularly on a Tuesday - from 2.00 to 3.00 pm - at the Wilsons' home, 15 Falkland Street. Our prayer is strengthened when we unite with others, learning to pray by doing it. We give thanks for those who use the weekly prayer notes and will welcome new companions in our Tuesday quiet time.

FOCUS ON PRAYER (provided by the Prayer Group)

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall lack nothing. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he refreshes my soul.

Psalm 23.1-3 (NIV)

- ◆ Praise God for the people who do not seek wealth but just enough for their families. Pray that they may also have good health and education.
- ◆ Pray for those who lack water.
- ◆ Pray for Embrace Christian Partners working in challenging conditions in Gaza.
- ◆ Pray that climate change will be taken seriously by our Governments.
- ◆ Pray for the people of Indonesia in its suffering yet again through climate change.
- ◆ Pray for the people of Mozambique, Malawi and Zimbabwe where hundreds are dead, many more are missing and thousands are at risk after the massive damage caused by cyclone Idai. Pray also for the aid agencies working in extreme conditions.

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