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Cover picture – Pentecost Illumination (see p2)

From the Rector

Dear Friends,

One of the joys of this time of year is seeing all the new life springing out of the cold dark days, the changing of the clocks always brings with it the hope of halcyon days and summer just around the corner. This year however there appear to be clouds building on the horizon and uncertainty is rife. In his classic A Tale of Two Cities, Dickens begins with these famous lines:

"It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness, it was the epoch of belief, it was the epoch of incredulity, it was the season of Light, it was the season of Darkness, it was the spring of hope, it was the winter of despair, we had everything before us, we had nothing before us, we were all going direct to Heaven, we were all going direct the other way – in short, the period was so far like the present period, that some of its noisiest authorities insisted on its being received, for good or for evil, in the superlative degree of comparison only."

Dickens was making a comparison with the times he was living through in the 1850's and the time leading up to the French Revolution 1780's, but had he written about another time in history the comparison would also been there, for the story is all too familiar in our history books. A Tale of Two Cities sways between these two tensions, the fear of "the age of incredulity" radical change and a possible better future, and the despair that "the age of foolishness" has brought upon people's lives, but at least it is the devil known.

What should mark us out as Christians is that we see the world through the eyes of God, looking for the best of times, searching for the wisdom, using our faith to bring hope and building and believing that the future will be good, for God is with us. We shouldn't fear change, for God is in the business of change as the early disciples were painfully aware.

Before Jesus' crucifixion the disciples had struggled to understand just what Jesus was saying about his death and resurrection. It was all new to them and didn't fit in with what they understood at the time. Then after he was raised from the dead, they still struggled, struggled at first to believe he was alive, then to understand just what that meant, then just as they started to understand everything changed again! Jesus' resurrection appearances over, he leaves the disciples once more and ascends into heaven. There is no let up, he tells them go and wait, something else is now going to happen, another change is just around the corner.

On that first Pentecost the disciples met and something remarkable happened, the church all these years later still struggles for the words and wisdom to fully understand and explain it. Luke tells us that the Holy Spirit descended upon all who were gathered and changed them, changed them from people who feared the future into people who embraced it, whatever it might bring.

We don't know what the coming weeks and months might bring; we can pray for world peace, we can pray for governments and leaders to sit down and find solutions to their differences, but more than that, much more than that, we can live out our faith. We can be people of hope and peace, people who share the love of God with all those we meet. We can trust in God's future and help others do the same, for God wants only the best for us and the world.

Jesus said: 'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.' John 14:27

Blessings Kirstin

Holiday

Kirstin will be on holiday from 22nd April until 5th May.

The Revd Paul Watson, Rector of St James the Less, Bishopbriggs should be contacted in the first instance should there be a pastoral emergency, his phone number is: 0141 585 5845

Clergy Conference

The Diocesan Clergy Conference will be taking place from Monday 14th till Wednesday 16th May, Kirstin will be attending the conference and only be available on her mobile on those days.

Front Cover

The front cover for this month's magazine is an illuminated initial 'A' attributed to Stefano da Verona from about 1430 - 1435, painted with tempera and gold on parchment. This is an open content program image from the J. Paul Getty Museum in Los Angeles. Christ's Apostles gather in a tight circle, the Virgin Mary among them, ready to receive the Holy Spirit, which descends in the form of a white dove from the figure of God above. The entire scene takes place within an initial A, formed by the curved bodies of two dragons intertwined at their necks. Stefano da Verona's use of a lively palette of softly blended colours, and his delicate application of gold highlights to show details in the landscape, are hallmarks of his painting style. While a single dragon is sometimes used as

a symbol of the devil, when there is more than one dragon they are used to signify wonder and awe, a sign that something beyond human understanding, bigger than the biggest of all creatures, is taking place.

Diocesan Synod

The Diocesan Synod which was postponed because of the severe weather at the beginning of March will now take place on Saturday 12th May in the Howard Centre in Kilmarnock with the Synod Eucharist taking place at Holy Trinity beforehand. All are welcome to attend both the Synod and Eucharist, but only members of Synod can speak and vote at the meeting. Further details are available from the Rector or David Simmons, the Lay Representative.(see p9)

Pentecost

On **20th May** we will be celebrating Pentecost at an All Age non-Eucharistic service together with New Kilpatrick at New Kilpatrick. The service begins at 10.30am and will be followed by food. The 9am service at All Saints will take place as usual with the addition of a couple of hymns if the numbers allow.

Over the past years we have been working more closely with New Kilpatrick sharing services and working together on projects such as the Bearsden Festivals. Pentecost, often referred to as the Birthday of the Church, seemed a good time to worship together as one body. While there will be no Eucharist, we will be acknowledging our own traditions and celebrating our unity in diversity. This is a one off service and celebration and there are no plans to hold regular services on a Sunday morning.

The service falls at the end of Christian Aid Week and there will be a retiring collection for Christian Aid.

Poetry and Art

During Lent several members of the congregation gathered to explore a particular piece of poetry and art work with a Lenten theme. It was decided at our last meeting to do a similar thing again beginning in May. The first evening will take place on **Wednesday 23rd May**. We shall meet every two weeks after that with the following meeting being 6th June.

You don't need to have attended the meetings during Lent to join us. We will meet in the Church beginning at **7pm**.



Holy Week 2018 - Joint Services with New Kilpatrick

The joint services with New Kilpatrick began on Sunday 25th March with an evening service of The Passion - a beautiful and thought provoking service of music, hymns, readings and poetry.

A daily service was held at All Saints at 2pm - a quiet time for meditation and reflection.

The well attended Maundy Thursday service at All Saints included shared Communion, feet or hand washing, and prompts for personal reflection.

On Good Friday the afternoon service was held at New Kilpatrick and as in previous years proved to be a moving and challenging time.

Our grateful thanks to Kirstin and Roddy for all the thought and preparation which they put into this full week, and for yet again providing new and challenging ways of communicating the life changing messages of the Passion.

Louise Benson

The Passion and Holy Week

Ruth Gettinby is a member of New Kilpatrick Church and writes about the joint services which the two congregations held over Holy Week and Easter.



This image of Jusepe de Ribera's Penitent Saint Peter flashed into my mind as I watched the Gethsemane scene played out in the performances of The Passion, the start of our journey of reflection on Jesus' last days on earth. The three actors told the stories of the main characters with deep conviction, yet with a simplicity that made

them as accessible to the primary school pupils and as to the oldest members of our congregations. A few aspects stood out for me:

Mary in the upper room; the Centurion (great West of Scotland accent to make it more real!) moving from Dixson of Dock Green's old fashioned taking note of the facts as they presented to Columbo's reflection of what was really happening here; Gethsemane and Christ's emotional turmoil and then to the gentle awakening of realisation of his resurrection in the other garden.

It was wonderful to talk to the 5 members of Lamps about their experiences of performance while sharing food and wine after the evening session.

The fact that folk from outside our two congregations came along is perhaps indicative that these events work and might even be needed in our goal of linking church and community

The Passion, and then music and words for Passiontide on the evening of Palm Sunday, led by our very talented choirs directed by Chris, set us on our path towards the reflective afternoon services of Holy Week. Spoken word, images and music were carefully chosen to lead us to focus our own thoughts on the familiar stories from Mark's Gospel: as bystanders, how would we have responded to the events? I love these services.

On Sundays the ministers again do all the hard work of preparation and delivery of the message, but we contribute too: in singing, in chatting, in being involved in duties or just making sure those around us feel included if they look isolated. The reflective services demand nothing of us except that we *be* and be ready to hear the still, small voice. The numbers in the afternoon were small but that did not matter to those of us who were there because we were there by, for, and with ourselves.

In contrast, the symbolism at the heart of Maundy Thursday was particularly powerful, as we ministered to friend and stranger in washing each others' hands and feet and in serving the elements to our neighbours. It also gave me my first experience of stripping the church before Good Friday. It felt stark and hopeless. I was moved. The emotion stayed with me into the following day, with continuing reflective words, images and music and the wrenching sound as the curtain was torn mid-afternoon as we are told happened when Jesus took his last breath.

Onto the cross we placed our broken pieces of everyday items, representing our broken lives and world, and were invited to take away a shell painted with a cross. Powerful stuff.



I should add that I love the contrast in a brightly adorned All Saints when I returned for the Easter Carols service on 8th April .

We are blessed that Kirstin and Roddy share ideas and traditions to allow us to get to know each other and explore and develop our faith in our community.

Maundy Thursday Service

Our Maundy Thursday evening service in Holy Week was a joint Eucharist, shared with New Kilpatrick church.

In a departure from the usual format, the chairs in our church had been arranged in a large oval, with the Communion Table placed on the chancel step at one end. At opposite points within the central space, 'stations' had been placed—one for foot washing, the other for hand washing. Shortly after the start of the service, during the singing of the hymn, 'Brother, sister, let me serve you', participants in the service were offered the opportunity of washing each other's hands or feet.

Following this, during the Confession and Collect, Kirstin and Roddy paced the central area delivering meditative discourses on Christ's Passion, highlighting the significance of his suffering on the cross. It was a suitably thought-provoking, penitential reflection. This was followed by the Eucharist proper, in which the bread and wine were passed round the assembled company, each person communicating the person next to them.

After the Eucharist, during the singing of the hymn, 'Go to dark Gethsemane', the stripping of the altar took place. Then, following a final reflective discourse—but no formal dismissal—the congregation were invited to remain in silent vigil for as long as they wished before quietly making their way out of the church.

It was, all in all, a service designed to make us think carefully about Christ's ministry, his last moments of life on earth, and the profound significance of the Crucifixion. It also provoked consideration of what a proper response on our part should consist of: an attitude of humble thankfulness and grateful, loving service towards our neighbour.

Mike Graham

Thank you to all three contributors who provided their thoughts about Holy Week Services.

Easter at All Saints

The Church looked beautiful on Easter Day, with flowers and decorations throughout. Kirstin thanked Ann Caie for her hard work in organising the flower group and expressed her appreciation of the wonderful displays in celebration of Easter Day.

As has become the custom, we placed flowers on to the wooden cross after we had received communion. The cross is then placed in the church garden as a witness to the risen Lord.



The Easter Egg Hunt followed, also now a custom, patiently waited for during the service but with no photo as the young were too quick in the race to collect chocolate eggs from around the church.

One of the flower group went to great heights to achieve a fine result ... on every pillar!



The Easter Eucharist

Wednesday Lunch, 21st March 2018

The Rev Tim Tunley, chaplain for the Mission to Seafarers, based at Grangemouth Docks, was the guest speaker at the final lunch for this session. He talked about his overseas trip taken since last speaking at All Saints. The Centre at Grangemouth welcomes donations of knitted hats (beanies!) for free distribution to seafarers when they visit and the plan



was to have maybe 100, to give him on this visit. The beanies were knitted by members of the congregation and friends and there was an excellent turnout at the lunch, to be greeted by a splendid display of all the hard work.

In the course of his long sea trip Tim shared many experiences of life on board as well as visiting and finding out more about the role of the Mission at some of the overseas ports at which it is based, including Bangladesh, the island of Langkawi and returning via Malaysia.

He described, with humour and much thoughtfulness, some of the aspects of a life at sea (including a cruise ship) and in port. Problems with officialdom had to be borne with patience at times but most memorable were his accounts of ship travel; the long hours of "aloneness" which played tricks on the mind and obsessive thoughts. We were reminded of the periods in excess of six months that seafarers have to spend away from family, whether they are working on cruise ships or merchant vessels.

Mike Graham thanked him on behalf of us all and presented him with a cheque for £250 for the Mission and a very fetching personalised beanie for the Rev Tim!

We had all been invited to



guess how many hats had been knitted and amazingly the total came to **301!**
Well done to our team of organisers and helpers for a most enjoyable lunch.

Mike and Christine Keen

This was the final lunch organised by the wonderful team headed by Sheena, Jenny, Philip and Susan. They finished on a high note and deserve many thanks and congratulations on a successful 5 years. It is intended to continue with Wednesday Lunches after the summer, so keep in touch with events.

Lay Rep News by David Simmons

1. Just to let you all know that the new date for the Diocesan Synod is **Saturday 12th May**. If you recall the original Synod had to be postponed due to snow in March. Unfortunately due to work commitments I am unable to go myself, so David Hamblen will be going in my stead as alternate. Please let either of us know if there are specific views you wish to be represented. Thankfully the agenda looks much less controversial than in previous years.

2. Our brothers and sisters from the North-West Regional Council in Helensburgh have sent us the following invitation. St Michael's is a lovely church so do take advantage of this opportunity to pay it a visit:

"The **7th May 2018** marks the 150th anniversary of the consecration of St. Michael and All Angels, Helensburgh. Over the preceding two days we are holding special services and a concert to celebrate this significant anniversary. There is a concert on **Saturday 5th**, a special Eucharist with renewal of baptism vows at which Bishop Gregor will preach and preside on the morning of the **6th**, and an ecumenical Songs of Praise that evening.

We would like to extend a warm welcome to Episcopalians in the North West Region to come to the concert and either of the special services. Concert admission is free, but there will be a freewill offering for the ongoing work of the church. We face a significant expense in renovating the rectory during the next few weeks, as we anticipate the appointment of a new rector."

With good wishes, Kevin Boak

Lay Reader, St. Michael and All Angels, Helensburgh"

There are posters in the Hall and the Church advertising this celebration and details over the page.

St Michael and All Angels Church, Helensburgh 150th ANNIVERSARY WEEKEND EVENTS



Saturday 5th May

At 7.30pm

A Concert of Popular
Classical Music

with the

Buchanan Ensemble

Wine and refreshments

during the interval

Donations welcome towards
the ongoing ministry of the
Church

Sunday 6th May

At 10.30am

Sung Eucharist

Bishop Gregor presiding

At 6pm

Songs of Praise

Enhanced Choir

Organists – Martyn Marchall

Feedback from Mission Giving

Louise Benson has received this information from the **Christian Medical College, Vellore** and felt that the congregation would appreciate these case histories.

Dear Friends,
We gratefully acknowledge your kind contribution of £500.00, on behalf of All Saints Bearsden, in the month of January 2018 towards the Person-To-Person programme here. Ten patients have been benefited by your thoughtful gift and we are enclosing herewith five reports and a story concerning the patients who benefited from your kind contribution.

With regards, Yours sincerely,
Mary Anslum PTP Office
For Dr. Rita Isaac Deputy Director (Promotion)

Below are three of these reports as received and the story of Lalitha

Summary report on assisted patient (a nine year old girl)

Name: **Amrithaa** Age/Sex: 9/F

Clinical Unit : Paediatric Rheumatology

Duration of Hospitalisation: 3 Days

Where does the patient come from? Karur

How far is it from Vellore (approximately)? 160 km

Conveyance patient used to come to Vellore: Bus

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION REFERS TO: **Father**

Occupation: Daily wage labourer

How many days in the week is he normally employed? 5

Approximate income: £50.00 per month

Level of education: High School

Type of family accommodation: Brick house

Ownership of accommodation: Own

Number of children in the family: One

How many regular meals does the family have daily? Three

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION REFERS TO: **Mother**

Occupation: Housewife

Approximate income: -

Level of education: Elementary School

OTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE **PATIENT FAMILY**:

This family does not possess any property that can be used at the time of their need.

BRIEF HISTORY OF ILLNESS BEFORE ADMISSION:

Amrithaa, a known case of systemic lupus erythematosis, was admitted with complaints of fever and fast breathing.

BRIEF ACCOUNT OF THE TREATMENT AND COURSE IN THE HOSPITAL:

She was treated with intravenous antibiotics and antifailure medications.

Diagnosis: Systemic Lupus erythematosis with cardiac failure

Condition when discharged: Improved

Cost of hospitalisation: £181.00 (Your contribution was used towards payment of this patient's bill)

Summary report on assisted patient (an 18 year old girl)

Name: **Vinitha** Age/Sex: 18 /F

Clinical Unit : Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation

Duration of Hospitalisation: 23 Days

Where does the patient come from? Thiruvannamalai

How far is it from Vellore (approximately)? 84 km

Mode of conveyance patient used to come to Vellore: Bus

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION REFERS TO: **Father**

Occupation: Manual labourer

How many days in the week is he/she normally employed? 6 Days

Approximate income: £60.00 per month

Level of education: Elementary School

Type of family accommodation: Mud house

Ownership of accommodation: Own

Number of children in the family: One

How many regular meals does the family have daily? Two

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION REFERS TO: **Mother**

Occupation: Housewife

Approximate income: -

Level of education: Illiterate

OTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE PATIENT FAMILY:

This family lives in their own mud house which has no basic facilities like water or sanitation.

BRIEF HISTORY OF ILLNESS BEFORE ADMISSION:

Vinitha was admitted with concerns of decreased responsiveness to the environment and dependent on all activities of daily living.

BRIEF ACCOUNT OF THE TREATMENT AND COURSE IN THE HOSPITAL:
Neurorehabilitation was given.

Diagnosis: Unresponsive wakefulness syndrome.
Condition when discharged: Improved

Cost of hospitalisation: £523.00 (Your contribution was used towards payment of this patient's bill)

Summary report on assisted patient 52 year old man

Name: Thandavarayan *Age/Sex:* 52 /M
Clinical Unit : Surgery
Duration of Hospitalisation: 7 Days
Where does the patient come from? Thiruvallur
How far is it from Vellore (approximately)? 40 km
Mode of conveyance patient used to come to Vellore: Bus

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION REFERS TO: **Patient**

Occupation: Coolie
How many days in the week is he/she normally employed? 5 Days
Approximate income: £50.00 per month
Level of education: Elementary School
Type of family accommodation: Mud house
Ownership of accommodation: Rented
Number of children in the family: -
How many regular meals does the family have daily? Two

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION REFERS TO: **Wife**

Occupation: Housewife
Approximate income: -
Level of education: Illiterate

OTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE PATIENT FAMILY: A coolie is a daily wage earner without any entitlements.

BRIEF HISTORY OF ILLNESS BEFORE ADMISSION:

Thandavarayan was admitted with complaints of pain and swelling of the left cheek.

BRIEF ACCOUNT OF THE TREATMENT AND COURSE IN THE HOSPITAL:

Incision and drainage of left parotid and peritonsillar abscess were carried out under general anaesthesia.

Diagnosis: Left parotid and peritonsillar abscess
Condition when discharged: Improved

Cost of hospitalisation: £381.00 (Your contribution was used towards payment of this patient's bill)

LALITHA

22 year old Lalitha has a four year old son who is in Lower Kindergarten in a local government school. Lalitha and her husband, Raman, have studied up to higher secondary school. Raman works as a Security guard in a company, earning £60.00 per month while Lalitha stays at home looking after their son and other needs of the family.

Lalitha's family stays in the Old Town District of Vellore. They squatted on a small plot of land which was given to them by her parents a short distance away from the hospital. Now the Tamil Nadu government gives subsidies to people who are below the poverty line to help them build a good house. Raman got this help and built a small brick house which has only one room measuring 12' x 15'. It is still not completed. Even though they are not in a position to finish the house, Lalitha and her family started to live in it.



They have electricity but there are no water or sanitation facilities. They collect water from the public tap in the road outside, which is available twice a week. They get 20 kg of free rice, provided by the Tamil Nadu government. With this they manage to have three simple meals a day. They do not possess any property which can be used in an emergency.

Lalitha came to hospital complaining of a clear discharge from her right ear. Investigations showed that she had chronic otitis media.

A right cartilage tympanoplasty (surgical technique to repair a defect in the tympanic membrane with the placement of a graft) surgery was done under general anaesthesia in the Day Care theatre and she was discharged on the same day. She was advised to come to ENT Out Patient Department for follow up.

The cost of hospitalisation for her treatment came to £121.00. It was well beyond the limited means of a poor family like Lalitha's. Her husband paid a part of the bill and the remaining bill was settled by the Person to Person

programme and from institutional funds. We took care of Lalitha in the hope that some kind donor would finance her care. We join the grateful family in thanking you for this timely help.

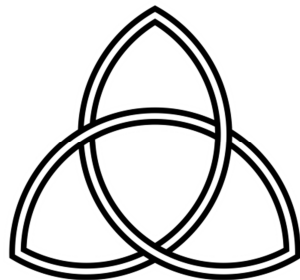
Children's Corner

May 27th 2018 - Trinity Sunday

Pope Gregory IX instituted Trinity Sunday in 828 CE. This day is known for being the only major Christian festival that celebrates a church doctrine rather than an event in its sacred history. It is dedicated to the Christian belief in the Trinity - Father, Son and Holy Spirit - and falls on the Sunday following Pentecost each year. The belief of one God in three elements is a fundamental of the Christian faith.

Trinity Sunday spread throughout the western church around the 14th century CE. The triquetra symbol pictured here uses shapes similar to one of the oldest Christian symbols.

In the triquetra, the three equal arches of the circle express the equality of the **Father, Son, and Holy Spirit**. The union of the arches represents the unity of the Godhead. Their continuous form symbolizes eternity. Their interwoven appearance denotes the indivisibility of the Trinity.

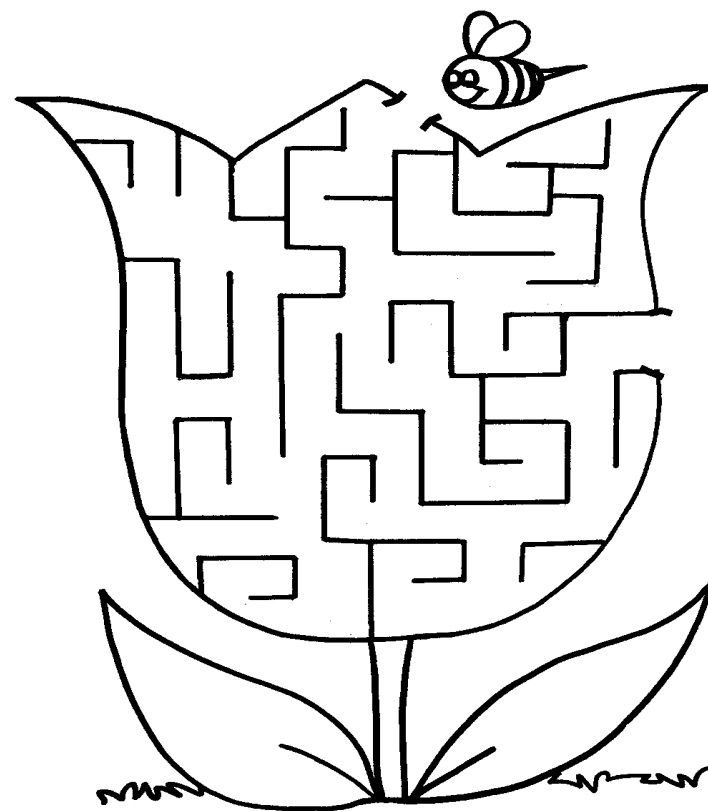


Upcoming Dates for the diary

22nd April	Sunday School	27th May	Holiday
28th April	Sunday School	3rd June	Sunday School
6th May	Sunday School	10th June	Sunday School Party
13th May	Sunday School	17th June	Gift Day
20th May	All Age Worship New Kilpatrick	24th June	Summer Holiday



It is such a relief when Spring finally comes. With longer days and the ability to get out and about, spring flowers and beautiful new foliage on the trees and shrubs, we can all come out of our hibernation and get a bit more active. Spring is a great time to explore nature with your family. Follow the bee in and out of the flower, then have fun colouring it in



May Rotas

Date	Sidesmen 10:30 a.m.	Eucharistic Assistants	Readings	Reader	Intercessor	Coffee Name in bold to bring milk
6th May Easter 6	Philip Thompson Simon Lowis	Hanan Catriona	Acts 10:40-48 1 John 5:1-6 John 15:9-17	Gillian Kingslake	Louise Benson	Kate Ross Margaret Dunn Joyce James
13th May Easter 7	Susan Gray Celia Fisher	Graham Richard	Acts 1:15-17,21-26 1 John:5:1-6 John 17:6-19	Bryan Stack	David Hamblen	Fiona Hempel Jean Stirling Pauline Waugh
20th May Pentecost	10.30 service for Pentecost at New Kilpatrick					
27th May Trinity Sunday	Mairi Ross David Hamblen	John Susan	Isaiah 6:1-8 Romans 8:12-17 John 3:1-17	Mary Stott	Susan Gray	Sheena Macdonald Barbara Thompson Gillian Kingslake
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May Services

I will praise the name of God with a song;
 I will magnify God with thanksgiving.
 Psalm 69.30

Date	Services	
6th May Easter 6 (White)	9am Said Eucharist	1970 Liturgy
	10.30am Sung Eucharist	Liturgy for Easter Day
Wednesday 9 th	11.30am Said Eucharist	
Thursday 10th The Ascension	7pm Ascension Service	
13th May Easter 7 (White)	9am Said Eucharist	1970 Liturgy
	10.30am Sung Eucharist	Easter Season Liturgy
20th May Pentecost (Red)	9am Said Eucharist with hymns	1970 Liturgy
	10.30am Joint Service for Pentecost at New Kilpatrick (no 10.30am service at All Saints)	
Wednesday 23 rd	11.30am Said Eucharist	
27th May Trinity Sunday (White)	9am Said Eucharist	1970 Liturgy
	10.30am Sung Eucharist	Trinity Sunday Liturgy
Wednesday 30 th	11.30am Said Eucharist	