



ST COLUMBA DRYPOOL

Sunday 22nd April 2018

Welcome to today's services

10:30am Parish Morning Service

Readings: Exodus 3: 1-15 & John 8: 54-59

The service will be led by Revs Dave & Martyn

Following a short break there will be the Parish's AGM
and then a shared lunch

The Special Prayer for the 4th Sunday of EASTER

Risen Christ,

faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:

teach us to hear your voice and to follow your command,

that all your people may be gathered into one flock,

to the glory of God the Father. **Amen**

A St Columba's Prayer

Loving Father,

by your grace you have made us a family

who follow Jesus and reach out to our community.

We are loved by you – show us the depth of your love.

We are brothers and sisters - help us to love one another as Christ has loved us.

We are followers - lead us to love you with all our heart.

We are witnesses - empower us by your Spirit to love our neighbours as ourselves.

We exist to make disciples - use us to bring in, build up and send out disciples for



*At St. Columba we encourage people to pray for each other
in an informal way after every service as the need arises.
All prayer is confidential.*



*Coffee, tea and orange are available at the back of church
after services. Do consider staying!*



*If you need a lift to Church please contact
Margaret (588357) or Liz (797110).*

TODAY'S READINGS (NIV)

Sermons at St Columba's after Easter

"Small, weak faith is faith in a small, weak God; big, life-changing faith is faith in a big life-changing God. Between Easter and the summer our sermons take us through Exodus, the book where God introduces himself and shows how compassionate, holy, powerful, faithful, present and majestic he is"

Exodus 3: 1-15

¹ Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. ² There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush. Moses saw that though the bush was on fire it did not burn up. ³ So Moses thought, 'I will go over and see this strange sight – why the bush does not burn up.'

⁴ When the Lord saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, 'Moses! Moses!' And Moses said, 'Here I am.'

⁵ 'Do not come any closer,' God said. 'Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground.' ⁶ Then he said, 'I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.' At this, Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God.

⁷ The Lord said, 'I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering. ⁸ So I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey – the home of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites. ⁹ And now the cry of the Israelites has reached me, and I have seen the way the Egyptians are oppressing them. ¹⁰ So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt.'

¹¹ But Moses said to God, 'Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?'

¹² And God said, 'I will be with you. And this will be the sign to you that it is I who have sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will worship God on this mountain.'

¹³ Moses said to God, 'Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, "The God of your fathers has sent me to you," and they ask me, "What is his name?" Then what shall I tell them?'

¹⁴ God said to Moses, 'I am who I am. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: "I am has sent me to you."'

¹⁵ God also said to Moses, 'Say to the Israelites, "The Lord, the God of your fathers – the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob – has sent me to you."

'This is my name for ever, the name you shall call me from generation to generation.

John 8: 54-59

⁵⁴ Jesus said, 'If I glorify myself, my glory means nothing. My Father, whom you claim as your God, is the one who glorifies me. ⁵⁵ Though you do not know him, I know him. If I said I did not, I would be a liar like you, but I do know him and obey his word. ⁵⁶ Your father Abraham rejoiced at the thought of seeing my day; he saw it and was glad.'

⁵⁷ 'You are not yet fifty years old,' they said to him, 'and you have seen Abraham!'

⁵⁸ 'Very truly I tell you,' Jesus answered, 'before Abraham was born, I am!' ⁵⁹ At this, they picked up stones to stone him, but Jesus hid himself, slipping away from the temple grounds.

THE AGM

We will be electing Churchwardens and PCC and DCC members for all 3 Churches.

- Churchwardens are elected for one year.
- The complete list of people on the PCC and DCC's now across the Parish is on the main Notice Board and some have been elected to 2019 and 2020 in past elections.

Copies of the Annual Report are on the table at the back.

ADDITIONAL HYMNS AND SONGS FOR TODAY

The World is searching for an answer, a ray of hope in a hopeless world
Who can we turn to? Where is our rescue? There is someone, He's the answer
He's the light and He'll light the way. His name is Jesus, He came to save us
He is the light, light, light, Light of the world
And he shines, shines, shines All over the earth
Shining bright, bright, bright He is the light of the world
He is the light,

1. Facing a task unfinished

That drives us to our knees
A need that, undiminished
Rebukes our slothful ease
We, who rejoice to know Thee
Renew before Thy throne
The solemn pledge we owe Thee
To go and make Thee known

2. Where other lords beside Thee

Hold their unhindered sway
Where forces that defied Thee
Defy Thee still today
With none to heed their crying
For life, and love, and light
Unnumbered souls are dying
And pass into the night
We go to all the world
With kingdom hope unfurled
No other name has power to save
But Jesus Christ The Lord

3. We bear the torch that flaming

Fell from the hands of those
Who gave their lives proclaiming
That Jesus died and rose
Ours is the same commission
The same glad message ours
Fired by the same ambition
To Thee we yield our powers
We go to all the world ...

4. O Father who sustained them

O Spirit who inspired
Saviour, whose love constrained
them
To toil with zeal untired
From cowardice defend us
From lethargy awake!
Forth on Thine errands send us
To labour for Thy sake
We go to all the world ...
We go to all the world ...



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

All events in Church unless stated

APRIL / MAY

Tuesday 24 th	10am "Starting Blocks" Children's Group For pre-school children, their parents & carers
Wednesday 25 th	1:30pm Knitwits
Thursday 26 th	4:30pm Thursday Night Thing
Friday 27 th	7pm Regency Dancers in the Hall
Sunday 29th Easter 5	10:30am Morning Service Readings: Exodus 5: 22 - 6:12 & Luke 1: 67-75
Tuesday 1 st	10am "Starting Blocks" Children's Group
Wednesday 2 nd	10am Prayershawl Group in the Chapel 11:30am Crocheteers 1:30pm Mothers Union 7:30pm Secret Artists at Elm Avenue Clubhouse
Thursday 3 rd	4:30pm Thursday Night Thing 7:30pm DEEPER - Knowledge, Faith, Teaching A new series of monthly evenings led by Dave & Martyn for all the Churches helping us to develop a deeper faith, knowledge and relationship with God. See separate leaflets!
NEW SERIES!	
Friday 4 th	7pm Regency Dancers in the Hall
Saturday 5 th	8:30am Mens' Breakfast
Sunday 6th Easter 6	10:30am Holy Communion Readings: Exodus 9: 13-35 & Mark 15: 33-39 6pm Monthly Prayer Meeting
<p>During term time the following groups meet: Brownies & Rainbows Monday 6.15 – 7.15pm in the Hall Guides Monday 7:30 – 9:00pm in the Hall ----- On Wednesdays there is usually a Communion Service, 10am at St John's On Sunday Evenings St John's also have a service at 7:30pm.</p>	

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The Parish Office is open on Friday 10:30am – Noon.

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Items for the Notice Sheet to Richard (588357) by Friday 9am please