

Dates for your diary

1st Fourth Sunday after Epiphany 10.30am Holy Communion at St. John's.

4th Wednesday 7.15pm Vestry meeting.

5th Thursday 10.30am Holy Communion at St. John's.

8th Fifth Sunday after Epiphany 10.30am Holy Communion at St. John's.

12th Thursday 10.30am Holy Communion at St. John's.

15th Sunday before Lent 10.30am Holy Communion at St. John's. Canon Jane Brooke.

18th Ash Wednesday – 10.30am Holy Communion at St. John's.

11.30am at St. Columba's.

22nd Thursday No service at St. John's.

22nd First Sunday of Lent 10.30am Holy Communion at St. John's. Annual General Meeting after the service.

25th Wednesday 10.30am Holy Communion at St. John's.

26th Thursday – No service.

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Some thoughts ...

Our AGM is on Sunday February 22nd. It's been a difficult year and we'll certainly feel the loss of Roddy and Patricia as we meet together. Each of them brought a particular richness and wisdom to our church and they've handed on a legacy of caring commitment. Now the challenge is for us to move forward and to worship and serve God together at St. John's. None of us can be 'passengers'. Each of us has a unique contribution to make. As we approach the AGM would you prayerfully consider your own part in our mission and ministry.

Let's all pray this as we come to our AGM:

My church is composed of people like me.

I help make it what it is.

It will be friendly, if I am.

Its pews will be filled, if I help fill them.

It will do great work, if I work.

It will make generous gifts to many causes, if I am a generous giver.

It will bring other people into its worship and fellowship, if I invite and bring them.

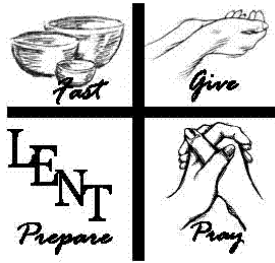
It will be a church of loyalty and love, of fearlessness and faith, and a church with a noble spirit, if I, who make it what it is, am filled with these same things.

Therefore, with the help of God, I shall dedicate myself to the task of being all the things that I want my church to be.

Amen.

Jenny





The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday (February 18th). The Bible reading for that day begins with an appeal from the very heart of God himself:

'Come back to me with all your heart, fasting and weeping, mourning ... let your hearts be broken, not your

garment torn. Turn to the Lord your God again, for he is all tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in graciousness, and ready to relent.'

Throughout His Word, what we hear over and over again is God calling His people to Himself, inviting them into a relationship with Him – a relationship that promises renewal, healing, a fullness of life, in fact a share in the life of God Himself.

Lent is a time for the drifting, wandering people of God to turn back, to recommit themselves to this relationship in a deeper way. It's a time to take stock. It's an opportunity for a little extra time in prayer and Bible reading, in thanksgiving, in worship.

Prayer for Lent:

God of the desert, as we follow Jesus into the unknown, may we recognise the tempter when he comes; let it be your bread we eat, your world we serve and you alone we worship.

what's happening

Sunday February 15th The celebrant and preacher will be Canon Jane Brooke, Canon Chancellor of Chester Cathedral.

Ash Wednesday February 18th

10.30am and 7pm

Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes at St. John's
11.30am at St. Columba's.

Thursday February 19th – Alison's Homegroup at Carrbridge.

Sunday February 22nd

Annual General Meeting
after the morning service.



Wednesday 25th 10.30 Holy Communion – there will be no service on Thursday that week.

Wednesdays in Lent at St. Columba's – 11.30 Holy Communion followed by Lent Lunch(12.15) and Discussion (approx. 1.15)