



Just a thought.... Messy Church's lesson post Easter includes the following questions:

Jesus told us we must love one another as he has loved us. How do we do this?

What acts of kindness, hospitality and love can we offer in our community?

Whose feet are you willing to wash?

How can we show love to others like Jesus did?

How can we help to spread peace to others?

How can we give a helping hand?

How can we bring about God's kingdom using our unique skills and abilities?

What words might help spread peace?

What parable would you write or tell?

What are the ways we can bubble over with peace, joy and love?

When was the last time you served someone?

And when was the last time you allowed someone to serve you?

## Services in Lenzie Union

Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> April	Rev Donald Macleod
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	Rev Donald Macleod
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> May	Rev Leslie Grieve
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	BB/GB Youth Service Led by Mrs Roberta Logan.
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> May	Rev John Campbell.
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> June	Joint Cluster Service at St David's Memorial Park Kirkintilloch, at <b>10.30am</b>

**Church Family News** A thanksgiving service for Miss Margaret Lorimer was held in the church on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April. We give thanks for Margaret's involvement in Lenzie Union, and the local community, especially with the children, and send love to all her family and friends who miss her most

*You are warmly invited*

**Sundays Lighthouse** starts in church and moves into the New Hall for crafts, stories and games. For primary age and younger

**Sunday Bible Class** for secondary age meets in church and moves to the Atrium for Chat, video, quiz with a message

**Youth Café** meets on Thursdays 3.45 for an hour of fun, food, games, chat, music and pool. For secondary age young people

**Messy Church in  
LUPC New Hall  
May 17th<sup>th</sup> 4.00-5.00  
*Children bring an adult!  
You will both enjoy it!***

## Christian Aid

Joint church Plant sale and Coffee morning  
**Lenzie Old Parish Church  
Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May  
10.00am - 12.00**

### DATE for your DIARY: SUNDAY 18th MAY 2025

You are invited to come along to the New Hall at 4.30pm to take part in an informal hour of praise. More details nearer the time.

**Sunday 11th May** The Pastoral & Social team invite you to Lunch after the service. This is the start of Christian Aid week and all profit will go to Christian Aid. Come and join the celebration. Any dietary requirements let Sheila Milligan know.

**Kirkintilloch  
Ladies Choir**  
65th ANNIVERSARY CONCERT  
Saturday 10th May  
St Mary's Church | 7:30pm  
Tickets - £10.00 | Children Free



Featuring one of Scotland's finest Tenors,  
Jamie MacDougall  
local favourite, Kirkintilloch Kelvin Brass

Scan for online tickets

**Presbytery Mission Initiative  
CLOSE KNIT at Coffee Pot**  
An opportunity to knit or  
crochet 6 inch squares &  
make blankets for Lodging  
House Mission  
**B.Y.O. wool & needles, size 4 or 5**



### Bible and Blether Nibbles

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April 25**

**after the Service**

**Enjoy some finger food  
together**

**and chat about the service**

*You are also warmly invited*

**An evening with New Day Vocal Harmony Group**

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 7.30pm**

**St David's Memorial Park, Kirkintilloch**

**Tickets £5 from [jamsdmp@gmail.com](mailto:jamsdmp@gmail.com)**

**In aid of the Build South Africa trip 2026**

**Lenzie Community Council** will arrange a Lenzie Community Festival to take place on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> August with events and activities happening around Lenzie - in the churches, Lenzie Rugby Club the Gatehouse and other locations from 10.00 till 4.00pm.

If you have skills and talents to offer or know others who does please email below

LCC will also hold an Information and Consultation day on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May in the New Hall 1.00 till 4.00. Publicise your activities, and learn what is happening in your community. Take part in our consultation about a local place Plan for Lenzie.

[omalleydom@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:omalleydom@yahoo.co.uk)

*Thank you!*



Just a few words of thanks once again for the generosity of LUPC. With well over 100 Easter eggs being donated to the Lodging House Mission Easter Egg Appeal. These were distributed to those on the edge of society who Easter may otherwise have passed by. A small gift to mark a life changing occasion  
**THANKYOU**

### **East Dunbartonshire Foodbank – Thankyou!**

Our local Foodbank expresses thanks for the support from individual members, given on behalf of the church, reminding that such donations are a very practical way of showing support to those most affected by food poverty in our community. Anyone wishing to support the foodbank with a monetary gift rather than foodstuffs directly can give through the church plate or to the treasurer, marked for 'EDC Foodbank'.



# Exploring EASTER

Through the eyes of  
those who came along



It was my first time visiting this re-enactment and I'll definitely come again and bring a friend. *I loved it! What a great thing!*

"I didn't know what to expect. I was surprised and I felt moved."

"I was in the zone!

I was almost as if I was there!

The characters seemed real.

They brought it to life."

"It was almost as if I was hearing it for the first time! Hearing it afresh!"



A wide range of real emotions shown!

*"There was a lot of learning in it.*

*So much I hadn't realised ."*

*"Peter seemed really upset."*

*"He brought a tear to my eye!"*

"Listening to bible readings or watching a film are fine, but to actually meet the characters face to face was so much more powerful!

It was amazing! I'll never forget this!

"When the children came to building their Easter gardens they knew all the details from watching the drama and following the Easter trail." Kim



"It just gets better and better!

Even more realistic!"

*"That was wonderful!"*



# **This Christian Aid Week, will you help Amelia fight hunger?**

**For 80 years , churches have supported and sustained the work of Christian Aid.**

Together, united by hope we've been able to offer vital, practical support to communities who are working hard to leave poverty behind for good.

Tragically, today, so much that's been achieved is under threat. The climate crisis is destroying the lives. lands and livelihoods of many of the communities we work with. That's why we are asking if you'll stand with us, once again, this

**Christian Aid week (11-17 May).**

Your kindness is urgently needed, so that people who are battling intense heatwaves, deadly droughts and savage storms can adapt and build their resilience - people like Amelia.

**Amelia is a resourceful and determined 24-year-old indigenous farmer.** She lives with her husband and their two children in Guatemala. Extreme weather is ravaging Amelia's farm and killing the precious crops that feed her children.

Half of all the children in Guatemala are chronically malnourished, leading to stunting that permanently affects both physical and mental development. The cruel injustice is that indigenous communities like Amelia's have done the least to cause the climate crisis, yet they endure it's impact the most. As farms are devastated, the search for solutions becomes critical.

Please help fund vital training and tools, so someone like Amelia can support their community to escape hunger. Amelia's story shows that hope drives transformative change.

For 80 years Christian Aid has mobilised thousands of churches, and every year, **Christian Aid Week invites us all to put our hope into action. This Christian Aid Week, we each have 7 days to make a difference.**

## **What will you do?**

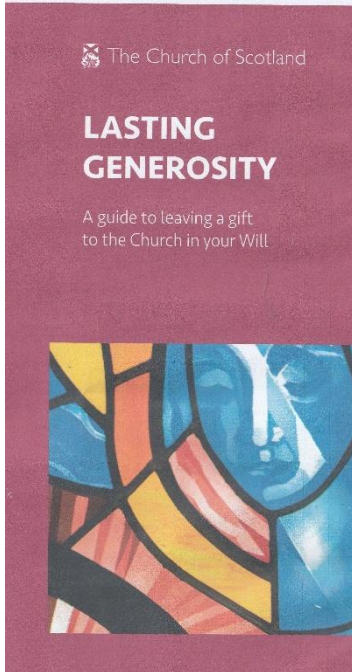
In Lenzie, during this week we are -

- 1) Holding a Lunch after the service on Sunday 11th May in the New Hall.
- 2) There will be collection envelopes available at the church on Sunday 11th.
- 3) Door-to-door delivery of envelopes. Volunteers required.
- 4) Joint church Plant Sale/Coffee Morning in Lenzie Old Parish church hall on Wednesday 14th May 10am-12pm. Volunteers required.
- 5) A daily Prayer Guild will be available for each day of the week.

**Your contribution - whether gifts, actions or prayers - will bring us closer to creating a world where we can all thrive. Let's make this Christian Aid week a powerful testimony of love and service.**

Thank you for your hope, faith and kind support.

Contact Isabel Irvine 0141 775 1241



# Got a Will to Give?

We are privileged if we are in a position to leave a mark of our passing to be remembered by those people and causes we've cared for in life. A gift in your Will to the Church is one of the most valuable and lasting ways to continue your support of its ministry and mission.

Copies of the Church of Scotland's leaflet are available from the vestibule or online. A gift to your local church will encourage and sustain your own congregation's engagement with the communities it serves and can be a fixed monetary gift or a 'residual legacy' – what is left within your estate after all other bequests have been made.

As your Will is a legal document it is recommended that you have it drafted by someone who is legally qualified, but, even if yours is already in hand, the process to add a specific gift or legacy is simple and a quick word with your adviser will suffice.

## *“Generous God*

*You have given me so much in response to all your blessings. I pray for grace to continue to be a means of blessing in the lives of others and those who come after me. Grant me the generosity of your Spirit to make the appropriate provision for those I love and care for, and gifts of thanksgiving to the things You lead me to care about. Amen”*

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