



## St. Mary's Scottish Episcopal Church, Gatehouse of Fleet

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2026

Celebrant and Preacher: Rev'd Alison Hudson

**Please pray for** Joyce and Rob Thacker, Laura Durling, Sally-Anne and Peter Madeley, Carol Ducker, Rowan Huggitt, Barbara Graham, Sonia Perry and Dee DuRose

### **Lent observances**

We begin with a service of Holy Communion and Ashing on **Ash Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> February** at 10am in St Mary's Church. There will be no 'Pause for Prayer' that day.

Churches Together **Lent Lunches** take place each Wednesday from **18<sup>th</sup> February through to 25<sup>th</sup> March** with a short reflection at 12.20pm in the Parish Church, followed by a soup lunch in the Hall at 12.30pm. Donations this year will go to Barcaple for the Ukrainian children's summer visit.

**Pause for Prayer** is at Denis and Judy's house at 10am each Wednesday morning, please do join us when you can as we pray for our church, community and the wider world. During Lent we will incorporate a Lenten devotion into this time.

Anyone is welcome to attend the **Lent Groups** meeting at 11am in the Parish Church Hall led by Revd Val Ott, or at 7pm in Fleet Valley.

**Fleet Valley** Revd Alison will be leading a time of worship at Fleet Valley Care Home on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February at 2pm. Please do join me if you are able to.

**Diocesan Synod** takes place on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March in the Howard Centre, Kilmarnock. Synod begins with the Eucharist at Holy Trinity, Kilmarnock at 10am. The Eucharist is open to all, and the proceedings of the Synod are open to communicant members of the Scottish Episcopal Church who are resident in the Diocese. Synod is attended by Clergy and the Lay Representative from each charge. If you wish to attend Synod as a visitor, please contact the Diocesan Secretary – [diocesansecretary@glasgow.anglican.org](mailto:diocesansecretary@glasgow.anglican.org)

**Mothering Sunday** we will be creating a memories garden at the front of the church for Mothering Sunday and invite people from the congregation and community to leave a pot of spring flowers in memory of their mothers. Publicity for this will follow.

**A retreat to Iona** Revd Dr Elizabeth Breakey is organising a retreat to Iona for people within the Galloway Region. Staying in Bishop's House, this will be a relaxed retreat with a rhythm of prayer, then space to do your own thing through the day, including joining with services in the Iona Abbey. It is on 3-10 October 2026, and will cost £680 for a twin room, £1,040 for a single, full board. There are a few places left, if you're interested, see the poster on the noticeboard, or speak to Alison.

**Gift Aid and Giving** If you are a visitor, and you are a tax payer, you may want to complete one of the green envelopes in the pew (not forgetting to include your name and address) in order that we can reclaim the tax. As we can no longer pay in cheques in Gatehouse, if you can avoid making donations by cheque it would be much appreciated. If you would rather give a regular amount, by standing order or weekly envelope, please contact the treasurer Linda Gaston 07353 283870 or [lgaston57@icloud.com](mailto:lgaston57@icloud.com)

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## COLLECT

Almighty Father,  
whose Son was revealed in majesty  
before he suffered death upon the cross:  
give us grace to perceive his glory,  
that we may be strengthened to suffer  
with him  
and be changed into his likeness, from  
glory to glory;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

## FIRST READING Exodus 24:12-end

*A reading from the book of Exodus.*

The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them." Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

## PSALM

Either Psalm 2

**R** You are my Son;

this day have I begotten you.

Why are the nations in an uproar?  
Why do the peoples mutter empty  
threats?

Why do the kings of the earth rise  
up in revolt  
and the princes plot together,  
against the Lord and against his  
anointed? **R**

"Let us break their yoke", they say;  
"let us cast off their bonds from us."  
He whose throne is in heaven is  
laughing;  
the Lord has them in derision. **R**

Then he speaks to them in his wrath  
and his rage fills them with terror.  
"I myself have set my king  
upon my holy hill of Zion."  
Let me announce the decree of the  
Lord:

he said to me, "You are my Son;  
this day have I begotten you. **R**

Ask of me and I will give you the nations  
for your inheritance  
and the ends of the earth for your  
possession.

You shall crush them with an iron rod  
and shatter them like a piece of  
pottery." **R**

And now, you kings, be wise;  
be warned, you rulers of the earth.  
Submit to the Lord with fear,  
and with trembling bow before him;  
lest he be angry and you perish;  
for his wrath is quickly kindled.  
Happy are they all  
who take refuge in him! **R**

## Or Psalm 99

**R** He spoke to them out of the pillar of  
cloud.

The Lord is king; let the people tremble;  
he is enthroned upon the cherubim; let  
the earth shake.

The Lord is great in Zion;  
he is high above all peoples.  
Let them confess his name, which is  
great and awesome;  
he is the Holy One. **R**

"O mighty King, lover of justice,  
you have established equity;  
you have executed justice and  
righteousness in Jacob."  
Proclaim the greatness of the Lord  
our God  
and fall down before his footstool;  
he is the Holy One. **R**

Moses and Aaron among his priests,  
and Samuel among those who call upon  
his name,  
they called upon the Lord and he  
answered them.  
He spoke to them out of the pillar of  
cloud;  
they kept his testimonies  
and the decree that he gave them. **R**

"O Lord our God, you answered them  
indeed;  
you were a God who forgave them,  
yet punished them for their evil deeds."  
Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our  
God  
and worship him upon his holy hill;  
for the Lord our God is the Holy One. **R**

## SECOND READING 2 Peter 1:16-end

*A reading from the second letter of  
Peter.*

We did not follow cleverly devised  
myths when we made known to you the  
power and coming of our Lord Jesus

Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses  
of his majesty. For he received honour  
and glory from God the Father when  
that voice was conveyed to him by  
the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is  
my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am  
well pleased." We ourselves heard  
this voice come from heaven, while we  
were with him on the holy mountain. So  
we have the prophetic message more  
fully confirmed. You will do well to be  
attentive to this as to a lamp shining in  
a dark place, until the day dawns and  
the morning star rises in your hearts.  
First of all you must understand this, that  
no prophecy of scripture is a matter of  
one's own interpretation, because no  
prophecy ever came by human will, but  
men and women moved by the Holy  
Spirit spoke from God.

## GOSPEL Matthew 17:1-9

*Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Matthew.*

Jesus took with him Peter and James  
and his brother John and led them up a  
high mountain, by themselves. And he  
was transfigured before them, and his  
face shone like the sun, and his clothes  
became dazzling white. Suddenly there  
appeared to them Moses and Elijah,  
talking with him. Then Peter said to  
Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be  
here; if you wish, I will make three  
dwellings here, one for you, one for  
Moses, and one for Elijah." While he  
was still speaking, suddenly a bright  
cloud overshadowed them, and from  
the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son,  
the Beloved; with him I am well pleased;  
listen to him!" When the disciples heard  
this, they fell to the ground and were  
overcome by fear. But Jesus came and  
touched them, saying, "Get up and do  
not be afraid." And when they looked  
up, they saw no one except Jesus  
himself alone. As they were coming  
down the mountain, Jesus ordered  
them, "Tell no one about the vision until  
after the Son of Man has been raised  
from the dead."

## POST COMMUNION

Holy God,  
we see your glory in the face of Jesus  
Christ:  
may we who are partakers at his table  
reflect his life in word and deed,  
that all the world may know  
his power to change and save.  
This we ask through Jesus Christ our  
Lord.