


DATES FOR THE DIARY

Monday Patchwork Group meet @ 12.30pm
Tuesday Friendship Group meet @ 10am
Wednesday Golf Group meet @ 6.30am
ACA meeting @ 6pm
Thursday Rev Josie @ church @ 10 – 12 noon

ACA GROUP MEETING - Adult Children of Alcoholics/Dysfunctional Families is a Twelve Step, Twelve Tradition program for men and women who grew up in alcoholic or otherwise dysfunctional homes. This independent group is now meeting weekly on Wednesdays from 6 – 8pm. The only requirement for membership is a desire to recover from the affects of growing up in an alcoholic or otherwise dysfunctional family. There are no dues or fees, all contributions are voluntary. If you know of anyone who could benefit from this group, please give them the details of when the group meets. All meetings are confidential nothing that is said in meetings is repeated in any context.

ANNUAL MEETING will be on 15th June at 8.15am. Please would you send your reports to josie.steytler@gmail.com by 1st June. Also please consider nominating to be part of the Parish Council.

<p>Please pray for: Paul; Keena; Cheryl; Isla; Charlotte; Marilyn; Gavin; Annette; Eric; Lynn; Cameron; Joyce; Kate; George & Maureen; Gazza; Mel & family; Noela</p> <p>This week Johnny is with Lesley McCafferty</p>	
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Happy birthday to Jason Strachan & Neil Jennings on 26th; Ken Hamilton on 28th

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Welcome to Worship



Easter 6

25th May 2025

We are a warm-hearted community who are delighted to have you worshipping with us today ...

Our Mission is to

- **Know God personally**
- **Love and respect one another deeply**
- **Disciple and serve those around us**

Sentence: 'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you,' says the Lord. 'Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.'
John 14:27

Collect of the Day

Great and loving God,
your will for us in your Son Jesus
is the peace which the world cannot give,
your abiding gift, the Advocate he promised.
Calm all troubled hearts,
dispel every fear,
and keep us steadfast in love and faithful to your
word. Grant this through Jesus Christ, the firstborn
from the dead, who lives with you now and always
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

<p>Today: Acts 16:9-15 Psalm 67 Revelation 21:10-14, 22-22.5 John 14:23-29</p> <p>Next week: Acts 16:16-34 Psalm 97 Revelation 22:12-22 John 17:20-26</p>



John 14:27

Easter 6 – John 14:23-29

“... the Father will give another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot accept, because it neither sees nor knows him.”

In his Last Supper discourse, Jesus leaves his fledgling Church his gift of peace and the promise of the Spirit. Christ's gift of peace is not the absence of trouble and hostility (“as the world gives peace”); Christ's peace is the Scriptural concept of **shalom**, meaning the pursuit of everything which makes for the highest good. The peace of Christ finds its core in the Gospel principles of humble servanthood and holy justice.

The “Advocate” (or “Paraclete,” as found in some translations of John's Gospel), who intercedes and intervenes on behalf of good, is the exact opposite of the “adversary,” Satan. The Advocate/Paraclete is the presence of God within us that opens our hearts and minds to the promptings of God's Word as proclaimed by Jesus.

The peace the Risen Jesus leaves us is not passive acquiescence or the absence of hostility and conflict; the peace of Jesus is a mindset: a constant seeking out of God's love, justice and mercy, an understanding of our “connectedness” to God and to one another as children of the same God.

In sacrament, in Scripture, in community, in our living of the Gospel in our everyday lives, the Risen Christ is in our midst. In even our smallest act of selfless kindness – prompted by the Paraclete instructing our open hearts and spirit – we reveal the presence of the Easter Christ in our little piece of the world.

In today's Gospel, Jesus promises that he and his Father will “make our dwelling” with us when we “keep [Jesus'] word” of love, forgiveness, reconciliation, and peace.

Whenever we act out of compassion, the Advocate is at work in our midst; whenever we put aside our own fears of inadequacy to reach out to someone in need, the Holy Spirit is moving among us. The Spirit, the Advocate, is present in our care often without our realising it, enabling us to make the justice and mercy of the Gospel a reality in our own time and place.

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