

Special Services

St Andrew and St Paul provides many opportunities

Look at the list under the heading 'Worship' on page 1. Over the next weeks our opportunities to come together and be in this church for services are extraordinary.

Sunday by Sunday, we gather for our regular worship. Those dates are all there...

Then look at the special events around Easter. We have the Lenten services for six weeks on Thursdays, at lunch time, followed by an opportunity for fellowship over a simple meal.

On Maundy Thursday we recall how Jesus washed the feet of his disciples just before his capture and trial. The Tenebrae Service on April 2 is perhaps one of the most beautiful and memorable of the time leading up to Easter. It is a simple service, and yet complex, because of what it represents. Holy Communion is served. There are readings from the New Testament, and the combined words and the music from our choristers mean that this service is thoughtful and compelling. If you have never attended this service, perhaps this is the year for you to be part of it.

Good Friday morning finds us quietly remembering the agony of our Lord, leading to his crucifixion. In the evening, the choir lifts our spirits with the magnificent Mass in B minor by J.S. Bach. Then on Sunday morning the Easter Service of Worship acclaims our risen Christ.

And steadily, once a month, on a Wednesday evening, there is the Taizé Service. This has its origins in an ecumenical prayer service with song, designed to achieve a meditative prayerful state of mind. Taizé is in France and the ecumenical Community there has attracted many people over the years. The service is simple, with songs repeated, scripture read, and prayerful times of silence. Those who gather for these services come away refreshed by the time of contemplation and peace.

Whoever would have thought a Presbyterian congregation would have so many opportunities to worship God within the walls of our church building. Let us hope that we take the time to worship together, and reflect on our blessings.



In Memoriam

Easter Flowers

Every Sunday we have Memorial flowers in the Sanctuary, in the Chancel, or on the Narthex Tables. These flowers are donated by members of the Congregation in memory of loved ones. Then when it comes to Easter Sunday we have Memorial flowers decorating the Church on Easter Sunday morning.

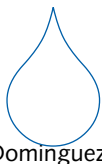
To contribute to these Easter flowers, and to have the names of those you wish to have remembered on a List that will be included in the Bulletin on Easter Day, it is a simple process. During Lent, you can send a note to the Church Office marked 'Easter Flowers'. Enclose a list of the names you wish to have remembered, and a donation/cheque. Easter Flowers should be in the memo line.

The flowers and plants used on Easter Day to decorated the Church are delivered afterwards to shut-in members of the Congregation.

Edna Ralston, Flower Convenor

From the Church Registrar

Baptisms



November 23, 2014

Vanessa De La Barca Dominguez

Marriages



December 20, 2014

Michael Stoebe and Michelle McKeown

Memorials & Funerals



December 17, 2014

Kenneth Charles Mackay

January 3, 2015

Anne Hyde

January 21, 2015

Emma-Lou Walter