

Inside Out

News from Queensferry and Dalmeny Kirks

Welcome to Inside Out...

Welcome to the eighth edition of 'Inside Out, a collection of bits and pieces from across our churches and communities which I hope will continue to help us get the most and the best from the season we find ourselves in. Given that it's been quite a while since the last edition you know what that means... instead of sitting down with a cuppa you'll need a flask of coffee to get through this one! So if you're sitting comfortably I shall begin ☺

A warm welcome to you all.

Rev David Cameron

PS Inside you'll find news on opening up, Easter events, joining church, Covid a year on, Acorn and Ice Cream!

First things first...

Pastoral Support and Practical Help:

With our Church offices sadly still closed, Esther Conner, our Church Secretary, continues to work from home and is able to provide the usual services provided by the Church office. Should there be anything she can help you with please just phone or email Esther at the Church Office and she'll respond appropriately.

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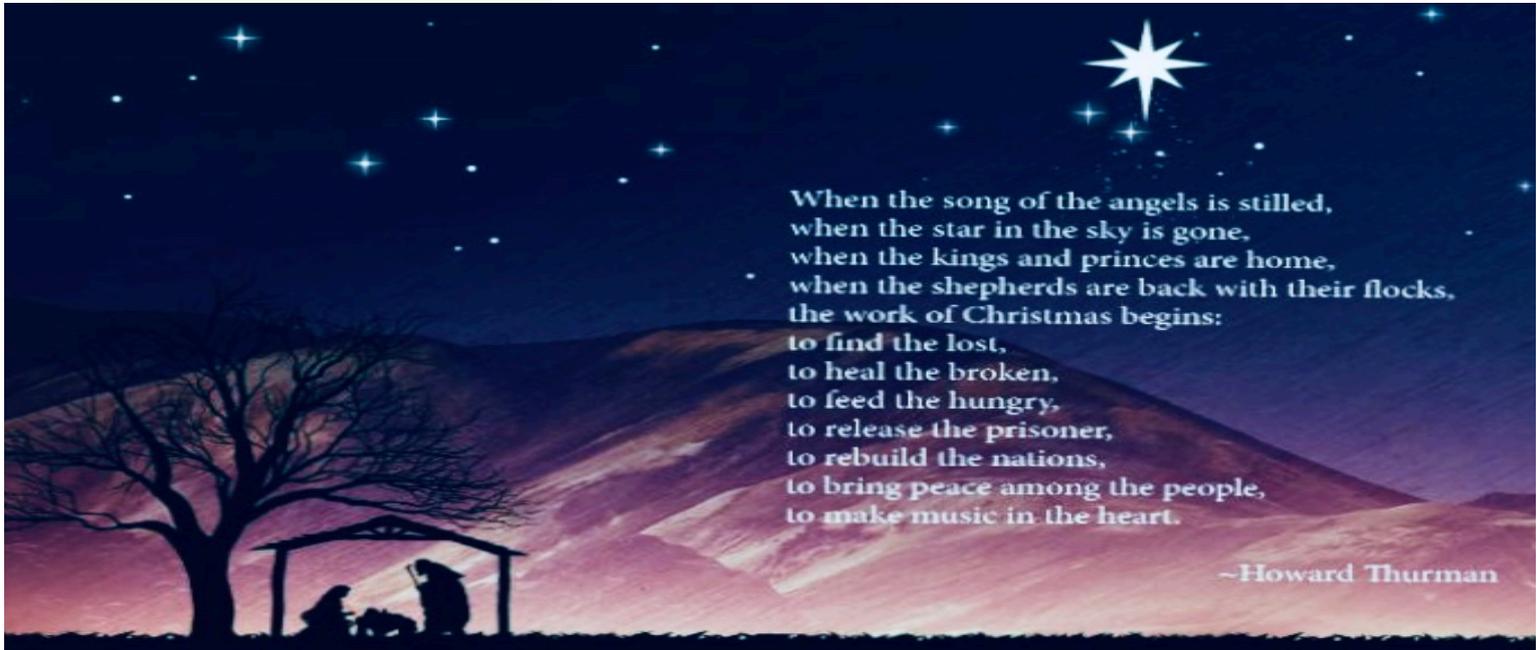
Likewise, myself and our Associate Minister, Rev Ann Inglis, are also available to help you with anything that might support you through this time, so please just call or contact us as we have a great team of people able and willing to offer whatever help might be appropriate.

Rev David Cameron

0773 791 0018

Rev Ann Inglis

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When the song of the angels is stilled,
when the star in the sky is gone,
when the kings and princes are home,
when the shepherds are back with their flocks,
the work of Christmas begins:
to find the lost,
to heal the broken,
to feed the hungry,
to release the prisoner,
to rebuild the nations,
to bring peace among the people,
to make music in the heart.

~Howard Thurman

The times they keep a changin'...

Well at last it seems that we are on the cusp of opening up our church buildings, in the first instance for limited numbers of people for worship.

Following some extensive work by groups from both Dalmeny and Queensferry Churches we now have the necessary permissions for opening up. Our grateful thanks are due to such folks.

This has involved us in developing the systems of movement for our coming and going, the preparations of risk assessments, the provision of signage and hand sanitisers as well as lining up the duty teams to ensure a safe, warm and cheery welcome! Permission has now been granted for us **at Queensferry Church** to open up access to our live-streaming service – this for around 35 people and we plan to begin this on **Palm Sunday the 28th March 2021**, this is of course subject to any changes in Scottish Government guidelines.

Likewise permission has been granted for us to open up at **Dalmeny Kirk** and it is our intention to hold a service led by David at **11.00am on Easter Sunday, the 4th of April**. At a recent meeting of the Kirk session we have committed to consulting with those who come to Dalmeny in order to discern what pattern of gathering might follow in the weeks ahead. Around 30 people will be able to gather at Dalmeny.



The experience will, for the foreseeable future, be very different from our 'normal' gatherings pre-covid. As well as masks having to be worn throughout, hand sanitizing is required on entry and exit, social distancing must be maintained, before during and after the service and no singing is permitted. Everyone, young and old alike, should remain seated throughout.

Whilst that may not sound like the greatest advert for coming to church (!) we know that just being back in the building along with some familiar faces will be special. Anyone, including families are welcome to sign up and to join us. Our Sundays@10 programme for children will continue on Zoom at 10.00am.

Fuller details of what's involved and how you sign up can be found later in this newsletter.

On behalf of all in our congregations a **huge thanks**

must go to Emma Wortley and Margaret Brown for their many years of unseen service as our Church Cleaners – Emma at South Queensferry and Margaret at Dalmeny Kirk.

Often before many of us were even out of bed they were working away preparing our premises for the day's invasion.

We have greatly appreciated their dedication and commitment – thank you both 😊



Featured recently in our Sunday services are a variety of organisations working at the forefront of supporting persecuted Christians around the world. Do continue to pray for them and feel free to make contact with them.

Suggestions about how we might support our persecuted sisters and brothers included: Speaking out on their behalf – Sending a letter - Giving a gift – Fundraising – Volunteering – Leaving a legacy – Praying...



Christian Solidarity Worldwide

www.csw.org.uk



www.opendoorsuk.org



www.releaseinternational.org

Also featuring recently in our Sunday services were two organisations who seek to provide practical Christian love to sailors and to children. At the services we heard about some of the ways we can get involved in their work – let me encourage you to respond to such invitations in ways appropriate to your circumstances.



www.sailors-society.org

During the service you may recall an appeal was heard for us to provide gloves, hats, toiletries, treats, etc for sailors – such as those who come to our doorstep down at Houndpoint, near the Hawes Pier.

Might this be something you would be interested in co-ordinating? Please contact Esther at the Church office and we can help support you develop such an opportunity.



www.compassionuk.org

Through child sponsorship or through giving generally or through praying, a huge difference is made in the lives of children across the world.



PATH of RENEWAL

Just over a year ago our Church signed up for a new initiative organised by The Church of Scotland called “the Path of Renewal”. The focus of this initiative is to help ministers and congregations chart a way through the changing seasons we find ourselves in as church in the 21st century.

A key text in the Path of Renewal is a book called ‘Managing Transitions’ by William Bridges, a work that some of you may have come across in organisations you may have been a part of.

The focus in the early stages was to gather the ministers and church reps together and to form a community amongst them. Little did we expect to find ourselves a couple of months later facing what we have recognised is perhaps the greatest challenge to our life together as a church community since the early days of the church – lockdown!

Rev Liz Crumlish is the co-ordinator of the initiative and Liz soon found herself on furlough, unable to offer the necessary support during this unprecedented time. Thankfully Liz is back and organising monthly online gatherings with us.

We are slowly moving forward and key to discovering the path of renewal for us is to better understand the times we’re going through as Church and with this, hopefully discovering a new path as we come through and out of this season. How might we do that?

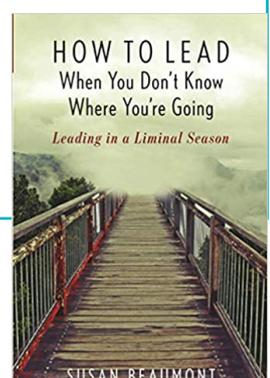
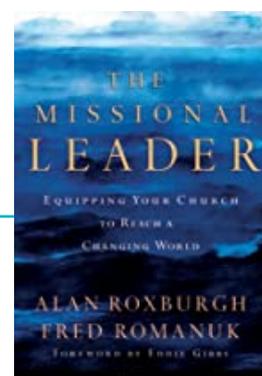
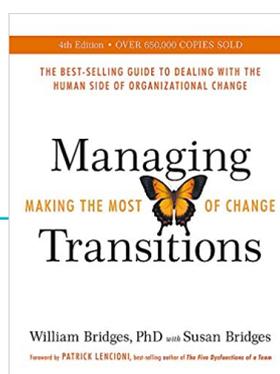
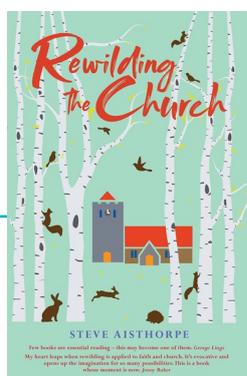
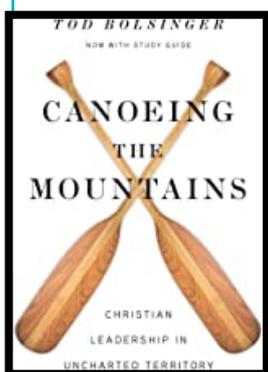
Well – at a recent Kirk Session meeting in Queensferry we agreed to invite the congregation(s) to join us on a book group experience in which you are invited to choose one of five books and, having purchased it, you sign up with the designated group facilitator and, in the season after Easter and before the summer, join in a weekly ‘book group’ discussion at a time to suit all those involved.

Some limited financial assistance is available for the purchasing of the books – just drop an email to the church office with details of which book it is and arrangements will be made to have it sent to you.

So - I hear you ask - what are the books and who are the facilitators?

1. Canoeing the mountains by Tod Bolsinger with group led by Richard Lloyd - 07967 052693
2. Rewilding the Church by Steve Aisthorpe with group led by Huw Thomas - 0131 331 3850
3. Managing Transitions (4thEd.) by William Bridges with group led by David Cameron – 07737 910018
4. The Missional Leader by Alan Roxburgh &... with group led by Michelle McAdoo – 07762 744384
5. How to lead -when you don’t know where you’re going by Susan Beaumont with group led by Alison Freeland – 07496 788258

The suggestion is that you go online and read up about each book choosing the one that takes your fancy and then contact the group facilitator who will pull together the group for, perhaps, a weekly get together, most likely via zoom. Enjoy!



A few bits n' bobs to inspire you, to make you smile and for us all to be thankful for 😊

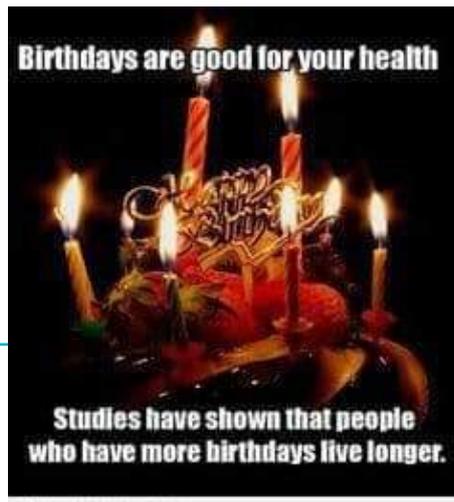
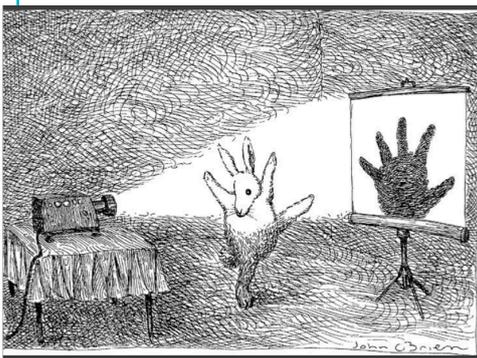


Serious signs of spring spotted by David and Cythia Pomfret on walkabout in Kirkliston.

Secret landscaper strikes a stunning and stony note at Dalmeny Church Centre - our thanks go to whoever you may be... ???



Warm CONGRATULATIONS to John and Cath Ronxin of SQ who celebrated their 78th - yes 78th wedding anniversary on Saturday



This is not a beautiful woven tapestry. It is not a painting. It is the most detailed image of a human cell to date, obtained by radiography, nuclear magnetic resonance and cryoelectron microscopy.



This beautiful and intricate pattern is formed because of imperfection, scratches and dust on the glass of a car windscreen.



Chipped teapot...don't landfill it...donate to a bird...
It even has its own drainage system...



It's good to give thanks...

Dalmeny Church was pleased to receive a generous grant of £4000 from the Response fund set up by Foundation Scotland. This will enable Dalmeny Kirk and Dalmeny Church Centre to reopen safely once the restrictions allow. The funding will pay for cleaning materials, new cleaning equipment and disposable items for Café.



A thank you from Fresh Start

We have just received some great news from Fresh Start's Cookers for Christmas Appeal 2020. Despite being in the midst of a Global pandemic, they have had their most successful year ever and raised an amazing £21,967.90. This sum will go along way to securing white goods for those who have moved into their tenancy following a period of homelessness.

Thank you to all who donated.



Dearest Friends,

I will begin with thanking you all personally for your help and support. The difference the gift collection makes is impossible to measure in words. But believe me when I say, it makes a difference to the lives of so many children. Children that without your kindness and generosity, may not have had any gifts to open on Christmas morning. That is how important the gift collection is.

and from SPS
Prison Edinburgh

The thirty fifth Edinburgh Prison Christmas gift collection has to have been the strangest collection I have had to organize and yet I have to say it has to be the most satisfying collection. Last September-October, I was not even sure if we would be able to have a gift collection. Through your kindness and generosity, we were able to help eighty-eight families and one hundred and seventy-eight children. My thanks go to you and your congregations for the wonderful gifts that were donated. Arranging gift collections in the middle of a pandemic was, I know, not easy and I appreciate the extra work by everyone that went into making this year a success.

The gift collection was perhaps more important this year, due to the circumstance's we all find ourselves living in. The contact between prisoners and their families has been difficult. At times visits at the prison have had to be cancelled. Virtual visits are taking place, when families cannot travel to the prison due to covid restrictions. My very special thanks go to the staff in the visitors centre at the prison. Without their help I would not be able to organise the gift collection. They took the gifts that you very kindly donated and distributed them to the partner's and children of those in the care of Her Majesties Prison Edinburgh. When required the visitors centre staff delivered the gifts themselves.

I would like to thank the Governor of Edinburgh Prison David Abernethy and Deputy Governor Morag Stirling for their support.

I hope you all had as pleasant a Christmas as was possible in the circumstances.

I would like to take the opportunity to wish you all a very prosperous new year.

Kindest Regards ... Colin O'Flaherty

To Rev David Cameron and the Congregation of Queensferry Parish Church - 11 January 2021

I am writing to you on behalf of Big Hearts Befrienders and Youth & Families Team within Space at Broomhouse Hub to THANK YOU! for all the lovely books that we were able to gift out to the families within their Christmas Gift Packs.

Such a wide variety and every child I work with was able to enjoy a story to either read themselves or have read to them which is just so lovely.

I currently run a fortnightly live Facebook Bookbug session which is getting some great viewing numbers by the way, but is also a great way to show children the variety of books that are out there. Books are not boring!

Queensferry Parish Church has over the years supported the charities that I work with so well, so during a year that has been like no other, to receive such huge support for so many children and young people who have found life so difficult, especially our teenagers, has been fabulous.

To now be back in lockdown is such a horrendous feeling/situation and again Big Hearts Befrienders will continue to support the children/young people and their families as best we can as it is going to be tough for some during these winter months.

Again, my heartfelt thanks to you all and fingers crossed that 2021 does get brighter for us all in the months ahead.

Yours sincerely



Jane Harkin - Big Hearts Befriender Project Worker

<http://www.bighearts.org.uk>

*Needing some inspiration...*

Why not explore these **Quiet Days at Home / online retreats** organised by Los Olivos in Spain.

To access these Quiet Days simply go to the website below or this link :

<https://www.losolivosretreats.co.uk/onlineretreats> and record your interest. There is no charge however a donation is invited to support the ministry. A week before each online retreat you will receive an email invitation with log in details.



www.losolivosretreats.co.uk

'We are pilgrims on a journey and companions on the road'...

Companions on the way... at a recent meeting of our Pastoral Team an idea was suggested that members of the team send out an invitation to anyone in our congregations or community to join one of them on a walk about the Ferry.

Perhaps as never before we have been walking about our area discovering many new nooks and crannies – fancy joining someone on a wander?





Fair Trade - A Double Helping



Every year, around this time, the Queensferry Fair Trade Group has an event to advertise and promote Fairtrade goods. Of course this is not possible this year, but instead, we would ask that folk consider “**A Double Helping**”.

In case you are doubtful, this is not an incentive to add girth to your waistline, but rather an initiative to support and help two different causes at the same time.

Firstly, it would be great if you could buy Fairtrade products. These products are ethically produced and the producers, mostly in developing countries, are guaranteed a fair and stable price for their goods, despite market variabilities. Additionally their communities benefit from the Fairtrade premium, which must be used to enhance local living conditions, many of which we take for granted – running water, access to medicine and education, sanitation, support for employment and much more.

Secondly, and now the Double Helping! Yes, please buy Fairtrade goods for yourself and your family, but we ask at this difficult time of the Covid pandemic, when many folk struggle to make ends meet, that you also consider donations of Fairtrade products to your local **Food Bank**. Products most likely to be in stock at local supermarkets are tea, coffee, cocoa, nuts, sugar and jams. How to identify Fairtrade goods? Just look for the logo as seen above. Large cages are in the local supermarkets for food bank donations.



A Double Helping – Double Thanks!



Church membership at Dalmeny Kirk and Queensferry Parish Church.

After Easter we plan to run a short course for anybody who **might** be interested in becoming a Church member. This will be open to anybody who wants to find out about the Christian faith and belief and about the Church of Scotland and our congregations of Dalmeny and Queensferry. There will be 4 sessions each of which will last for about 1 hour. I haven't fixed dates and times because I want to find what would suit people best. No decision has yet been made about whether the group will be in person or online.

Attendance at the sessions does not commit anyone to becoming a Church member, but for those who decide it is the right step for them there will be a short session to go over the membership service and that service will take place on Pentecost Sunday – 23rd May.

If you are interested in being part of this exploration of faith and Church – or if you know someone who might be interested - then either contact the Church Office on office@qpcweb.org or contact me directly: Ann Inglis (Associate Minister at Dalmeny and Queensferry) on 0131 629 0233 or revainglis@gmail.com for further information.

sanctuary
come to life



the gathering

Sundays at 3.30pm



life groups

don't do life on your own



service squad

get involved

Everyone is welcome

With the current restrictions, our Fresh Expression of Church called 'Sanctuary', continues to gather online at our 'Virtual Gathering' at 3.30pm on every second Sunday afternoon – next Gathering on 4 April 2021 – Easter Sunday.

We meet via Zoom and to access this simply email or call Rebecca on:
info@sanctuarysq.org
or 07799637219.

As we've ventured into 2021 our theme has been: 'Who does Jesus think he is?' Through this we've been exploring some of the amazing 'I am...' saying of Jesus – and after Easter a whole new series begins – come and join us to find out more...



But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Galatians 5 vs 22-23

So be filled with the Holy Spirit.

Digital Discipleship

What with one thing and another over the last few months, many of us have found an opportunity to brush up on our 'digital skills', be it through tuning into church on our computers, catching up with relatives via Zoom or digging into Netflix from the sofa! Our changing habits have encouraged the discipleship team to think about our spiritual needs in a new way, and with this in mind we have begun to compile a list of free online resources to help us on our Christian journey. Anything worth sharing please do get in touch with the discipleship team at discipleship@qpcweb.org



The options are many and various – there are apps you can download to your phone to aid in structuring prayer time or bible study, websites to explore Christian topics in more detail, podcasts to listen to around the house or out on a walk, and more in-depth courses which can be followed online.

If you're eager to flex your digital muscles and see what's available, the growing list can be found on the discipleship team page of the church website. Follow the link here: <http://www.qpcweb.org/pages/discipleship-ministry-team>



And speaking of things to help life grow : **Green Goodness Garden compost and soil conditioner** brought to you by Queensferry Scout Group helping to raise funds to maintain their active programme for Young People

£5 per bag - £13 for 3 bags - £25 for 6 bags.

Delivery can be arranged within Queensferry and local district

To order please call Ian on 331 1108 or visit WWW.SOUTHQUEENSFERRYSOOTS.ORG/compost-orders/



The ideal companion to our Journey through the Bible in 2020 and will help keep our focus in 2021:
A free to download app called: 'BIBLE IN ONE YEAR'.

Simply go to : www.bibleinoneyear.org and then start your day with the Bible in One Year app with commentary by Nicky and Pippa Gumbel.

Nicky Gumbel is the Vicar of HTB in London and pioneer of the Alpha Course.



P-R-A-Y... a helpful

insight on

the conversation at the heart of our faith from Richard Lloyd:

I'm pretty keen on structure in my life, not obsessed by it, but there's a place for it, as there is for process. Certainly, in my personal prayer life I've appreciated being led by a structure.

As some of you know, I'm an Alpha alumnus and enjoyed the structure that course gave me. You may recall the old Alpha prayer mnemonic ACTS to help you pray - Adoration, Contrition, Thanksgiving and Supplication. While this worked for me it seemed a bit complex, so later in my Christian journey I devised my own, simpler one, PATH: Praise, Apologies, Thanks and Help, - as a prayer framework I used it for years and years.

During 2020, I attended the online prayer course, led so ably by Rebecca and Eddie Saunders, and was introduced to yet another *aide memoire*, PRAY: Pause, Reflect and Rejoice, Ask and Yield. I found this really useful and in my daily devotions using Lectio 365, it meets most of my needs.

But I think that it might be useful and more complete if we could extend PRAY thus:

P = Pause and Praise (let's not forget to praise the Lord in our prayers).

R = Rejoice and Reflect - surely!

A = Apologise and Ask- I do think we need to Apologise for things we've done and not done, before we Ask for those things we want and need.

Y = Yes! and Yield- Yes! to those prayers answered and the fulfilment of God's will in our lives

And what's this Lectio365 thing ???

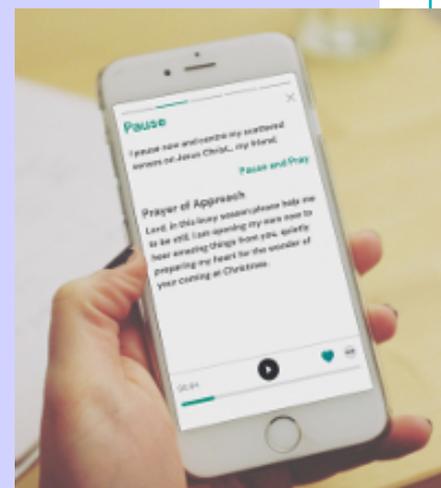
Lectio 365 is a very helpful prayer resource that enables us to get the right focus on the day ahead - this before we engage with the news and the forthcoming challenges and opportunities of what lies ahead. Written by leaders from the 24-7 Prayer movement, led by Pete Greig, and produced in partnership with CWR, this resource helps you engage with Scripture to inspire prayer and shape your life.

Lectio 365 is inspired by Lectio divina, an ancient way of meditating on the Bible that's been used by Christians for centuries.

Each day, you begin by Pausing to be still. Rejoicing with a Psalm and Reflecting on Scripture. Moving on to Ask for God's help, and closing by Yielding to His will in our lives. (PRAY)

For use on your mobile phone as an app, make sure that once you reach the start each day you press the 'play' button in order to listen to it - it's the wee black button on the picture on the right.

It's free and all you need to do is download it by searching in the app store for **Lectio365**.



Recently, at the start of the year, we received at the church an encouraging email from Megan Carrie, the granddaughter of John and Annette Carrie.

To the leaders and attendees of the Queensferry Parish Church,

My name is Megan Carrie, granddaughter of the late Reverend John Carrie. I am currently living in Binghamton, New York while earning my masters degree in Economics. With the help of some friends I started the North Side Mutual Aid center in March when the coronavirus pandemic first hit us. Since then, we have been supplying our community with food, hygiene products, baby formula, and diapers. In the 10 months that we've been open we have served over 7,200 individuals and 1,900 families.



Having lived in both South Queensferry and Binghamton, one notices many stark differences. A few weeks ago in Binghamton it snowed over 40 inches. As a child in South Queensferry I cannot remember it snowing more than a handful of times. The population of Binghamton is almost 4 times that of South Queensferry and in Binghamton we have baseball and hockey teams rather than football and rugby. In the North side of Binghamton, the median household income is just over 15,000 pounds while in Scotland it is over twice that.

Despite these differences I find that my desire to serve my community stems from the charitable and compassionate community of South Queensferry, I want to thank you all for instilling in me humanitarian values. I especially wish to express gratitude to my Papa John who has done more in the name of public service than I will ever know. I remember as a child being told about his servitude, both locally and internationally, however, I did not until recently discover that these childhood foundations are what has inspired me to fight towards a greater good at 22 years old.



From Binghamton I thank you all, for your service to your community and compassion for others around the world. To the Queensferry Parish Church, thank you for making Binghamton, South Queensferry and many places in between a little better off.

Megan

As her gran, Annette, said on hearing of her encouragement to us: 'Perhaps, when she's been telling me what she's been doing, I've said she's a chip off the old block (or old bloke!!) once too often.'



Found the perfect place for a holiday this year



First trip booked for 2021

Hopefully off to Iceland in February.

If that goes well, probably looking at Asda in March and Tesco in April.

silversurfers.com



The owl has landed...



140 days in lockdown. I'M FINE. Thanks for asking.

FOR GOD
SO LOVED THE WORLD
THAT HE GAVE HIS
ONLY
BEGOTTEN
SON, SO
THAT WHOEVER
BELIEVES IN HIM
SHALL NOT PERISH
BUT HAVE ETERNAL
LIFE.

JOHN 3:16



K-SOS Keep - Supporting Our Shops

As well we all know one of the great things about living in South Queensferry and Dalmeny is the access we have to some amazing local shops and a beautiful wee High Street. Many of our local shops are today facing a huge challenge to achieve the turnover necessary for their survival - this even more so after the most recent season of lockdown.

As Church, might we be a special blessing to the folks who throughout this season have had to put not only their lives on hold but also their businesses?

Perhaps, as we begin to get back out and about, we could look first to the local as we think about purchasing those gifts and presents, haircuts and meals, sweets and ice creams (well done Huw Thomas for putting into practice the call in the last edition - proof of the pudding ice cream is in the photo below ☺) and discover anew our local shops.



QPC, Dalmeny Kirk and Sanctuary alongside our friends at Kirkliston Parish Church are excited to announce a new Spring Alpha course which will take place online. The new course will be accessed via Zoom and will begin on Monday 19th April at 7.30pm. If you would like to take part in this please email office@qpcweb.org to book a space or for more information email info@sanctuarysq.org or call/text Rebecca Saunders on 07799 637219.

Everyone has questions.

Exploring is good. We're built for it. Explore more about life, faith and meaning with Alpha.

Alpha

Alpha is an opportunity over a number of weeks to explore the Christian faith in a non threatening and non judgemental way and it's open to all.

Be Strong...

As a year it began like every other...fireworks o'er the castle, hopes high, past put behind us, for the future take us Lord. 2020 – it had a lovely ring to it - a new decade opening up – one long envisioned and this not just because of its visionary nomenclature.

Yet in the infancy of the decade of hope, news from the far east began to creep across our world and with the news, an infectious, dangerous virus breaking out in ways that revealed our global interconnectedness.

Be Strong...

Who would have thought that such a thing from what we thought was another world away, could cause the cancellation of the Brechin City vs Cowdenbeath game (as one fan said!). Were it so that this was its only impact. Suddenly this unseen creeping death – of biblical proportions - begins to visit our houses, communities, care homes, hospitals, lives.

Be Strong...

Certain words and phrases begin rise to the surface of our vocabulary: lockdown; social distancing; hand wash for 20 seconds; face coverings; PPE; coronavirus; Covid-19; Zoom; Zoomitis when it doesn't go to plan; infection rate; the R number; the variant; positive tests; hospital admissions; died since yesterday; weekly average; every number a son or daughter; perhaps a mum or dad, a gran or grandpa.

Be Strong...

In response, heroic acts of courage as NHS and Care Home Staff go about their normal daily work with, and at times without, adequate PPE. In response, sacrificial service as many go the extra miles to ensure the safety of those they love. In response, essential support services... who would have thought there were so many unseen heroes whose service was needed just to keep some form of normality going. Their unseen and often costly behind the scenes support averted things such as a Loo Roll War, and they kept life going as normally as our new norm would allow.

In the face such heroism, street clapping begins, rainbows appear, messages (Groceries!) are paid for as uniformed staff on their way home from work go and pick up their tea (dinner☺).

Be Strong...

Other heroes begin to emerge: parents, working from home in their new make shift offices, multi tasking as employees, home makers AND wait for it, TEACHERS! A new appreciation of the teaching profession emerges. School hubs appear supporting children of key workers and teachers are called up and of course rise up to the challenge of it all. Across communities, little acts of kindness, of neighbourliness, begin to emerge - quietly, effectively, lovingly.

Be Strong...

Times of furlough are established - for some it is frustrating, demotivating and their sense of worth impacted. For others it is like a long and unexpected holiday and an opportunity for fresh creativity with things put off for many a year now ticked off the "to do" list.

Be Strong...

Faith testing kicks in - how will we survive without accessing church with the buildings now closed, the people beyond our reach. We look inwards and outwards and realise anew that where it really all begins is as we look upwards. Where's God? Why God? How long God? What do we do now God?

Faith is tested as new norms are established- old certainties become redundant - quiet hope emerges – and yet when trust is lacking – help is called for and once again, love breaks in as God draws near in unexpected ways to liven up our days. Time and time again we hear a distant declaration that our God is near and is here, with us and for us, behind us and before us.

"Be strong and be courageous – do not be anxious or discouraged

for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." Joshua 1 vs 9

REFLECTIONS ON 2020....

Recently we invited you to offer some of your reflections on 2020. Our thanks to Fiona and Douglas McLeod for their musings:

(A) How has lockdown been for you and yours: Mixed. Missed seeing family and friends. Work ever changing. Good to have the view of the bridges and ebb and flow of the tides.

(B) Challenges and blessings: Constant changes at work, inability to plan and travel. Blessings: the weather, walks in Queensferry and speaking more with neighbours.

(C) Learnt and will continue to do: Access more things online, listen to podcasts, walk with neighbours, not judge 'worth' on things that I do that I think/thought were important.

(D) Things that might be done differently as a church: Wonder about aiming to replicate a Sunday service in an ever changing context and environment. Must be hard on the ministers.

(E) Thoughts beyond the pandemic: Wonder if we should be thinking so much beyond the pandemic as through the changing states of the pandemic. Thinking of wider community...supporting and using local businesses, supporting and encouraging existing groups, thoughts of those working from home who may be living alone- developing support and aid through local networking. To somehow be more visible as a church.

(F) On opening up buildings: Not to think of going back or returning but where to go forward from where we are. Wonder if it would help to think of what we can do rather than what we can't do as starting point. Think of the aims/ dreams /wishes/ purposes you would like the buildings to be as the starting point i.e. rather than how can we restart 'Hillstop', what was the aim of it and how could we meet the aim now. Look for lateral thinkers to assist in planning etc. Would be lovely to see the doors of the church open.

'Don't ask yourself what the world needs;
ask yourself what makes you come alive.

And then go and do that.

Because what the world needs
is people who have come alive.'

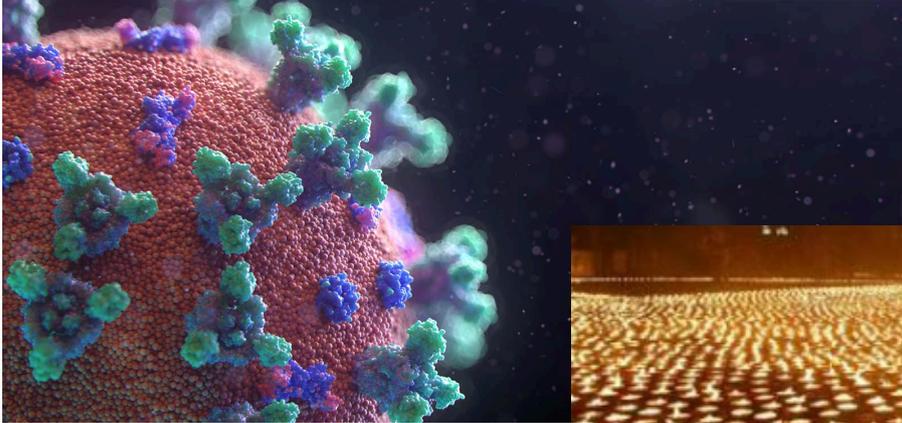
Harold Thurman

YEAR 2020 WAS BETTER THAN YOU THINK

- The ozone hole over Antarctica closed
- Germany is changing 62 military bases into nature reserves
- Whales came back to the Atlantic ocean after more than 100 years
- Great Britain reported the smallest number of people that became infected with HIV in history
- China, as the biggest air polluter in the world, committed to achieving zero emissions by 2060
- The number of victims of terrorism decreased for the 5th year in a row
- In 2020 people saved 48 animal species from extinction
- Scientists discovered 20 new animal and plant species. They also rediscovered some they thought were extinct
- Kazakhstan became the 88th nation that committed to abolish the death penalty
- Elephant population in Kenya doubled
- Saudi Arabia and Palestine banned child marriages
- Demand for oil decreased for the first time in history and Denmark even promised to end its mining
- Scotland will provide menstrual aids to all women for free
- In Africa, polio has been completely eradicated. They owe it to the vaccine
- Vaccine against Covid-19 became the fastest developed vaccine in history

One year on...

We recognize that by the time you read this it will be after the 23rd March and indeed the anniversary referred to below. Do however feel free to use the thoughts and prayers at a time and moment that is suitable for you.



On Tuesday the 23rd of March our nation marks the first anniversary of the first lockdown and around the country a number of initiatives are being encouraged to mark the significance of this moment and with it the loss of almost 150,000 people in the UK and almost 2.7 million people worldwide.

An initiative encouraged by the charity Marie Curie has been taken up across the nation and we are invited to hold a minute's silence at 12 noon and in the evening, as buildings across the country are lit up, it is hoped people will help create a nationwide "beacon of remembrance" on their doorsteps by beaming phones, candles and torches into the night sky at 20:00.

Should you wish to join in then perhaps this prayer will focus our thoughts in the moment:

Lord of light and life,
 where there is darkness,
 let your light shine, the light that brings new life.
 As we remember those who have lost their lives,
 we pray...let your light shine.
 As we remember those who are left, whose lives have changed,
 we pray...let your light shine.
 As we remember these difficult times,
 we pray...let your light shine on all of us and before us to see a way through and beyond.
 Let your light shine on the whole of creation today,
 tomorrow and forever.
 In the name of Jesus who is light and life for all. AMEN.

As well as this, you may wish to join many across the Church of Scotland when at 7.00pm we take part in a 'Light for Lives' initiative by lighting a candle and remembering those who have died due to the impact of this pandemic. Perhaps a significant reading or poem may help you mark the moment or alternatively this fuller prayer provided by those in Hamilton Presbytery who are behind this initiative may help:

LET US PRAY**Welcoming God,**

who in Christ embraced the world in a welcome offered to Jew and Greek, male and female,
hear our prayers for others as, like Andrew and Philip who brought Greeks to Jesus,
we bring family, friends and neighbours both far and near to you.



As we lament with them in their pain, may they know you drawing alongside them . . .

Response:

*Lord, you have been a refuge to all who learn to trust in you: offering hope and help, reaching out anew.
At this time of darkness when hope seems all but gone may we see again your light to bring in a new dawn.*

Suffering God,

who in Christ embraced a suffering world and continues to embrace all who are suffering,
hear our prayers for those for whom life is hard and, at times unbearable, especially over this past year:
we pray for the most fragile and vulnerable, broken in body, broken in mind . . .
we pray for the bereaved, those whose loss has been greatest, those unable to say proper goodbyes, deprived of immediate support around them.

As we lament with them in their pain, may they know you drawing alongside them . . .

Response: *Lord, you have been a refuge to all who learn to trust in you: offering hope and help, reaching out anew.
At this time of darkness when hope seems all but gone may we see again your light to bring in a new dawn.*

Serving God,

who in Christ washed the feet of his friends as a symbol of one who came to serve,
hear our prayers for those who have sought to serve and bring relief to those who have suffered and continue to suffer:
we pray for all NHS workers and all in the caring sectors working in hospitals, in care homes and in people's homes . . .
we pray for all who have supported the bereaved - in the community and churches, in the funeral sector, in so many other places and other ways.

As we give thanks for their commitment, their words and messages of hope and their practical support, may they also know you kneeling with them as they kneel at the feet of many in need.

As we lament with them in their pain, may they know you drawing alongside them . . .

Response: *Lord, you have been a refuge to all who learn to trust in you: offering hope and help, reaching out anew.
At this time of darkness when hope seems all but gone may we see again your light to bring in a new dawn.*

Eternal God,

who in Christ pointed us beyond this life to eternity and the place he went to prepare for us,
we give thanks for the saints who have gone before us, who inspired us both in their living and their dying.
May we be ever thankful for their presence in our lives and that rich legacy of love that they have left and the example they have given for us to follow.

In the name of Christ who is the light, life and hope of this world and the world to come. AMEN.

EASTER 2021



Hard to believe that we are now about to embark on another Easter season and on the next page you'll find details of an exciting programme of events for Holy Week which we hope and pray you will find enriches your Easter reflections.

Alongside this you will notice, if you're out walking past either of our churches, that from Palm Sunday onwards the rough wooden cross outside each church will have a new symbol placed on or around it. The symbol will relate to the theme of each day in Holy Week.

On the Saturday afternoon and throughout Easter Sunday we would love it if you might come and add some bright and colourful flowers to the crosses so that gradually the stark rugged cross is gloriously transformed into a spectacular sight for everyone to see – a sight that declares that Christ is Risen ! That there is life to be found at the cross !



Dalmeny Easter Egg Trail

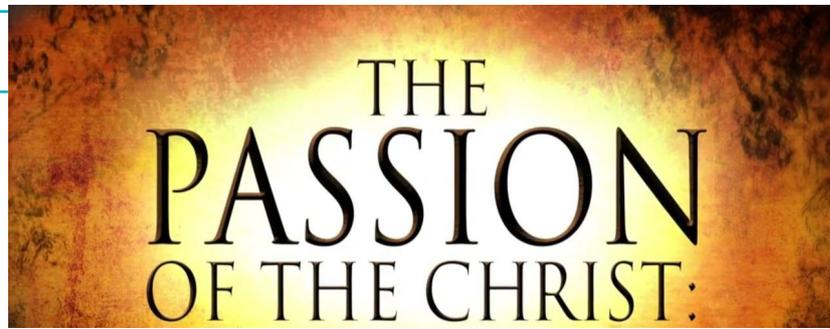
Friday 26 March (noon) – Monday 5 April

Start at the Dalmeny Kirk notice board and follow the trail. Along the way you'll spot 7 eggs that tell the story of Easter.

You may find other surprises along the way too.

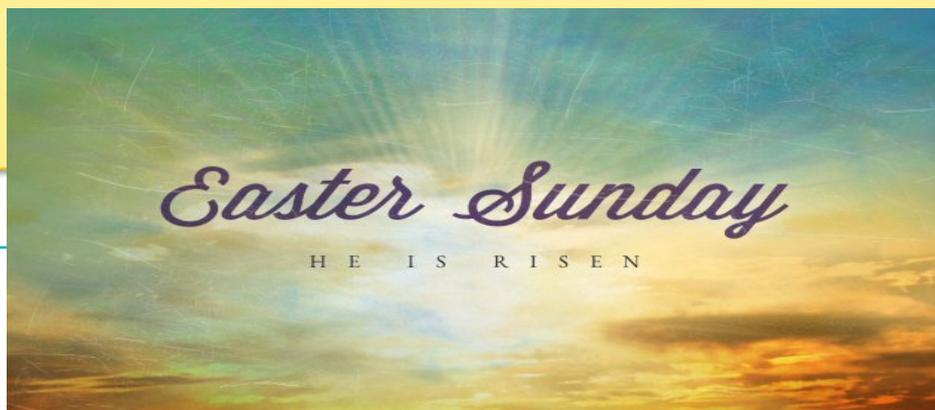


Why not, whilst out on your walk, take time to explore the Dalmeny Easter Egg Trail ! Designed for children (of all ages) you simply start and pick up your instructions at the Dalmeny Kirk Notice Board.



The passion and resurrection of Jesus

Palm Sunday: 28th March	10.30am	<p>Preparing the world in Jerusalem Service led by Michelle and David via live-stream from QPC – perhaps with limited access for congregation Matthew 21 vs 1-11</p>
Monday 29th March	7.45pm	<p>Preparing his body in Bethany Event on Zoom led by the Sanctuary Team - contact the church office for the link or check the church website on the day. Matthew 26 vs 6 -13</p>
Tuesday: 30th March	7.45pm	<p>Preparing hearts for right living and giving Event on Zoom led by the Lent Study Group - contact the church office for the link or check the church website on the day. Matthew 21 vs 12-17 as well as Luke 19 & 20</p>
Wednesday 31st March	4.30 – 5.00pm	<p>Prepare to be surprised ☺ Event on Zoom Easter Snack & Chat with Michelle & Jill - Intergenerational; all ages welcome! Bring a snack and let's chat about Holy Week.- contact the church office for the link or check the church website on the day.</p>
Thursday 1st April	9.30am	<p>MAUNDY THURSDAY COMMUNION with the Midweek service folks Event on Zoom led by David - contact the church office for the link or check the church website on the day.</p>
	7.45pm	<p>MAUNDY THURSDAY COMMUNION SERVICE Preparing his people in an upper room Matthew 26 vs 14-30 Service led by Ann and David via live-stream from QPC</p>
Friday 2nd April	12 noon	<p>GOOD FRIDAY MEDITATIONS BY LOCAL CHURCH LEADERS The Seven Last Words from the Cross. Event on youtube - the link to this will be found on the church website on Good Friday.</p>
	7.45pm	<p>GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE Preparing his heart in Gethsemene Matthew 26 vs 31-46 & 27 vs 32-56 Service led by David, Michelle and Ann and via live-stream from QPC</p>
Sunday: 4th April	10.30am	<p>EASTER SUNDAY Preparation over – Christ is risen ! Matthew 28 vs 1-20</p>





In preparation for the next series of topics that we are going to be engaging with in our Sunday services after Easter, Michelle McAdoo who, as you will no doubt be aware, is on a placement with us as she prepares for ministry in the Church of Scotland, shares some insights

'The Common rule: Habits of Purpose for an age of distraction' by Justin Whitmel Earley.

The Common Rule offers four daily and four weekly habits, designed to help us create new routines and transform frazzled days into lives of love for God and our neighbour and was developed as a response from the author's own emotional crisis.

For some of us this last year of restrictions and lockdown has provided more time and space to reflect and to connect with God, our neighbours, and our interests. But for many of us we have never been busier and are now needing to recover from a year of endless to-do lists and tiredness. Going nonstop rubs off on our hearts.

Whatever our year has been, perhaps now is the time to build in habits that will lead to healing and a deeper relationship with loving God and our neighbour. Justin offers a contemporary rule of life, which is a pattern of 8 habits intended to direct us towards a communal purpose of love for God and love for neighbour.

The 8 habits either cultivate a habit to embrace or to resist and relate to loving God and loving neighbour in balance. The **4 daily habits** are kneeling prayer three times a day, one meal with others, one hour with phone off, at the start of the day reading scripture before checking our phone and all that it contains and the **4 weekly habits** are one hour of conversation with a friend, curate all media to 4 hours, fast from something for 24 hours and sabbath.

The book also provides suggestions as to how to try the habits in different situations – but not all at once, not individually! I have personally been practicing the habits over the last year with a small online group and have found it to be in equal parts challenging and a blessing and look forward to exploring it further as part of a sermon series on spiritual disciplines after Easter.

The Common Rule: Habits of purpose for an age of distraction by Justin Whitmel Earley. 2019. USA, InterVarsity Press.

**AND NOW, NEWS OF OUR PLANS TO
ONCE AGAIN OPEN UP OUR
BUILDINGS FOR WORSHIP**

Sundays at 10.30am in Queensferry Parish Church as part of the live-stream congregation.

So earlier you will have read that we have been given permission to open up our sanctuary at Queensferry Parish Church – that's the good news – the not-so-good news is that there are a number of guidelines which we have to follow resulting, perhaps, in the experience being very different from what we have been used to. Our aim here is to provide details of how we will manage this to ensure we comply with Scottish Government Guidelines and ensure that your health and safety is secure.

A Covid questionnaire, which has been compiled by Presbytery, is set out below and we would ask you all to review it and ascertain whether you feel comfortable returning to Church at this time. **This is a decision for you alone.**

Due to restricted numbers (**approximately 35**) we will require you to either email or call the Church office each week **before Thursday at 6.00pm** requesting seats for the Sunday. We will also require you to provide your name, telephone number and the number of seats required. We will then confirm either by email or telephone call that your request has been successful.

The email address is: **office@qpcweb.org** and our telephone number is **0131 331 1100**. Should requests exceed our numbers we will offer you the following Sunday.

We will require all to wear a mask throughout the service and no singing by the congregation is allowed so it is going to be a very different experience. You will be attending the live-stream service we conduct every Sunday at 10.30a.m. and music is certainly a major part of that. We would also mention in adhering to Church of Scotland Guidelines, we have removed the pew cushions and bibles from the Sanctuary and the doors into the Queen Margaret Hall will be open so that the windows there can be open for ventilation, thereby improving air circulation.

Entry will be via the disabled access pathway at the side of the Church and you will be welcomed outside by one of our team. They will ask the relative Covid questions and then you will be guided into the vestibule where your name and contact details will be checked. If you have forgotten your mask there will be masks available at this point. You will be asked to sanitise your hands before entering the Sanctuary. There you will be met and guided to a seat where we will ask you to remain throughout the service.

At the end of the service you will be asked to leave the Church row by row through the opposite door you arrived through and a member of the team will do this to ensure everyone remains seated until their turn arrives. Again you will be asked to sanitise your hands as you leave and exit the Church and grounds again using the disabled access walkway. A short video has been prepared and we would invite you, if it is possible, to view it on our website before coming along.

Unfortunately to maintain social distancing there will be no opportunity to chat after the service.

Dalmeny Easter Sunday Service and opening up arrangements.

We are delighted to be able to announce that we are now able to hold a worship service inside Dalmeny Church and **our first service will be on Sunday 4th April at 11 am**.

As the numbers will need to be restricted to 30 to allow for physical distancing, we require those interested in attending to phone and book a seat in advance.

The normal live-streamed service from South Queensferry Church will be available online at 10:30 am.

A Covid questionnaire, which has been compiled by Presbytery, is set out below and we would ask you all to review it and ascertain whether you feel comfortable returning to Church at this time. **This is a decision for you alone.**

The booking line will open on Monday 29 March and **will close at noon on Friday 2 April**.

When you phone please leave your name and phone number plus how many seats you require.

IF you do not hear from us on Friday afternoon then this means you have a seat. **We will only phone those who were unsuccessful.**

The number to call for accessing the Dalmeny Kirk Service is : **0131 331 3175**.

Simply leave your name, phone number and the number of seats required after the beep.

The Church of Scotland Assessment 'Tool' for individual and group health risks

The assessment 'tool' below helps you to see how different risk factors may combine to give serious health complications should you catch the COVID-19 virus. It does not include the factors that may make you clinically extremely vulnerable, where you should be following the guidance for those who are 'shielding'. It includes the factors where there is significant statistical evidence but does not include any rarer conditions which you may have, so this only offers a starting point. You may want to discuss the results with your doctor or with those who have expectations about your involvement with church life.

This should be read alongside the full text of the Church of Scotland's "Covid-19 (Coronavirus) Reopening of Church Buildings" which includes guidance about minimising risks in the church context, and other government or local advice about staying safe. We are not claiming medical expertise in sharing this way of scoring your risk but giving a way to show how serious catching the virus may be for you or the groups using your church building(s).

Circle the score next to each one that applies to you and add up your score:

Risk Factor		Score
Age	50-59	1
	60-69	2
	70-79	4
	80 and over	6
Sex at birth	Male	1
Ethnicity	Caucasian	0
	Black African Descent	2
	Indian Asian Descent	1
	Filipino Descent	1
	Other (including mixed race)	1
Diabetes & Obesity	Type 1 & 2 Diabetes	1
	Type 1 & 2 with presence of microvascular complications or HbA1c \geq 64mmol/mol Body Mass	2
	Index greater than or equal to 35 kg/m ² online BMI calculator: http://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-weight/bmi-calculator	1
Cardiovascular disease	Angina, previous heart attack, stroke or cardiac intervention	1
	Heart Failure	2
Pulmonary (lung) disease	Asthma	1
	Non-asthma chronic pulmonary disease	2
	Either of the above requiring oral corticosteroids in the last year	1
Malignant neoplasm (cancer)	Active malignancy	3
	Malignancy in remission	1
Rheumatological conditions	Active treated conditions	2
Immunosuppressant therapies	Any indication	2
Total Score		

A score of under 3 indicates a lower risk, but you should still be following the guidance for staying safe.

A score of 3-5 suggests a greater risk and you should consider ways of reducing your risk by taking additional precautions or avoiding some activities.

A score of 6 or more suggests a high risk and indicates that you should continue to work or participate in church life from your home.

The scoring is based on an article from the British Medical Association website. Risk Stratification tool for Healthcare workers during the CoViD-19 Pandemic; using published data on demographics, co-morbid disease and clinical domain in order to assign biological risk: David Strain, Janusz Jankowski, Angharad Davies, Peter English, Ellis Friedman, Helena McKeown, Su Sethi, Mala Rao medRxiv 2020.05.05.20091967; doi: <https://doi.org/10.1101/2020.05.05.20091967>

The above questionnaire is for you to answer privately. It will help you, we hope, assess the level of risk you face as you consider returning to Church.

Perhaps the list to the right may also assist you in assessing the level of risk involved and advise you of the key aspects of what we have provided for a safe worshipping experience to be enjoyed.



You are required to wear a face mask in church

Further information www.churchofscotland.org.uk



The Church of Scotland

Welcome to Church

For your safety please be aware of the following:

Symptoms

If you display any of these symptoms please do not enter our building and return home immediately-

- persistent coughing
- high temperature
- loss of taste or smell

Face coverings

You are required to wear a face mask when in our building (unless you cannot do so for medical reasons)

Contact details

We will ask for your name and contact details to support NHS Scotland's Test and Protect System.

Moving around

We may ask you to sit in a particular seat and move in a particular direction around our building

Hand hygiene

Please wash hands regularly and use hand sanitiser when entering or exiting our building

Physical contact

Please avoid physical contact with people outside of your own household

Distancing

Please maintain appropriate physical distancing based on current guidelines

Toilets

Please note that toilets may not be open. If they are entry may be restricted to maintain distancing.

Further information:

www.churchofscotland.org.uk

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Prayer focus...

Week by week the Moderator of the Kirk and Scottish Church leaders offer a prayer for us to pray each Sunday at 7.00pm as we continue to tentatively move through this season. They are posted on our Church website in time for sharing together each week. Below is our Coronavirus Prayer No.42

Should you prefer to listen to the Moderator pray the prayer online simply go to the Church of Scotland website:

“There are some things which make sense for a certain period of time but which come to a natural conclusion - such as clapping for carers during the spring lockdown. Prayer isn’t one of them,” Dr Fair said.

“The Apostle Paul encourages us to ‘pray without ceasing’ and Jesus himself offers parables where persistence in prayer is lauded.

“It can be hard to keep going when there’s no end in sight; much easier when the finishing line comes into view. In the case of the pandemic, it still feels as if there’s no light at the end of the tunnel.

“All the more reason then for God’s people to continue faithfully in prayer. And even better when we can pray across the whole of the Church, unrestricted by denominational divides.

“If Sunday at 7pm is in your diary, keep it there. Thank

“We have endured much during these past months. Personally and communally, we have endured challenges which we could not have anticipated, or imagined, even a year ago. We have endured much and undoubtedly there have been times when the limits of our endurance have been tested.

“Woven into this has been the recollection of that which has also endured, the steadfast love of God. The Psalmist recalls the people of God to a remembrance of the ‘steadfast love’ of the Lord which ‘endures for ever’. (Psalm 107: 1)

“As we remember and recall, we bear witness to the truth that the love of God spans the whole breadth of our lives and embraces all that we experience and endure. This is given supreme expression in the self-giving of God in Jesus Christ: ‘For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son’. (John 3: 16)

“In all we have endured and will endure, the ‘steadfast love’ of the Lord ‘endures for ever’ in the God whose love is revealed in Jesus Christ.”

We pray:

God whose love endures
And is revealed in Jesus Christ,
May we hear the words of the Psalmist
Who calls us to remember:
The steadfast love of the Lord endures for ever.
Lord, in Your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

God whose love endures
And is revealed in Jesus Christ,
Be with us in all we endure at this time.
Grant that we may know Your love
In days of light and in days of shadow.
Lord, in Your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

God whose love endures
And is revealed in Jesus Christ,
Be with all who find themselves
At the limit of their endurance
And embrace them in the depths of Your enduring love.
Lord, in Your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

God whose love endures
And is revealed in Jesus Christ,
As a mother comforts her child
May You comfort all who call upon You.
Hear us, as we give thanks for all who have nurtured us in this life.
Lord, in Your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

God whose love endures
And is revealed in Jesus Christ,
Grant to us a vision of a community and society
That will endure in times to come
And hear us as we pray: Thy Kingdom Come.
Lord, in Your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

God whose love endures
And is revealed in Jesus Christ,
May we live our lives
In response to the gift of the life of Your Son
In whose life is love embodied.
Lord, in Your mercy,
Hear our prayer. AMEN





SPRING HARVEST
Home 21



It's that time of year again and though the annual Spring Harvest events at Minehead, Harrogate and Skegness have been cancelled due to the current restrictions, Spring Harvest Home means that not only are you able to access all the usual features of this inspiring event this year but folks from all across the world are able to contribute in ways as never before.

Spring Harvest Home is far more than online teaching and worship. Using a new platform, it's the first Christian event of its kind in the UK. It's exciting, interactive, family-friendly and a brilliant shared experience!

The theme for 2021 is 'Unrivalled: Why we worship' and they'll be exploring why we worship which starts with who we worship. Every new challenge we face brings a new opportunity to tune into God and join in with his mission. Whatever comes our way, our God is unchanged, our God is unshakeable, our **God is Unrivalled** and we will worship him. It's the perfect time to consider how and where we worship, whether on our own, together, all the time and everywhere, in singing, in silence, in service and in the soundscape of our whole lives. If we need to discover some different ways of worshipping together, we will!

A ticket for the whole event is **just £55** to access Spring Harvest Home on two devices (laptop, desktop or smartphone) this year.

Why not sign up for **Spring Harvest Home 4th-8th April** as they explore the 2021 theme 'Unrivalled: Why we worship'. With the help of brilliant Worship Leaders and Speakers, we'll be looking at why we worship which starts with who we worship.

Go online to find out everything you need to know and how to sign up: <https://springharvest.org>

And guess what you might even come across these guys too...



Special thanks to one of our regular photo contributors, Moira Sinclair, for the wonderful glimpses of our area captured on her walkabouts – a whole page of images from across the seasons – looking back at to changing tones of the trees and forward to the big skies and sunny days to come...



And thanks also to one of our other regular photo contributors, David Ritchie, for his creative capturing of boats and bridges and even a few of our folks walking in the Ferry Fair Parade – remember that ?!
Thanks David for the photos on this page and the next.



BRIDGE BUILDERS WANTED !

Ever fancied becoming a bridge builder?

Perhaps these insights on ACORN might inspire you to build

ACORN – a daily commitment

A – Ask Pray ‘God, who beyond my church are you nudging me to reach out to today?’

C – Call Be open to God’s call when an answer comes

O – Obey Find a way to make contact and ask ‘how are you?’

R – Report Tell another Christian what happened

N – Notice Be aware of what God has done in you and through you



So just what is ACORN & what’s it about? Richard Lloyd gives us some insights...



I have been a member of a group exploring ACORN since December last year. Our group is composed of 5 people from around the country and when we first got together the idea was simply to try it out. It’s created some converts, and we can all see its value. We have met fortnightly with a 3 week break over Christmas.

I know some people find the idea of spiritual disciplines scary, but that’s what this is. David talked about a Rule of Life recently, and ACORN would fit well as a daily action.

So it’s not about a leader leading a group. It’s about 4-6 people getting together every couple of weeks to talk about their experiences with putting ACORN into action.

In many ways it’s very simple as it’s all about the question ‘How Are You?’ Not the casual question to which the answer is ‘Fine!’ but a deeper question, a question you hold on to until you sense the other feels free to speak.

A couple of similar groups have started to meet across our congregations and it only takes a couple of folks to commit to a regular moment to touch base and share stories of what’s happened as the simple question ‘how are you?’ is asked. **Time to build bridges ?**

Further insight and inspiration can be found on this 8 minute introductory video with Dr Michael Harvey: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lcw16Z_y-k0&feature=youtu.be



STILL GOT SOMETHING LEFT IN THE FLASK ☺ - WELCOME TO THE LAST PAGE !

Thanks for reading and did you catch a couple of key opportunities along the way:



Outside both of our churches throughout Holy Week you see a cross and on the Saturday afternoon and throughout Easter Sunday we would love it if you might come and add some bright and colourful flowers to the crosses so that gradually the stark rugged cross is gloriously transformed into a spectacular sight for everyone to see – a sight that declares that Christ is Risen ! That there is life to be found at the cross !



Book group time - a chance to explore some of the ways we might live and lead as we emerge from this unusual

1. Canoeing the mountains by Tod Bolsinger with group led by Richard Lloyd - 07967 052693
2. Rewilding the Church by Steve Aisthorpe with group led by Huw Thomas - 0131 331 3850
3. Managing Transitions (4thEd.) by William Bridges with group led by David Cameron – 07737 910018
4. The Missional Leader by Alan Roxburgh &... with group led by Michelle McAdoo – 07762 744384
5. How to lead -when you don't know where you're going by Susan Beaumont with group led by Alison Freeland – 07496 788258



If you are interested in being part of this exploration of faith and Church – or if you know someone who might be interested - then either contact the Church Office on office@qpcweb.org or contact Ann Inglis directly on 0131 629 0233 or revainglis@gmail.com for further information.

And of course don't forget...



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Join us on Sundays at 10.30am for our Dalmeny/Queensferry Live-streaming service through the wonders of modern technology:

<http://www.qpcweb.org/live>

or catch up later:

<http://www.qpcweb.org/replay>

And for those unable to access events online why not tune in to the BBC on Sundays:

Radio Scotland at 7.30am for 'New Every Sunday'
Radio 4 at 8:10 am for Sunday Worship.
BBC1 at 11.30am for 'Reflections from the Quay'
BBC1 Scotland at 12:00noon for 'The Service'

And on BBC1, usually, at about 13:15 pm - Songs of Praise.



A free phone line of hymns, reflections and prayers

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