

# Inside Out

News from Queensferry and Dalmeny Kirks

## Welcome to Inside Out...

Welcome to the seventh 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. Apologies for the delay since our last issue in September – I realised that maintaining the level of input that was needed to produce such a work was, given the season we keep finding ourselves in, a big ask. This shorter Christmas edition (well that was the plan when I began!) will be followed up in the New Year with a fuller catch up one – so photos galore (thanks to our roving photographers Moira and David) to follow!

If there are folks you know who would like a copy – just contact the church office by email or phone and let us know of their contact details.

## First things first...

### Pastoral Support and Practical Help:

With our Church offices closed, Esther Conner, our Church Secretary, is working 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.

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.

**Church Office  
Phone number:**

**0131 331 1100**

**Office - Esther  
Email address:**

[office@qpcweb.org](mailto:office@qpcweb.org)

**Rev David Cameron**

**0773 791 0018**

**Rev Ann Inglis**

**0792 022 8545**

An angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, 'Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.' All this took place to fulfil what the Lord had said through the prophet: 'The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him **Immanuel**' (which means '**God with us**'). *Matthew 1 vs 20-23*



## The times they keep a changin'...

As you'll be well aware we are still facing the many challenges brought on by this global pandemic and we, in the Churches, continue to give consideration to the possibilities afforded by the latest legislation in regards to the use of our buildings. Already we have opened Dalmeny Kirk for Private Prayer on Wednesday afternoons between 1.30 and 3.00pm and this will resume after a break for Christmas on Wednesday the 13<sup>th</sup> January.

Following some extensive work by a small group from Queensferry Church, under the able leadership of Ian Laing, we have been working on getting the necessary permissions for opening up Queensferry Church. This has involved the team 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! All this had to be done before we made application to the Presbytery who have been charged by the Church of Scotland as the organisation responsible for giving approval. After some weeks, permission has now been granted for us at Queensferry Church to open up

access to our live-streaming service – this for around 35 people. We plan to begin this sometime in **January 2021**, subject of course to any changes in Scottish Government guidelines (no decision has been made yet by us on the exact date in January as further consultation is necessary). Fuller details of what's involved and how you sign up can be found later in the newsletter.



You may also recall that we had already opened up the Hall in the Dalmeny Church Centre on Sunday Mornings in order to allow those unable to access the 10.30am live-streaming Service broadcast from Queensferry Church to view it on a large screen. **This will be on hold until early February** due to some essential remedial work to the Centre. We will let you know when 'normal service' will be resumed.

Your continued prayers for us as Kirk Sessions would be greatly appreciated as we seek to balance the many facets of this process.

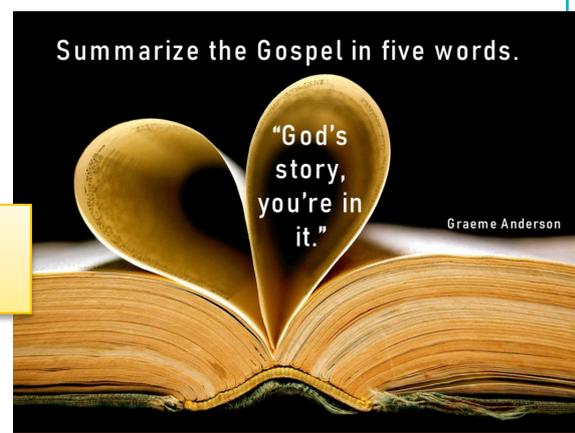


Fed up with duff Christmas cracker jokes ?  
Why not get theological round the table....

Summarize the Gospel in five words.

"God's  
story,  
you're in  
it."

Graeme Anderson



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 10 January 2021. We'll meet via Zoom and to access this simply email or call Rebecca on: [info@sanctuarysq.org](mailto:info@sanctuarysq.org) or 07799637219.

Recently we've looked at some exciting biblical journeys with Joshua, Ruth, Cleopas & Paul and the lessons they learned that may help us on ours.

From September we delved into the Psalms exploring their relevance to the myriad of emotions and feelings we so often face in life.

And as we venture into 2021... watch this space...

DECEMBER 2020

THE LORD bless you  
and KEEP you; THE  
LORD MAKE His face  
shine upon you,  
AND BE GRACIOUS TO  
you; THE LORD lift  
up His COUNTENANCE  
upon you, AND GIVE  
you PEACE.

## 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.

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>

If you yourself have come across resources online that you have found helpful and would like to share, do get in touch with the discipleship team at [discipleship@qpcweb.org](mailto:discipleship@qpcweb.org)

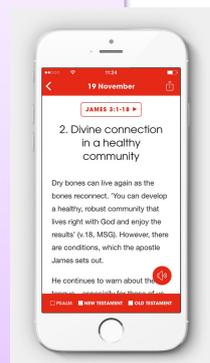


The ideal companion to our Journey through the Bible in 2020 and will help keep our focus in 2021:

A free to download app called: 'BIBLE IN ONE YEAR'.

Simply go to : [www.bibleinoneyear.org](http://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.



MADE TIME TO RETREAT YET... ?

## The Bield at Blackruthven Retreat and Conference Centre

*A Haven of Peace, a Piece of Heaven*



After sharing news of 'The Bield' – a Christian retreat centre near Perth in our recent newsletters - we are glad to say they are hoping to open again on the 12<sup>th</sup> of January 2021, subject to national guidelines and with appropriate anti-Covid19 measures in place. Check them out here for either organised retreat events or to gain access for a day: <https://www.bieldatblackruthven.org.uk>



By way of contrast 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](http://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?



## CHRISTMAS SERVICES FOR 2020

It won't surprise you to discover that all our usual services will only be accessible online via our Church websites.

The programme looks something like this:

**Sunday 20th December, 10.30am** All Age Worship Service with Nativity Play, with none other than a star cast from our Sundays at 10 Kids programme – this you won't want to miss!

**Sunday 20th December, 3.00pm** - our hope is that as many folks across our congregations can gather in their own homes and enjoy a cuppa and cake 'together'. You are invited to begin the moment by sharing in this blessing:

*Lord...At this time of year we have so many memories of the special times and events we've shared with our Church family over the years. Though separated this year in body, we are united, through you Lord, in Spirit.*

*So Lord, in this moment unite us as one as we give you our thanks for all those in our church family that come to mind at this time. Thank you for their friendship and faith, their company and prayers.*

*May the Lord bless and keep us, may the Lord unite us and make his face to shine upon us, may the Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon us and grant us His Peace - today and forevermore. Amen.*

**At 5.30pm on the 20<sup>th</sup>** - we hope you will join us in singing 4 carols as part of the national 'Carols on the Doorstep Challenge'. You can access the 'Carols on the Doorstep' words here :

<https://www.carolsonthedoorsstep.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/Carol-sheet-final.pdf> and to enjoy the musical accompaniment access it in one of the following ways:

- Tune your TV to channel 725 for Premier Christian Radio
- Tune in to Premier Christian Radio using your DAB radio
- Ask Alexa to play Premier Christian Radio from Tune in.

**24th December 6.30pm** - Christmas Eve Family Service, live-streaming event available on our website

**24th December 11.30pm ish** - Watchnight Service in Dalmeny Kirk, available on our website

**25th December 10.30am** - Christmas Day Family Service, available on our website

**Sunday 27th December 10.30am** All-age Worship Service, live-streaming event available on our website including a visit from the Moderator of the Church of Scotland !

***LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU - IF YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN !***



## The Lord loves a cheerful giver...

Each year at our extra Christmas services such as Christmas eve and Christmas day we take an offering for a range of Charities working hard at home and overseas to support the most vulnerable in our world.

This year will be very different in that we won't be gathering together, however, should it be that you are in a position to give please consider the following possible avenues through which you can donate:




**WE'RE DREAMING OF A WHITE GOODS CHRISTMAS**

This year has been particularly difficult for everyone and many people will be dreading Christmas approaching with many facing new financial challenges that they will never have experienced before. A cooker to make Christmas dinner with may now be a luxury that some people are unable to afford in the current climate. Our Cookers for Christmas campaign aims to help those who are struggling, by providing them with a cooker and other essential household white goods. You can change not only someone's Christmas, but their lives. All donations help us to provide these essential items at what should be a joyous time and we really appreciate your support. **Thank you!**

#cookersforchristmas

**ONLINE** Please visit our website and donate through [www.freshstartweb.org.uk/donate](http://www.freshstartweb.org.uk/donate)

**CHEQUE** Please send a cheque to Fresh Start (Scotland): The Treasurer, Fresh Start (Scotland), 22-24 Ferry Road Drive, Edinburgh, EH4 4BR

**BANK TRANSFER** Simply transfer your donation to: The Bank of Scotland. Sort Code: 80-11-05 Account Number: 00191316 for the credit of Fresh Start (Scotland),



QCCC, The Haven, 25B Burgess Road, South Queensferry, EH30 9JA

**0131 331 5570**

[mail@qccc.org.uk](mailto:mail@qccc.org.uk)

Still working away and giving amazing support to many across our communities is Queensferry Churches Care in the Community – our very own hands of love. Check out their website for details on how to give.



## CHURCH OF SCOTLAND HIV PROGRAMME



**Recently we closed one of our Sunday services with a performance by the Heart and Soul Swing Band, featuring a number of our own members – some wearing some pretty dodgy hats and shoes! For many years now the Band have supported The Church of Scotland's HIV Programme – details of how to give can be found below:**

**Cheques:** Cheques should be made out to "The Church of Scotland HIV Programme" and posted to "Church of Scotland HIV Programme, 121 George Street, Edinburgh, EH2 4YN".

**Bank transfer:** Please contact [hiv@churchofscotland.org.uk](mailto:hiv@churchofscotland.org.uk) for details on arranging a bank transfer.

# 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.

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 (go for it - it might be December but why not do something different - even adventurous before the year's out ☺) and discover afresh our local shops.

Whilst discussing the challenges facing our local shops with one of the shopkeepers, he made me an offer I just couldn't refuse: "How about we do a free church life feature in the community magazine 'Spotlight' in return for some of our members and friends undertaking delivery of the Magazine in their neighbourhood. Perhaps the street they live in and a couple of streets nearby? What better way to get some exercise and also to support your local shops, church and community in the process!

All you have to do is contact Esther at the Church office, let her know your street and contact details and before you know it the **SOS** is being addressed!



## REFLECTIONS ON 2020....



**“Hold on – the dawn is coming”**

A powerful image I came across by the artist Charlie Mackesy, author of the beautiful book: ‘The Boy, the mole, the fox and the horse’.

**“Hold on the dawn is coming” – what a motto for 2020:**

**Hold on... through days of lockdown – of not seeing your family – of zoom only with your friends.**

**Hold on... through days when work can only be at home, when work may vanish, when home teaching as well as home working.**

**Hold on... when church can’t meet except if you are are technically literate, except if you mask up – sit up- and wheesht!**

**“Hold on – the dawn is coming” and in recent days we saw the beginning of the dawn – the first vaccine given at 6.15am in the morning of a new day.**

**The dawn has begun to break.**

**Throughout the scriptures we find many a tale of folks having to hold on for a new day dawning.**

**“Hold on – the dawn is coming” - Take Mr and Mrs Noah... 40 days of waiting, rain of biblical proportions, then a new day dawned.**

**“Hold on – the dawn is coming” - Take Abram and his good lady Sarah – despite her increasing years the promise came to pass of a son born to her in Isaac.**

## REFLECTIONS ON 2020....

**“Hold on – the dawn is coming” – Take the plight of the Israelites enslaved in Egypt and crying out to God for liberation and freedom – up steps Moses and confronts Pharaoh saying: “let my people go”. After holding on, the new day dawns – a day of liberation and exodus.**

**“Hold on – the dawn is coming” – Take Isaiah speaking to a people in exile and captivity longing for home and liberty again. Those who WAIT/HOPE in the Lord shall renew their strength.**

**“Hold on – the dawn is coming” - Time and again God’s people are called to wait – to hope in God. For 800 years they waited and held on for a son to be born. This son would be called: a Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father and the Prince of Peace and in a back room in Bethlehem a cry was heard – a new day dawned with the cry of a child.**

**“Hold on – the dawn is coming” – With such a cry, this would not be the last time that God’s people would have to hold on for the dawn. 33 years later in a garden tomb outside the city wall of Jerusalem, a new dawn emerged. It was the 3<sup>rd</sup> day after the brutal crucifixion of their friend and mentor Jesus. At dawn on that day, two of his first disciples discovered on arrival that he was not there in the tomb. He had risen into a new dawn... and this not just a new dawn for Jesus... not just for the first disciples but for everyone since then who hears his call ‘Come follow me’ for a new day is dawning.  
*May it be so for you and yours.***



DAWN  
BREAKING  
OVER THE SEA  
OF GALILEE.

*The Dalmeny Nativity trail - what a lot of excitement there has been in Dalmeny as young explorers have been on a mission to discover some of the wonderful characters in our Christmas story - all around the village they have wandered and even managed to get through three large tins of sweets in the process! A few wee pics from the trail...*



# 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.32

Should you prefer to listen to the Moderator pray the prayer online simply go to:

<https://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/news-and-events/news/2020/scottish-christians-join-in-prayer-on-fourth-sunday-of-advent>

“The words of the angel to Mary bring this assurance: ‘The Lord is with you’ (Luke 1: 28). The words are clear and unequivocal: ‘The Lord is with you.’

“Nevertheless, Mary is ‘perplexed’ and clearly fearful as she tries to comprehend the words spoken to her. The message of the angel that she is to become the bearer of the Christ-child leads her to ask: ‘How can this be, since I am a virgin?’ In response, the angel speaks of the promise of the Spirit and Mary affirms and embraces the promise: ‘Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word’ (Luke 1: 26-38). It is as if Mary hears and embraces the first words spoken to her: ‘The Lord is with you.’

“As we come near to the point where the promise of the Advent season is fulfilled in the birth of the Christ-child, we are conscious of the renewed challenges we face within the communities of which we are a part. In the face of this, each one of us longs to know the assurance of the promise: ‘The Lord is with you.’

**“In the perplexities and challenges of the times, and to each one of us, the words of assurance are spoken. The Lord is with us and we are invited to embrace the promise of the Christ-child who is to come.” We pray:**

Lord, draw near to us  
And to all who long to hear your Word.  
We give thanks that the promise of the Advent season  
Will soon be fulfilled in the birth of the Christ-child.  
May we embrace the promise and share in the hope it brings.

**Lord, in your mercy,  
Hear our prayer.**

Lord, draw near to us  
And to all who long to hear your Word.  
We pray for the lonely and the perplexed;  
For the anxious and the fearful.  
Be near to them as you are to us.

**Lord, in your mercy,  
Hear our prayer.**

Lord, draw near to us  
And to all who long to hear your Word.  
We pray for the families and communities of which we are a part  
And for our Nation.  
Sustain us in these times and renew us in times to come.

**Lord, in your mercy,  
Hear our prayer.**

Lord, draw near to us  
And to all who long to hear your Word.  
We give thanks that, in all things, you are with us  
And we embrace once more the promise of the Christ-child.  
May the light of Christ shine in the darkness and bring hope to the world.

**Lord, in your mercy,  
Hear our prayer. AMEN**



May the Lord support us all the day  
long,  
Til the shades lengthen and the  
evening comes,  
and the busy world is hushed,  
and the fever of life is over,  
and our work is done.  
Then in his mercy  
may he give us a safe lodging,  
and holy rest,  
and peace at the last.

John Henry  
Newman

AMEN





## THE JOURNEY COMES TO AN END... OR DOES IT?

Having come to the end of our 'Journey through the bible in 2020', we hope you enjoyed the opportunity to explore what is often described as the world's least read best seller!

Given the year we've had, I believe on hindsight it was fortuitous that we had set ourselves such a challenge and I hope that it has whetted your appetite to explore the scriptures at greater depth for both personal and spiritual growth.

The observant amongst you will have noticed that we didn't manage to delve into the course provided by the Bible Society called: 'The Bible Course'. Perhaps in the new year we might be able to give it a go – anyone interested in helping to facilitate?

Contact Esther at the office.

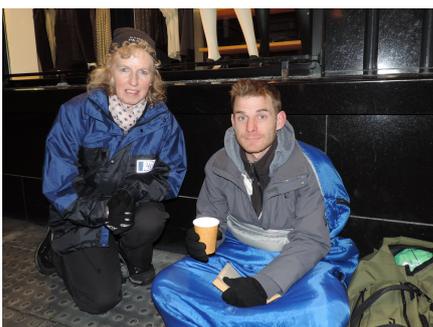


## Edinburgh Street Pastors - Recruiting Now!

Are you interested in being part of an organisation which provides care and help to people in need on the streets of Edinburgh?

Are you a Christian moved by the parable of the Good Samaritan - and want to be that that person?

Edinburgh Street Pastors is recruiting volunteers now to be part of the growing work, sharing God's love on the streets of Edinburgh.



If you are interested please email:  
[edinburghsp.training@gmail.com](mailto:edinburghsp.training@gmail.com)

or call 07523 267 906.

For background information  
see [www.streetpastors.org](http://www.streetpastors.org).



## **From sometime in January at 10.30am : Join us on Sundays at 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](mailto: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 also ask you at that time and again on the Sunday the relative Covid questions to ensure you and your family are all well to ensure your and everyone else's safety.

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 give 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 again 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 will be on our website allowing you to see what's involved.

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

**Please check the website over the coming weeks for details of which Sunday in January we will be opening up and taking bookings.**

## 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 <sup>2</sup> online BMI calculator: <a href="http://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-weight/bmi-calculator">http://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-weight/bmi-calculator</a>	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.**



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](http://www.churchofscotland.org.uk)

Scottish Charity Number: SC011353

The Church of Scotland



**You are required to wear a face mask in church**

Further information: [www.churchofscotland.org.uk](http://www.churchofscotland.org.uk)

And finally... not only is this the season where love comes down, it is also the time when fun breaks out ...



Here is a picture of the latest Vac Scene!



shared by silversurfers.com



No Nativity this year because the 3 Wise Men face a travel ban. The shepherds have been furloughed. The Inn keeper has shut under tier 3 regulations and had a slump in bookings. Santa won't be working as he would break the rule of 6 with Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Donner and Blitzen. As for Rudolph, with that red nose, he should be isolating and taking a test. 😂😂





After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup> When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. <sup>11</sup> On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. Matthew 2 vs 9-11



Join us on Sundays at 10.30am through the wonders of modern technology:

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

or catch up later:

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

And there were shepherds living out in the fields near by, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.'

Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

*'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favour rests.'*

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.' Luke 2 vs 8-15

And also for those unable to access events online why not tune in to the BBC on Sundays, to Radio 4 at 8:10 am.

'Reflections from the Quay' on the BBC Scotland channel are broadcasting a Christmas Day version of 'The Service' at 12noon on 25 December, and the Resolutions programme featuring the 'Scented Lament' will be shown on BBC1 Scotland at 12:35pm on New Year's Day. The Moderator will have a part in both.

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

And don't forget: a warm welcome awaits you at Dalmeny Kirk.

The church will be open for Private Prayer on Wednesdays between 1.30 and 3.00pm.

0800 804 8044  
DailyHOPE

A free phone line of hymns, reflections and prayers

Dalmeny Parish Church - A Charity, Registered in Scotland, No: SC010971 and  
Queensferry Parish Church - A Charity, Registered in Scotland, No: SC002329