

Worship

As lockdown continues Scott's weekly address can be found on the church YouTube channel every Sunday. Steven is providing musical links for hymns, an anthem and a voluntary. These links will be found on the FaceBook pages.

Lent Study Group

Scott is leading a Lent Study Group on Sunday evenings at 7 30pm via Zoom. The study will be based on the book 'Forgiveness' by Frank Cottrell-Boyce, DLT Publishers, ISBN: 978-0-232-53425-2. It can be found on Amazon and other online retailers costs about £ 7-8.

The book consists of essentially six chapters and includes a look at a major biblical passage accompanied by some questions and some reflection by the author. Each week, you will be asked to read the chapter and prepare your answers to the questions within.

If you are interested in participating, please email Scott directly or via the office and he will forward you a Zoom Link for that meeting. This will be a recurring Link which means the same link can be used for each meeting.

The Forum

After an interesting, entertaining and thought provoking talk by Alison McKean and her friend Michelle Nicol about their cycle trip through Vietnam and Cambodia, we are looking forward to hearing Jan Savage, Director of Campaigns at ENABLE Scotland speak about: **Learning disability and inclusion – are we there yet?** As part of her talk, she will share insight into:

- Impact of Covid-19 on existing inequalities
- Why we need a new champion for change

Please join us on Zoom on Monday, 15 March at 7.30 Contact the church office or Sheena Wurthman for the link

April's Forum on Monday 19 April will look at Preparing for COP26.

Sheena Wurthman has been in touch with Kat Jones who is presently working preparing for COP 26. She is working with the civil society - the alternative COP. This parallel event is about non-governmental organisation making their pitch to the general public and the Conference. This element of the COP21 in Paris had a lot of influence. These organisations need space for their meetings which will either be face-to-face or online - perhaps even hybrid. This is where churches in Glasgow area could provide a valuable contribution to COP26.

Kat is going to give a presentation at the April Forum on 19th April by Zoom. This is of interest for people who support organisations such as Christian Aid and Oxfam as well as an opportunity to be part of COP26 and the efforts to manage climate change and the global emergency.

Put this date in your diaries!

Sheena Wurthmann

The Book Club

The March book group meeting is on Friday, 26th March at 8pm, when we will discuss Victoria Hislop's book 'One August Night'. You will be made most welcome. Contact the church office or Dagmar Kerr for the link.

A Notice from Ann Bruce

Ann would like to thank all her church family for cards emails and phone calls she received on the sudden death of Stuart. All cards etc. have upheld her during this difficult time as well as the wonderful support of church friends.

Blessings,

Ann xx

Glasgow SE Foodbank

The Glasgow South East food bank is working with other agencies throughout the pandemic to ensure the needs of the city are met.

The mother and baby group which has been set up are very grateful for the dressing gowns and slippers donated by the members of our congregation. The organiser said.....your people are awesome!!!! So thank you all very much.

The food bank is collecting Easter eggs for distribution and this month they are putting out a plea for tinned tuna, flour and UHT milk. As always, all donations are most welcome.

Can I add my own thank you to all the kind people who are leaving donations on my doorstep. I never quite know what I will see when I open my front door!!

Marjorie

Poppyscotland News

The 2020 Poppy appeal presented a whole new set of challenges. Door-to-door and in-store collections were not an option. It was also not possible to hold a traditional Coffee Afternoon. Despite these difficulties, the sum of £5376.04 was raised in the Netherlee area. Included in this sum are the virtual Afternoon Tea at Remembrance Weekend and the generous donation from the Church. Both sums were in excess of £1000. The rest comes from the cans in local shops and businesses.

A huge thank you to everyone who helped in any way.

2021 sees 100 years of the Poppy. As yet, I have no idea how the appeal will look. Hopefully, it will not be long before we can have traditional events. Until then, thank you for your ongoing support of Poppyscotland.

Keep well. Stay safe.

Anne Mann

Christian Aid Art show

In February's Newsletter, we announced that the art show is going on line this year.

The web site link is <https://christianaidclarkstonartshow.org.uk>

The site is now live although it does not have an active sales link as the art show will run from 1st - 30th April. The sales link will go live on 1st April.

Vicky, Russell, Sandra and Marjorie

Virtual Afternoon Tea and Chat

The next virtual afternoon tea and chat is on Thursday 4 March via Zoom at 2 30 pm and you are all invited. This is a great opportunity to catch up with folks over a cup of tea/ coffee and to see some faces you may not have seen for a while. This will be our fourth get together and we just have a chat about what we've been up to and what is going on. The next Chat will be Thursday 18 March. Contact the church office or Diane Levey for the link.

A Message from Marie Wilson

Marie has passed on some links for personal reflection over the next few weeks of Lent as we all continue to 'hang on in there' !

LIVE Lent

This is a resource from the Church of England and consists of daily reflections throughout Lent (17 February until 4 April) <https://www.churchofengland.org/our-faith/what-we-believe/len-holy-week-and-easter/livelent-gods-story-our-story-our-lent>

Tearfund

Tearfund have put together prayers, poems and reflections throughout Lent. By clicking on the link below you can request their Lent booklet or sign up for daily e mails throughout Lent. If you have friends who are not online, ordering up the booklet which will be posted out, is a way of taking part in this reflection.

<https://www.tearfund.org/campaigns/lent-devotional>

Church of Scotland Website

There are a number of resources on this website which support personal reflection and other initiatives including the weekly prayer at 7 pm each Sunday. Here is the link:

<https://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/news-and-events/news/2021/kirk-continues-weekly-prayer-initiative-this-sunday>

Sunday Club

Still online, the Sunday Clubbers have continued to meet via Zoom on a Sunday morning. With Valentine's Day falling on a Sunday, we talked about what God says about Love in the Bible and found a hidden message in a well-known verse. As we entered Lent, we made paper crosses and thought about Jesus' 40 days in the wilderness. We looked at pictures from around our homes and in the countryside and saw crosses hidden in everyday life. Hopefully some of the Sunday Clubbers will take part in the Moderator of the Church of Scotland's 'Hidden in plain Sight' photography competition

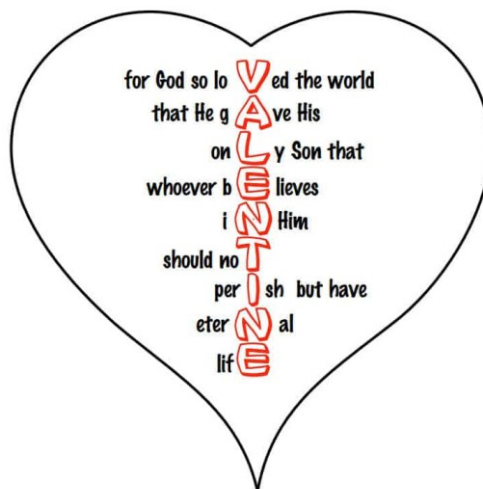
<https://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/connect/moderators-photo-competition> or the Wonder Walks which has generic maps with activities and discussion points which can be used by the family on any of your walks.

<http://bible.scot/wonderwalks>. We will be making prayer chains through Lent and hopefully we can use them to brighten up the hall whenever we are able to return to Church.

Lent is also a time when we would normally look at the activities of Christian Aid. We watched a video about the work that is being done by Christian Aid to provide Water Wells in areas without power. This is enabling villagers to grow fruit and vegetables, feed their animals, make bricks and improve their health. Using a Tupperware, Stones, Soil, Water and the top from a soap dispenser we were able to demonstrate how it all works! We will pray for those without water during Lent.

We continue every Sunday on Zoom at 10am for the Sunday Clubbers. Regular members will receive an email with a Zoom link but contact the Church Office for more details if you would like to join us. We are all looking forward to when we can be together again.

John 3:16



Glasgow 278 (Netherlee) Boys' Brigade

Unfortunately, none of our sections have been able to meet face to face so far in 2021, for obvious reasons. Nevertheless ,we have been seeking to keep our members engaged through Virtual Meetings and BB At Home activities. Whilst this is the best we can legally offer it is, of course, not quite the same. We all long for a return to face to face activities. We understand the position will be reviewed on 1 April, and we live in hope of a positive outcome. In the meantime if you wish to see what the boys have been up to of late please visit our Facebook page.