

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 beginning on **Sunday 21 February 2021 at 7:30 pm**. 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 to £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

The next Forum meeting is on 15th February at 7.30. Our speakers are Alison McKean and Michelle Nicol who will talk about "Vietnam and Cambodia - a cycling adventure". Both ladies are local and took on this venture as a way of raising money for charity.

This will be a Zoom meeting. Joining details can be had from Sheena Wurthmann or the Church Office.

The March meeting of The Forum is on 15th March 2021 at 7.30 pm . The speaker will be Jan Savage from the Executive Team of Enable Scotland.

The Book Club

The next meeting of the Book Club will be on 26th February at 8.00pm. We will be reviewing Sally Magnusson's novel "The Ninth Child". If you are interested in joining please contact Dagmar Kerr or Sheena Wurthmann.

Sheena Wurthmann

Virtual Afternoon Tea and Chat

The next virtual afternoon tea and chat is on Thursday 18th February 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 third get together and we just have a chat about what we've been up to and what is going on. The link will be emailed to everyone so please Zoom in and join us. More details and the link can be had from Diane Levey.

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' !

LiveLent

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/lent-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>

79th Glasgow (Stamperland) Scout Group



Despite the challenges of Covid, the Beavers and Cubs have still managed to run some activities. Before the summer, we held weekly Zoom sessions including two 'Stay at Home' camps; the first on the theme of St. George and the Dragon, the second on the Olympics.

Both were a great excuse to get creative, cooking and active. We hiked to the moon (with the help of other groups around the UK) and explored the golf course on a treasure hunt.

Come September, we were able to meet in Linn Park over several weeks for den building, orienteering and games. On a cold and frosty Sunday afternoon, Cubs and Beavers made pictures from natural materials, had fun playing hide and seek in the woods and invested Calum, Saskia, Innes and Krishnav into the Cubs up from Beavers - welcome! We ended the session by sharing St Nicholas biscuits - yum!

Back on Zoom, we enjoyed some festive fun with the Cubs and Beavers to round off this most unusual of years. We really missed being with them in the hall, but they all rose to the challenges. First up we had a Disney Movie theme tune bingo, then a scavenger hunt to find items with which to make a snowman. After that, we made some reindeer tree decorations and finished off with a Christmas themed game of Pictionary. Great enthusiasm and creativity as always!

A fun first night of 2021 with a Taskmaster style night of short and random challenges. February will start with a night online with alpacas then working on our Local Knowledge badge. What better, as we all stay at home.

We hope that as things ease, the Scouts and Explorers will be able to get together once more on or offline as allowed. Meantime let's all Do Our Best to stay safe and well.

Christian Aid

The art show this year is breaking with tradition and is going on line given the current Covid restrictions. You will be given the opportunity to buy a picture framed or unframed. If the artist is local, there may be an opportunity to click and collect, if not, the price will include postage and packing. The show be online for a month and new works will be added as pictures are sold. Unfortunately, there will not be an opportunity to have a coffee and a scone, but perhaps next year!!

More information it will be relayed to everyone via e mail.

Marjorie Lang

Sunday Club

Still online, the Sunday Clubbers have continued to meet on a Sunday morning.

At the beginning of January, we had a treasure hunt looking for various objects around the house, finishing with something precious to us. Points mean prizes and Isla and her cat Paddy won the most points for being first back and they both enjoyed some treats. As we met near Burns night, we learned about the Selkirk Grace and remembered stories in the bible where Jesus gave thanks for the food that was to be eaten. We also thought about our worries but heard how we can put our faith in the Kingdom of God. With Spring in sight, we talked about the signs of the spring flowers we are starting to see and read the parable of the sower. As well as our bible stories we enjoy quizzes, videos and other fun activities.

We have continued collection of brown pennies when we gathered in person late 2020 and this amounted to £61. Having agreed to support the SE FoodBank, we topped this up and sent a socially distanced cheque for £150. The SE FoodBank has just set up a Mother and Baby unit for asylum seekers with babies under one year. They will use our donation to buy dressing gowns and slippers for the Mums. It is lovely to know that we can make such a practical difference for others, especially during this very cold weather.

We will continue every Sunday on Zoom at 10am for now 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.



Freya Cook is amazed by the magnificence of the trophy her older sister Sorcha won in the inaugural Senior Sunday Club quiz. It clearly pays to know that pogonophobia is a fear of beards, and what kind of dog never bites (a hot dog 😊) Good fun was had by all, and we look forward to meeting again on 28th February.

SE FoodBank

The Food bank continues to be busy. Tinned tuna and UHT milk are currently required. As we are coming near Easter, donations of Easter eggs would be appreciated. Donations can be placed in the receptacle at Sainsbury's .

Marjorie Lang