

UPDATE
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your offerings

Kirk Session last night looked at our management accounts for the first 6 months of 2020 as provided by our Treasurer, Allan Sim. Clearly we face huge loss of income and have ongoing bills but we know that many of you are diligently saving up weekly offerings to give on 'return' or, in fact make your giving by standing order.

There is a new on-line way of giving through the Church of Scotland website with money going to our local account. You might want to explore this using the link though a small percentage go to the company which processes these transactions

<https://cos.churchofscotland.org.uk/donate/?cong=010120>

People are still welcome to set up standing orders and do normal bank transfers too. If you have any questions ask Russell and he will happily advise.



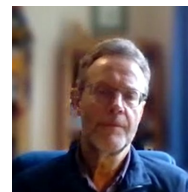
We extend a huge thanks to all for continued support in prayer, acts of kindness and by your generous givings!

Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.
2 Corinthians 9:7

Folks

WE PRAY FOR OUR NEIGHBOURS

Through July neighbouring churches are committed to pray for one another. This week our prayer focus is on Willowbrae Church of Scotland. The bad news last week was that Malcolm Ramsay, the Transition Minister, had broken his hip after falling from his bike in Holyrood Park. Malcolm has had a tough time over the past 2-3 years with serious ill health though he is a very fit individual. He has had surgery and will need to keep weight off his leg over the next 6 weeks.



Through the lockdown Malcolm had helped lead and develop an on-line Zoom Service for the congregation where those without computers were able to join by a phone call. This was hugely appreciated and last Sunday while Malcolm was in hospital the service was ably led by members.

We pray that we will soon be able to resume the Joint Kirk Session Conversations which Include Willowbrae as we have opportunity to shape our future together when Transition Ministry will come to an end in 2022

church opening

Kirk Session are planning that Meadowbank will open on Saturday 1st August with a major exhibition of paintings based on the 24 chapters of Luke's Gospel. We will not yet be able to have Sunday Services and all the protocol will be in place with social distancing, hand sanitization and face covering. This will, however under Phase 3 of the Scottish Government, allow opportunity for prayer and reflection and Jackie and I to meet folk.

See over the page for more details

**Pray for Willowbrae Church
for Malcolm's recovery
and planning for our
opening our building**

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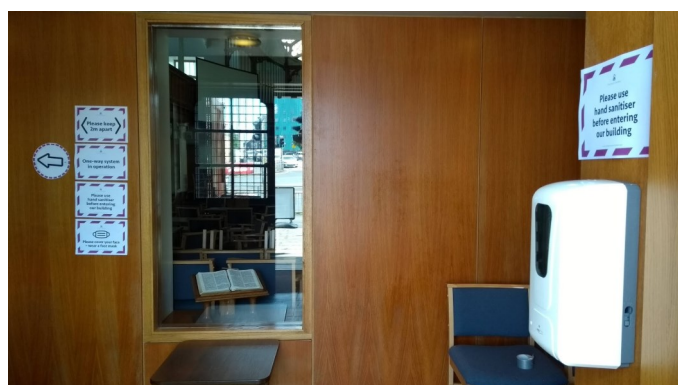
Happily, we are planning to open the church on Saturday 1st August with a major exhibition of paintings on the 24 chapters of Luke's Gospel.

We will be open from 12-2pm on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday each week.



Jackie and Russell with other volunteers will be responsible for making sure all guidelines are followed and will also be able to meet people while maintaining 2 meter distancing.

There will be facilities for hand sanitization and face masks available. People will follow a one-way route into the church and around the hall returning through the church with a maximum of 12 visitors



Hand sanitizer, 2 meter distancing and lots of signs!

People shouldn't come into the building

- If they have been asked to shield
- If they have had to self-isolate in the past weeks
- If they have a high temperature (hot to the touch)
- If they have a new continuous cough
- If they have a change or loss to your sense of smell and taste

We all know that COVID-19 is highly infectious and we must take enormous care to limit any further spread over the next months.

A prayer to be shared by all the churches in Scotland

Living God,

you are our Creator and our Maker.
You have made us in your image
And sustained us in past days.
Guard us and keep us
as we remember those days.
Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Living God,

you are our Redeemer and our Deliverer.
You reconcile all things through Christ Jesus,
The image of the invisible God.
Hold our lives in your safe keeping
at this present time.
Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Living God,

you are the giver of the gift of the Spirit.
You breathe into us the very breath of life
And renew us by your Holy Spirit.
Lead us into the future,
through Christ and by your Spirit.
Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Living God,

as you have been with us in past days,
Be with us today and in all the days to come.
Grant that we may face the future
Assured that nothing can separate us
from the love of God.
Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.
Amen

