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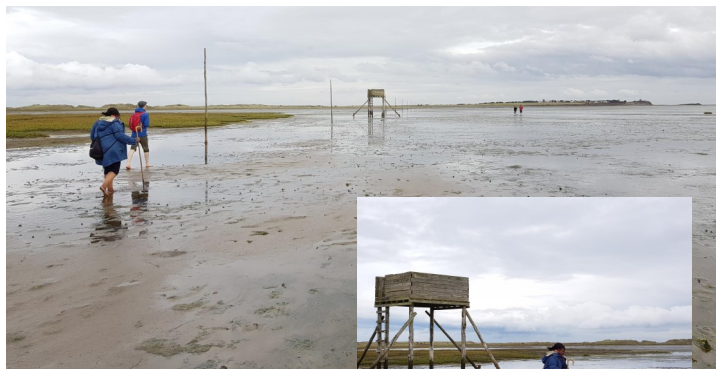


Harvest Appeal

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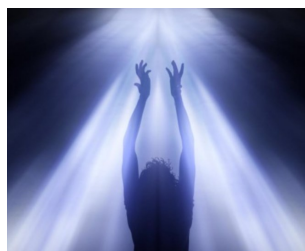


Walking the ancient pilgrim way across to Holy Isle



11am Sunday 3rd October

This week we think about how we can be fully 'present' as we come to worship God



worship
*is the door to
God's presence*

11am Sunday 10th October

At our Harvest service we will look to support the work of Tearfund

Loyara, a mother from Burkina Faso, has seen her land turn barren due to the prolonged drought made worse by the climate crisis. Her crops have died, her family is hungry. **'We have no other source of income than agriculture,'** Loyara says. **'We know what it means to go without.'**

The climate crisis is hitting people in poverty the hardest – the ones who have done the least to cause it. It's causing more frequent and more severe disasters. The climate crisis isn't a future risk. It's on **Loyara's** doorstep, today.

Dear friends

LINDISFARNE PILGRIMAGE

Jackie and I joined Simon from Abbeyhill Baptist Church and Richard & Liz from Mustard Seed for a 36 hour pilgrimage/retreat to Lindisfarne this week. Over the period of restrictions we have met each Tuesday on Zoom for an hour where we have shared the challenges of ministry in COVID-times and prayed together. We have grown deeper in care for one another and appreciation of what each offers.

Following the ancient pilgrim route with bare feet over the mud and sands we stopped for time of reflection and prayer. As we walked we listened to the sound of 5000 seals coming across the water. It was a time of blessing.

With prayer for all,

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Cook Club is now back—and folk are well pleased!

Old friends meeting up again



Following all the protocols in place to help ensure people's safety it has been really good to have old friends return on Thursdays for Cook Club.

Our members really appreciate the hard work by Jackie, Eleanor and the volunteer team to have things running.

Folk are invited to help make the meal and share it together. There is no doubt that the past 18 months have been very difficult for those living alone



BUILDING WORK

We have nearly completed the first package of roof and stonework to the Meadowbank building at a cost of £16,572.

Our contractor is waiting for a couple of replacement stones to be cut to then be put in place before moving scaffolding.

The access by scaffolding and ropes has allowed a fuller assessment of further urgent work required. This is mostly to the South Tower and will involve added cost of £30,128. Given the value of our building and its age these are not unreasonable sums for us to be spending on maintenance where we have reserves to be spent only on buildings.



The stone cross above the front door is 'shaky' and will be taken down to be put back in place with secure non-ferrous fixings

GIVING THANKS FOR OUR FOOD

At Cook Club different people will offer to say grace. Praying God's blessing over our meals and dinner is a simple way to make a big difference on the daily alignment of our hearts. We can all use dinner time and all other times of eating to recall God's goodness in our lives. Saying 'grace' helps us remember that our blessings come from our Creator.

*God is great, and God is good,
And we thank him for our food;
By his hand we all are fed;
Give us, Lord, our daily bread.*

*Dear God, We thank you for the wonderful food
at this mealtime and each flavour that we enjoy.
Thank you for the goodness of the vitamins to our
bodies and the energy we receive as we eat.
Please be with all those around the world
who go hungry, and bless the work of those
who are trying to help them.
In the name of Jesus we pray, Amen.*

prayers you might use for thanks at mealtimes