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Weekly Bulletin

One of the comments people share most, in all the phone calls we are making, is how generous everyone is being. We've found our neighbours again. We enjoy being kind. We've found a purpose for community once more, and many are going out of their way, offering to help more than there is opportunity to do so. This must be a good thing and, hopefully, perhaps, maybe, this is the shape of things to come once lockdown and social distancing become a well told story in our history. What would make the story more significant and important is if we recognised this as the point when that broader sense of community and neighbourhood began to grow. We are trying to record some of these hopes and ideas and opportunities in the [Babylon Files](#) which is an online discussion group we hold on a Wednesday evening through Zoom.

*The New Hall
windows have been
updated*



However, there is also the opportunity simply to record some of your hopes and dreams that have grown from the experience of lockdown. This can be done on a [form](#) on the Babylon Files page. Simply fill it in, press submit, and we will automatically receive it. Or, more traditionally, an [email](#) or even a postcard. Yes, we still send and receive mail. It can be anonymous too, but we would have a tremendous story to tell, and continue telling, when we gather back together in our traditional way. Throughout this Bulletin, you'll find hints of where we are growing and evolving into what that future church may be.

*We can't meet in
church but we do meet
as Church*

*Church globally and
Church locally*

Malawi Appeal

We are 25% of the way towards our total to help the Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Blantyre, Malawi; the largest hospital in the region, charged with providing care to those Malawians who contract COVID-19. The appeal page is on the website [here](#) and has a link to [JustGiving](#), who we are using to fundraise while we are unable to have retiring offerings and special appeals at the end of a service.

Drumchapel Foodbank

Information about how we give to our local charity at this time is also on the website [here](#). They are running low of some items, and all of that is on our dedicated page on our website. They are able to receive funds as well as food donations for those who can safely travel. Please feel able to support either of these, if you can. We must be saving on all that coffee we aren't drinking in cafes now...

Hymns

Quite a number of people say they are missing the hymn singing. We have a playlist each Sunday of appropriate hymns for the day on our [YouTube Channel](#). Click the playlist tab to hear them integrated into the video service. However here are some other hymns for other occasions:

Dentist's Hymn:	Crown Him with many Crowns
Contractor's Hymn:	The Church's One Foundation
Tailor's Hymn:	Holy, Holy, Holy
Golfer's Hymn:	There is a Green Hill Far Away
Politician's Hymn:	Standing on the Promises!
Optometrist's Hymn:	Open My Eyes that I Might See
Inland Revenue Hymn:	I Surrender All
Electrician's Hymn:	This Light Light of Mine
Shopper's Hymn:	Sweet Bye and Bye
Real Estate Hymn:	I've got a Mansion, Just Over the Hill

And for those who are out in their cars (and shouldn't be!):

30mph:	God will take care of you
75mph:	Nearer My God to Thee
80mph:	This World is not my Home
85mph:	Lord, Im Coming Home
90mph:	Precious Memories

*If you can think of
others then let us
know!*

Saturday Night In

This week we are inviting you to play Catchphrase. Remember that TV show where you 'say what you see'? Well that's what we'll be doing on Saturday 2nd at 7pm for a short while together, and then our usual communal blether in breakout rooms afterwards.

We're evolving Saturday Night In and handing it over to different people to plan and organise. Next Saturday (9th May) we're having a VE night in memory of VE Day. Angela Schneeberger is organising that, with songs and stories and a variety of folk.

The following Saturday, Muriel and David Salmond are organising a Whodunnit evening (it wisnae me!).

Then WAGS are hosting Saturday 23rd May, with the JFv2 organising a special evening on Saturday 30th May.

Go to our Zoom Room page and click on the 'Join In' button on the Saturday Night In banner.

*Working in
partnership with
others*

♥ *Freedom Bakery*



We home delivered a batch of loaves this week and raised funds for the Mental Health Foundation. Happily Gavin's Mill now has its click and collect service up and running so please consider supporting two great social enterprises and enjoy some delicious bread and pastries at the same time. Everyone wins!

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Cooking up a community

Recipes

We are beginning to receive recipes from folk who are baking or creating meals that offer comfort eating in this lockdown time. Please continue to send them in. We are publishing on the website soon. Here's one you'll find:

Rhubarb and Ginger Loaf

1kg loaf tin or I used two small

Ingredients

250g SR Flour

1tsp Ground Ginger

Pinch of Salt

150g Soft Butter

3 Medium Eggs

300g Rhubarb, cut into 2-3cm slices

Set oven to 180c/356F/Gas 4. Sift the flour, ginger and salt into a bowl. Beat to give a smooth, thick mixture. Stir in the rhubarb. Spoon into loaf tin and level the surface.

Bake in the centre of oven for 45-55mins, or until just firm to the touch in the centre and a skewer comes out clean. Remove the cake from the oven and leave to cool, if you can.

Congregational News

Where our thoughts and prayers are focussed

Sadly, we have to let you know that Professor Henry Wong and Lucy Cochran have died this week. They were stalwarts of the church: Professor Wong with his ability to sit quietly before everyone arrived for church and meditate, with an enthusiasm for Sundays that spoke deeply of faith; and Lucy Cochran who was a great encourager, willing you on, also with enthusiasm, and even excitement, for the way the church was a community.

New Psalms

Finding and shaping a new spirituality on and off-line

Working ecumenically, Roddy and Kirstin Freeman from All Saints are writing new Psalms that try to express some of the emotions and feelings and questions we have at this time. Each week, a new contemporary psalm is written together, along with some imagery and an audio of the psalm too. You can find the first one on the website and a new one appears each Wednesday.

Art and poetry have become a popular medium to speak of our time, along with laughter and humour. Again, a mixture of all of that can be found in the 'encouraging' pages on the website.

Following the Announcement about face masks:



Christian Aid Climate Change for Justice 2020

*Engaging faithfully in
global issues*

On Monday, I attended an online event, hosted by Christian Aid, looking at the Climate Change for Justice Pledge in 2020. There is still one online date available (Saturday 27 May), if anyone wishes to book a place and see and hear what they are proposing and currently doing. I haven't shared the PowerPoint from the webinar, yet, so it does not spoil it for anyone who signs up! However, I will do this after this date, so we are all aware of the brilliant work Christian Aid are doing in this area.

Even with everything that is currently going on, other national and world events are still ongoing; they have just temporarily lost their place in the news headlines. Climate change is one of them. Christian Aid is very much involved in fighting for a change in climate justice to help the most affected, which tends to be the poorest people who contribute the least towards it.

Even if you don't want to participate in the webinar chat, I would recommend taking a look at the work Christian Aid are doing and what we can do to support that work with Climate Change.

<https://www.christianaid.org.uk/campaigns/climate-justice/2020-kick-off-events>

Jeanette

*Finding ways to
explore and worship
together*



*Face mask fashions
from 100 years ago*

Worship

Our worship continues to expand online, and we're learning as we go. The podcast is available from the website from Saturday evening, and is something you can download and carry with you to listen whenever you feel able, or while you are doing something else. It is a reflective thought with prayers and readings lasting 20-25 minutes.

Our YouTube channel carries a new video service each week, but now in two versions. We had a wee technical hitch last week, as we are all new to it, and a number couldn't find the hymns, so this week we offer the simple video version without hymns, but with reflection, readings and prayers all joined up. You'll find that on the homepage of the YouTube Channel. But we also offer the service with hymns integrated through the prayers and readings, and you'll find that under the PlayList tab on the same page. This prevents any copyright breach.

We hope that any, or all, of these three offerings help to keep us connected.

We had a songs of praise service last Sunday evening and we'll be organising another soon. If there is anyone who would like to briefly introduce a hymn of their choice, please drop an email to the church or phone Roddy or Jeanette.

Zoom Protocols

We are very aware of trying to keep people safe on Zoom. This is something we have thought about a lot, so we've established some protocols to reassure folk:

1. Please use your name as your identifier. Some use email addresses and some use phone numbers, but these should be kept private.
2. We always use a waiting room to see who is waiting, which is why it is important to use your name. If we don't recognise you, we can't let you in.
3. No one will be permitted to share screens or send messages to each other privately.
4. We will lock the room 5 minutes after start time (you can arrive early and wait!) so we have no unexpected visitors. The host will regularly check if someone is waiting and let them in, if appropriate.