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Easter Weekend
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The Easter Day podcast can be found [here](#) (scroll down the page to find the correct one).

Happy Easter to you all. Of all weekends not to meet this is perhaps the one we may feel it most. Easter is a story to proclaim and we will, we definitely will, when we are back together again. In fact, it is going to be our first Sunday together: Easter Day.

The Easter Bunny is in isolation this year



No Easter - yet

Apparently this is the busiest gardening weekend of the year, normally. But it isn't normal this year. It has turned out to be rather a quieter season, plants left on shelves and a season rather filled with questions. We normally offer such a positive message this weekend but, this year, many feel concerns, worries and grief. Let's not make that easier with glib notions of everything will be okay but, rather, make this an Easter when the tomb isn't opened – yet. This tombstone lockdown is what we must necessarily do for life to come back. We can wait. It will make the celebration more honest when it comes.

Coping with Lockdown?

*This is so terrible it is
(slightly) funny*

Be careful because people are going crazy from being in lockdown! Actually, I've just been talking about this with the microwave and toaster and we all agreed that things were getting bad. I didn't mention anything to the washing machine as she puts a different spin on everything. Certainly not to the fridge as he is acting cold and distant. In the end the iron straightened me out as she said everything would be fine, no situation is too pressing. The vacuum was very unsympathetic... told me just to suck it up, but the fan was more optimistic and hoped it would soon blow over! The toilet looked a bit flushed when I asked its opinion and didn't say anything but the doorknob told me to get a grip. The front door said I was unhinged and so the curtains told me to... yes, you guessed it... pull myself together.

Where we're meeting this week

Concert

*Some new dates for
your diary*

We had a particularly successful concert last Saturday. We had the most we have had yet on Zoom and, while it is never perfect listening, it was hugely appreciated, mainly because we could see so many. So we're having another concert on **Saturday 18th at 7pm**. Go to the [Zoom Events](#) page on the website or click the link [here](#) to take you through.

Quiz Night

Another quiz night is planned for **Tuesday 14th at 7pm**. We had a great time last week, and again, it will be general knowledge and multiple choice – you can't go wrong. John McGee will be channeling Magnus Magnusson. Again, go to the [Zoom Events](#) page and click on the Quiz column and the blue box at the bottom.

Bingo!

I know you aren't meant to play such games in a church but we aren't really church in the traditional sense at the moment and there are no prizes but we're planning a wee family bingo evening on **Saturday 11th at 7pm**. It will be harmless fun and done for a laugh. If you've got a bingo dabber bring that along with you. And a sheet of paper and a pen. [Zoom page](#) for logging on.



Coffee Pot

We've going to move the Afternoon Coffee event on Zoom to a Friday morning at 10.30: the usual time for Coffee Pot. That begins next **Friday (17th)** so bring your own cup and your own pancakes and we'll have a wee blether together.

SingSong!

If you enjoy a sing? SingSong has moved online to **2pm on a Tuesday** and into a wee cosy Zoom Room but there is bags of room for everyone. A wee half-hour or so of singing some familiar things with some fun and laughter too. Nothing serious just some light enjoyment. Go to the [Zoom Events](#) page on the website and join everyone. Fabulous fun run by Kirsteen Maclean.

Family Events

We going to work hard over the next few days to get some family events going. Activities for families to do now that Sunday School isn't there to fill in the spaces! We'll have a specific page on the website and a couple of Zoom meetings too and we'll be emailing all parents separately in the next day or so, if you haven't already received anything from us.

Intergenerational Events

We have a few ideas for parlour games, for photo competitions, charades, stop the bus, Chinese whispers lockdown-style. So, all that will appear in the email next Monday; we are hardly going to have enough time to do all the things we want to do!

Rainbow Room

*A new idea for
everyone*

We have set up a page on the website to fill with images of rainbows. Those who have been able to go out for a walk will have seen a number of windows with rainbows. It feels a bit awkward taking photos of them but why not make one yourself and take a photo of that and send it to us [here](#). We'll safely print it out and then, even more safely, hang them in the New Hall windows so everyone can see a whole wall of hope.

Also, parents especially, as we now have an Instagram feed can you Instagram all efforts from home using the hashtag #NKEaster and check @nkchurch.

Jane Gordon has sent this [link](#) in with some rainbow pictures and some background from Slumberland Strings. Just relax. More of these behind the website's [encouragement](#) button



Congregational News

Thinking of our friends

We are sorry to have to let you know that this week we have heard of the deaths of Olive Veitch, Penny McArthur and Charlotte Stevenson. Please hold their families at this time in your thoughts. It is not possible to organize full funerals during the pandemic so we will offer special thanksgiving services when we are able to meet together again and tell the stories of those we have not been able to say goodbye to fully over these weeks.

As you will have noticed you received this newsletter by email. Over the last few weeks we have simply posted it on the website and hoped people would download it but there have been enough people asking for it to be sent to them that we have decided to send it out by email. We don't want to clutter up your in-box but hope two contacts from the church each week is not too much but in fact encourages and supports.

We continue to post a podcast each Saturday evening in time for Sunday and we are phoning round everyone we can with a wee team of phone visitors. However, you can phone the Manse at any time for a chat and let us know if there is anything we can do to help: 0141 942 0035.