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Poppy Remembrance

Thanks to all who were able to deliver by hand, or post or email, a great bundle of poppies. Each one is on display in the Church Hall windows as an act of remembrance and they are made by all generations of the congregation.

Some have names written across them from our memorial, or family names. Some have messages of hope and peace. Some have pictures, from the land army to rainbows. Thank you.

Perhaps a wee thanks once more to George Kirkland who did an amazing job (again) in putting the video together. Apart from having the magic tape that stuck all the various pieces of the video together, all the different voices and images and sections, the Flanders Field video was his too. It was really quite emotional at times. Thank you.

We have found the window has become one of our main ways to communicate with everyone, so you will see various ideas happening there over Advent and Christmas. We never thought we'd be mentioning Christmas in this way in these conditions, but here we are. But Christmas is not cancelled. It will perhaps be more meaningful, with greater purpose and more effort to tell its story - but enough for now. Next time there will be more.

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Friday 13th November



New Kilpatrick Parish Church
Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Faith

Jeanette's Ordination

Jeanette is being ordained into her post as a health care chaplain on Wednesday next week (18th November). It has happened quite quickly but given the restrictions only 50 can attend. However it will be live streamed on YouTube and anyone can join **online by clicking here**. You would be very welcome to do so and enlarge the necessarily restricted congregation meeting in St Marks Oldhall Church in Paisley.

Knitters of the world



One of a number of projects taking shape at the moment is one where we would like to invite everyone who knits to take part.

This is perfect for a cold winter's night because we are looking for people – male or female - to join a community knitting project in the time leading up to Christmas. You can be assured that no sophisticated knitting knowledge is required. A simple pattern can be provided, and all you would need would be a pair of knitting needles and a few remnants of wool.

Intrigued? You'll be hooked. Please contact Kirsteen Maclean (kirsteen7@btinternet.com or 942 7603) if you would be willing to take part or simply to find out more.

Sofa Surfers



We've revamped Sofa Surfers a little. You may not notice it on a Thursday evening at 7pm on Zoom but there is a team of folk now, scurrying behind the scenes and phoning and emailing and writing (remember those days) to people to lead us in presentations from overseas to community work, from St Andrew's celebrations to Christmas events. No more will there be that cryptic description, 'come along and find out', which really meant the topic hadn't yet been organised.

So, for the next couple of months here's what's happening (but it doesn't stop in December - January will be your antidote to winter too).

Thursday 18th November:

Graham Sinclair takes us across the US with his son in aid of Help for Heroes

Thursday 26th November:

St. Andrew's Night with pipes and poems, singing and celebration (and your own shortbread and glass)

Thursday 3rd December:

Jon Cossar explores the life and times of Robert Louis Stevenson



Thursday 10th December:

Christmas in a craft box - finding, making and decorating for the season from lockdown odds and ends

Thursday 17th December:

The Christmas Party. You have no idea how great a party can be on Zoom.

Thursday 24th December:

I think there is something else on....!

So, the world and the season comes to you on Zoom, 7pm on a Thursday. If you haven't tried Zoom, then we are here to help get you online. Phone Roddy (0131 942 0035) and we'll make sure you have a place. Already folk who haven't tried before are warming up their iPads and smart phones and computers.



Songs Of Praise

This Sunday, that's the 15th, at 7.30 on Zoom, we find our voice, clear our throats and together, from our own sofas, sing the songs we cannot sing together in the usual way.

We share some stories from folk in the congregation who have these hymns as part of their background, their life playlist. So, come along and hear them speak, but not sing - everyone's mics will be turned off - and join in the muted chorus of hymn-singing.

Congregational Register

Sadly, the following have died over the last month. Our thoughts and prayers are with their families and we will hold a service to remember them all soon, as we did at the beginning of the month.

Alistair Ramsay, Erskine Glasgow
Jean Hamilton, Law Farm
Sheila McArthur, Antonine House

Christmas is not cancelled

There have been a number of conversations so far about our digital version of Christmas; but we'll be mixing that up with our traditional analogue version too. Lots going on and we hope to build up a few small teams of folk who can help organise some of the ideas.

We'll be singing but not in the usual way. We're exploring a couple of carol services and Christmas singsongs with a virtual choir.

Welcoming a Baby is our practical project working with local food banks and local organisations, focusing on their requirements for baby things: clothing, food, nappies. But before you all jump, please wait till we find out what all the requirements are.

QR Code Nativity. A community journey round the story using places in the community and a wee bit of technology to invite people to explore the story as families journeying around the Cross.

Lights and Music: using the church in a different way, lit up from the inside, with music flowing out and some visuals too.

Not-the-Light-Festival: reimagining the storytelling and lantern-lighting. We're going to be offering bags to everyone in which will be all the materials needed to find the light into the story. There will be a live Zoom event on Christmas Eve where the contents of the bag will be brought together. Lots of ideas...

Watchnight and Christmas Day: exploring ways to offer the words and music with which we are so familiar, that we can all share in these moments, live and together, in our own places.

And in among all of that, there are various other ideas too. If you might like to help put some of these things together, then please let Roddy know. We'll only do what we can, not what we can't.

You may just wish to volunteer generally, not knowing what you'll get yourself into, or have a specific skill that might be able to be used. Either way, it will be good to hear from you.



This Week's Diary

Podcast & Video services: from the [church website home page](#) worship banner, from midnight Saturday.

Phone Service: dial 0141 465 5774 (after a wee pause).

Sanctuary Worship: 10.30am. But please phone to book before 10am on Friday.

Songs of Praise: 7.30, Sunday 15th, [from our Zoom page](#).

SingSong! at 2pm on Tuesday 17th, especially designed for those who have some degree of memory loss or dementia. From our [Zoom page](#).

Quiz Night at 7pm on Tuesday 17th from our [Zoom page](#).

Jeanette's Ordination at 7pm which can be viewed on [YouTube live](#)

Sofa Surfers: at 7pm Thursday 19th: Graham Sinclair travelling across the US with his son in aid of Help for Heroes, on [Zoom](#).

Diary email to give you energy for the rest of the day. Friday 20th.

Coffee Pot at 10.30am on Friday 20th, from our virtual lounge on our [Zoom page](#).

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