

the weekly bulletin

Harvest Festival

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Friday 2nd October



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

It is Harvest month – it's finally arrived! We are celebrating creation throughout this month, but especially on Sunday 4th in our Harvest Festival.

Zoom at 10.30, which will be linked with the Sanctuary service so everyone can see everyone else – hopefully! Just log in from here, or from the website front page, just a minute or two before 10.30. You will be asked to wait in the waiting room until just before 10.30. [You can login here.](#)

Then you'll meet some from Zoomday School, who will be in the same room having just finished their Harvest activities. They start at 10am.

Harvest Gifts

Just a wee reminder that each week in October we have a different theme for collecting items. We are supporting Glasgow City Mission, East Dunbartonshire Food Banks, Glasgow Woman's Aid

The hall will be open each **Friday morning, 11am–12noon**, where everyone can drop off specific items. We will work a one-way system, and won't be able to linger or chat, but please wear a face-covering.

Drop-off items are:

Friday 9th October: tins of soup, vegetables, fruit. Sweets, diluting juice.

Friday 16th October: packets, especially cereal, tea, coffee (decaf), sugar, pasta, instant mash, jam.

Friday 23rd October: toiletries and cleaning: bubble bath, gel, face masks, shampoo, and cleaning products for the home.

Friday 30th October: Children's items: writing and drawing materials, story books, crayons.





Online Shop

The online shop will be up and running by the weekend we hope. There you can purchase the above items online and we will send them directly to the organisations we are supporting.

Christian Aid

Thanks for all that is being done by you all locally and with a view to overseas as well. We have a twin-track approach as always at this time of year, with the Christian Aid Harvest Appeal too, and we will also be linking into a further partnership with Malawi soon. It's keeping all these different views of how our faith works and shapes the world that can be both exhausting as well as life-giving.

Harvest Tree

A few images from the harvest tree in the window of the hall, full of hopes and blessings for the community. Please keep sending in your apples and we will add them throughout the month.,





Jeanette Peel

Congratulation to Jeanette, who will be starting a chaplaincy position with Royal Alexandria Hospital at the beginning of November. She will be working with Glasgow and Clyde Health Board in Paisley and Balloch in a chaplaincy position and we wish her all the very best with that.

Thank you for your time with us, Jeanette, and all you have offered from the very first day, and everyone clearly relaxed because you could be heard! But it wasn't just that, it was your style of worship where we have a grace and a flow that lead us through our worship with a natural ease that came from a compassion and faith that encouraged and supported us. We are quite certain you will find your niche in chaplaincy and share that same encouragement and compassion. Thank you.

Of course, it is impossible to gather with Jeanette as we normally would so we are organising a special Songs of Praise on the 18th at 7.30 on Zoom, where we can say cheerio to Jeanette online. It won't quite be the same, but it will be a wee evening to sing some hymns, tell some stories and say thanks to her.

During lockdown Iain Maclean also retired as Session Clerk and we have been unable formally and properly to say thanks to him. That would normally have been at a Sunday service so we hope you will join us again on the 18th at 7.30 where we will also say thanks to Iain for all his work as Session Clerk. A few more hymns and a few more stories to tell.

So that's Sunday 18th October at 7.30 on Zoom. The link will also be on the webpage and we can gather to sing and say thanks to them both.

Bulletin Publication

The Bulletin will now be published every fortnight from now on, but we'll send a short email in between just to keep everyone up to date with the diary of events.





The Shortbread Connection

We're continuing to find ways to keep in contact with everyone, especially as our social distancing rules and the ongoing vulnerabilities the pandemic brings continue to keep us apart.

We are sending round a wee harvest booklet and some shortbread to many in the congregation and would like to ask for a number of volunteers (15 to 20 would be really helpful) to pop a booklet and box through doors. We aren't able to visit folk, but this wee reminder will hopefully express the longing to be connected and that we are in each other's thoughts.

If you would be available to post these through some letter boxes from the week beginning 19th October, can you contact Kirsteen Maclean (942 7603) or [email her clicking here](#). We are truly grateful to you for doing this and keeping the connection going.

One wee addition is that Sunday 25th would normally have been a formal communion for us. We will share communion on that day through YouTube and Podcast, and we will use shortbread for that. Shortbread was what was often traditionally used in Scotland for communion, so we make that connection too.

Sofa Surfers

Ian McPhedran presents the story of around a handwritten letter dated 1881 detailing how a lady and her husband decided to visit her relatives who lived in a house near Butterbridge, Glen Kinglas, at the time of the Glasgow Fair... a true story and a bit of social history. Thursday 7pm on the Zoom page.





Night Shelter

Glasgow City Mission are opening their night shelter again this year but in a quite different way. It opens from 1st November to the end of March in the city centre, in a hotel. They have asked us, if church volunteers are willing, to help them once more. There will be a number of Covid restrictions, obviously, and details are still being worked out. If you are interested and able to help, they would be very grateful, and you can phone Margaret Johnston (0141 563 9899), if you would like to explore the possibility.

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.

Zoom Service: [Login here](#) a few minutes before 10.30

Songs of Praise: 7.30, Sunday 4th [from our Zoom page](#)

SingSong! at 2pm on Tuesday 6th, especially designed for those who have some degree of memory loss or dementia. From our [Zoom page](#).

Quiz Night at 7pm on Tuesday 6th from our [Zoom page](#).

Sofa Surfers at 7pm on Thursday 8th from our [Zoom page](#).

Diary email to give you energy for the rest of the day. Friday 2nd.

Coffee Pot at 10.30am on Friday 9th, from our virtual lounge on our [Zoom page](#).

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