

Weekly Bulletin

Friday 8th May

*Love never fails.
Coronavirus
impacts us all.
But love
unites us all.*

It is Christian Aid Week, but this year will be different as we are unable to carry out our normal door-to-door collection, which alone normally raises around £5,000. This Sunday is the start of Christian Aid week and, in the past, New Kilpatrick has always been astoundingly generous, both with their time and money, through collections, sponsored walks, coffee mornings and concerts, and this year need be no different. We can all still give to Christian Aid by [donating online](#).



*There are different
ways to support:*

Donate Safely Online

*Send an e-envelope
to family and friends*

*Become a sofa
fundraiser
with online events*

The week is a positive celebration of the potential, and indeed expectation, of what we can do together in working alongside the least in our world. As coronavirus spreads across the world, let us trust and show that love rises up in response. We've discovered locally an incredible kindness towards our neighbours, which will hopefully change our local communities forever. This week we can expand that, and reach out to our neighbours, near and far.

Love protects from storms, from drought, and now from coronavirus. Our love protects our global neighbours battling the spread of this illness. Our love protects with soap, clean water and medical supplies. By supporting Christian Aid Week, we can reach out and protect more of our neighbours today.

Can I thank you in advance for your generosity? Please donate now and save lives. Shirley Hamilton (Christian Aid Coordinator)

Saturday Night In

VE Commemoration

This week's event is a commemoration of VE Day. It's our online tribute to the 75th anniversary and, while the national events have had to be reduced, we are adding voices and stories and songs and memories to the occasion.

This is a Zoom event and begins at 7pm on Saturday evening (9th May). Please do join us, if you can, by going to the church [website zoom page](#), and slide down till you get to Saturday Night In, or click [here](#) for the shortcut straight to Zoom. If this is your first time on Zoom, then we can help you get on board. Phone Roddy (0141 942 0035) beforehand to try it out. We will do our best to get you online and joining in, but remember you can phone in too: 0131 460 1196 - Meeting ID: 882 043 218

Zoom Safety

How we are keeping safe online

Suddenly, we are using technology as if it were our natural way of being church. We've learned words, and pressed buttons, and found ourselves doing things we thought only a younger generation knew about. Get us! We're right there with as much technology as we can handle.

However, not everyone is quite as comfortable with these platforms, as we have had so little experience of them. So, to reassure you, if you would like to come onto Zoom, where you'll meet many from the congregation, we have a number of protocols, and those who host Zoom meetings online have these protocols in front of them:

We ALWAYS use a waiting room where everyone starts from, and no one is let in that the host does not recognise. It is important, therefore, to use your name to identify yourself and not your email or phone number.

We NEVER let anyone share their screen or annotations. That means no one can pull up pictures from their own computer, even accidentally, for everyone else to see!

For younger groups we ALWAYS lock the room so no one can come in 5 minutes after the group has started.

We DO NOT enable personal chats between people, for the meeting to be recorded, or chats to be saved.

Those who already use Zoom will be updated to Zoom 5.0 on May 30th for greater security, or you can do that now, [here](#).

Flour Arranging

This was our wee flour enterprise, where we managed to get a sack of bread flour and divide it up (under sterile conditions) into



1.5kg bags and deliver it out to folk who ordered online. Hopefully, the bread bakers of Bearsden will be now creating the most unique and creative loaves we have ever seen. Sadly, not all of us will be able to taste, but a few photos would go down well. You can send them to the church and/or to our instagram feed. We are all looking forward to seeing the results.

Hearts for the NHS

A new project for knitters and soon to be knitters

We've helped-out with scrub bags, and there are now plenty of these available. We've another appeal for those who can, or who wish to learn to, knit.

NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde are looking at ways their nursing and midwifery staff can support families following the death of their loved one. A small token may bring them some comfort, so an appeal has gone out to the knitting community to knit small hearts that can be offered to bereaved families, and to patients who can't receive visitors.

Knitters are asked to use clean wool, and to deliver the hearts in re-sealable plastic bags, clearly marked with the date, so that staff can store them in a safe place for five days before use. This is a project that could keep us all occupied, and may be a good way to get the kids started on knitting! Simple, free to use patterns can be found [here](#).

Send your knitted hearts to: From the Heart Appeal, Glasgow Royal Infirmary, 84 Castle Street, Glasgow G4 0SF.



More Hymns

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

After last week's list of hymns that take on a new meaning in the circumstances in which we find ourselves, a few more have been submitted:

Optician:	Be thou my vision
Candle maker:	This little light of mine
Tennis professional:	I've got that love, love, love, love
Shopkeeper:	Brother, sister, let me serve you
Meteorologist:	Have you seen the raindrops
Farmer :	We plough the fields and scatter
Environmentalist :	For the beauty of the earth
Rope maker :	I bind unto myself today
Distiller :	The spirit lives to set us free



SingSong!

And while we are thinking about singing, remember SingSong! on a Tuesday at 2pm. You can log in on Zoom, but beforehand email [Kirsteen Maclean](mailto:Kirsteen.Maclean) who will send

you the words. It's a

group for those who have some form of dementia, and also for all of us who enjoy a good sing. It's growing each time we meet. We'll have a philharmonic soon.

Sunday's Video

*Some information on
how to see and hear
worship*

We're still learning about all the new ways we are using to connect with people, and both Podcast and Video continue to evolve.

From this week, the video can be accessed from midnight on Saturday. We found there were some very keen folk who wanted to watch early in the morning, so now you can see and sing from midnight onwards (but please not too loudly!).

There are two versions: one without hymns, which takes you all the way through without stopping, and another with hymns. You can access the hymn video by pressing PLAY ALL. That way you have no need to click on different videos. Both can be easily accessed from the worship banner on the front page of the website, along with the podcast, and a script for the podcast too, which is different from the video service.

For those of you who can't work out social distancing, this is two meters apart.



Zoomday School Family Event

We're holding a Zoom event for all our Sunday School families. We have now started Zoomday School online, and most parents should have received a note about that, but, if you haven't, then please email the church and we will send you the details. Even if you haven't started Sunday School, you'd be very welcome indeed, having been baptised in New Kilpatrick, or if you have some connection, or are simply interested in finding out more.

The family event is on Sunday 10th at 4pm. We have sent out the details and passwords to parents but, if you haven't received that, then phone Roddy (0141 942 0035) or email the church and we'll get that sorted out.

Zoom At Home

We are organising a wee afternoon group for folk who miss the banter and blether of the Guild and Men's Association. Each week there will be a speaker for 20 minutes; someone from the congregation who can show slides, speak about a trip or a skill or a hobby, then a wee chat afterwards. We hope to start that

What we were going to do face-to-face we're doing screen-to-screen

New afternoon group

within the fortnight, and combine the enjoyment and friendship with a wee insight into other folk's lives and stories and experiences. If you would like to be part of the planning for that, email the church and we'll get things going. More information on this in the next Bulletin.

Diary

*We can't meet in
church but we do meet
as church,
and this is how*

The weekly diary is changing a bit as we learn what has worked and what can evolve into something else. So, like all things at the moment, this is temporary and is continuing to take shape.

Saturday 9th

Saturday Night In at 7pm. this week a commemoration of VE Day organised by Angela Schneeberger.

Sunday 10th

Podcast and Video services: available from the church website.

Zoomday School: 10am: Beginners; 10.30: Sunday Clan; 11.15 JFV2

Zoomday Family Event: 4pm on Zoom

Monday 11th

We're combining the email and Bulletin from now and both will appear on a Friday.

Tuesday 12th

SingSong! at 2pm on Zoom.

Quiz Night at 7pm on Zoom

Wednesday 13th

Babylon Files at 7pm: discussion about church in this time.

Thursday 14th

NO Vestry Hour. We are creating a new group. Watch this space.

Friday 15th

Coffee Pot at 10.30am, where we are all randomly sent off to different rooms, just like different tables, and have a blether.

Saturday 16th

Saturday Night In where we are having a Whodunnit night organised by Muriel and David Salmond.

Plus, the website for daily prayers, new psalms, appeals, photos and poems, news, and everything else.