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And Now The Good News

Perhaps we have become more familiar with Jeanette Peel's voice than her face over the last few months as our student has shaped and presented many of our lockdown podcasts.

Jeanette arrived a year ago and in the last fortnight has heard that her training has been sustained. Yay! It means she can be let loose on the unsuspecting public at any time.

This won't necessarily happen immediately as the process of preaching for a congregation is a little more complicated these days with only a few churches being open and with social distancing. The good news is that it means she will be with us a wee while longer, certainly till October and perhaps longer than that.

So, congratulations Jeanette! Golden dog collars will soon be winging their way towards you. We know the experience of being in New Kilpatrick is a whole lot different than any of us expected, but you have risen to the challenge and we are glad you will be with us a while longer.

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Friday 7th August



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

A Prayer

Fiona Wilson heard this prayer on Radio 2 and thought it was something to share for these uncertain, difficult times. It is a breath prayer based on some words of the apostle Paul. You pray each line slowly breathing in and out:

God, I receive your love...
...and release my insecurity.
I receive your joy...
...and release my unhappiness.
I receive your peace...
...and release my anxiety.

Thank you, Fiona.



Opening Up

We are moving towards opening the sanctuary sometime soon. We do not have a definite date, as yet, as there are a number of requirements to be put in place, but we hope to be able to have worship, though not fully as it was before, within the next three or four weeks.

This may change, of course, as everything might, depending on the latest guidelines and rules. We will keep you well informed on what everyone will be required to do, through this bulletin, letters, and contacts via elders.

We will take the opportunity to shape worship round what is possible and make it an experience that is creative, unique and rich. Given the restrictions at the moment it won't be as we have fully experienced worship in the past, and you are not disappointed or surprised, here is what we are working with:

- a maximum of 50 people, including minister, organist and duty elders.
- a requirement to wear masks while in the sanctuary.
- everyone socially distanced.
- no pew cushions.
- name and phone numbers recorded for Track and Trace.
- no singing.
- no coffee or lingering afterwards.
- possibility of no toilets being open.

These all sound quite limiting, and they may change over time, but what we will do is create worship for this age in these circumstances, with more music from Chris and unique use of images, words and silence, engaging more of our senses.

Our podcast and online service from YouTube will continue each week as we know there will be a high number of folk, if not the majority, who do not wish, or are not able, to be physically at church during this time.



All-Age Communion



At the beginning of a new session, which is where we are right now, we'd normally begin with an all-age communion service. In bringing everyone together through bread and wine, we take part in one of the foundational stories of our faith, shaping the new season.

It doesn't necessarily feel like a new season at the moment, for so many reasons, but the seasons do change. We will mark it, therefore, with a unique communion service on Sunday 23rd August where we will share communion across all our platforms: YouTube, podcast, phone line, as well a live Zoom version too.

If anyone would like to be part of think about that, and how we do it, be involved in shaping and thinking and leading that special service, then either [email the church](#), phone Roddy (0141 942 0035) or come along to a Zoom meeting on Wednesday 12th at 7.30. Just [click here](#) or go to the website [Zoom Room page](#).

While We've Been Away

We've taken the opportunity to get some things done in the hall and church (at a safe distance) while the buildings have been closed.

We've replaced the carpet in the upstairs landing of the New Hall to a wooden surface. We've put in new brighter lights in the New Hall and done quite a bit of electrical repair, including updating the CCTV, along with painting the gents' toilets. None of us are able to see any of this just yet, but it will be a nice surprise when we are able to use the halls once more.



Don't forget to sing

We continue with our fortnightly **songs of praise** this Sunday evening at 7.30 on Zoom. Use the [link here](#) or on the [Zoom Room](#) page of the website.

There's also **SingSong!** on a Tuesday afternoon at [2pm on Zoom](#) for everyone but also dementia friendly. [Email Kirsteen](#) if you wish a copy of the songs beforehand.



The Diary

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

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

Zoomday School: 10am: Beginners; 10.30: Sunday Clan; 11.15 JFV2. The last of our summer Zoomday School format

Songs of Praise: 7.30. Log on from the [Zoom Page](#).

SingSong! at 2pm on Tuesday 11th, joining in with all who enjoy a good sing. Especially designed for those who have some degree of memory loss or dementia. From our [Zoom page](#).

Quiz Night at 7pm on Tuesday 11th from our [Zoom page](#).

Sofa Surfers at 7pm on Thursday 13th. This week, a life hack evening giving you insights into something you never knew you needed to know. Via our [Zoom page](#).

Weekly Bulletin to be read over breakfast on Friday 14th

Coffee Pot at 10.30am on Friday 14th, where we catch up with each other and continually say hello to new folk popping in. *THE* social place, beginning in the virtual lounge on our [Zoom page](#).

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

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