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

We are already thinking ahead to Harvest on 5th October, that traditional festival which seems a bit surreal in these times. Covid has changed us in many ways but the harvest has become all the more important. Yet, our harvest this year is to be quite different from the days when “All is safely gathered in” meant something real.

So we have developed a festival that speaks into our context, yet still recognises the old tradition.

Broadcast

The traditional term for sowing seeds was called broadcasting, the farmer in the field, casting great handfuls of seed across the land: broadcasting.

Today we use the term ubiquitously to mean social media, TV and other ways of sharing stories and news. In an age of YouTube and podcasts and Zoom that is where we'll find ourselves this year: broadcasting.

A Harvest of...

Well, we've had a think about what our harvest is this year which is different than years gone by. We can talk of crops and autumn colours etc, but because of the peculiar context of pandemics we've gathered in a harvest of family time for many, neighbourhoods coming together, at least initially, the need to find a new balance in life amongst a rise in mental ill health, caring for neighbour which was what marked the first weeks and months of lockdown.

Harvest Gifts

And so we will gather gifts. Traditionally we have brought gifts to the church on Harvest Sunday as well as donated towards Christian



Aid. The Christian Aid appeal has already been mentioned and our collection of gifts will be a more creative way of responding to local food banks.

We invite everyone to consider what gift you would like to give, offering a selection: a food pack, a children's bundle, a toiletry box, a breakfast bag. Each will cost a different amount and people will be able to go to the church website and choose the they want to send order through the church website, and we will send what they have chosen to a variety of organisations. It is a bit like Oxfam's "Buy a Goat" initiative. We're setting that up now and should be ready in the next few days.

Some may wish to donate specific things to the local food bank. We will have a list next week. In that case the church halls will be open once a week to receive items which we will take to the organisations directly.

Harvest Blessing

But we also wish to offer blessings to the whole community, turn ourselves outwards again, share what we have with our neighbours.

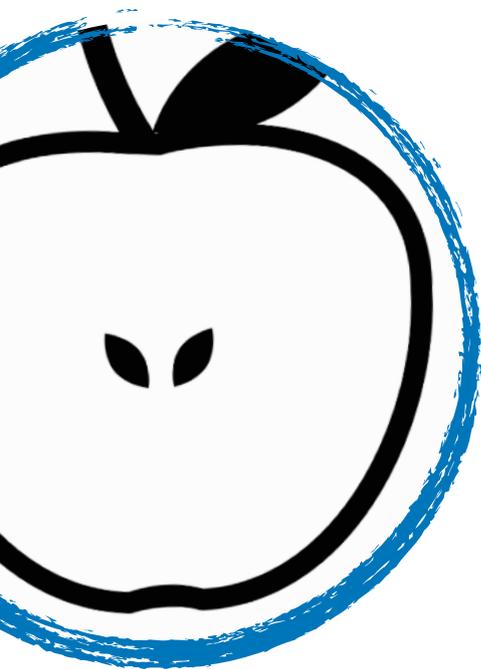
At the back of this bulletin you'll find the outline of an apple. We'd like you to colour in, paint it, embroider, crochet, cut out of wood, or whatever creative way you'd like, to recreate that apple and write on it a blessing, a word of hope, a prayer for the community or world. Take a photo of it with your phone and email it, or physically post it to us. We'll print them out and add them to our harvest tree which will be created on the church hall window, so as the community passes they can read the blessings, the prayers, the hopes.

A month long

Instead of a day, we're making Harvest a month, all the way through October, each week a different theme. Week One: tins; Week Two: toiletries etc. Each weekend these items can be dropped off at the New Halls.

Harvest Festival

O, and worship, of course! We've designed a Harvest Festival on Zoom at the same time as the Sanctuary service. We have the technology to connect us all so we'll have our festival on Zoom at 10.30 and link in with the sanctuary service. We'll all be face to face, or mask to face and it is going to be amazing!





Music, Music, Music

We are unable to sing in church at the moment, and it is something many of us miss most. However, we are not silenced and we would like to invite anyone who might feel able, to play a non-woodwind or brass instrument during our services.

There is a wide range of talented people here. Even socially distanced duets or just a short piece would be welcomed. It would be greatly appreciated and, if you are interested, even as you hesitate, please contact Chris Nickol on 07808 258374.

Christian Aid

You'll know already Harvest is on 5th October, and we have a whole month planned to celebrate the generosity of the planet and our responsibility towards each other. As part of the appeal, we are thinking both locally and globally and Christian Aid is at the heart of that.

In among all that is going on, how we change the world is always to think beyond our own circles and context, despite how worrying that can be. Christian Aid is inviting us to make space to consider, and stand together with, our global neighbours at this time because it is only as a whole planet we can solve pandemics and global poverty.

Their appeal can be found on the Christian Aid webpages, [which you can find by clicking here](#). You can also donate there too. It is a site that connects, informs and inspires.

We do understand that some are not comfortable giving online, but would still like to donate. If that's the case, please just pop your donation in an envelope, and you can put it through the Manse door. We will then send it to Christian Aid in the same way we did for Christian Aid Week.

Thank you again for your tireless generosity.



The logo for Macmillan Cancer Support, featuring the text "MACMILLAN. CANCER SUPPORT" in green, bold, sans-serif font, enclosed within a blue, hand-drawn circular border.

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Coffee Pot Macmillan Appeal

Normally at this time of year the Coffee Pot holds a special day in support of Macmillan. We continue to do that this year and will have a Macmillan Coffee Pot on 25th September at 10.30 on Zoom. You can come along with your coffee and baking and join the blethering. Depending on how many turn up we offer breakout rooms which is just like sitting round a table.

We'll also invite everyone to make a donation to Macmillan cancer support which you can do now [by going online here.](#)

If you are unable to go online you can pop an envelope through the church or manse doors with "Macmillan" written on it and we will send it off to the charity.

Songs of Praise

Back again this Sunday at 7.30 on Zoom. Login from the front page of the [website](#) or click the [Zoom Room](#) button to log on.

Alternately you can [click here](#) and that should take you right through. Six beltors of hymns and a mute button that allows us to sing louder than we would in church. Come and join us.

Sofa Surfers

This week we're journeying with Val Paterson on some of her travels that have gone wrong. I'm sure they won't be unique but they will be funny so come along to the antidote or travel brochures, [7pm Thursday on Zoom](#)



This Weeks 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).

Sanctuary Worship: 10.30am. But please phone to book before 10am on Friday 4th.

SingSong! at 2pm on Tuesday 22nd, 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 22nd, with a guest question master. That doesn't mean the questions will be easier or harder but it will always be fun. From our [Zoom page](#).

Sofa Surfers at 7pm on Thursday 24th. On our [Zoom page](#).

Weekly Bulletin to give you energy for the rest of the day. Friday 25th.

Coffee Pot at 10.30am on Friday 25th, a special Macmillan edition. From our 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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The Apple >>>>

We invite you to colour in, paint, do whatever you wish to decorate or design your own apple, but in the middle write a hope, a blessing, a word for our community. Take a photo and send it in to us by WhatsApp, Insta, email or post and we'll hang all the apples on our harvest tree in the New Halls window. You can do this over then next four weeks, but don't put off...

Examples of blessing might be: Being together again, being closer to our neighbourhoods, learning from the pandemic etc...

