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SUNDAY PODCAST
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'VESTRY HOUR'
CHAT, THURSDAYS
6.30, ZOOM



KEEPING US CHEERY
ENCOURAGING
WORDS & IMAGES

BULLETIN

Where did New Kilpatrick Go?



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

**Okay, New Kilpatrick, it is in our gift to do
the right thing...**



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Online and on the phone mainly and I don't know if you've noticed trying to get through to folk on the phone can take some time as so many are talking. So when you are in a queue (phone queue where you don't have to be 2 metres apart) or or a shop queue (where you do) you can find us online or on facebook or now on twitter and instagram. We're everywhere now!

However it is a big learning curve and steep, so much so, I walk into it rather than climb it. But slowly we are finding new ways to meet and greet. I thought a few weeks isolation would allow me to tidy my study (three weeks would be the minimum amount of time needed to do that) or read

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some books or even watch a few films. Pah! Keeping a church online is busier than the church office and there is no one here! How does that work?

Anyway, this bulletin will come out each Friday and be posted online on the website and facebook and we hope to fill it with some 'normal' stuff, piece of news of what's happening, before and after photos of people and how our hair has grown, people doing keep fit, or any rainbows you've made for your window so when people pass on their walks they can be cheered. Let's keep busy connecting with each other and if you'd like to share a story, video, photo, joke, article, book review, recipe, dance routine (why not) then you can contact us on the church [email](#) or directly to [me](#).

None of us are going anywhere so let's meet here again next week.

Roddy

Vestry Hour

We attempted a ZOOM vestry hour yesterday evening: a big live chat with whoever managed to log on through ZOOM. It was good to see real faces, slightly longer hair, and share some experiences but we'll try a tutorial Sunday 4pm to help people manage it.

But we want to go beyond doing what we normally do and adapt to this new medium so here's some ideas and if anyone would like to help us out to organise please get in touch [here](#).

Quiz Night

Online and live through Zoom

Crafting

We'll be making palm crosses and other easter ideas on Zoom

Coffee Afternoon

Make your own coffee and log in to chat away

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Recipe Sharing

What can we make, together to share while isolating

Bookclub

What are you reading and want to discuss?

Keeping us Cheery.

We're creating a montage of cheery photos and videos. If you receive any, please [email](#) them to us.



Doing the rainbow thing. You may notice rainbows in windows of peoples houses. Here's one from a member. Cool!

Random acts of kindness: here's one from one neighbour to another: a wee pose of flowers and interesting vase from Rosie Small.





Olive's rainbow

Podcast

Available from Saturday evening each week on Anchor, Spotify, Radio public, Breaker, Google Podcasts and Pocket Casts

Sing, sing, sing

Gareth Malone is keeping our spirits up with the first Great British Home Chorus. The first song is You are my Sunshine. Click [here](#) to register and join in and the song sheet is [here](#)

Rock Choir has a daily sing at 3pm called Keep Britain Singing. You can find out more on Facebook: @therockchoir

Reminding us of Normal

We want to tell some stories of normality, of past recent events from us all, or future hopes. Please help us fill in this bulletin with everyday, or special stories that help us find our feet again. Send them [here](#).

This from Jon Cossar:

On Saturday 21st March our younger daughter Frances was married to Alex in Chalmers Church, Morningside. Originally arranged for 25th April and a reception thereafter for 200 people, many coming from afar, as time passed it became increasingly obvious that this would not go ahead. Their priority was to get married in church and with their parents present. On Sunday 15th March their minister suggested that they bring the date forward.

To enable this the Registrar had to give special dispensation which involved her parents, holidaying in Portugal, obtaining a signed letter emailed from their GP and arriving safely back home in time. This all came about.

The wedding ceremony included a live stream, a first for their church, which despite some technical glitches is currently showing >1000 'views' including friends and relatives in the USA, Australia, Rwanda, India and Europe

who joined in a virtual reception afterwards on Zoom. The whole sequence of events was almost surreal, but we feel very



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blessed to have experienced such a unique and happy day.