

From the Editor

Welcome to this first issue of our Church news sheet. During these unprecedented and trying times, we have made the difficult decision to temporarily abandon our Church magazine in its normal format. As social distancing becomes more widespread, it has become necessary to produce an information sheet which can be distributed more easily, whether by email, through letterboxes or on the Church website. In this news sheet you will find details of an initiative we have set up alongside Kothel to provide practical help to those of you who are unable to get out as normal. This initiative begins on Monday 23rd March – please contact the daily co-ordinator if you need to make use of any of the services we are offering. Please feel free to spread this message to neighbours and friends living in the area.

We will try to get updates to you regularly and the Church website will also be kept up to date with information. All being well, our next issue will be a celebration of Easter, prepared by our Minister. George is also preparing a weekly message and order of service which will be issued on a Friday.

As a Church, we WILL get through this and we WILL recover. In the meantime, stay safe and well and let us know if there is anything we can do to help.

Carol MacCallum

Coronavirus - Congregational and Community Support During Self Isolation

The Church is, in conjunction with Kothel, offering practical support for Church Members and those living in our Local Community and Parish.

We have 7 Co-ordinators covering the days of the week and they should be the first point of contact. They will take your details and your requirements and arrange for our teams of volunteers to deal with your needs.

Kothel are providing milk and teabags free to the over 70s, which can be delivered. Under 70's can still obtain these items at cost from the shop. Pasta, cooked or un-cooked, fresh bread and other items are available at cost, again delivered by our church team of volunteers. Kothel can advise of the range of goods they can provide by calling 0141 258 4799.

Our Volunteers can also

Do your basic shopping locally – payment on delivery

Pick up prescriptions from Hogarth chemists.

Some dog walking, if necessary, by arrangement.

The Church Coordinators will need your address and contact number so your deliveries can be safely delivered to your doorstep with the payment left by you at the front door. You will be called as the volunteers arrive and advised of the cost.

They will require payment on delivery or over the phone. They advise they are only charging items and meals at cost as this is a social/community service not profit making.

Church members should also be getting regular phone updates from their District Elder.

Our Daily Coordinators - your first port of call

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Kirk Session News

The Kirk Session was held by email and post, and 49 Elders took part and therefore sederunt. The following key items were approved. The Minutes of the January meeting were approved. All other agenda topics would be discussed at our next meeting

- Delegated powers to the Minister and Clerk to continue running the church alongside 3 other key office bearers.
- Work with Kothel, in our joint Parish initiative in our Community during the crisis
- Set up a Coronavirus help project for the congregation and parish/ community starting 23rd March 2020.
- Appoint a Parish Assistant (Julie Campbell) after the Church is reopened
- Approve the Annual Accounts 31/12/19, and Budget 2020
- Cancel all social events including the Christian Aid Plant sale and Pentecost in the Park
- Appoint John Boyle as our Presbytery Elder (Robert Hynd as an additional Elder)

Whilst this was obviously not ideal, we did have a slightly larger participation than the meetings which average 45 per meeting. I will be producing a more detailed breakdown for Elders in advance of the next meeting to approve as an alternative to a minute of these decisions.

Christian Aid Update

On a rather dreich, chilly morning there was a reasonable turnout of folk from local churches for our SPRING FAYRE at Jordanhill Parish Church. As ever, the atmosphere was friendly and cheery with good chat, generous spending and tasty pancakes! A total of around £750 was raised, and many thanks are due to the organisers, the kitchen and stalls staff, the pancake makers and of course the customers and supporters.

Coronavirus casting a huge worrying shadow globally, fairly dramatic ongoing climate change problems both at home and abroad, religious tensions in northern India, hyper-inflation and human suffering in Zimbabwe, continuing fighting, upset and severe suffering in Yemen, and of course the almost unbearable and continuing problems in north-west Syria – only alleviated slightly recently -Russian jets, Syrian barrel bombs, apparent efforts to obliterate the local area and its people - including civilians and hospitals; huge numbers of fleeing, desperate migrants, border hostilities, international politics, tensions and inaction; and at the heart of it all human beings suffering – the very young and helpless, weeping mothers, distraught fathers, the elderly and infirm, the dispossessed.

What a 2020 world!

Christian Aid's recent response involves working with partners inside northern Syria on major humanitarian issues to do with displacement, insecurity and violence; food provision in situations where even basic items such as bread and rice are very difficult to find; support has also been given in education and livelihoods projects helping young people in particular to move past the trauma and lost they have experienced. As daily news broadcasts have shown, near constant aerial bombardment have made living and helping extremely difficult.

Don Swanson

Other News in Brief

Remember that the **Glasgow North West Foodbank** is still supporting those in need. They are currently looking for donations of:

- Diluting Juice (essential)
 - UHT MILK (essential)
 - Soap (if possible)
 - Toilet roll (if possible)
 - Tinned potatoes
 - Shower gel / body wash and razors
- Currently, they do NOT need soup, beans, pasta or pet food as they have enough to keep us going several months.

The list of stores can be found at www.glasgownw.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food.

Don't forget the **Bananabox Trust** who are still sending support to Malawi. What they like to send is:

- Baby clothing
 - Children/Adult clothing
 - Blood pressure cuffs
 - Wheelchairs
 - Pots and pans
 - Sports equipment
 - Bicycles
 - Pencils with rubber ends/
Pencil sharpeners
 - Underwear pants for boys and girls
 - Medical equipment
 - Toothpaste/toothbrushes
 - Hand tools
- We can keep them in mind when we're stuck at home "self isolating".
- www.bananaboxtrust.org or contact Ann Henderson after the crisis.

We heard that the restaurant **1051 GWR** is offering free soup, pizza and pasta to those in need including NHS workers. But after this weekend's closures please check before visiting for your takeaway!

If you would like this, and following Newsletters as well as the Minister's Reflections sent by email, please pass on your address to the Church Office.
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