

## *"Lighting the Way"*

# Broomhill Hyndland Parish Church Newsletter 4 June/July 2020

From the Editor

Welcome to our fourth Lockdown Newsletter. By the time you read this, we will be halfway through our 14th week of Lockdown – who would have imagined at the start of 2020 how the year would turn out? We are beginning to see some slight easing of restrictions, but unfortunately the opening of the Sanctuary for Sunday morning worship will have to wait a while yet (see Gordon's article elsewhere in the Newsletter for more information). In the meantime, we still have a good number of members attending our Sunday Zoom services.

All being well, I would hope to have our next Newsletter ready to issue on Friday, 24th July. With any luck and a lot of prayer, this may be the last Newsletter before we can once again meet on a Sunday morning in the Sanctuary, although our Sunday services will no doubt be very different to what we are used to due to social distancing etc, at least for a while.

As usual, if anyone has anything they think may be of interest to us, or something to bring a smile to our faces, please send it to Jill by Sunday, 19th July. Until then, stay safe and well.

Carol MacCallum



Family outing on Bingham's Pond.  
Photo from Alison Robertson

### **Keeping in Touch in all sorts of ways!**

The Minister's weekly Reflections are available by email, via our website, and via Facebook. On Sundays you can join together via a Zoom link which is sent out by email with the Reflections.

While our usual Magazine production has been suspended, we are sending this Newsletter to **all** our members, either via email or paper copy delivered by volunteer or post.

If you received this in print, and would like to be kept in touch weekly by email, please contact the Church Office.

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For his daily prayers by text, pass on your mobile number to his! 07711 569 127

"Alright, does everyone have sound?"



Imagine a "Lockdown" at the time of the Last Supper

## The view from St Kilda

'Someone's knocking at the door, someone's ringing the bell,  
do me a favour, open the door and let him in.'

Now that I've put that song in your head, you are not going to forget it!

You will remember it from the Postcode Lottery Advert: I remember the lyrics from one of the pop groups that I used to listen to in the 70's - Wings with Paul McCartney. I've been tempted to change the words for Junior Church to sing before the Kirk Service but I received funny looks from 'my two' when I started rhyming the words bell and hell together and in with sin!!

We are beginning to be a little closer to the opening of our buildings but we still wait in anticipation for the government and the National Church to tell us when.

It is frustrating, but we have to be ready, and that is why our Executive recommended that whilst there was an opportunity to open our sanctuaries for private prayer, we declined. Our Health and Safety team have a job on their hands to make sure we have followed the guidelines and filled in the appropriate forms.

Gordon and I have, with others, been studying a 35 page document called 'Reopening Church Buildings' which has stimulated our thinking. We have been creative in trying to provide for our congregation and I hope that this creativity will continue when our buildings are open again.

Let me say that, on return, our worship will be different. To give you an idea: our Order will be solely on the screen - all hymns and all Bible readings, and for the time being, there will be no singing, which will lead to more reflective pieces by Razvan and the use of modern music too.

All of us should be thinking about what this virus has taught us about the nuts and bolts of how we worship. On Sunday 21st June I copied in the article from Life and Work by John Chalmers, where he talked about a 'different type of church less reliant on buildings' and 'to reach a constituency that has been missing from our pews for generations.'

The worst thing we could do is to go back to our old ways and have learnt nothing.

I dug out that old song by Wings, you know the one, the one you are singing in your head... and I thought about the words...

...'Sister Suzie, Brother John,  
Martin Luther, Phil and Don,  
Brother Michael, Auntie Gin,  
do me a favour and let 'em in...'

You thought my rhyming was bad - 'Auntie Gin, let 'em in!'

Remember William Hunt's painting 'The Light of the World' where Jesus is knocking on an unopened door?

Christ at the door. Christ the door. 'Let him in.' I'm not as daft as a brush as you might think.

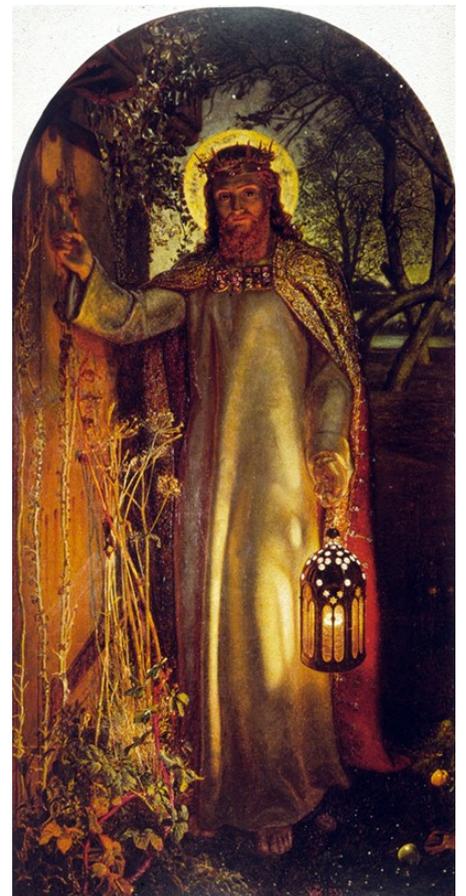
Jesus outside, knocking on doors - we definitely have a lot to think about.

George

A helpful idea from Helen Jamieson -  
for those with children of all ages!

The Boys' Brigade has prepared material for all age groups from the youngest to the oldest and it is freely available to everyone and suitable for boys and girls.

It is called BBatHome and is on the BB website or else can be found by searching for BBatHome. It has ideas for arts, crafts, community projects and also has a weekly devotional and it is updated every week with fresh ideas.



## Coronavirus - Congregational and Community Support

We have been running for 12 weeks and have helped many people who are self-isolating or who have no relatives that can offer them support. There are a number of regular customers that require shopping and we have done a number of prescription deliveries.

We are not overwhelmed but this reflects the general lack of high numbers needing help which is encouraging in that families are still coping in this time of restrictions. Some more permitted shops in the Parish are starting to open and other services will soon becoming available.

Edward at Kothel /Pianola has been offering hot food carry-outs for some time and he can be contacted on 07742 857777 direct for information, and orders can also be made on his website [kothelexpress.com](http://kothelexpress.com) "which delivers fresh Italian cuisine to your door"

Kothel is still offering free items to the over 70's in the Parish and I know a number of you are continuing to enjoy using this facility.

### Our Daily Coordinators - your first port of call

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### Kirk Session News

#### Zoom Services

As you know, the Minister has been conducting Sunday morning worship at 10.30am through the medium of Zoom. We have been Zooming now for 11 weeks out of the 13 weeks since the Church was closed. As time elapses the congregation has grown, and has perhaps levelled off in participants. We have had 70 individual connections (120 people), who have taken part over those weeks.

24th May - 96, 31st May- 96, 7th June (Communion) - 93, 14th June - 96, 21st June- 92

The Service lasts for 20-25 minutes and incorporates George's Reflections and prayers with a volunteer reader presenting the gospel reading of the week. If you would like to volunteer to be a reader for Zoom, contact either Amanda ([amandajaneheather@gmail.com](mailto:amandajaneheather@gmail.com)) or myself. The Service also incorporates Razvan's weekly musical contribution. On 7th June we had a very personal act of Communion which may be repeated from time to time even when we are back in the church

Details of how to join are emailed with the Reflections each week. As indicated below, it will be still some time until we can all meet in our buildings to share worship, so please join us on a Sunday morning.

#### Progress towards a Re-opening of our Church

We conducted our second Elders virtual meeting on the 15th of June following recently published guidance from the Church of Scotland relating to a range of practical issues requiring to be enacted prior to the re-opening of our church buildings for public worship. Once it is safe to do so, we will be welcoming ALL our congregation back to church. The 54 Elders who voted, unanimously approved the recommendations from the executive group delegated to advise Kirk Session during lockdown that:

- We do not open our Church buildings during Phase 2 (private prayers) which started from 18th June 2020, as the 35-page document prepared by the General Trustees requires a considerable amount of work to be done both before and after every service.
- We focus on getting our church buildings ready for Phase 3, scheduled provisionally to start allowing public worship during late July, with a view to re-opening the Naseby Park Sanctuary on the target date of Sunday 9th August 2020. (subject to government confirming phase 3)
- The Clerk will continue to seek Kirk Session approval at each stage of the re-opening process as the other buildings will follow some time after public worship begins, and with advice from our Health and Safety team.



*Gordon MacCallum Session Clerk*

## News from Junior Church

From Sarah: The Senior group has been kept busy with tasks and passages from Victor. The Primary Group and some of the Senior Group have participated in an interactive game of scavenger hunt bingo which was a lot of fun. We've been using Zoom to keep in touch and continue to learn about the bible.

Further details from Victor:

Since the beginning of April (Palm Sunday), I have been sending out a weekly e-mail to the children, via their parents. This includes a bible passage, a short reflection on the passage, often in the form of questions, and a short video.

Sometimes it includes a wordsearch or quiz. Over time I improved my knowledge of what is available on YouTube, from christian music to short videos, including bible stories acted out by Lego figures.

I have had positive feedback about the e-mails, but a couple of weeks ago some of the children suggested a Zoom meeting. I don't think they were keen to see my face, but more that they could see each other.

We have had a couple of the Zoom meetings so far. The first week went well, although I found showing a video clip (YouTube and cartoon figures this time) more challenging than I expected, but with a bit of practice during the week I had it sorted out for the following week. The second week the meeting started well with the children, and Ann and Carole, who have been on the helper rota and know the children well, all connecting to the meeting, and the video and audio working well for everyone except me, the meeting leader! I could see and hear them, but I was invisible and inaudible. The children took it well, even trying to explain to me how to fix the problem! I did eventually sort the issue, but had to close the meeting and restart it to properly connect. Well done Carole and Ann, for keeping the children interested while I phoned IT support.

I now appreciate more the work Amanda does in setting up and running the Church Zoom meetings!

*Victor Craig  
Leader Junior Church; Senior Group*

### An update on our usual advertisers.

#### McKay's Hardware and Locksmiths

Open for you throughout this crisis.  
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#### J A Hogarth (Chemists) Ltd

Happily continuing to dispense your medicines safely. (Now closed at lunchtime for cleaning.)



#### Wee Lochan

Looking forward to reopening and welcoming you back when they can!



### MONEY MATTERS -

#### YOUR OFFERING DURING LOCKDOWN AND BEYOND

Many thanks to those who have contacted me regarding their Freewill Offerings during the last few months and for making new payment arrangements. This is much appreciated.

A reminder on how you can continue to give Offerings while the Lock-down continues:

1. If you give through Bank Standing Order, your Offerings are being received as normal, so no action is required.
2. If you give through Freewill Offering Envelopes, please continue to put aside your normal offering each week (or month) and bring these with you on the first Sunday we return to normal morning worship.
3. If you give each Sunday via the Offering plate you can follow the same practice as in 2 above.
4. NEW - Alternatively you can post them to me (no cash, cheque only, payable to Broomhill Hyndland Parish Church) to my home address at 8, Cairnhill View, Bearsden, Glasgow G61 1RP, and I will bank them for you. Make sure you enclose your FWO number.

If anyone wishes to start making their Offerings by Bank Standing Order, please email me on [johnr.thomson@btinternet.com](mailto:johnr.thomson@btinternet.com) or phone me on 07717406594 and I shall send you a Bankers Order Form for passing to your Bank.

If anyone wishes to make offerings by internet banking direct to our Church Account, again please phone me and I will provide you with the Bank details.

FOR INFORMATION - When we are eventually able to return to worship in the sanctuary on a Sunday morning, there are likely to be changes in the way we are allowed to receive your Offerings on the day. I will provide more details about this nearer the time.

Once again, many thanks for your support now and, in addition, your support for any new future arrangements which we need to set up. Continue to take care and stay safe.

*John R Thomson*

## The Latest Newsletter from the Lodging House Mission

Dear Supporters

As lockdown is extended to reduce the spread of the Covid-19 virus, I pray that this message finds you well. Thank you for your continued concern for the wellbeing of our vulnerable guests.

At the beginning of April, we were praying for the wellbeing of our manager, Winter Night Shelter Staff and several service users who were being treated for symptoms of the virus. Two tested positive for Covid-19 and received medical attention in hospital. They have recovered well and have been discharged from hospital. Others isolated at home, and after a three-week isolation, Stephen our manager was able to return to the centre. We thank the Lord for all the good news we have to share.

Our day centre remains closed in order to prevent social gathering. Our staff team remain on furlough at this time; however, work continues to meet our mission aim of supporting those who are homeless, vulnerable and socially isolated across Glasgow. Our manager Stephen and Chaplain Claire are seeking new and creative ways to meet the needs of the vulnerable through collaborative work with partner agencies.

On a daily basis, our manager Stephen and a group of volunteers are making up emergency food parcels and men's and women's essential toiletries packs which are being delivered by our partner agencies to the accommodations across the city. To date we have prepared

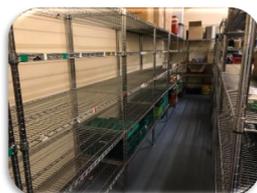
Emergency Food parcels x 90 bags

Men's essential toiletries x 160 bags

Women's essential toiletries x 45 bags

Facilitated food supply uplifts x 12 car loads

This has left our storeroom shelves rather bare as you can see....



We are providing a dedicated Chaplaincy hotline 9am -5pm Monday to Friday on the new number 07864 705 668. This number is available for our staff, volunteers and services users to help combat the stress of social isolation. This allows me as Chaplain to maintain social distancing by working from home while still being an available source of support.

We would ask for your continued prayers for,

- \* our vulnerable client group, who are finding the prolonged restrictions a challenge to their mental wellbeing,
- \* our staff and volunteers who have been furloughed or are self-isolating due to their high risk status
- \* the teams of volunteers and partner agency staff, who continue to put themselves at risk to support clients during lockdown
- \* Bed and Breakfast, hotel, and hostel staff, working hard to support the need for self-isolation amongst Glasgow's vulnerable,
- \* our Day Centre that it can be made ready to reopen and welcome our community back together as soon as restrictions are lifted.

Until then, we put our trust in the Lord and ask that God bless you and keep you safe until we are together again.

*Deacon Claire Herbert  
(Chaplain LHM)*

## More on our usual advertisers.

### The Square on Norby Road

Now offering takeaway food and drink with free coffee for NHS staff.

Café window open for coffees, toasties cakes etc. Click and Collect available Thursday—Saturday. See online menu, or phone 0141 337 6988



### Kothel

Outside stall open for hot and cold food and takeaway. Free items for the over 70's!



### Pianola

Take away and Home Delivery via [Kothelexpress.com](http://Kothelexpress.com)

Pizza, pasta, soft drinks, beers and wine.

### Broomz Cleaning



Now resuming their services this week  
07809 127 304

## Do You Know Your Hymns?

Dentist's Hymn . . .	Crown Him with Many Crowns.
Weatherman's Hymn . . .	There Shall Be Showers of Blessings.
Contractor's Hymn . . .	The Church's One Foundation.
Tailor's Hymn . . .	Holy, Holy, Holy.
Golfer's Hymn . . .	There's a Green Hill Far Away.
Politician's Hymn . . .	Standing on the Promises!
Optometrist's Hymn. . .	Open My Eyes That I Might See.
IRS Agent's Hymn . . .	I Surrender All.
Gossip's Hymn . . .	Pass It On.
Electrician's Hymn . . .	Send The Light..
Shopper's Hymn . . .	Sweet Bye and Bye.
Realtor's Hymn . . .	I've Got a Mansion, Just Over the Hilltop.
Massage Therapist's Hymn.	He Touched Me.

AND for those who speed on the highway - a few hymns:

55 mph . . .	God Will Take Care of You
75 mph . . .	Nearer My God To Thee
85 mph . . .	This World Is Not My Home
95 mph . . .	Lord, I'm Coming Home
100 mph . . .	Precious Memories

Give me a sense of humor, Lord, Give me the grace to see a joke,  
To get some humor out of life, And pass it on to other folks.

Thanks to Anne Craig for passing this onto the Editor

Just be careful because people are going crazy from being in lockdown! Actually, I've just been talking about this with the microwave and toaster while drinking coffee and we all agreed that things are getting bad. I didn't mention anything to the washing machine as she puts a different spin on everything. Certainly not to the fridge as he is acting cold and distant. In the end, the iron straightened me out as she said everything will be fine, no situation is too pressing. The vacuum was very unsympathetic... told me to just suck it up, but the fan was more optimistic and hoped it would all soon blow over! The toilet looked a bit flushed when I asked its opinion and didn't say anything but the doorknob told me to get a grip. 😬 The front door said I was unhinged and so the curtains told me to .....yes, you guessed it 😬 .....pull myself together I hope it made you smile 😊😬😬 xx

### And finally:

Can YOU find 24 Books of the Bible in this topical version of an old favourite?

A remark about hidden books eventually led to this. For some discovery was a mere fluke. Some were looking so hard that when it came it was a revelation. Some were in a jam, especially as the names were not capitalized, but the truth finally struck home to most readers. Some prefer puzzles with numbers, other prefer puzzles with words. I suppose having the right genes is an advantage. While some said this was a most fascinating puzzle and provided a distraction from the other job they had to do, others just wanted some facts. Some were tempted to cheat and submit entries from answers others had come up with. Oh dear. Yes, there will be a few difficult names to spot and what one judges easy will be difficult for another. I freely admit it usually takes quite a while to find the last one and there may be great lamentations before it is found. One friend of mine says she brews a cup of tea before she starts so she can concentrate better but there is no need to compete. Relax now, for there are eighteen books in the Bible in this paragraph alone.

For those about to give up, remember, in a pandemic a handshake is, well, now suspect. Have we already forgotten how normal a chip supper is in Glasgow? What we need is a laugh and that's why we are engaged in a humorous activity. One person, wearing a fez, rather like the comedian Tommy Cooper, found 24 books in all. Look hard and join him at the winner's rostrum.

Answer next month!  
(Thanks to the Duncan Family)

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