

BULLETIN

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Week Two...

How is it going now we are coming to the end of week two: how time flies!

We are trying to keep everyone connected still and the best place is through the [website](#). However, we are well aware not everyone has access, so please feel free to print this newsletter as often as you wish to pop through letter boxes (wear gloves!) on one of your wee walks.

Appeals

The website offers a number of ways we can respond to others. There are a couple of [food banks](#) seeking help and a new action, if you are a seamstress, in [making scrubs](#) for the NHS. We aren't organising any of these, just passing on the information.

Webpage

We are keeping the webpage up to date every day. If there is anything you'd like to add or say just [email](#), especially stories and photos and any appeals you have.



The Diary

Despite being in isolation, it hasn't stopped us trying to stay together so the diary is quite busy, creating a pattern of activity in the congregations still. It is more difficult to keep connected electronically but we are working on a way for people to use their phones in a conference call so everyone can take part in what we are doing. Watch this space.

Our Zoom Rooms

This Saturday (4th): A Zoom concert. We have a plethora of homegrown (because they aren't allowed out) talent from music, singing, reading. A wee concert at 7pm. Go to the [concert room on the website](#) and press the blue button. Come and join us as we entertain ourselves.

Tuesday Evenings: A social activity. This week (7th) at 7pm on Zoom we are holding a short quiz. Just an experiment but John McGee is the quizmaster. Go to the [church website and log in to the quiz room](#).

Every Wednesday Afternoon at 2pm: Coffee afternoon. You need to bring your own coffee and home baking into the

Social distancing baptism



The Greenhouse

We have a new page for all those who are finding themselves out in the garden these early spring days.

Our resident gardeners are on hand to offer advice and answer any questions.

All you need to do is [ask a question on the website](#) (or phone 0141 942 0035) and they will be pouring over encyclopaedias, text books, searching day and night across the internet for the answer which will be posted on the page.

You could also send in photos for them to name that plant from a leaf or a petal.

They are on hand right now. Don't let them sit too long in the greenhouse or they might take root.

Finances

People have been thinking about the church finances and how they might continue to give in this time. If you are giving by standing order, then you need do nothing. If you normally give by open plate, please speak to the treasurer, Alistair Wood, if you wish to change to a more direct way (942 7784).

chat about how things are going. We talk about the news, what everyone is doing along with special applause for anyone who has made some baking. [The coffee afternoon room is here.](#)

Thursday Evenings at 6.30 is the Vestry Hour. A catch up and check-in, some discussion and a meeting place for anyone who want to say hello. [The Vestry Room is here.](#)

Isolation Scavenger Hunt

But you don't want to be online all the time all day so here's something to try at home (because you won't be trying it anywhere else at the moment)

- ♦ A toy with wheels
- ♦ A book with the first letter of your name in the title
- ♦ A pair of matching socks
- ♦ 4 things that are green
- ♦ A spare toilet roll
- ♦ A full packet of pasta
- ♦ A toy smaller than your hand
- ♦ Something round
- ♦ A book with numbers in it
- ♦ 5 pieces of different lego
- ♦ A photo of someone you love
- ♦ A film that has the letter "s" in the title
- ♦ Dust!
- ♦ A piece of furniture that hasn't been cleaned

Palm Crosses

Kirstin Freeman from All Saints offers an activity over this week in making palm crosses. You don't need palm fronds, just a strip of paper. Go to the [Facebook page or click here](#) to find something to help reflect on and fill the days.



New Kilpatrick Parish Church

Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Faith

Some Important Links

Podcast:

Released every Saturday afternoon with a 20/25 minute reflection on the passages you would have heard on a Sunday. Hear some familiar voices too. Just like late-night radio.

Daily Prayers:

A new, originally-written prayer for the day, everyday. Creating a quiet time.

Meditation:

A way to centre ourselves each day. Some meditative exercises.

A weekly email:

This will bring everyone up to date. Subscribe to this [here](#) and it will automatically arrive in your mailbox on Monday evening, or Tuesday morning.

The Intimations:

A link to a daily updated page of things that are happening, from Zoom events to appeals, from news of members to activities.

The Happy Page:

A regularly updated page on the church site to bring a laugh, or offer a deeper moment with some poetry, or images. Please keep sending in things you think will keep people cheery.

Holy Week

We are unable to share in the journey of Holy Week next week as we would traditionally do but New Kilpatrick and All Saints are still working together in creating a more unique journey through the week.

Each day we will post some original art and words and time for reflection at 2pm in the afternoon.

But of course, you can read them any time you like after that but each day, it is an invitation to pause, and reflect. As we journey through the questions and pain of Holy Week, in some real sense we are experiencing something of that this year in the midst of a global crisis.

Such anxiety is hard, and the pain is real and we want to find in among it all, as the disciples did then, a love that will not let us go, that travels with us.

So meet us wherever you are.

Create your own space for Holy

Week, a candle a cross and

journey with us still across the week from Palm Sunday through to the hope at the end, the daring trust in something that does not let go even in the worst of times.



Self Isolation Choir

Sign up to join an online Choir for [The Messiah at Home](#). You will enjoy weekly live rehearsals for an hour with Choral Director, Ben England on their YouTube Channel and be part of the Choir as they sing the entire work in concert on Sunday 31st May, supported by an orchestra and soloists recorded from home especially for this occasion. Once you have joined the Choir, you'll be sent details and joining instructions by email. Sign up at <https://www.theseisolationchoir.com/> There is a charge of £14.95.

We'll be back next week with a new mailing from the website. Any links you'd like included please just let us know.