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Friday 17th April

Weekly Bulletin

We hope you have managed to have your one walk a day and exercised a little. Some of us have been able to wander past the church and we can see the hall windows beginning to be covered in rainbows. It is a growing work of art so thank you to all who have sent in photos of their work to the church email or our Instagram account. We print them out safely and add them to the windows. The more rainbows, the more hope, so please keep sending them in: you are allowed to do two or more.



Send images to the church by clicking [here](#)

As you can see we have a great rainbow in the middle saying 'Thank You' to the NHS (many in our congregation are in the midst of it all) and all the volunteers and posties and home carers and utility workers etc, who keep the community going. So please let's add our thanks with a rainbow.

Phone-Visiting

We have a wee team of phone-visitors and are looking for a couple more, if anyone has the time to make a few phone calls to our more isolated or vulnerable members. If you are interested, email Roddy, or give him a call on 0141 942 0035.

This is how we are Church...

Website

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*Visit the Website by
clicking here*
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We've undergone a major revamp of the website to show how we are a church still, and still engaged and involved and interested and caring. Everything is still there but looks a lot better. It will take a minute or two to reorientate yourselves, but we hope you'll find it clearer and less messy.

Supporting Others

Local Foodbanks

We have two foodbank projects, both local. While all of us are in the strangest of places and feeling quite vulnerable, it remains true some that are more vulnerable still so we offer both East Dunbartonshire and Drumchapel foodbanks for your support.

The nearest local collection point for ED Foodbank is St Joseph's Church in Milngavie. It is still open, Friday 2-3.30pm & Sunday 12.45-1.30pm. They would appreciate: tinned carrots, rice pudding, custard, 1KG and 500g bags of rice, 1LTR Cartons of UHT Milk, Apple Juice and Orange Juice (Long Life).

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*Text DRUM15 £5
to 70070*
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Drumchapel Foodbank can be supported financially by texting 'DRUM15 £5' to 70070 which will automatically add £5 to your mobile phone bill this month and will go to the foodbank.

Malawi

Just as we face grave challenges here in Scotland, so too our thoughts still stray beyond our shores to those whose needs are even greater. For some number of years, the University of Glasgow has developed a strong and binding partnership with the College of Medicine, Blantyre, Malawi. This was the focus of some really fantastic discussions with the young people in New Kilpatrick Sunday School last month; the Sunday School is already dreaming up new ways of helping our Malawian friends.

The Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Blantyre, Malawi is the largest hospital in the region but there is no intensive care provision, nor ready supply of oxygen, and the tools at the disposal of teams are severely limited, stretching only to basic care and support.

You can donate on the church website via a JustGiving page.

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*Donate on the church
website*
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The Hills are closed



Scrubs Bags

Those who like practical action can search for old duvet covers, sheets and material to be donated, so they can be made into Scrubs Bags for the NHS. There is a drop-off point in Bearsden so, if you take anything you have to 113 Milngavie Rd, Bearsden on Monday 20th between 12.30 and 1pm (please keep to that time), they will turn everything into the scrub bags.

Income to Church

A number of people have asked about income to the church during this time, especially as we are unable to take Weekly Freewill Offerings envelopes. You can either hold on to them for the moment or contact the treasurer, who can tell you about standing orders which continue to be received directly into the bank. Alistair Wood's number is 0141 942 7784.

The Beatitudes for a Global Pandemic:

Blessed are those who **stay indoors**... for they have protected others;

Blessed are the **corner-shop keepers**... for they are purveyors of scarce things;

Blessed are the **delivery drivers and postal workers**... for they are the bringers of essential things;

Blessed are the **medics and hospital staff** who stand between us and beyond... for the kingdom of God is surely theirs;

Blessed are the **checkout workers**... for they have fortitude in the face of overwork and frustration;

Blessed are the **refuse collectors**... for they shall see God despite the mountains of waste;

Blessed are the **single parents**... for they are coping with their responsibilities alone and there is no respite;

Blessed are those **who are alone**... for they are children of God and in God we trust they are never alone;

Blessed are the **bereaved**... for we long for the time we can comfort them;

Blessed are **all during this time** who still work for peace and justice and model mercy... may you know comfort and calm and the presence of hope whoever you are.

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*Sent in
by Anne Nicoll.
Thank-you*
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Sunday School: now known as Zoom-day School

We will be offering a Sunday School engagement on a Sunday morning on Zoom now. The relationships are important so we're keeping it low-key with familiar faces. 10am Beginners, 10.30 Sunday Clan and 11.15 JFv2. All begins this Sunday.

The Babylon Files

2,500 years ago, there was an exile from Jerusalem to Babylon. It was a 1,000km walk for the Hebrews, who found themselves in a strange and foreign land.

Little made sense. All they were familiar with was no longer familiar. The Temple had gone, had been destroyed and God's dwelling place no longer existed. Was God dead?

The familiar ritual of religion was gone. The priests could not carry out the annual festivals of atonement and passover as they used to do. Did God no longer hear their prayer, now they were so far away from their homeland? Was God no longer able to forgive them because they could no longer complete the rituals, and so what would their future be?

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You can join the discussion from the website [here](#)
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The Babylon Files is an online discussion beginning Wednesday 22nd at 7pm on Zoom to explore our own exile in this strange land we are now in: how might we continue to be church when everything we have known has been paused?

Zoom Rooms

Those who do not have internet access or are unfamiliar with Zoom, which is a programme that allows us to all meet together online, can now phone in to all our Zoom meetings. The number is 0131 460 1196. You will also need the Meeting ID number and Roddy can give you that (0141 942 0035)

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All our Zoom Rooms can be found [here](#)
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Congregational News

We are sad to inform you that Jean Burke died this last week. Given the limitation on funerals at the moment, we will hold a remembrance service for all those who have passed away during these weeks and remember them fully, the characters they have been, and their families who are coping in such difficult times.

SingSong!

We're online. A dementia-friendly sing-along on a **Tuesday afternoon** for everyone. Easy songs, good fun, and lots laughter and memories shared. Come and join us from our SingSong! Zoom Room.

Songs of Praise

On the evening of **Sunday 26th at 6.30** we're offering a songs of praise service. We should have been celebrating communion but instead we will sing on Zoom (or by phone) and have a special service together. Bring your hymnbook if you have one.

The Isolation Diary

We may be in isolation but we have plenty happening from our living rooms:

Sunday

Podcast

Monday

Weekly Email

Tuesday

SingSong! 2pm

Quiz night 7pm

Wednesday

Babylon Files 7pm

Thursday

Vestry Hour 6.30pm

Friday

Bulletin

Coffee Pot 10.30am

Saturday

Saturday Night In 7pm

Daily Prayer

Every morning on the website

Saturday Night In Mystery (don't build your hopes up)

We were originally going to offer a concert this Saturday on Zoom but that will come later in the month. This Saturday, we'll have a unique game show that will have everyone playing, though you can just watch. It will be creative, funny and engaging. It will be entertaining, thoughtful and mind-stretching. It will be easy, hard and in-between. It's going to be great. You don't need any equipment and playing together might have an advantage. But then again, it might not. Intrigued? Join us for this experiment in Saturday night entertainment. If it works, it will be on terrestrial television before a vaccine is found. Or maybe it won't. Come join us anyway. All ages can play.

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Lockdown Recipes

Have you been more organised in your cooking and baking, that's if you can get flour and eggs? What if you can't get these basic ingredients? What have you baked without them?

We're looking to share some lockdown recipes with the ingredients we have been able to get rather than the ones we would like to have. Any original takes on anything? We made crumble with rapeseed oil rather than butter and it worked so well, we'll be doing that from now on, on top of garden rhubarb cooked with orange peel. (Rapeseed oil isn't exactly an essential shop but we found it in a cupboard!).

Any other ways we've got round austerity shopping? Please send in your ideas and we'll anonymously put them together.

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ideas the church*
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Please feel free to print this out and pop it through a neighbour's door, especially if they are members but unable to access church electronically. Everything is on the website or at the end of a phone, mainly the minister's (0141 942 0035).

And finally, if you are looking for a good book:

