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Weekly Bulletin

Friday 24th April

The quiz night on Zoom is becoming one of the most popular things that we do. It's less than an hour and that includes the quiz, the answers, the scores and a chat too, where we go off into different, smaller rooms and have a chat with everyone. John McGee is the quizmaster and we have great fun together. We are aware that a lot of what we do now as a congregation is necessarily online, and that immediately prevents quite a number from joining in.

We are very aware that even those with iPads and computers do not always feel able to climb the mountain to get onto Zoom so we're making a once in a lifetime offer! We will partner you and wait with you and talk you through as many times as it takes to get you on Zoom. Please, please let us know if you are interested in joining the quiz or singsong or coffee pot but just find it a step too far on your own.



Do you know what it is? A sneak preview of Saturday Night In quiz

We have bags of patience and have sat with folk for a while to get them online. If you have a smart phone (one with a screen with icons on it) or a tablet (not the ones you swallow) or computer we can get you there, so phone Roddy (0141 942 0035) and he will send out the Zoom Brigade and get you zooming before you know it. Once you're on, it's easy. Honestly. We're missing you so, if you can, please give us a call. We are waiting to help.

Learning to use Zoom

Songs of Praise

Many are missing a good hymn sing, so on Sunday Night at 6:30 we are holding a Zoom songs of praise. It will be carnage, but glorious carnage, as we all sing together. You can also phone in on 0131 460 1196 with the meeting ID Number: 863 3949 8181

A number of folk from the congregation have chosen a hymn, and will speak about it briefly and then we'll magically produce a video of a Songs of Praise version with all the words and we'll sing along together. We'll mostly be on mute so we don't put each other off but we can sing like we are in the bath and no one else will hear us. It will be fabulous.

Songs of Praise Sunday 6.30

You can get the Zoom Room from the website zoom page. Just click the link and clear your throat.

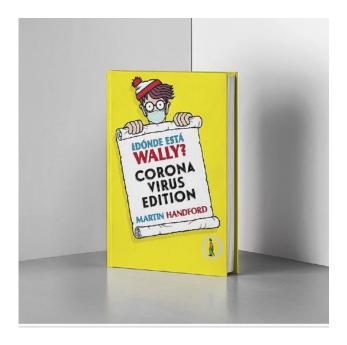
Morning Worship

We have our <u>podcast</u> each Sunday, which offers a reflective space. It's a bit like late-night radio or, as someone commented, a bit like Late Call for the radio. Hopefully, they were meaning the deeply soothing and calming voice, rather than I M Jolly.

Apparently there were some problems listening to it last Sunday. We have no idea why, but hopefully it will have been just a blip. We're back this Sunday and, as it was originally planned to share communion, we will do so through the podcast with the story of Emmaus. So, if you wish, you can come and listen with some bread to break and some red fruit juice.

But, in addition to the podcast, we are experimenting with a visual version. We're hoping to have this ready for Sunday, and will appear on our

YouTube channel for 10.30, when we would normally meet together. It will be a shorter version with three hymns, a wobbly camera, and unusual camera angles, as we learn to use mobile phones for creating epics rather than calling people on. Bear with us and join us on yet another learning curve.



Sunday almost live: You Tube Chanel

Saturday Night In

We are trying to develop our <u>Saturday Zoom</u> event to be more inclusive of families. This will take a wee bit of time, but we are hoping to add a number of different events to be enjoyed by all.

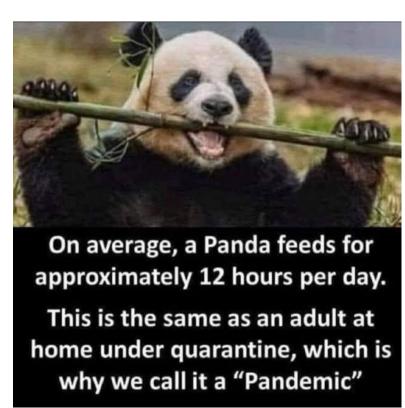
If you have suggestions, we are always open to them. The fun part is trying to adapt traditional games and events that we would do in the typical life of the congregation onto Zoom. We have a wee team heading that up and, if you would like to join that, you'd be made very welcome. Just email the church or phone Roddy (0141 942 0035).

Coming up on 'Saturday Night In' will be sing-a-longs, quizzes, a JF night and some things we haven't yet thought about!

Saturday Night In this week: Photo Quiz 7pm This week is a photo quiz: objects in close-up, from unusual angles, microscope, and a few famous babies thrown in (well, gently placed) for everyone to go aaww! 7pm in the 'Saturday Night' In Zoom Room.

Congregational News

Sadly we have to let you know that Wilf Marriott, Ken Dunachie and Lillie Watt have died this week. All were their own characters that added something unique to our congregation, and we will miss them. Wilf, who sang his faith as much as he lived it, Ken with his humour and insight, always reading the sermon before it was preached and an encouraging comment, Lillie with her sport and especially tennis. May our own thoughts and prayers be with their families at this time.



Ongoing events and activities

Campaigns: We are inviting support for <u>Drumchapel Foodbank</u> and our <u>Malawi appeal</u>. It has takes a little time to get everything in place for the Malawi appeal, but that now has a JustGiving button for folk to donate, if you feel able.

Recipes: We have received a few, but if there is a particular recipe that has come into its own during lock down, or one that doesn't use all the ingredients we can't get at the moment, then please send it to the church email.

Coffee Pot: A wee reminder of our 10.30 spot for coffee on a Friday morning. You bring your own cakes and we bring Zoom. We use breakout rooms so everyone has a chance to chat as if siting round tables. Easy and enjoyable.

Worship: This week we have a <u>podcast</u> available for you to download and wander round listening to wherever you are, a <u>Zoom songs of praise</u> at 6.30 on Sunday evening, and a worship video on the <u>church YouTube channel</u> at 10.30 in the morning.

Flour Initiative

Everyone is running out of flour. We have a possible idea. We can purchase a sack of flour and take orders from people. It's a

bit like getting an Asda delivery slot, but we think it might be worth trying. We also have a couple of volunteers (masked and gloved) to help organise, rather than do the Dick Turpin stand-and-deliver thing on the next delivery run, so, if you are interested, we can take as order to see how many are interested, then purchase the flour and then deliver to you. We'll try on a trial basis and see how that works.

Email the church office by MONDAY and we will see how many orders we have. You can order in 500g bags.



Flour Arranging

Scrub Bags Update

Thanks to those who donated duvet covers for scrub bags. This week alone, you helped towards a total of 1500, yes 1500, scrub bags from all of the sewers (far too many to mention). 500 were immediately donated to nurses, staff nurses, district nurses, and care home staff. Thank you for donating unused duvet covers, sheets and fabric to begin their new life as a much-needed scrub bags to help our very own NHS HEROS.

If you have old duvets or sheets that can be made into scrub bags please let <u>Roddy know</u>.





Some images from our Instagram feed



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