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# NKBulletin



## Postcards: from Bearsden

### Summer Project

It's summertime – and the livin' is getting easier – and, although few of us will be planning to travel far this year, we would like to revive the dying art of writing postcards for our latest “keeping in touch” project. We all know that it has been harder to keep in contact with everyone these last 15 months, especially with those whose contact has narrowed significantly.

We would like to invite all ages to get writing – a postcard can be sent from anywhere, even from home! We can support local businesses who sell postcards, buy them online, or

even create our own miniature works of art. The Community team can also supply cards, if you would like to write but can't get out to purchase them. We are hoping for cheerful greetings beginning “Dear friend”, written on the usual left-hand side of the postcard, which a team of volunteers will then address and stamp with “greetings from NK”. We would love to reach the 550 people in the parish who would enjoy receiving a postcard, including those in the local care homes and sheltered housing, so, if you could write half a dozen cards or more, we could reach our target. Completed cards, in a single envelope marked “NK postcards”, can be posted through the letterbox at NK between now and

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> July, or uplifted from you at home if you can't get out. Our team of volunteers will then deliver them.

If you would like to help, please contact [kirsteen7@btinternet.com](mailto:kirsteen7@btinternet.com), or telephone 942 7603, or leave a message with the church office – 942 8827 – to say how many cards you plan to write. If you can volunteer to address the cards – probably a couple of hours spent spaced out in the church hall – or to deliver them, it would be wonderful to hear from you via the same channels.

We are hoping this will create a little network of community at a time when we are still careful about travel and about meeting other people.



## Christian Aid: Thank You

Following the flurry of Christian Aid activity in April and May, I now have a chance to thank you all for your generosity and to update you on the amounts raised.

The last week in April saw the Virtual Kiltwalk take place instead of the usual Erskine Bridge Cross. Avril, Eileen, Pamela, Shirley and Roddy took up the challenge and raised, through your generosity, a whopping £4500+! This is well beyond what we usually bring in through the Bridge Cross, and although, sadly, we couldn't do an event where we could all be together this year, it was certainly worth the effort.

Christian Aid Week in May also changed a little in 2021, with 'delivery only' of leaflets – not the usual envelopes. People were asked to give through the Bearsden area churches' JustGiving page, and some also gave through the church. Again, this was very successful, and we managed to bring in, between our church donations and the Bearsden

JustGiving page, just over £7500! A fabulous amount once again. Money is still trickling into the JustGiving page, and other churches also had direct giving, so that figure continues to grow.

This kind of money allows Christian Aid to help so many round the world who are suffering from the effects of the climate crisis, and can be truly life changing, so thank you, thank you.

I would also like to take the opportunity to thank all those who delivered the leaflets (which for our church is well over 2000) round the doors. It was especially encouraging to have so many willing to do their bit despite the pandemic, and, for the first time in a few years, we covered all our areas. A huge thank you one and all!

As Christian Aid's tag line says, "TOGETHER we STOP this Climate Crisis" ~ we've certainly helped reach that goal, TOGETHER!

THANK YOU!

## Moving On: Walking Group

Ceartas, one of the first groups we connected with at our community links evenings on Sofa Surfers, have been holding a weekly walk during June. It is a relaxed and informal guided walk to support those who may have lost someone, or who wish to improve their wellbeing. Each walk simply offers caring company.

The next walk is Wednesday 23rd, 11-12, leaving from, and returning to, Bearsden Baptist Church, and you are very welcome to pop along. To book a place, phone Michelle or Kenny on 0141 775 0433.



## Sofa Surfers: Community Links

Last week, we heard about Bearsden in Bloom.

If you would like to get involved in the fortnightly litter-pick, and pick up a hi-viz vest, then all you need to do is contact Ros at [bearsdeninbloom@gmail.com](mailto:bearsdeninbloom@gmail.com)



# Diary

**Sunday 20th**

**Zoomday School**

9.45-10.15

**Worship:** in the sanctuary at 10.30

Online, anytime: YouTube, Podcast and phone line (0141 465 5774)

**Songs of Praise** at 7pm on **Zoom** (final one for the season)

**Tuesday 22nd**

**Quiz Night** 7pm on **Zoom**

**Thursday 24th**

**Sofa Surfers** 7pm on **Zoom** (final one for the season)

Off to Austria for a wee summer break with Catherine Cameron

**Friday 24th**

**Wee Bulletin** published

**Coffee Pot** 10.30pm on **Zoom** (final one of the season)

**Sunday 27th**

**Worship** In the sanctuary at 10.30 (please book 0141 942 0035),  
and anytime on YouTube, Podcast and phone-line (0141 465 5774)



## **Songs of Praise: Sunday 20th, 7pm**

**It's the last one for the season. We've got a list of hymns to sing, a great excuse to give it laldy. And given we aren't yet able to sing in East Dunbartonshire, this is your chance to clear the throat and warm up for that moment when we finally can.**



## **Dinosaurs: design your own!**

We're hatching a COP26 plan for our hall windows, which will evolve and grow over the months leading up to November. 'Our World' will cover four windows with 'Beginnings' being the first window. We'd love to display your own creations of dinosaurs. Imagine a Roddysaurus, or a Churchadactil, or your own personal dinosaur. If you design it on an A4 sheet and send it in to us, we will incorporate it in the window design.

Alternatively, please simply use one of the stencils on the next few pages and colour in and post to us – or find any version online. If you have grandchildren or friends at school, then tell them all about it and post a dinosaur into us by the 4th of July.

It is going to grow into a major talking point over the next few months.

# Design a Dino



