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Pentecost: This Sunday

Zooming in all directions

Pentecost has often been described as the birthday of the church. Maybe, but the real symbolism of the festival is community: creating community in all its diversity. It is what happened in the story of Pentecost in Acts, and it is what we are continually attempting to do as a faith community.

We'll do that on Sunday by offering a YouTube, podcast, and phonenumber service, as well as a live Zoom service from the sanctuary.

We'll try to connect as many people as possible from as many different places as possible, and, if you are in the sanctuary, you'll see all those at home and vice versa. We've even bought a new screen in the sanctuary so we can all see each other better!

The live service begins at 10.30. To join the Zoom version, log-on details are in the panel on the right.

And, in order to be red-y, perhaps we can all sport something red: a new mask, a screen filter, a coat, shoes, hairband, dog collar... and bring a sheet of paper if you can.

Live Zoom

If you are able to join us on Zoom on Sunday then you will be admitted from about 10.25

Click

here

to enter the waiting room. Zoomday School is on first, and when that finishes, you will be admitted.

We trust nothing will go wrong but we can't guarantee... this will be the real live version of the chaos that the spirit often brings.



Sanctuary: Church

What's in a name?

A number of people have asked recently why we have called worship in the church building 'sanctuary' worship.

It grew out of lockdown when we didn't want to suggest online worship wasn't 'church'. Indeed, church is who we are as a community, rather than the building we worship in, and traditionally the space has always been called a sanctuary.

When worship was able to return to a physical space, we then called that 'sanctuary' worship simply to differentiate it from online worship, or phonline worship, all equally

as valuable and important for people, depending on their circumstances.

But, more than that, we might discover again the bigger idea of sanctuary as a safe place, a place for those who feel fragile, who are lost, who are homeless in the world, whose lives are in danger. As a church, we are called to offer sanctuary, a safe space.

Might this be one of the principles and values we explore again as we grow out of the pandemic and reinterpret who we are, and who we need to be in the world today?

Covid: Sanctuary Numbers

As we move down the protection levels in our area, and hopefully we will continue to do so, we are still cautious and are doing everything to limit any possible spread of coronavirus.

We have moved, now, to level 2, which means, for us, numbers in the sanctuary can rise to 75, which is our maximum number from now on until social distancing is relaxed. We continue to use a booking system. It is quite simple: please phone the church office (0141 942 8827), and leave your name and number, and the secretary will phone you back on the Friday to confirm a place. Please book by the Thursday evening before the Sunday you wish to attend.

We still need to wear masks, and general congregational singing is not allowed yet, but we try to create a worshipful space that is peaceful, thoughtful and imaginative, using a screen to show hymn words (which we quietly hum to) and other visuals.



Postcards: from the edge

If you are able to go on a staycation then please do send us a postcard. It will be good to see where we all end up, and we can show them in the video and bulletin. It's one way we can keep in contact with everyone and see places in the UK we haven't been able to see for a long time.

The address is New Kilpatrick Parish Church, 28 Kirk Place, Bearsden G61 3RT.

Diary

Sunday 23rd

Zoomday School Pentecost Party

9.45-10.15

Worship: in the sanctuary at 10.30 and live-streamed on **Zoom**
Online, anytime: YouTube, Podcast and phone line (0141 465 5774)

Songs of Praise at 7pm on **Zoom**

Tuesday 25th

Quiz Night 7pm on **Zoom**

Thursday 27th

Sofa Surfers 7pm on **Zoom**

A story night with Saffanna and Munir from Syria: their tale in prose and poetry of leaving a war and becoming refugees.

Friday 28th

Wee Bulletin published

Coffee Pot 10.30pm on **Zoom**

Sunday 30th

No Zoomday School (Holiday)

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

Christian Aid: Thank you.

Thank you to all who helped deliver over 2000 leaflets last week, and then to everyone who donated, once more, to the ongoing work of Christian Aid. People like Rosie, whom we read about last time, know that everything Christian Aid receives goes towards sharing possibilities in life, during times where opportunity to lift folk out of poverty feels increasingly difficult. So, thank you. We are still calculating the total raised this year, but will share and celebrate that when we know.



Sofa Surfers

Thursday 27th

We are delighted that Saffanna and Munir have agreed to speak to us on **Sofa Surfers**. They will tell us something of their life in Syria and having to leave all of it behind, fleeing with their three children. They will tell of their hard journey to this country, and will show the courage and perseverance they needed to settle in Scotland. Saffanna will also read us some of her very moving poetry, showing an amazing feel for the new language she learned, English.



EcoChurch: Rethinking

Keep Scotland Beautiful: Summer Clean 28th-30th May

A reminder to help support the Bearsden Summer Clean by joining Bearsden in Bloom. You can join for free, and you'll get a free high-visibility jacket and a litter picker.

This is not just a one-off event, but you are invited to keep your eye out and pick litter locally about once a month.

If you subsequently decide that it's not for you, all you have to do is hand the jacket and litter picker back.

Already we have a number of people joining up, so please join us. Bearsden in Bloom also plan to invite members to help with maintenance and establishing new local projects in the future. The ideas and opportunities just keep growing, and it would be great to have a whole community on board. Picking litter together is the new way to make friends and transform our community.

For an application form, email bearsdeninbloom@gmail.com



Would anyone like to learn some editing skills?

We are wanting to widen the team (of two) who put together the video for YouTube. Might you be interested in learning to do one thing to help with the editing?

Phone or email the church office and we'll turn you into Stephen Spielberg.

Songs of Praise: Silent Singing

Sunday 23rd 7pm.

Choose a hymn. You don't even have to tell us why.

Not everyone likes to speak in public, or even Zoom, so we're changing the format of Songs of Praise for 6th and 20th June. These will be our last two Songs of Praise before the summer, so we're offering an anonymous sing.

Without having to say why you like a particular hymn, please feel free to choose one and send the title to Roddy by email or phoning. No reason is necessary, simply it is a good sing. We'll just sing from one song to the next, recognising

our own stories and memories of these hymns, so please phone in your choices. All those who have chosen hymns in the past are invited to take part too.

