

# the weekly bulletin

# Harvest Festival

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New Kilpatrick Parish Church  
Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Faith

From last week's bulletin (still available on the [website](#)) you'll know Harvest is next week. We're using all our different versions of worship to create a varied and unique way of bringing folk together for Harvest. Who knows if it will work, but it's the adventure in trying that brings the life!

The service will be at 10.30 on Zoom and in the Sanctuary and each will be able to see each other. So those who are still in their pyjamas and dressing gowns can hide behind Zoom and those who have already had their porridge can meet us in the sanctuary.

Zoomday School will come together and meet at 10am and be there for the start of the service on Zoom. They'll be using the same room, so those who are joining by Zoom will be kept in the waiting room until just before the service begins - don't worry, we won't have forgotten about you!

The podcast and YouTube video will continue as usual, with a harvest theme, and some of the activities will be recorded so no one misses out.

## Harvest Tree

A wee reminder that the apple at the back of the Bulletin can be printed out and we'd be delighted, and indeed want to encourage you to print it and write across it a hope, a dream, a blessing for the whole community. Send a photo of it to us [by email](#), or simply post or push through the church or manse letter box and we'll hang them on the tree that will be created in the New Halls window.

Just imagine wandering past, as many people do, and being able to read the hopes we all have, together, for our community and world after Covid-19.





## Harvest Gifts

Clearly, we are unable to give in the same way this year but we are handing over the whole month to harvest giving and there are two ways to do this:

### Online

We are developing a way to purchase different bundles for the organisations we support. We're going to offer a 'box of tins', a 'pack of packets', a 'bag of toiletries', 'an activity bag for children' etc. Online you can purchase any of these and we will send what each of you purchase to the organisations we are supporting. It's being set up now and should be ready by Harvest Sunday.

### Week-by-week

Each week in October we have a different theme, and the hall will be open on a Friday morning, 11am-12noon, where everyone can drop off specific items. For example, the first week will be tinned goods, so come along and drop them off on the Friday of the first week. We won't be able to linger or chat and please wear a face-covering. The weeks themes will be:

Week beginning 5th October: collect tins

Week beginning 12th October: collect packet food

Week beginning 19th October: collect toiletries

Week beginning 26th October: collections and colouring and craft material for children

Each of these can be brought to the church between 11 am and 12 noon on the Friday of each week.

## Christian Aid

Thanks for all that is being done by you all locally and with a view to overseas as well. We have a twin track approach as always at this time of year with the Christian Aid Harvest Appeal too and we will also be linking into a further partnership with Malawi soon. It's keeping all these different views of how our faith works and shapes the world that can be both exhausting as well as life giving.





# Coffee Pot Macmillan Appeal

If you are reading this on Friday, then you aren't too late to join the Coffee Pots Macmillan coffee morning online on Zoom. The idea is to socialise and raise some funds for Macmillan - which it is it never too late to do. You can pop an envelope through the Manse or Church Hall doors or go online and donate directly.

## Being Prepared

Here's a wee recipe that's been submitted for a Christmas pudding, but it can be used at any time of the year. We're going for a harvest pudding, then a Guy Fawkes pudding, then an Advent pudding...

1/2 (half) pint cold water  
1/2 (half) lb butter (or marg)  
3/4 (three quarters) cup of white sugar  
250g sultanas  
250g currants or raisins  
1 tablespoon cinnamon  
1 tablespoon mixed spice  
1 tablespoon treacle  
2 eggs  
1/2 (half) lb self-raising flour

### Method

Put water, butter, sugar, fruit, spices, water into pan, bring to boil, simmer for 1 minute

Add eggs, flour and mix well

Line a microwaveable bowl with cling film

Put mixture into bowl (do not cover bowl) and cook on High (850 watt) for 9 minutes

Leave to cool and turn out.

Alternately you can [click here](#) and that should take you right through. Six beltters of hymns and a mute button that allows us to sing louder than we would in church. Come and join us.







## Sofa Surfers

Sofa Surfers becomes a film night on Thursday 1st October. The idea is to recommend a film you've seen and why you think we should watch it: perhaps a great story, full of twists, great scenery, unusual, unexpected, foreign language etc. If you have a film you'd like to recommend then email Roddy before Wednesday 30th and he'll capture some clips from it, if he can and you can introduce it. Of course, you may wish to just come along to the evening, see what is offered, and it might remind you of a film you can let us know about there and then.

## Glasgow City Mission Shelter

Glasgow City Mission are opening their night shelter again this year but in a quite different way. It opens from 1st November to the end of March in the city centre, in a hotel. They have asked us, if church volunteers are willing, to help them once more. There will be a number of Covid restrictions, obviously, and details are still being worked out. If you are interested and able to help, they would be every grateful, and you can phone Margaret Johnston (0141 563 9899) if you would like to explore the possibility.

## Bulletin Publication

We're going to move the Bulletin publication to once a fortnight from now, but in-between we'll send out a shorter email with any updates. As we are in this for the long-term, it will not bombard your mail box quite so much.



# This Week's Diary

**Podcast & Video services:** from the [church website home page](#) worship banner, from midnight Saturday.

**Phone Service:** dial 0141 465 5774 (after a bit of a pause).

**Sanctuary Worship:** 10.30am. But please phone to book before 10am on Friday 4th.

**SingSong!** at 2pm on Tuesday 29th, joining in with all who enjoy a good sing. Especially designed for those who have some degree of memory loss or dementia. From our [Zoom page](#).

**Quiz Night** at 7pm on Tuesday 29th, with another guest question master. From our [Zoom page](#).

**Sofa Surfers** at 7pm on Thursday 1st. Film Night on our [Zoom page](#).

**Weekly Bulletin** to give you energy for the rest of the day. Friday 2nd.

**Coffee Pot** at 10.30am on Friday 2nd, a special Macmillan edition. From our virtual lounge on our [Zoom page](#).

**Songs of Praise** at 7.30 am on Sunday 4th October with half a dozen hymns and stories from our Songs of Praise [Zoom page](#).

Plus, the website for daily prayers, new psalms, appeals, photos and poems, news, and everything else.

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The Apple >>>>

We invite you to colour in, paint, do whatever you wish to decorate or design your own apple, but in the middle write a hope, a blessing, a word for our community. Take a photo and send it in to us by WhatsApp, Insta, email or post and we'll hang all the apples on our harvest tree in the New Halls window. You can do this over then next four weeks, but don't put off...

Examples of blessing might be: Being together again, being closer to our neighbourhoods, learning from the pandemic etc...

