

# **Happy New Year**

Hoping you have all had a good New Year even if it has perhaps been quieter. That's called a 'peaceful' new year.

We continue to rise and fall depending on current restrictions and, some of the groups we hoped we might have started face to face in January, we've postponed for a few weeks until things settle again. The Parents and Toddlers group will begin towards the end of January, hopefully, and we are working out how best to continue with Zoomday School with a mix of online and face-to-face.

We'll know this will all be over when we can still down and not have that feeling of plans being temporary, and have some confidence that a decision we make will last more than a few weeks!

Up to then, however, we find ourselves online with the Quiz Night and Sofa Surfers and Coffee Pot, podcasts and YouTube versions of worship, along with an in-person service in the sanctuary at 10.30 every week; holding our breath wondering what else we might do to keep everyone connected, informed and engaged.

## **Quiz Night**

quiz on a TUESDAY night at 7pm on Zoom from Tuesday 18th January. Our team of quiz leaders has been studying, referencing and exploring a plethora of exciting questions for us, and we have that in place right up till Easter. We are on every week on Zoom. By the end of the pandemic, New Kilpatrick are going to be so learned and wise, even more so than before!

We're back with our general knowledge

### **Sofa Surfers**

We're planning a syllabus up to the middle of April on Zoom, where every second Thursday we'll engage and inform and excite you with a bundle of different themes and topics.

What these will be we aren't quite sure yet, but we are getting together on Thursday 13th January to discuss and explore what we might be able to offer.

This is an open meeting for anyone who is interested in helping to run Sofa Surfers or offer ideas for topics.

Everyone is welcome on Zoom at 7pm.

### **Sing Song**

Our online afternoon of singing returns on Tuesday 11th on Zoom

Why not spend an afternoon having a wee sing, specially suited for those who some level of dementia and memory loss but open to everyone. We're on at 2pm and the login details can be received from Kirsteen by emailing: kirsteen7@btinternet.com

#### **Coffee Pot Returns**

Yes, the kettles are on and the conversation warming for Friday mornings at 10.30 with the return of our weekly coffee morning on Zoom.

That will begin on Friday 14th for anyone who wishes a blether for an hour. Come along at any time, and put your feet up for chat with some friends.

But if you would like to contribute then you still can, and the details for the church bank account are here. Please reference your donations CHRISTMAS

The Account Name is: New Kilpatrick Parish Church

The Account Number is: 00701598

The Sort Code is: 80-05-57

# **Christmas Offering Totals**

Thank you for your huge generosity once more for the organisations we have supported over Christmas.

We sent a very large bundle of goods to those who support young mums and families, through our Reverse Advent project. I know people gave a lot towards that over December with all those extras in your weekly shopping in supporting this: it doesn't go unnoticed. Thank you! Such generosity is hugely appreciated and we have had very appreciative letters of thanks from those organisations we partnered, and will continue to do so.

Thank you also for your generosity at home and overseas with both our Christian Aid appeal, focused on mums and families this year, and to the four groups we supported with our Christmas offerings: Churches House, Maryhill Integration Network, Junction 12, and three food banks. The totals so far are:

Christmas Offerings: £2848

Christian Aid: £1250