

the
weekly
bulletin

Windows Of Opportunity

We've used the church hall windows during lockdown to create positive messages, engage people with hope, support the NHS and key workers, offer some insight into ourselves as a congregation and to connect with our community.

They have been changed a number of times over the last six months to illustrate that the church is still here even if it isn't in all the the typical ways of before and also a number of new ways.

But the sun has faded the colours a bit and it's time to brighten up our message and engage people again because many pause read the messages as they pass.

What do you imagine being on the windows for autumn beyond the church being open again for worship (at the moment!) that your neighbour would find interesting? What essential messages to help encourage, and support; what images to bring a sense of togetherness and hope; what poems, stories, news might we offer to continue shedding some light and laughter and friendship again?

Treat this as our main activity over the next month. Indeed it is the best way we share things with our community and possibly always has been. So, if you have ideas, or an example of something, or can tell us of something you have found to be missing over the last wee while that we could respond to, then let us know.

I know we have asked for ideas and stories and projects through the bulletin, all with mixed results, but this is actually one of the more important ideas: to offer the church as a connecting place with people. We're not here to share only our own news but offer a place that invites hope, encouragement, faith and love.

Email the church office with ideas (click the underscored words and your email will open up automatically, or phone Roddy (0141 942 0035).

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Friday 11th September



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



Eating well means eating fairly and a few weeks ago we invited you to share your favourite recipes with Fairtrade (FT) ingredients. Here's one. Please send some more.

So many FT recipes seem to focus on chocolate, bananas, sugar and coconut milk. Great ingredients and very tasty! However, not all FT recipes have to be unhealthy. This one is adapted to use a range of FT goods that are readily available and comes from a dish Tom Kerridge made recently one Saturday morning.

Fish curry

1 tbsp FT coconut oil
1 large onion, finely diced
3 garlic cloves, finely chopped
2.5cm piece fresh ginger, peeled and finely grated
1 long red chilli, finely sliced (with seeds)
A handful of curry leaves
1 heaped tsp ground turmeric, FT if you can
1 tsp ground coriander
2 medium tomatoes, diced
400ml fresh vegetable stock
50g red lentils
400g fillets of firm fish : coley, cod, monkfish
100g green beans
100ml tinned FT coconut milk
2 tbsp roughly chopped coriander leaves
Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper



Heat oil in large non-stick pan, medium high heat. Add onions when hot for 5 minutes until softened and beginning to brown.

Add garlic, ginger and chilli and cook for a few minutes. Add curry leaves, turmeric and ground coriander and cook and stir for a minute.

Add tomatoes, stock and lentils, bring to boil stirring and simmer for 12-15 mins until sauce thickens and lentils soften.

Cut monkfish into 4cm pieces. Trim and half green beans. Add monkfish and coconut milk and cook gently for 2-3 mins. Add beans and cook for a further 3-4 mins. Season and add coriander. Serve with rice.



Harvest Thoughts

We had a great zoom communion a couple of weeks ago and we're doing the same again for harvest on 5th October. Might you be willing to be part of a conversation that can help create a unique, never done before zoom harvest festival? We're meeting on zoom on Wednesday at 7.30. You can just click on the underscored words and you'll automatically be taken there. We're not looking for ideas per se but folk who are willing to chat about harvest. The ideas will easily grow from there. Just come along. You'll love it.

Christian Aid

We are approaching Harvest on 5th October, and as we move towards that, Christian Aid is launching its Autumn Appeal.

Many are in crisis around the world, and Christian Aid is inviting us to make space to consider, and stand together with, our global neighbours at this time because it is only as a whole planet we can solve pandemics and global poverty.

Their appeal can be found on the Christian Aid webpages, which you can find by clicking here. You'll find stories, images and information to encourage and bring hope. During September we will continue to highlight this appeal and recognise it more fully in our Harvest Festival in church and on Zoom..

Should you wish to donate, you can do so on the Christian Aid website. We do understand that some are not comfortable giving online, but would still like to donate. If that's the case, please just pop your donation in an envelope, and you can put it through the Manse door. We will then send it to Christian Aid in the same way we did for Christian Aid Week.

Thank you again for your generosity and being able to look and live beyond ourselves once more.



Calling Musicians



We are unable to sing in church at the moment, and it is something many of us miss most. However, we are not silenced and we would like to invite anyone who might feel able, to play a non-woodwind or brass instrument during our services.

There is a wide range of talented people here. Even duets or just a short piece would be welcomed. It would be greatly appreciated and, if you are interested, even as you hesitate, please contact Chris Nickol on 07808 258374.

Sofa Surfers

On the 17th, we have the first of our informal, bite-sized evenings where we collect a wee bundle of stories on the same theme from folk around the congregation. It's a night of snippets and this week the connecting theme is 'Famous folk I have met'

Perhaps we are all just 6 degrees away from someone well known. Perhaps we're closer. Perhaps we are well known, but if you have a 5 minute story you'd be willing to share of when you met someone famous, or saw someone well known, in a car park, in Cafe Creme, on the plane beside you, why not dare yourself to let us in on the story. Drop a wee line to Roddy (0141942 0035) or [email him](#) and we'll begin with the ones we collect, then we'll open it out to hear from others. It's going to be great.



Sanctuary Worship

There is usually plenty of space for Sunday's service in the sanctuary at 10.30am. Phone ahead and before 10am on Friday morning on 0141942 8827 just to make sure but we've never yet been full.

This Weeks 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 15th, 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](#).

There will be no Quiz Night this week as the Kirk Session is meeting. And the big question is: will we be able to tell the difference!!

Sofa Surfers at 7pm on Thursday 17th. Ever met or been close to someone e famous? Spill the beans on our [Zoom page](#).

Weekly Bulletin to give you energy for the rest of the day. Friday 18th.

Coffee Pot at 10.30am on Friday 18th, the best home-baking in the land: we're such good bakers in our own homes. All from our virtual lounge on our [Zoom page](#).

Songs of Praise Sunday 20th September
7.30pm Log in from our [Zoom page](#).

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

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