

Kirkliston Parish Church  
Easter 2020

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# Locum Minister's Message Easter 2020

Dear All,

Easter eggs, chicks and bunnies and all that commercialism associates with Easter have appeared in our shops once more in abundance and haste. It's wonderful though, at this time of year, to hear the birds singing again, to see buds appearing on the trees and the first shoots appearing through the soil - spring is on its way with the promise that daylight hours will be longer and the hope and expectation that the temperature will rise!



As many of you know, January brought for me some time away across in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania as I continue with my studies for a Doctorate in Ministry alongside being your Locum Minister. The course is run by the University of Edinburgh along with Pittsburgh Theological Seminary over a period of 3 – 5 years. Currently I am writing a paper entitled, 'Sport and Theology: Partners or Polar Opposites'. Once that is complete, I will be embarking on my final project bringing together the Church, sport and the Christian faith from a practical, theological and historical stance - which I am looking forward to carrying out here with you at Kirkliston.



The motto at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary is 'Bridging the Word and the World'. Through his life and the events of the Cross, Jesus bridges the gap between

us and God that we may live in the light of the Resurrection and his unfaltering, unending, unconditional love. What a wonderful message we have to share and what a wonderful opportunity Easter gives.

'For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.'

John 3: 16

I am thoroughly enjoying my time being with you again and I look forward to welcoming as many of you, your families and friends as are able to attend our variety of Holy Week services.

With Every Blessing

*Rev Christine M Clark*

## **Copper Coins and 5p Pieces**

I have recently sent £100 to Crossreach to help with the work at Springfield House and Sunflower Garden in Edinburgh, which is a safe space for people who have experienced significant trauma in their lives.

Please keep the coins coming.

*Muriel Naylor*

## **Kirky Krafters**

A big thank you to you all for giving us your old greetings cards.

They will be being put to good use later in the year.

*Ann Denholm*

## Advice for Churches: COVID-19 (Coronavirus)

The following is offered as guidance to congregations across the Church of Scotland.

At Communion services, churches should already be following best hygiene practices. This includes advising parishioners with coughs and sneezes to refrain from shaking hands during The Peace, if that is part of your service, and to take only the bread if your church does not use individual cups. If you need advice on Communion cups, or individual glasses, please [contact Brian Auld, Safe Buildings Consultant](#).

It is also best practice for churches to have hand sanitisers available for parishioners to use. Best hygiene practice should continue to be observed in all pastoral contacts.

Updated advice is available from [NHS Scotland](#).

Whilst in places of worship, there is no need to avoid other worshippers who are well or to change normal faith practices – this includes taking alcoholic wine from the common cup.

[Public Health Scotland](#) and the [UK Government](#) recommend that you should take usual infection prevention precautions including:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Use an alcohol-based hand sanitiser that contains at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are not available.

- Churches can underline the importance of handwashing by ensuring that hand sanitisers are not available in toilets where soap and water can be used.
- It is particularly important after taking public transport to use sanitiser on your hands.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Carry tissues to catch coughs and sneezes and bin the tissue.
- If you feel unwell, stay at home, do not attend work or school.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces in church buildings.
- The threat posed by COVID-19 has been assessed by the Chief Medical Officer as 'moderate'. This permits the Scottish Government to plan for all eventualities. The risk to individuals remains low.

## Travel advice

[Advice has also been issued](#) to travellers who have returned to the UK from a number of countries. This list of countries has been revised on 25th February and now includes parts of Northern Italy.

Anyone who has returned to the UK from any of these areas in the last 14 days and develops symptoms of cough or fever or shortness of breath should immediately:

- ◆ Stay indoors, avoid contact with other people as you would with the flu.
- ◆ Call NHS 111 to inform them of your recent travel to the country.

This information is being updated as and when new advice becomes available from NHS Scotland and the UK Government, so by the time you read this it may well have been superseded. **Revisit the web links above to check for updates.**



# Transport Rota

April – August 2020

## April

5 Ann Denholm  
12 Helen McPhee  
19 Ella Marsden  
26 Maggie McConnachie

## May

3 Helen McPhee  
10 Ella Marsden  
17 Maggie McConnachie  
24 Helen McPhee  
31 Ella Marsden

## June

7 Maggie McConnachie  
14 Ann Denholm  
21 Ann Denholm  
28 Ella Marsden

## July

5 Maggie McConnachie  
12 Ann Denholm  
19 Helen McPhee  
26 Ann Denholm

## August

2 Maggie McConnachie  
9 Ann Denholm  
16 Helen McPhee  
23 Ella Marsden  
30 Ann Denholm

**If you would like a lift to church,  
please contact the person on the  
rota by 9 a.m. (see below)**

If you have any transport queries, **contact Ann Denholm**

Maggie McConnachie	0131 333 3123
<b>Ann Denholm</b>	<b>0131 333 1834</b>
Helen McPhee	0131 333 2479
Ella Marsden	0131 333 0799

# Youth



RACHEL



BIBLE STUDY



POWERPOINT

Hi there, I'm Rachel. I am the Youth Worker for Kirkliston Parish. I am passionate about serving young people and sharing the Good News of Jesus with them. Along with an amazing group of volunteers, there are many ways we are doing this.

**Monday** Scripture Union, Queensferry High School, Lunchtime, RME classroom

**Wednesday** Young Adults Life Group. 7:30 (See Facebook page for more details)

**Friday** Youth nights 7-9, Church Centre

**Sunday** Discipleship classes take place during our Connections service 11:30 in the Church Centre. We have many more brilliant events and opportunities. Please stay in touch with our Facebook page for more details and regular updates.

We are very excited about our summer camps this year! We will be attending Magnitude which is a Festival for young people who want to hang out, take part in activities and also spend time with God in lively worship and teaching.

Contact: [rachel.henderson@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:rachel.henderson@hotmail.co.uk)

## Vacant Charge

The Presbytery Vacancy Advisory committee has asked us to remind people that our Vacancy may take several months for recruitment. There are over 100 minister vacancies across Scotland- which you can see on the Church of Scotland website.

Although some rural parishes have waited years, we are in the fortunate position of being in the central belt and near Edinburgh. We are also blessed with healthy finances, paid staff and teams to assist with mission, outreach, discipleship, worship, administration, youth and families work, pastoral care, property and finance.

Please pray that God's intended person will apply and that we will discern who they are. Your prayers are also requested for the Nominating Committee and the stages of its work.

*Paula Roots* (Session Clerk)

## Ladies Group

Sometimes it can be really just what we need...

Some lovely coffee  
Some lovely cake  
Some lovely venues

.... and most importantly...  
Some lovely fellowship.

If this appeals to you ladies then please join us.

At the time of writing, the next outing will be on 21st March when we plan to go to Mortonhall garden & craft centre. We usually meet at 10.30am in the square.

For transport purposes please give your name to Christina Pearson

Or call her on 0131 333 0333

## **Christian Book Club (CBC)**

It's amazing what can happen over a cup of coffee and a cheese scone!

Margaret Williamson and I, Karen McTighe, were enjoying our chat over coffee and I gave her a book that I'd just finished reading, which I thought she might like to read. Well, from this small gesture, by the time we'd finished our coffee we had invented our Christian Book Club .... informally known as CBC.

We've all heard of, or been members of, a book club at some time or other, but we both felt strongly that it should be Christian based. The books do not have to be deeply theological, but whether fiction, or non-fiction, they must all have a Christian theme.

After much discussion we decided that a 'reading pod' should be made up of a maximum number of six people..... any more would be difficult for everyone to have an opportunity to share their thoughts on the book of the month, and, if meeting in a coffee shop, more than six could be troublesome to find adequate room etc.

So, we have our reading pod up and running and if anyone is at all interested in finding out more, or is wishing to get their own reading pod together, both Margaret and I are more than happy to chat with you about it.

We are thoroughly enjoying it, and it's a great chance to have good-time fellowship over coffee, cake, and discussion.

The bonus of several reading pods is that we shall be able to recommend, and share books among us.

We look forward to hearing from all who may be interested.

***Karen McTighe***

## Drama Group

As part of its remit, the Worship Team has been looking at different ways of enhancing our Sunday morning worship, and possibly also our Mission and Outreach.

To that end, I would like to find out if anyone would like to join a church Drama Group, which initially would take part in Sunday services on occasion.

If you think you may be interested, please see me at church or phone me on 07944 560011.

*Liz Woollven [Worship Team member]*



## Property

The approval from the General Trustees for the extensive refurbishment of the manse is expected in March and a £5000 grant has been offered by the Trustees.

Tender prices have been received for the external repairs to the church as detailed in the Quinquennial report and a contractor will be appointed soon. We are still awaiting a response from HES regarding our application for a grant for this work on the church including the Norman Arch.

The Church of Scotland has offered financial support towards the costs of the external work on the church. It is planned to decorate the toilets in the church centre shortly.

*Wilson Marshall*

Property Team Leader

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## Tea Rota

Many of us who attend the first service or come later for Connections enjoy a chat over a tea or coffee between the services. We need more volunteers to make this possible by joining the rota. It's not hard work, and you will be helping to promote fellowship and friendship...

**Contact Gina King** for more details at [g\\_king\\_5@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:g_king_5@hotmail.co.uk)



# Flower Calendar

## April – August 2020



### April

- 5 Mrs I Pollock, Kirkstyle Gdns
- 12 **EASTER SUNDAY**
- 19 Mrs M Colquhoun, The Glebe
- 26 Mrs M McCready, Liston Place

### May

- 3 Mrs M Fairbairn, Newliston
- 10 Mrs V Edwards
- 17 Miss M Innes, The Glebe
- 24 Mrs J Provan, Allison Place
- 31 Mrs A Thomson, Maitland Road

### June

- 7 Mr & Mrs I Richmond, Lauson Pl.
- 14 Mrs Sibbald, Kirklands Park Gdns
- 21 Mr J Henderson, Maitland Road
- 28 Mrs E Marsden

## Flower Delivery

- April** Mrs V Edwards, Mrs L Woollven
- May** Mrs A Thomson, Mrs M McDonald, Mrs A McKay
- June** Mrs H McDonald, Mrs A Denholm, Mrs M Rooney
- July** Mrs J Fyfe, Mr B Hepburn, Mrs L Bird
- August** Mrs A Reilly, Mrs L Woollven, Mrs A Thomson

### Flower Calendar Continued ...

If you would like to help with flower deliveries or would like to provide the flowers at any time please let me know.

Thank you to everyone who has helped with the flowers over the past months, your help is very much appreciated.

*Joyce Brooks*

Flower Convenor Tel: 0131 333 3710

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## Life Groups

The Church runs a number of 'Life Groups' meeting on a regular basis, mostly fortnightly. They meet at different times to suit the needs of members. The numbers are usually 8-10, and they are quite varied in their styles and study material. We study the Bible, but are also a very sociable lot, and enjoy fun, fellowship and worship together too. It's a good place to grow in faith, and we find that as trust grows, we can share things that might not be possible on Sundays - it is really a place where we learn to be better disciples of Jesus and use the gifts and skills He has given us.

We would love to see more people enjoy the benefits and blessings of Life groups. Some can't take any more members, but there are still a few places, and we can soon start a new group if necessary.... Here are the details of who leads them and when they meet

**Linda & Keith Moss** – alternate Tuesday mornings at 10am in Keith and Linda's home.

**The Women's group** – alternate Tuesday evenings at 7.30 Led by Jane Stein, meeting in Morag Carnall's home in Broxburn

**Katie & Wilson Marshall's group** – alternate Thursdays at 2pm in Katie and Wilson's home

**Christine Pearson's group** – alternate Monday evenings at 7.00pm in Christina's home in Newbridge

**John & Heather McPhee's group** – alternate Monday evenings at 7.30pm - alternating between John & Heather's and Jay and Minjee's homes.

**Rachel & Chris Hawkins Young Person's Group** - Weekly on Wednesday evenings at 7.30pm in Rachel & Chris's home in Corstorphine.

Speak to John McPhee or group leaders for more information.

# From The Scottish Prison Service

## Letter To Joan McConnachie

Colin O'Flaherty, who organises the distribution of Christmas gifts from Kirkliston Parish Church and others writes to Joan ...

Dear Joan,

Thank you for your support for the Edinburgh Prison Christmas Gift Collection. It is difficult to measure in words the difference your gifts make. Your support for the gift collection over the years has helped thousands of families and children in this area. Many of these children would not have had any presents to open on Christmas Day if not for your kindness and generosity. Some of you have been supporting the prison gift collection for thirty-four years.

The gift collection was started by the Reverend Murrie, the Prison Chaplain and Minister at Kirkliston Parish Church. The Reverend Murie was acutely aware of the difficulties faced by the families of those in the care of H.M. Prison Edinburgh at this time of year.

This year your kindness and generosity has helped 229 children from 119 families had Christmas presents to open on Christmas Day. The gifts were distributed through the visitor's centre managed by Barnardo's. Included in this number were several Christmas parties arranged through the prison family officers and the Barnardo's staff. These parties were held in the visit room in the prison and were attended by the fathers and mothers who were in the prison. One of my colleagues was Santa Claus at these parties.

Some of the surplus gifts will be given to the charity Friends of Chernobyl's Children. The remaining gifts will be used in the visitor centre throughout the year for birthdays.

Once again, I would like to personally thank you.

Kindest Regards

Colin O'Flaherty

## Church Roll

There have been a few enquiries from people checking to see if their name is on the Church roll or who their area elder is. I am very happy for people to contact me as the Roll Keeper, and you can speak to me personally, phone me or email me at

Phone number 07921317516

Email address [kwfmckay@btinternet.com](mailto:kwfmckay@btinternet.com)

Can I also remind you that if you move house you should advise me of your new address to ensure that the roll is kept up to date with the correct current information.

*Karen McKay*

Roll Keeper

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## The Guild

By the time you read this article we will have almost completed this session. This year we have been grateful to the Guild members who have come forward and offered to lead a meeting. This has been very successful and we would hope to continue to build on this style in the future.

Since Christmas we have welcomed speakers on a variety of topics, including the International Rescue Corps and The Yard. We also look forward to welcoming Rob Brechin on March 25th as he gives us an insight into the haggis breeding programme.

A final date for diaries is Wednesday 15th April when our annual Spring Tea will be held. Entertainment will be provided by The Swingettes. Tickets are available from Guild members. *Maureen Glen*

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**Final: Next Newsletter Articles Deadline is Sunday 5 July 2020 !!**

# Who's Who In Kirkliston Parish Church

## Interim Moderator

Rev Dr John Cowie [jcowie@churchofscotland.org.uk](mailto:jcowie@churchofscotland.org.uk)

## Locum Minister

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## Session Clerk

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Karen McKay [kwfmckay@btinternet.com](mailto:kwfmckay@btinternet.com)

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## Social Media



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