Outreach

St Kentigern’s Church

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The newsletter from St Kentigern’s Church

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LETTER FROM SESSION CLERK

Hello friends,

I hope this finds you well. Most of you will hopefully have had your COVID jags and not feeling the worst for wear of them. I still await my second with trepidation from suffering badly from the first but it won’t stop me getting it.

As we move into unknown territory with the General Assembly stating that there will be big changes in Presbyteries including more closures, nobody truly knows what lies ahead for us. We have to take each week as it comes and do what we can to share our faith in a variety of ways and as often as possible. Hopefully over the next month or two more events will be allowed and even the chance to talk to one another in church might happen. I know it is hard not to wander around and chat to friends inside the building but for now, it is not allowed. Be patient…Follow the rules and we will get out of this quickly. It may seem that we are being overly protective in following guidelines but everyone’s health comes first, before everything else.

If any of our members who used to help with welcome duty would like to start helping out again then please let me know and I can add you to the rota. It is a very small team at the moment for both the count and welcome duty and it would help ease the pressure on everyone if we had a few more names.

I know some people will be heading off on holiday next month, whether in this country or one of the “safe” countries abroad but please remember to stay safe. Find time to recharge those batteries if you need to, get out and enjoy the fresh air of nature (even in the rain) or take up a new activity. All these things will help with your mental wellbeing and keep you strong. Remember it is written “God carries us when we are weak, fights our battles for us, and sustains us with His goodness:….and in the wilderness. There you saw how the Lord your God carried you, as a father carries his son, all the way you went until you reached this place.” Deuteronomy 1:31

Until next time, when I hope to chat with you in person.

Tracey Hamilton
Communion

Communion is due to be held on 6th June and we agreed at Kirk Session to go ahead on that date.

However, it may well be oversubscribed as we have not held communion during the pandemic and people would feel very disappointed if they had to be turned away. Rev Anne has agreed with Tracey Hamilton that we will therefore offer it twice, once on the 6th and again on the 20th.

Anne have also arranged with Tracey Grant that people who are unable to get a place on the 6th can be immediately booked in to the 20th to ensure they can experience communion.

**People who attend on the 6th will not be able to book for the 20th until the usual time.** So anyone who wants to take communion on the 20th should book before the 13th.

Communion will be less formal than usual as individual cups and wafers will be used and no elders will be involved. Instead people will pick up their own cup and wafer as they come in and open them at the appropriate time, when instructed.
Some wee reminders

When we come to church on Sundays, at present we still have to follow these rules, to keep ourselves and others safe. We hope that they will be relaxed in the near future.

- We enter by the door at the lounge and leave by the main door. The main door can be used for wheelchair access to church.
- On entering and leaving the church you need to sanitize your hands and must wear a mask, at all times. If you have an exemption from wearing a mask for medical reasons, you can get an exemption card which should be worn on a lanyard whilst in church.
- You will be shown to the your seat by one of the ushers on duty and once seated you shouldn’t move about. You should sit on one of the hearts in the pews or on the chairs in the hall.
- There is a one way only system within the building, which we encourage you to follow.
- Please remain seated in the large hall, so that others can see the large screen unless told otherwise.
- Once the service has ended you will be advised when you can leave by one of the ushers on duty.
- We encourage everyone to have a blether after church but this should be done in the car park or on the path at the side of the lounge. Please remember to stay 2 metres apart.
- If you have an offering, please put it in the plate as you enter the building.

Thank you for your cooperation which helps to keep us all safe.

The Kirk Session.
Could you help out?

There are always wee jobs to be done around the church and now that the restrictions are easing, the Property SIG are hoping that some of the congregation will be able to help out in some way by doing odd jobs to spruce the church up inside and out. Such as:

- Can you spare some time to help out with gardening at the front of the church?
- Can you get rid of the weeds from around the church?
- Could you clean the passageway leading from the rear door to the large hall?
- Could you perhaps repaint the passageway once cleaned?
- Could you paint the railings at the front of the church?
- We also need a wee bit of bricklaying at the steps.

There will probably be other wee jobs to be done to help make our church stand out in our community!

If you can help in any way please contact our Property Convener, Willie Craig. Telephone 522764 or 07940 733854.
Summer’s splendor

Summer's splendor by the sea,
a gentle, blue serenity.

Caressing rays of golden sun,
blushing, bronzing all who come.

Enticed by its romantic lure,
lovers stroll the sandy shore.

Hushing rhythm of the waves
and salty, misty ocean sprays.

Sea birds echo call of cries,
pierce the deep blue azure skies.

Dolphins dancing on their way
across the sea out to the bay.

A glistening, shiny, sun-soaked day.
All young and old alike at play,

building castles by the sea,
jumping waves and spirits free.

No place on earth as perfect to be
as summer's splendor by the sea!

Patricia L. Cisco

Ordination of new elders

On Sunday 18th April Rev Anne McAllister ordained 5 new elders to the Kirk Session, during our morning service.

They are (from left to right) Callum and Mhairi McNee, Stacey Campbell and Ross and Anne McCabe. They are the first elders to be ordained in St Kentigern’s since 2010 and will be a welcome addition to the Session. As we were still under Covid restrictions, Session members clapped them rather offering the right hand of fellowship.

We wish them well and God’s blessings.
PHONE IN SERVICE

PHONE IN SERVICE – NEW DIAL NUMBER 444269 
(or 01563 444269 or +44 1563444269 from abroad)

This service has worked well in terms of quality of sound until recently and efforts have been made to seek another provider for the service.

One has been identified which provides the ability to listen to the service as it happens (11 am on a Sunday), with no pressing of a number on their phone keypad

Folks will also be able to listen to the service from around 2 pm onwards on the Sunday. For the recorded service, press 1 to the listen to it, as before. There is no delay before hearing the recording, unlike the last company where a wait of 30 seconds was the norm.

This will be in operation from Sunday 30th May onwards.

As before, the cost is that of a local call and, depending on your phone contract, may be free.

Give it a try!

Jim McHardy

My tel. no. is 01563 527786 or 079 299 12150
Youth Church

Youth Church has continued to meet on a Sunday evening on Zoom. The leaders have been delighted at the commitment and faithfulness of the young folk attending this whenever they can, since the start of the Pandemic.

We have had very interesting discussions over recent weeks about Holy Week and the importance of the Resurrection. Mhairi talked about the story of Daniel. Lewis led one evening, discussing some parallels between the old and new testament. Tracy explored the story of the Good Samaritan, Ross discussed ideas on how to help us pray and Callum looked into the meanings behind some of the miracles.

We look forward to our last zoom meeting for the summer on 13th June. It will be one of Celebration and Thanksgiving for the past year. Andrew will join us as he is graduating from junior church and starting secondary school after the summer.

5 of our members sat important exams in May and Emily and Lewis will be leaving school in June. We pray for God's blessing as they go on to further education.

We hope to meet up for an outing over the summer holidays, as restrictions ease.

Clarinda McHardy and Youth Church leaders.
Telephone Booking System

At present we still need to use the booking service as we are only allowed 50 people maximum in the church. This is in accordance with the 2 metre distance rule still being in place.

Tracey Grant is our contact for booking and should you wish to attend the Sunday morning service you will have to call Tracey on 07885 813420 by 5 pm the previous Friday.

Tracey is now back at work, so if there is no answer, please leave a message, with the information required below.

We will require the name and contact telephone number of one person per household, the number of places required and whether you consent to being on the live-stream video. The list will be kept secure for 21 days, before being destroyed.

From the Treasurer

Please consider trying a standing order as this method of giving, helps our financial stability in unexpected circumstances.

Alternatively, there is also now an online donation facility on the Church of Scotland website (https://cos.churchofscotland.org.uk/donate/) if this would suit you better.

Should you have any queries or require any assistance I can be contacted by phone on 01563 536603 or email on treasurer@stkentigern.org.uk. I would be grateful if you could advise when direct giving is being set up or a revised standing order is set up to help with the ongoing administration required.

Once again I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued giving to support the work of our Church.

Ross McCabe (treasurer)
A Daily Prayer

Lord bless and protect all my family,
keep them safe and aid them if they require it.
Thank you Lord for your continued love
and support in trying times.
Be with all who are anxious and show them calmness
and keep your loving arms around us all.
This I ask in the name of Christ our Lord and Saviour.

Amen

We have a daily prayer both on our website www.stkentigern.org.uk
and on our Facebook page, available from 8 am each day. We can also
text you the daily prayer and if you’d like this please contact Ann Brown on 01563 532527.

Why not have a wee look? It may set you up for the day.
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If you have a computer/tablet/smart phone or even a smart TV, you can access our streamed service on a Sunday at 11 am on either our website www.stkentigern.org.uk under ‘Live Streaming’ or on our YouTube channel, just look for St Kentigern’s Church.