

Kirkliston Parish Church

Newsletter August 2020

*Be Joyful In Hope,
Patient In Affliction,
Faithful in Prayer*

Romans 12:12

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Note From The Editor

This summer edition of our newsletter is somewhat reduced in content, reflecting the impact of the global virus pandemic affecting so much of our lives currently and the curtailment of church life as we normally know it.

We live in hope of normal service being resumed soon. Stay safe!

Locum Minister's Message Summer 2020

Dear All,

What a time the last few months have been - unprecedented is of course the word that is bandied about. As I write this we are waiting to hear, in the next few days, if we will move forward into Phase 3 of release from lockdown and what that will mean for the church. Perhaps by the time that you read this we will be back meeting together in person in some way.

I hope that you have still felt connected over this time whether through your Elder or the Pastoral Team, our Zoom Gatherings and Communions, our Website and Facebook recordings or the weekly message delivered to some and available for all to view, on the Church Notice Board, when out walking. Be assured that throughout lockdown and as we cautiously release you are covered by prayer.

When I wrote for the last Newsletter lockdown was a word on the horizon, something heard about on the news, happening in other countries. The reality then came quite quickly to us and it's a wonderful credit to KPC, how well and how quickly the church community adapted.

Now as we emerge it is a time of anticipation and new realities. For yourselves as a church, not only do you have a time of anticipation of what it will be like to meet together again but also the anticipation of a new phase in ministry as despite lockdown the Nominating Committee have continued with their discernment and search.

'May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.'
Romans 15: 13

I look forward very much to seeing you all again, hearing your stories of lockdown with its ups and downs and all of the ideas that have been brewing regarding the way KPC will emerge out of lockdown and vacancy, and the opportunities both may bring.

With Every Blessing

Rev Christine Clark

Our Missionary Partner (On furlough from Calcutta)

1st. July 2020

Dear all,

Warm greetings from Korea.

I hope this finds you well though we all live in such a challenging season, personally, socially and globally. Since I came back home, I have been doing something different than how I would have lived out my life in the city of Joy.

Physically, I am living with mum, looking after her, cooking and keeping a company for her. Mum and I go to the church service



Jen and Mum

together and worship. I found it is safe enough as we follow the Govt's guidance. This weekend, we will attend the family wedding and will meet all of my relatives some of whom I haven't met for many years. Emotionally, I feel a good sense of connection with colleagues and team members in Kolkata as we have zoom calls and a team meeting daily which keeps me occupied.

Having said that I was overwhelmed to hear depressing news and needs of daily lives for many under privileged people. At the same time, having unsettled feelings of guilt that I left the country when people are going through such a challenging season bothered me much. I struggled with the thought that my departure would discourage women and the team members even further in a midst of their difficult circumstances. The hope that I had in early this year that my life and the communal life would have a thriving experience seemed not possible and all efforts till now seemed so insignificant!

Nowadays, however I realise that my perspective is pretty limited and perhaps wrong. Jesus once said that **"I have come that you may have life and have it more abundantly"** in John's Gospel. His promise of fullness of life is not something we can look for the future, but it is for the present time as well, in a midst of crisis that we are all experiencing in some degrees right now. I understood that the abundant life that Jesus promised can't be conditioned by the situations we find ourselves.

Then what does it look like? How do we experience that fullness of life in Christ in a challenging situation?

Paul encouraged Timothy in 2 Tim 1:12, “**because I know whom I have believed, and am convinced that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him until that day**”. Whom do we believe? It is God who is Sovereign, good and faithful. Even though the circumstances are hard, God is still in control and we believe that he won’t let anything happen to us outside of His purpose.

It is not because of how strong faith we have, rather it is about who He is, He is the source of sustaining power. He is good and faithful! Although we live in this uncertain season of our lives, this season allows us to re-set our priorities, our perspectives and reassures our hope in Christ alone.

When I am communicating with people of communities, I am encouraged by how much they take each day with appreciation and thankfulness in everything. I can see how much people value sharing with each other; looking after those who need food, faithfully participating in intercessory prayer through zooms, and honestly sharing their struggles. By doing these, I think we are learning how to live out more meaningfully in the tension between the reality of life on the earth and trusting God. Surely, for me it is a small taste of His abundant life that I experience through the fellowship of people of India. Of course, having the opportunity to stay with the family back home here is another way of experiencing richness in Christ and I am very thankful to Him for this.

Please pray for me and people :

1. Our state in India extended the lockdown till 31st July.
Please pray that people will go through well this season.

2. Jeevan Dhara community has been much affected. Please pray for the protection of the elderly and young children that their daily needs will be provided.
3. For the women's training centre, we try to encourage ourselves through daily calls, and prepare for the time that we will re-open. Please pray that the team members and women focus on God's promising words and find hope.
4. I am trying to be healthier in many aspects so that I will be ready to go back. Please pray that I will spend the time wisely during this furlough.
5. We all be able to guard the precious truth that has been entrusted to us through the power of the Holy Spirit who lives within us.

Thanking you all for praying for me and I also remember you all. Let's trust that season will pass by.

Blessings. Jen (Jenghee You)

General Fund Shortfall

The General Fund is the main congregational account, which has suffered a substantial loss of income from weekly offerings through the 'plate' or offering bags, loss of rental income and contributions from

people coming for lunches etc. over the past 4 months.

Although some offerings may be made up when we resume worship, we are still due to experience a serious gap between our income and our outgoings as we still

contribute to the Church of Scotland's Ministries and Mission fund, and have to maintain the buildings. In addition in this year of a vacancy, we decided to refurbish the manse for our new minister, and although we have requested grants, we have been

awarded less than we expected.

Would you prayerfully consider supporting this essential work? If you already give, a small increase would help. If you would like to setup a standing order then -

Moira Gaynor our Treasurer will be happy to help with paperwork. There is also a giving facility on our website.

If you pay income tax you can sign up for Gift Aid, where we

reclaim 25% more without any cost to you.

Thankyou to all of you for supporting your church.

Paula Roots
Session Clerk

Pastoral Care

As home visits and nursing home visits have not been possible during lockdown, the Pastoral Care Team have been keeping in touch with members of the congregation on our '1-2-3' list by telephone, socially distanced visiting or sending out cards. We hope it won't be too much longer before we can resume visiting normally once again.

Linda Moss
Pastoral Care Team Lead

Pew Wit

Newspaper report:



'Rev MacDonald presided and opened and opened and opened the meeting with prayer.'

Re-opening Church Buildings

Following the Scottish Government's announcement that churches could re-open 'for private prayer' we are planning how best to do this safely. There are strict conditions to meet, including safe

systems for seating, entry and exit. We need supplies of hand sanitiser which we will receive around 24th July.

We hope and pray that we can re-open for private prayer and small funerals by the end of July. *We are not yet planning for public worship.*

Further announcements are expected from the First Minister during the week of 6th July which may allow further events to take place during August. These announcements may have been too late for this newsletter edition, however current updates will be displayed on our website and on Facebook.

Paula Roots
Session Clerk

Prayer Requests

On our church website at the online address shown below, there is a facility allowing prayers to be requested by anyone and everyone who want their own prayers to be augmented and covered by the church prayer group who meet weekly, currently on Zoom, on a Tuesday evening.

Requests are registered using an online form which may be used anonymously if desired, with no obligation or commitment sought from the user. Prayers will be presented anonymously on the website until such time as the prayer group indicate the prayer has been covered.

<http://www.kirkliston-parish-church.org.uk/request-prayer/>



Transport Rota

August – December 2020

August

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

September

6	Maggie McConnachie
13	Ann Denholm
20	Helen McPhee
27	Ella Marsden

October

4	Maggie McConnachie
11	Ann Denholm
18	Helen McPhee
25	Ella Marsden

November

1	Maggie McConnachie
8	Ann Denholm
15	Helen McPhee
22	Ella Marsden
29	Maggie McConnachie

December

6	Ann Denholm
13	Helen McPhee
20	Ella Marsden
27	Maggie McConnachie

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

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

Maggie McConnachie	0131 333 3123
Ann Denholm	0131 333 1834
Helen McPhee	0131 333 2479
Ella Marsden	0131 333 0799

Scottish Places Quiz

Thank you everyone who took part in the fund-raiser quiz. I received 25 correct entries and the winner was Linda Leith. Answers below in a snapshot of the original (hopefully legible to all);

KIRKLISTON PARISH CHURCH		PRICE £1	The answers are Scottish towns/places
The proceeds of this quiz will go towards our dishwasher fund. Completed entries to be returned to Ann Denholm by 31st March The winner will be drawn from the correct entries.		Please put your contact details on the back of your entry	
1	Thirsty Lads	6	DRYMEN
2	Agitate heather	8	STIRLING
3	Teddy's lair	8	BEARSDEN
4	Not small	6	BIGGAR
5	Seek instrument	8	FINDHORN
6	Not a hot stair (anag)	5.7	RATHO STATION
7	Scorched isle	11	BUMENTISLAND
8	has twenty one spots	4	DYCE
9	Hawaiian greeting	5	ALLOA
10	Spicy Indian dish	6	CURRIE
11	Pricky but healthy	8	HOLYWELL
12	The firmament	4	SKYE
13	No medals here	5	FORTH
14	Copper chef	8	PENICUIK
15	We breathe it	3	AYR
16	Siblings are happy to hear this	10	MOTHERWELL
17	Royal instrument	8	KINGHORN
18	USA cash	6	DOLLAR
19	Chilly burn	10	COLDSTREAM
20	Pebbly stream	10	STONEBURN
21	Metal container	7	TYNDROM
22	Borrow rector	8	LOANHEAD
23	Think it over	4	MULL
24	No flame without it	4	WICK
25	Toss the Fiesta	8	HURLFORD
26	Satan's funny bone	6.5	DEVILS ELBOW
27	Stupid chips	8	DUMFRIES
28	JR's home town	6	DALLAS
29	Pond sheep	7	POOLEWE
30	Church rota isn't off	10	KIRKLISTON

Ann Denholm

Youth Worker Update

This is perhaps not the Summer update we were expecting. A few months ago we would have been expecting our camps and Summer activities to be well underway. But, unfortunately, due to the Corona-virus outbreak, these activities have not been able to go ahead.



Although we miss these events, we are not down-hearted. God has directed our ministry in new ways during this season of change. In a flurry of Zoom meetings and online content God has continued to bless us in many ways.

Our weekly activities have moved into the online space. Our Young Adults meet on a Wednesday and Youth on a Sunday afternoon. Please feel free to contact us if you would like the details of these meetings. We have all enjoyed the connections we have had with each other each week and look forward to the new phase of meeting in gardens and outside open spaces.

Our online context has also increased, we are no longer limited by who we speak to face-to-face as anyone can access our messages online. We have enjoyed learning new skills and have created our own YouTube Channel and Blog. We would never have imaged this 4 months ago, it has been great fun!

God has been challenging and increasing our faith in Him every day, we pray this continues as we become closer to Him and trust in him more. Thank you for your continued prayers and support, they are deeply appreciated by us!

Blog: www.youthministryinlockdown.blogspot.com

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCqI07RUaByrRHcB5RjCx8dw/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/KirklistonYouthKPC>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/kirklistonyouthkpc/>

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Rachel Hawkins

Parish Register

The register of recent weddings, baptisms, and funerals within the parish in the last quarter of the year.

Funerals

"I am the resurrection and the life" (John 11:25)

April 2020 Margaret Edwards, Kirkliston
James (Jim) McDonald, Kirkliston

May 2020 Isa Campbell, Ratho Station
Tommy Reeder, Newbridge
Thomas (Tom) Hislop, Ratho Station

Afternoon Tea

Thank you to those of you who bought tickets for the afternoon tea on 4th April. If I could ask you to hold onto your tickets for now, and just as soon as it's possible to do so, we will go ahead with our afternoon tea.

Obviously I have no idea yet, how or when, that is likely to be.

If you would rather have your money refunded, please let me know and I will arrange that. Hopefully you are all staying safe and looking forward to socialising again together as much as I am.

Ann Denholm

Property

Work started at the end of June on the renovation of the manse. The insulation in the manse is poor and the boiler is over 13 years old resulting in high energy costs.

The kitchen units are probably 30 years old and in poor condition. The Church of Scotland requires manses to have a

minimum number of bedrooms and public rooms to meet the requirements. Part of the garage is being converted into a utility room and the refurbished kitchen will be extended to include an open plan dining area.

The work is planned to be completed in late August.

Wilson Marshall

Property Team Leader

Covid-19 and KPC

A couple of the changes at Kirkliston Parish Church resulting from the impact of Coronavirus, albeit temporary in nature thus far;

Activity on Zoom

If you were not already aware, you might like to know that all of our Life Groups are meeting online via the now ubiquitous Zoom application from Microsoft. John McPhee may have more information if required. Other business is similarly conducted online removing the need for physical proximity to colleagues.

Video Streaming

Regular streaming of Sunday and mid-week videos can be found on the KPC website at <http://www.kirkliston-parish-church.org.uk/videostream/>. These come from the minister with volunteers participating, and have been online since the start of 'lockdown'.

Pew Wit

Happy is the minister with a wife to tell him what to do, and an assistant to do it.





Flower Calendar

September – December 2020



September

- 6 Mrs J Dall, The Square
- 13 Mrs K McKay, Kirklands Park St
- 20 Mrs J Brooks, Stewart Place
- 27 Mrs B Hamilton, The Glebe

November

- 1 Mrs M Lindsay
- 8 **Remembrance**, Mrs M Brechin
- 15 Mr G McConnachie, The Buie
- 22 Mrs C Kellet, High St
- 29 Mrs C Pearson, Newbridge

October

- 4 **Harvest Thanksgiving**
- 11 Mrs E Robertson, The Glebe
- 18 Mrs M Gray, Main Street
- 25 Mrs J McConnachie, Maitland Rd

December

Church Decorated For Christmas

Flower Delivery

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| September | Mrs A Denholm, Mrs E Marsden, Mrs C Douglas |
| October | Ms J Wemyss, Mrs J McConnachie, Mrs M Glen |
| November | Mrs F & L Wynne, Mrs A Reilly, Mrs C Pearson |
| December | Mrs M Rooney, Mrs A Kay, Mrs A Thomson |

I am including the Flower Calendar in the hope that we will be able to meet in the Church before too long. When we can meet for prayer I intend to put some flowers in the Church in the hope that they bring some comfort to you as you come to pray. If you wish to make a contribution please just give me a ring.

Joyce Brooks

Flower Convenor Tel: 0131 333 3710



We trust you are all keeping well and safe during the lock-down period. We are all missing catching up with friends at meetings and at church, but when everything starts up again, we will have so much to share, especially how we passed our time. Maureen and I have met up with quite a lot of members during our daily walks, spoken by phone, or even met up via Zoom - an education for us all.

Obviously, the last part of our year's syllabus was cancelled and, no-one knows when we will start up again. The Annual Guild Meeting in Dundee has been cancelled in September, but there will be a Virtual Annual Gathering and, we will order the DVD to show at one of our meetings. You can get weekly messages/reports from the Church of Scotland Guild Office online if you are interested.

We will keep you informed as to when we are able to meet up once more but, in the meantime stay safe and enjoy the summer.

Maureen Glen & Joan McConnachie

Pew Wit

Two friends met after many years. Filling each other in on news, George asked "Did I tell you about my grandchildren?" to which Sam replied "No, and I certainly appreciate it".



KIDS@KPC

This year has certainly not been what any of us expected, has it? I had my planner, all ready for Easter dates, assemblies, Royal Highland Show and Holiday Club. Sad to say, my planner is now practically redundant, apart from Zoom meetings!

COVID 19 has brought us many challenges and the lockdown has meant our contact with children and families in the village has been restricted to sharing videos on the internet and a socially distant chat if we meet whilst out walking. I have had to learn new skills, new technical skills, which have at times tested me immensely. However, the three P's have gotten me this far – Perseverance, Practice and Prayer.

I have been busy recording children's lessons in my studio, formerly known as my conservatory. Having never recorded lessons in my life it has been a learning experience, but one I have enjoyed.

littlekids@kpc: We have started to provide videos for pre-school children based on 'Play Through the Bible'. There is a cartoon story, a few crafts and a song based on a bible story. So far, we have covered creation and Adam and Eve, where we created a Garden of Eden. For Noah, we built an ark out of cardboard boxes and decorated it, and for Abraham, a tent out of a paper bag. Never have I had such respect for Blue Peter! It is a great way to connect with the younger children and families, and for them to learn the bible through play.

kids@kpc: Through videos, we have continued our provision for primary 1-7. We were able to cover the whole of Holy Week, which we are not normally in the position to do. We followed the journey to the Ascension

and Pentecost, and we are now following the book of Acts and the early church. Stories, cartoons, film clips, bible readings, crafts, and object lessons have been used throughout this lockdown period to reach the children in church and our community. The videos for littlekids@kpc and kids@kpc will continue throughout the summer.

Both **Dynamite and Little Coffee Stop** were unable to continue due to lockdown, but we look forward to resuming when we can safely.

CAB: Videos with challenges and experiments have been posted on the community Facebook page to keep contact with the children and families. It is a challenging time given the restrictions we have in place due to the pandemic, and has required some creative thinking and internet searching to find activities that are different and engaging.

Holiday Club: We are going to have a 'Virtual Holiday Club' this year through the power of technology. It is called 'Wonder Zone' from Scripture Union and includes challenges, science experiments, bible stories and small group discussions. This is new, uncharted territory for everyone involved and will take place through Zoom. As a church we have held a Holiday Club every year and this is a fantastic, if somewhat scary, opportunity to hold it this year. We have the support of Scripture Union Scotland, and more importantly, our fantastic volunteers who have agreed to help in this venture.

Lockdown has been a challenge, forced us into doing things differently and has taken us into uncharted territory. It has also meant learning new skills, thinking creatively, and giving us opportunities to connect with those outside the walls of the church building.

Please do continue to pray for the work we are doing, and that we continue to be led by God in these difficult times.

Kirsten Marcelin
Children and Families Worker

Online Donations Facility

A donation from you can help support the Church's work in the Kirkliston area (or elsewhere if chosen) and ensure the Church is sufficiently equipped and resourced to face these challenging times resulting from the COVID-19 Pandemic and beyond.

Through our new donation form, you can choose to give a one-off donation or donate every month. You can opt to direct your gift to a specific congregation or contribute to the general funds of the Church for use wherever the need is greatest. By visiting the Church of Scotland website using the online address <https://churchofscotland.org.uk/donate>, you will be able to;

1. Choose where you wish to donate to
2. Opt in to gift aid (applicable to UK taxpayers only)
3. Complete your donation via PayPal

Finally: The Next Newsletter Articles Deadline is
Sunday 29th November 2020

Who's Who In Kirkliston Parish Church

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