

The next circulation of the newsletter will be on the

7th June 2020



If you have any news, stories, poems or snippets you would like to share, please pass them to me by Sunday 31st May at the latest.

Thank you

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May 2020 Newsletter



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Dear friends

Thankfully this is at least one way we can keep in touch.

You'll see elsewhere what is possible if you can get online, and also even a way of listening to a sermon on a telephone! It's not as ideally we would want it, but we are in this together. Please do again feel you can ask for help if you need it, even for the smallest thing.



With church buildings closed, Easter celebrations were very different this year. When Jesus rose from the dead, it was very much about seeing him and being together for all that it was nevertheless already so very different. We now need to sustain our hope of seeing one another again, physically, just as we are most certainly invited to know that in the largest horizon of hope - even beyond our imagination! – there will come a time when we shall be together and seeing Christ face to face!

There are blessings for us all through faith. It comes as a free gift. We who have ourselves let down others, and we who have ourselves been let down, are to see that this is not how it should be nor indeed how it will be, by the grace of God. There is everything to hope for by turning to the one who gave himself for us, who came that sins might be forgiven. Faith, belief, as I said in a recent sermon, is at heart a kindling of love. You like myself will have friends who perhaps we haven't seen (regardless of coronavirus) for some time, and yet the bond is very much there; the connection can pick up again so wonderfully. So it is the more we let go in love towards Jesus Christ who has so loved us. The more we can grasp of who he truly is, his faith, his commitment, his strength even through weakness, it is a gift to us. We are not made to walk alone. He gives himself in spirit to walk alongside us.

So let the flame burn. Give me oil in my lamp. Don't ask to manage just on your own. This is so important, and if we have an opportunity to share it with others, especially at this time, I pray with you that the peace of knowing Christ by whom we are known will change lives.

Yours, Peter



Weekly Offerings

With no Sunday services taking place, this has had an effect on our cashflow and we are very grateful for those who currently give by monthly standing order as it has allowed us to meet our various financial obligations. We are in a good position with some reserves which will help us. However, it would be a great help if more members could give by standing order, although setting this up may not be at all possible, but if it's something you would like to consider the bank details are –

Bank	RBS Coatbridge
Sort Code	83-15-11
Account Number	00130391
Account Name	Calderbank Parish Church

If anyone has weekly offering envelopes and wish these to be collected, please get in touch.

Piggy Banks



It would be round about now that we arrange to collect your piggy banks from you. If you would like to empty your piggy bank into a bag we can arrange to have this uplifted from your door.

If this is of interest to you then please contact Joyce MacIver.



Foodbank



Our Foodbank project is still operating at this time on a reduced service, but equally an extremely busy time where we have naturally seen a big increase in demand.

Our Wednesday service is still operating from St. Edwards RC Church and we had to temporary relocate from Airdrie Baptist Church on a Friday as they have had a complete close down. We are extremely grateful to our linked friends at Cairnlea Parish Church for allowing us to operate on a Friday morning – a vital service before the weekend when there's no foodbanks operating.

We are also grateful to many local individuals and businesses who have made financial or food donations . Also, we have been allocated Engineers from British Gas who have been able to make deliveries of food parcels to people who are self isolating , collecting donations and generally helping with making sure things are ticking over at this busy time.

We have been successful with various emergency grant applications and thanks to Radio Clyde Cash for Kids, The Scottish Government , SCVO and CAF for their grant awards to help local children and families during this crisis.

Churches Together

The Moderator recently commented that he had had more contact, and very meaningful exchanges, during Lockdown with other church leaders than in all the months before. For myself, just in Airdrie and Calderbank, likewise the contacts with other ministers has been enhanced rather than diminished by our need to think imaginatively and supportively through these days. So one thing which has very much been to the fore has been the sense of praying for one another and praying with one another. Each Sunday, at 7 pm, there is an encouragement to join together in a common form of prayer, from which we then might be spurred to pray further. Since you may or may not have been able to access this (online!), I print one of these prayers – first recommended on 26 April:

Lord, we are those who journey and who find that journey hard today.
We are those who journey and long to find our hope renewed.
Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Lord, whether in our own company or with companions beside us,
we journey on.
Whether sure, or unsure, as to our journey's end,
come beside us through the risen Lord.
Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Lord, we pray for others;
for carers of the living and of the dying;
for the bereaved and for the anxious;
for those fearing loss of work and of business.
Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Lord, we pray for scientists and researchers;
for those seeking to understand the challenge we face;
for those creating potential vaccines;
for those advising decision-makers.
Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Lord, we pray for those who shape our common life:
in local Councils and in Scottish Government
and in the Government of the United Kingdom.
Grant to them wisdom, compassion and understanding.
Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Lord, we pray for your Kingdom to come
and for your will to be done, on earth as it is in heaven
Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.



We **extend our sympathy** to the family of the late

Donald MacIver of Park Road, on 1st May 2020.



The Month of May

Since I had positive feedback about knowing in advance what passages we might be reading in Sunday worship, I'll try to keep some notice going on that! Traditionally the readings around Pentecost come from the book of Acts, so that prompted the thought that at least from late May we might do a series of readings in that book of the Bible. And before that, more of a miscellany...

Therefore, if you would like to be prepared, what about:

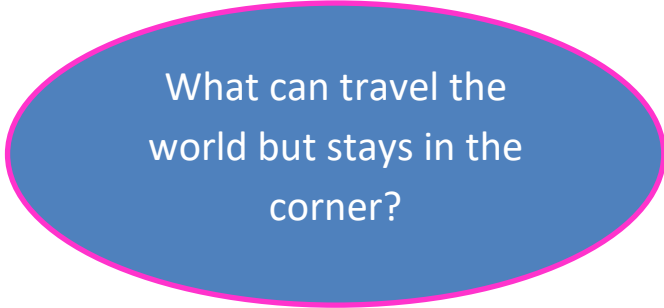
May 4th – 10th I'm suggesting this week we allow Psalm 31 to be our text. It's quite a long Psalm, so no need to read it just all in one day; or else, even if you do, come back to it a few times. Linger on any sentences or sections which strike you.

May 11th – 17th This would be the week to read John chapter 14. The early part of that will be known almost off by heart by some of you. But read it all.

May 18th - 24th This would be the time to open the book of Acts and read chapter 1 just. You might notice links with Luke's Gospel – read the very opening of Luke's Gospel (chapter 1, vv. 1-4); and also the very end of Luke's Gospel (ch. 24, vv. 50-52)

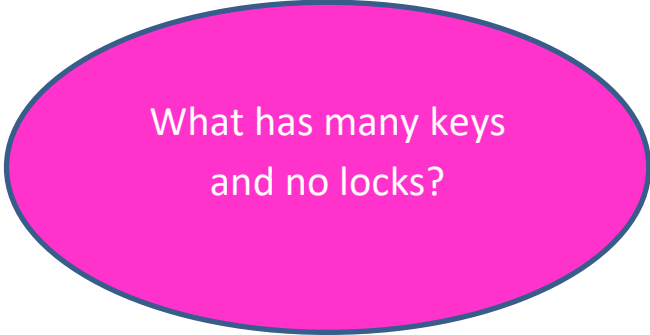
May 25th - 31st And this week, read Acts chapter 2. It speaks of the power of the Word when it is joined with the power of the Spirit.

June 1st – 7th Two chapters this week – Acts 3 and 4! Peter and John went to pray (do you know the song?).



What can travel the
world but stays in the
corner?

The Riddler



What has many keys
and no locks?

1. A stamp 2. A piano

Sending our wishes

I hope this finds you all well. I am currently furloughed, but am able to do voluntary work that would not be usually part of my remit. I am realising as I am speaking to people, we are all very much missing face to face contact with people. I was hoping over the 2 congregations to pull together short video clips from yourselves to share with everyone on Facebook pages and at the end of each week's dvd.

For this to be possible - I was wondering, if you can - could you prepare a short (60-90sec) video clip on your phone and send it to me via WhatsApp 07894728667 or email ewood@churchofscotland.org.uk

If your video could begin with your name and which congregation you are from and then just a short message/greeting for folks, that would be great!

I look forward to receiving your messages. Please feel free to pass this email on to any member of the congregation who may be able to take part in this and who hasn't been included.

Thanks you all in advance.
Elaine



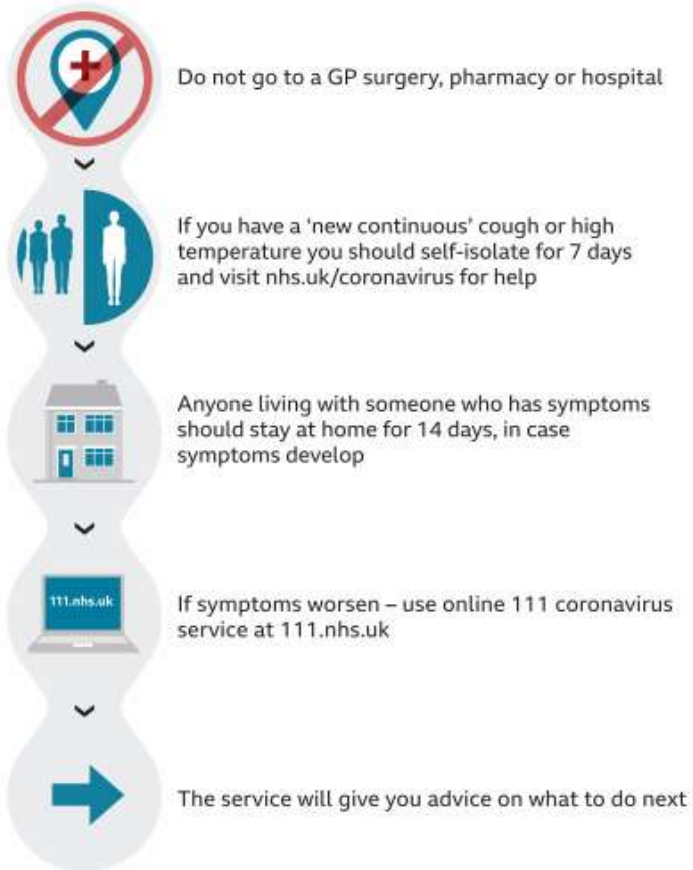
Word search: Can you find the names of sixteen (16) of the 66 books of the Bible hidden in this paragraph?

I once made a remark about the hidden books of the Bible (merely by a fluke). It kept people looking so hard for the facts and for others it was a revelation. Some were in a jam, especially since the name of the books were not capitalized, but the truth finally struck home to numbers of readers. To others it was a real job. We want it to be a most fascinating few moments for you. Yes, there will be some really easy ones to spot. Others may require judges to help them. I will quickly admit it usually takes a minister to find one of them, and there will be loud lamentations when it is found. A little lady says she brews a cup of tea so she can concentrate better. See how well you can compete. Relax now. There really are sixteen names of books in this story.

Answers will follow later in Newsletter



If I am unwell, what should I do?



A free helpline can give advice if you do not have symptoms, but are looking for general advice: 0800 028 2816.



Can you find thirty (30) books of the Bible in this paragraph? Actually, there are 31 if you can find the variant of one Old Testament prophet's name, a variant that's used in the text of the King James Version (not as the title of a book, but in the text itself).

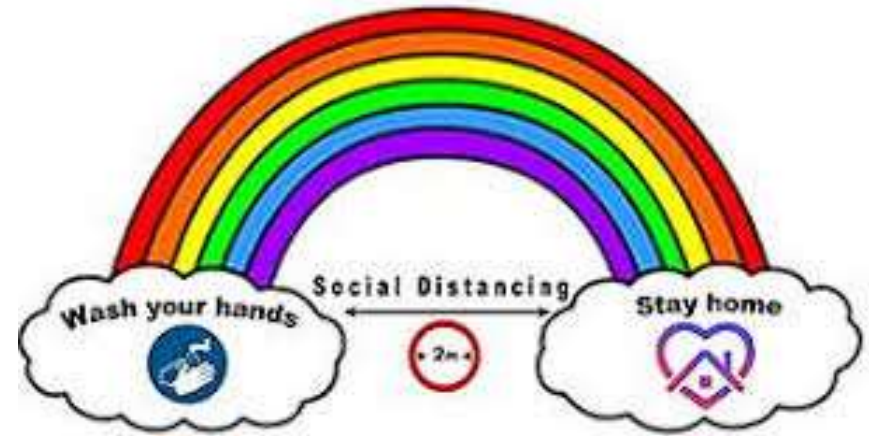
There are 30 books of the Bible in this paragraph. Can you find them? This is a most remarkable puzzle. It was found by a gentleman in an airplane seat pocket on a flight from Los Angeles to Honolulu, keeping him occupied for hours. He enjoyed it so much, he passed it on to some friends. One friend from Illinois worked on this while fishing from his john boat. Another friend studied it while playing his banjo. Elaine Taylor, a columnist friend, was so intrigued by it she mentioned it in her weekly newspaper column. Another friend judges the job of solving this puzzle so involving, she brews a cup of tea to help her nerves. There will be some names that are really easy to spot. That's a fact. Some people, however, will soon find themselves in a jam, especially since the book names are not necessarily capitalized. Truthfully, from answers we get, we are forced to admit it usually takes a minister or a scholar to see some of them at the worst. Research has shown that something in our genes is responsible for the difficulty we have in seeing the books in this paragraph. During a recent fund raising event, which featured this puzzle, the Alpha Delta Phi lemonade booth set a new record. The local paper, *The Chronicle*, surveyed over 200 patrons who reported that this puzzle was one of the most difficult they had ever seen. As Daniel Humana humbly puts it, "The books are all right here in plain view hidden from sight." Those able to find all of them will hear great lamentations from those who have to be shown. One revelation that may help is that books like Timothy and Samuel may occur without their numbers. Also, keep in mind, that punctuation and spaces in the middle are normal. A chipper attitude will help you compete really well against those who claim to know the answers. Remember, there is no need for a mad exodus. There really are 30 books of the Bible lurking somewhere in this paragraph waiting to be found. God Bless.

Old TV Shows 2

Find and circle all of the old TV shows that are hidden in the grid.
The remaining letters spell the name of an additional old TV show.

R	M	S	M	D	O	S	I	L	V	E	R	S	P	O	O	N	S
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A-TEAM	DOCTOR WHO	HEE HAW	NEWHART
ALF	DYNASTY	HUNTER	NIGHT COURT
AIRWOLF	EQUALIZER	JEFFERSONS	OUTER LIMITS
BARETTA	FALCON CREST	KNIGHT RIDER	PRISONER
BARNABY JONES	FAME	MACGYVER	S.W.A.T.
BENSON	FANTASY ISLAND	MAVERICK	SILVER SPOONS
BIG VALLEY	FISH	MAYBERRY R.F.D.	T.J. HOOKER
BONANZA	FLINTSTONES	MISTER ED	TWILIGHT ZONE
CHEERS	FULL HOUSE	MUNSTERS	VIRGINIAN
COACH	GROWING PAINS	NANNY	WEBSTER
DALLAS	HAWAII FIVE-O		



Note: People often mistakenly put an "s" at the end of the name of the final book in the Bible. Did you make that mistake in solving this word search? The book name is singular. It's simply "Revelation."

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