

ARBROATH WEST KIRK NEWSLETTER

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ACTIVITIES BY



Please contact Chris for log in details for any



or all of these activities.

Every Sunday at 12 noon, why not take the opportunity for a weekly catch up with others on screen. We meet as a big group and then go into smaller break out groups to chat together.

FRIDAY NIGHT SOCIAL

After the success of Joan's quiz night on 19th February we are having another social on **Friday 26th March at 7pm.**

The programme is yet to be revealed but we'll do our best to make it a relaxed and fun way to start the weekend.



Whilst we're not able to worship in our church building, Sunday School continues. We are posting out a month of crafts/activities that relate to weekly worship and every other week we're meeting at 11am by **Zoom** too. Please get in touch if you'd like more details.

Hello everyone,

As I write we have just had a beautiful few days – and that has really brought out the Spring flowers! Thanks to Anne Matthew for her photographs. The sight of the bright colours and the longer days really does cheer everyone up.



I had hoped to be able to write in this shorter, online newsletter with some definite news of what we might be able to do in April with regard to a full newsletter and a date for the opening of churches. Unfortunately, the First Minister's announcements last week didn't really provide any clarity. Currently the restrictions I spoke of last month still apply and, though there may be some relaxation to observe Easter, if the country remains under level 4 it will mean that churches may open for a maximum of just 20. If the "Stay at Home" advice is relaxed deliveries may again be possible, but we just don't know. The Kirk Session are meeting next Monday, 8th March at 7pm and we will discuss a plan for all eventualities!! It really is a case of "Watch this Space"!

Despite the continuing uncertainty, the reduction in numbers, the children beginning to go back to school and the speedy roll out of the vaccine all provide us with hope that with the better weather will come more opportunities to meet and enjoy one another's company.

We are now 2 weeks into the season of Lent, a time of year which is traditionally regarded as a season of preparation as we think again of Jesus' journey to the cross and the love he showed by willingly sacrificing himself and defeating the power of death. It's a time of year to reflect on our own journeys of life and faith and this year our present situation emphasises that time of preparation and gives us the opportunity, post Easter, as the restrictions begin to be relaxed, to look forward with hope and consider how we will use the opportunities, time and freedoms as they are returned.

I pray that you will know the presence and the peace of Christ in this time of waiting and preparation.

Continue to take care and stay safe,

God bless,

Chris



Services

Whilst our church building is closed, it's still possible to access our services every week in the following ways:-

1. The weekly service is recorded and is available from 11am every Sunday on YouTube or Facebook. If it's easier to receive an email with a direct link to the service, please let us know and we will email it to you on a Friday.
2. We are very fortunate that we are still able to record a service for Radio North Angus and that's still broadcast each Sunday at 3pm. In response to feedback after the Christmas services there will be a Zoom service, for those who would like to share worship with others on the last Sunday of the month at 6.30pm on Zoom. This will comprise hymns, prayers and reflections for about 40 minutes with a time of fellowship at the end.

Everyone is welcome to any and all of these services.

Communion

Sunday 7th March will be another first, for me and for the West Kirk. As it's so long since it's been possible to celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion together, this recording will include a celebration of communion. Please have something to eat and drink beside you as we remember Jesus' sacrifice and God's love for us and share together.



Friendship Boxes



The Friendship Box project continues! A big thank you to all those who volunteered to continue making boxes. We now have another 100 ready for distribution. We are hoping to deliver them, rather than post them and have therefore to wait for enhanced level 4 restrictions to be lifted. Please get in touch with either Chris or Myra if you know of folk who would appreciate a delivery. We're keeping a list so that as soon as we are permitted to deliver, we can do so.



Thank you to all of you who have contacted David for standing order forms to make arrangements for your giving to be paid directly through the bank and to those of you who ensured that he has your free will offering envelopes. We do appreciate your effort and commitment. Like so many other organisations, the extended lockdown presents challenges financially as we are so limited in what we can do. Last year's financial records are now with our auditor and, when the accounts have been completed and approved, we will be able to share a fuller picture with you.

Prayer is something that we all do in our own way and the assurance that someone else is praying for us is something that we all appreciate. We are blessed at Arbroath West to have a small group who commit to praying (in their own homes at the moment) for those in particular need, with complete confidentiality. Please contact Chris if you know of situations where quiet support would be a comfort.



Diary

- Wednesday 3rd March - Bible Study 7.30pm
- Friday 5th March - World Day of Prayer
- Sunday 7th March - recorded service from 11am on YouTube and Facebook
- Zoom Sunday School at 11am
- Coffee and Chat at 12 noon
- Monday 8th March - Kirk Session , by Zoom at 7pm
- Wednesday 10th March - Bible Study, 7.30pm
- Sunday 14th March - recorded service from 11am on YouTube and Facebook
- Coffee and Chat at 12 noon
- Wednesday 10th March - Bible Study, 7.30pm
- Sunday 14th March - recorded service from 11am on YouTube and Facebook
- Coffee and Chat at 12 noon
- Wednesday 17th March - Bible Study, 7.30pm
- Sunday 21st March - recorded service from 11am on YouTube and Facebook
- Zoom Sunday School at 11am
- Coffee and Chat at 12 noon
- Wednesday 24th March - Bible Study, 7.30pm
- Friday 26th March - Social Night 7pm
- Sunday 28th March - recorded service from 11am on YouTube and Facebook
(Palm Sunday) - Coffee and Chat at 12 noon
- 6.30pm Zoom Evening Service

2021 MARCH						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	1	2	3

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