



## KIRKWALL EAST LINKED WITH SHAPINSAY CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

April 2021



Dear Friends,

The period of Lent is ending. We are going to mark Holy Week leading up to Easter with special ecumenical services with the Kirkwall Council of Churches, details of which can be found below.

On Maundy Thursday Kirkwall East, Shapinsay and Moncur Memorial Church Stronsay will hold a Zoom Maundy Thursday service at 7 pm. We will celebrate the sacrament of communion so please do have a sip of juice, wine or port and a piece of bread prepared beforehand. Join our Zoom Meeting at <https://zoom.us/j/95996095632> (Meeting ID: 959 9609 5632) or dial from your phone +44 208 080 6591 (the same meeting ID).

We hope you can mark Holy Week with us one way or another.

Have a blessed and peaceful Easter and may the coming month bring hope and joy!

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**MON 29 - WED 31 MARCH 2021**

**A daily reflection available from 1.15pm on the Kirkwall Council of Churches Facebook page, led by a different denomination each day.**

**GOOD FRIDAY, 2 APRIL 2021**

**To replace the Walk of Witness, from 8am there will be a short reflection from each of Kirkwall's eight churches on the Facebook page.**



## Kiltwalk for Christian Aid

Climate change forces people to walk further and further to escape drought, famine and flooding.

Together, we can journey towards justice.

If your boots are made for walking, join us on the virtual Kiltwalk.

You can take on any Kiltwalk-inspired challenge you wish. Go for a walk (of any length), cycle, jump on a trampoline or take the family on a scavenger hunt!



The Kiltwalk is happening virtually all across Scotland from 23-25 April. Get moving for Christian Aid and The Hunter Foundation will increase your sponsorship by 50%!

Sign up today at <https://www.thekiltwalk.co.uk/scotlandsvirtual> and don't forget to name Christian Aid as your chosen charity. Get in touch if you have questions: [edinburgh@christian-aid.org](mailto:edinburgh@christian-aid.org)

## Christian Aid Week

### With every gift, we help people like Rose and stop this climate crisis

In Kenya, extreme weather is making it harder and harder to survive. The coronavirus pandemic has only increased the urgent need for families to access a reliable source of water.

Rose walks for six hours to fetch water for her grandchildren. She tries hard to give them the kind of life she remembers from when she was a girl: when the rivers flowed with water and the crops bore fruit.

A simple earth dam, built with the help of Christian Aid's partners and your donations, could completely change her life. This Christian Aid Week, you can be one of the hundreds of thousands of our supporters who give, act and pray to stop this climate crisis driving people like Rose to hunger.

Christian Aid Week brings people together as one community against global poverty and injustice.

This Christian Aid Week (10-16 May), please:

- **Give** generously to help ensure people like Rose fight this climate crisis.
- **Act** as we call on the UK Prime Minister to lead the world with ambitious climate action that will also address inequality.
- **Pray** for a radical change of heart for politicians, and that as a global community we will care for our common home and for people living in poverty.

**Together we stop this climate crisis.**

### Collect-a-coin for Christian Aid

For some years now we have been giving out tubes of Smarties to folk and encouraging them to collect coins up until Easter to fill their empty tubes for Christian Aid. As we are not able to meet at the moment we'd like to ask people to think about buying a tube or using some other little container to collect donations in. Looking further ahead this year, e-envelopes will again be available in order that people can donate online. Last year the Kirkwall churches raised an amazing £2076 through the Smarties collection and donations. It would be amazing to hope for your support again in these uncertain times. There is more information about Christian Aid Week 2021 here. <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/key-appeals/christian-aid-week>

## Social and Christian Outreach - Bindula CCAP



As part of their Annual Programs, Women's Guild, Youth, Sunday School, Evangelism and Christian / Social Outreach Departments in various Congregations, regularly schedule events visiting the Elderly, Sick, Disabled, Patients, Bereaved and Inmates where they share the word of God and other necessities.

Attached are pictures of Christians from Bindula CCAP Congregation accompanied by their Minister, Rev Alex B. T. Jambo, Session Clerks and Elders visiting the family of Late Rev. Chatama who died some years ago while serving at their Congregation.

Apart from sharing the word of God, the Congregants shared necessities including maize, soap, cooking oil etc.

The Women's Guild Choir was in attendance rendering soul soothing songs befitting the occasion.

The Presbytery Partnership Committee is encouraging all Parishes in the Presbytery to be seriously involved in the Christian / Social Outreach Ministry.



The verse below has been written by an elder at Kirkwall East of many years, Hugo Shearer ,and found by his wife Irene on a sheet of notepaper in a book last year, after Hugo had died. Irene has kindly agreed to share it with us this Easter.

Peace came into the world with Him

And Love was His life-work here.

Death was robbed of its sting by Him.

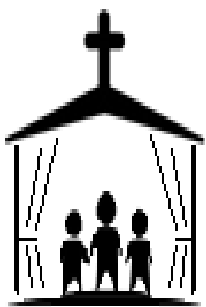
And Hope took the place of fear.

Peace and His Love He brought to us,

In our world of sorrow and strife.

And His Resurrection means to us,

The Hope of Eternal Life.



**DRAMA  
KIRK**

## ***With Arms Wide Open***

**Luke's Passion Story**

***Easter Saturday (3<sup>rd</sup>***

***April) at 2pm*** [https://](https://www.youtube.com/hamiltonold)

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## **Bringing the Gospel to Life**

Drama Kirk's 2021 Passion Play tells the Easter story from the perspective of Gos-

pel writer Luke, putting Jesus' story together years after his death and hearing from the disciples what their encounters had meant for them. It also includes a series of flash-backs to that final, fatal week.

Filmed during lockdown, the 30minute film features two professional actors in the roles of Jesus and Luke, as well as members of the Drama Kirk team.

Further information can be found at [www.facebook.com/DramaKirk](https://www.facebook.com/DramaKirk) or on twitter @PlayLanarkshire "With Arms Wide Open" will be broadcast on YouTube on Easter Saturday (3rd April) at 2pm on the following link - <https://www.youtube.com/hamiltonold>

Join us and see the Gospel come to life!

Dear friends

It is Spring again and despite what has happened in the past year we can look forward to seeing once again early growth and cheerful daffodils.

We will be having a Plant Sale this year but the committee as of this date are unsure as to what form it might take.

However we will have something in place for those who kindly support us each year.

We certainly will have annuals and perennials. There also will be some vegetables, tomato plants and house plants.

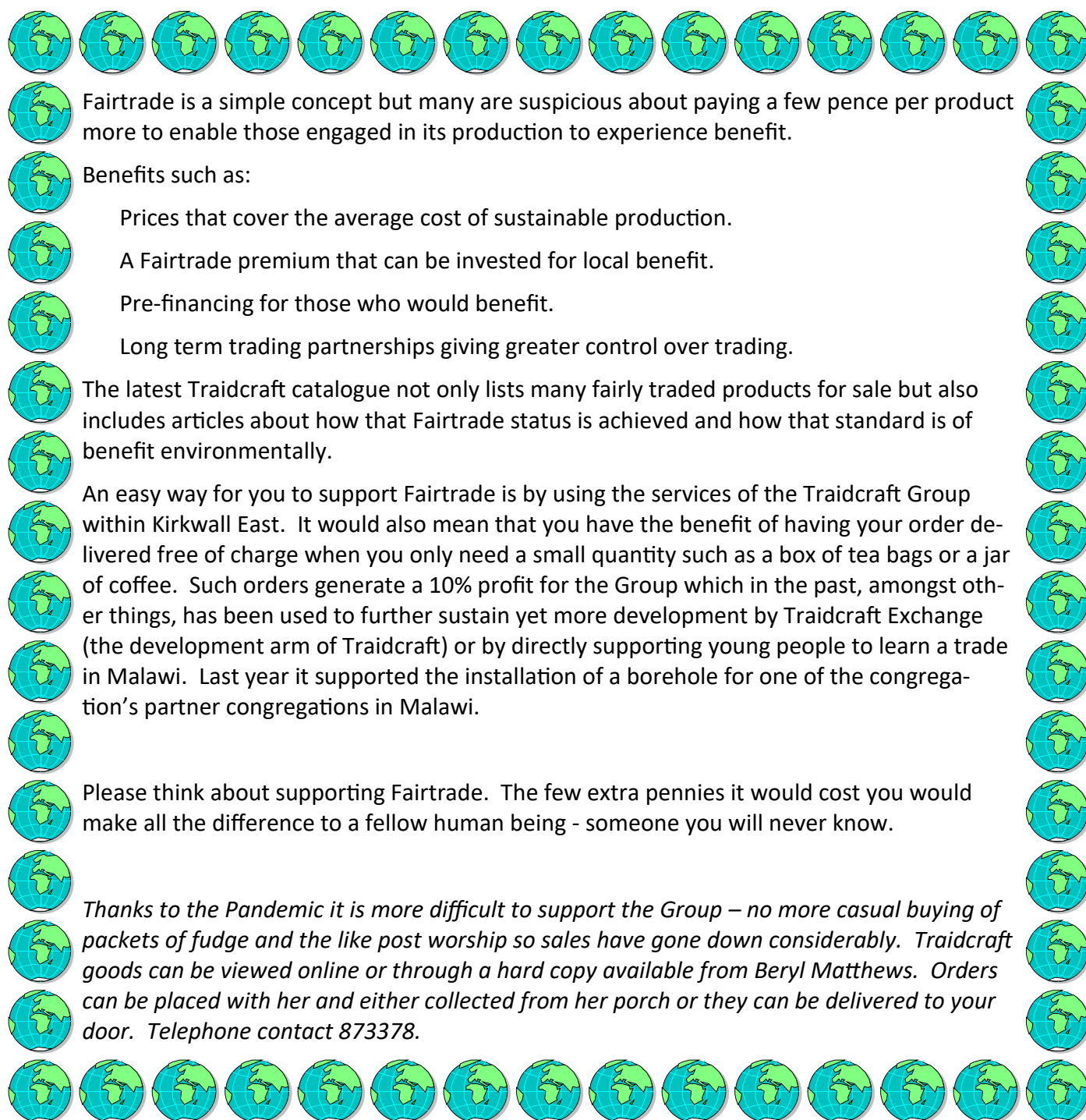
If you are interested in any of the plants indicated I would be glad to hear from you. You can contact me by phone 872575 (leave a message on the answer machine if I am out) or email me at [anne.52moore@btinternet.com](mailto:anne.52moore@btinternet.com).

There will be more information in the May Newsletter.

Hoping that you are all well and looking forward to summer.

God be with you all

Anne



Fairtrade is a simple concept but many are suspicious about paying a few pence per product more to enable those engaged in its production to experience benefit.

Benefits such as:

Prices that cover the average cost of sustainable production.

A Fairtrade premium that can be invested for local benefit.

Pre-financing for those who would benefit.

Long term trading partnerships giving greater control over trading.

The latest Traidcraft catalogue not only lists many fairly traded products for sale but also includes articles about how that Fairtrade status is achieved and how that standard is of benefit environmentally.

An easy way for you to support Fairtrade is by using the services of the Traidcraft Group within Kirkwall East. It would also mean that you have the benefit of having your order delivered free of charge when you only need a small quantity such as a box of tea bags or a jar of coffee. Such orders generate a 10% profit for the Group which in the past, amongst other things, has been used to further sustain yet more development by Traidcraft Exchange (the development arm of Traidcraft) or by directly supporting young people to learn a trade in Malawi. Last year it supported the installation of a borehole for one of the congregation's partner congregations in Malawi.

Please think about supporting Fairtrade. The few extra pennies it would cost you would make all the difference to a fellow human being - someone you will never know.

*Thanks to the Pandemic it is more difficult to support the Group – no more casual buying of packets of fudge and the like post worship so sales have gone down considerably. Traidcraft goods can be viewed online or through a hard copy available from Beryl Matthews. Orders can be placed with her and either collected from her porch or they can be delivered to your door. Telephone contact 873378.*

## STARTER PACKS ORKNEY

Starter Packs Orkney is a voluntary group supported by Kirkwall Council of Churches. This group was started to help people to set up house with household goods and bedding.

Our aim is to help individuals and families on low income who have been given the tenancy of a house or flat but can't afford to set themselves up with basic household goods.

Homelessness is something that happens everywhere, and Orkney is no exception. We also help young people, families they have broken up or people that have had to leave all the belongings for any reasons, Last year we helped 26 families/people (less than usual because of the pandemic ) but usually between 45 and 50 a year.

We receive requests for from local agencies, such as Orkney Islands Council Social Work, Advocacy Orkney or sometimes the Churches.

We buy some items such as Microwaves, slow cookers, kettles, toasters new. We also buy pillows and quilts.

Just now we have our store in the same premises as the food bank. The food bank is moving to the old ambulance station and Starter Packs have been offered a better store in the same premises which is dryer and warmer.

The Council give us a small grant to help with our cost but because fund raising has been difficult this last year our funds have reduced. Any donations, no matter how small would add together to keep this much needed service going.

If you need more information or wish to donate you can **contact Wendy Gunn on 01856 761710.**



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Deaths      Kirkwall East

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