



KIRKWALL EAST LINKED WITH SHAPINSAY CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

January 2021



Dear all,

Happy New Year! Many of us are probably entering this new year with a mixture of hope and anxiety. No wonder—2020 was like no other and situation is not much clearer now either. There is good news of the vaccine and you can find more information on that overleaf. But with cases rising and two new variants of the virus the future is uncertain. We want to repeat with the Psalmist though: “Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.” (Ps. 90:12) We trust God through the highs and lows of our lives and we trust God can use any situation for the good—if nothing else, to teach us about what is truly important in life.

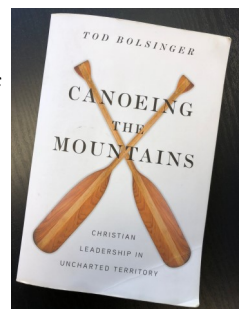
Our Sunday worship continues—accessible both online and by phone. We hope you can join us in worship for the weekly e-service and e-messy church.. You can access our services in any one of four ways:

- * Through Kirkwall East linked with Shapinsay and Kirkwall Council of Churches Facebook pages where our joint services will be published every Sunday
- * Through the YouTube channel: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7Yg_uFSQsU7UWDC2SSnyCA or search for Kirkwall East Church, Shapinsay Church or Moncur Memorial Church.
- * By dialling 01856 404667 from your phone and listening to the audio recording of the service. You will be charged as you would normally be for a local phone call (and that of course depends on your contract).
- * By getting a script of the service by e-mail (do contact Julia if you would like that).

We also continue with the study of the book by Tod Bolsinger entitled “**Canoeing the Mountains**”. We read a chapter a month and we will read chapter 6 in January—we gather for discussion (on Zoom with a phone-in option) towards the end of the month. If you’d like to join us, please do contact me.

Wishing you all a healthy and wholesome 2021! May it be better and brighter for all!

Rev Julia Meason (01856 874789, jmeason@churchofscotland.org.uk)



Freewill Offering Envelopes For people who donate to the East Kirk by offering envelope we are sending out the envelopes for 2021 in the post along with this newsletter. Sending in the envelopes has not been easy during the COVID restrictions. The East Kirk is open for private prayer and reflection between 12 noon and 1 pm every Saturday and there will be a box outside at the door where envelopes can be left. If you would like your envelopes to be collected or have any questions about donations please contact **Colin 761710, James 873157 or Karen 873544**. 2020 has been a difficult year in so many ways for so many people, thank you for your continued support.

This is the Newsletter of Kirkwall East linked with Shapinsay Churches of Scotland,
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NHS Orkney is now able to offer COVID-19 vaccinations to patients who live on the mainland of Orkney and who are aged 80 and over.

The health authority has confirmed that it will be inviting patients to come to the Kirkwall Vaccination Centre to receive the jab.

Patients are asked to phone 01856 888 024 to book an appointment.

The phone line will be open on Tuesday, January 5 from 9.30am to 4.30pm and every working day (Monday – Friday) thereafter.

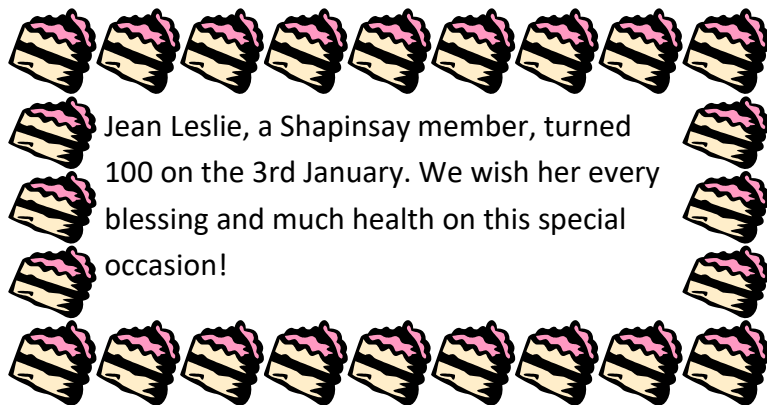
Isles patients aged 80 and over will be contacted by their GP practice in early January to come in for an appointment.

Housebound patients, who normally receive a flu vaccine at home, will have their COVID vaccination done in the same way. This will happen throughout January, so they do not need to phone and arrange this.

If any patient has difficulty in coming for a vaccination in Kirkwall, they should contact the COVID vaccination phone line on 01856 888 024 and NHS Orkney staff will try their best to make alternative arrangements.

Ms Karen McKnight, the Presbytery Clerk, has contacted the interim Chief Executive of NHS Orkney, Michael Dickson, and he has clarified the following:

“On the main island we are asking residents to make contact and what we will do as we progress is cross check our lists to make sure we have heard from everyone. Right now the onus is on the patient to make contact.”



Jean Leslie, a Shapinsay member, turned 100 on the 3rd January. We wish her every blessing and much health on this special occasion!



Thank you to those who supported **Shapinsay Kirk Gift Day**, which raised £1590. Tremendous effort under very trying circumstances. If anyone is unsure how to make an offering to the Kirk, please get in touch with **Sheila Garson – Treasurer – 711779**.

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Deaths Kirkwall East

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