



KIRKWALL EAST LINKED WITH SHAPINSAY CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

June 2021



Invitation to Communion

On Sunday 6 June 2021

A Communion Service will be held online at our Facebook page 'Kirkwall East linked with Shapinsay' and our YouTube channel https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7Yg_uFSQsU7UWDC2SSnyCA

There will also be a communion service in the East Church at 11.15 am. Due to coronavirus restrictions, we are inviting everyone to bring their own bread and cup—we will distribute juice on entry into the building.

Please join us to share in the Lord's Supper

Wherever you are on your faith journey, you are welcome at this table.

If you have a friend or family member who would like to receive communion please extend this invitation to them. They do not have to be a member of Kirkwall East, Shapinsay or of any other church.

(you will receive communion in your home in bread and wine/juice which you had prepared)



*Then Jesus declared,
"I am the bread of life.*

Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty". St John 6:35

Dear all,

Life after the pandemic is definitely beginning to return to normal—Kirkwall East have been back worshipping in the building for the last couple of Sundays and from the 20th June Shapinsay will be too! Below is a run through of the current arrangements.

Kirkwall East services start at 11.15 am until the 20th June—from the 27th June the time of the service will be 10 am (I will be doing both services - in Kirkwall East and Shapinsay—every Sunday for the duration of the school summer holidays). We can have a total of up to 44 people in the Upper Room—that includes up to two musicians and up to two worship leaders.

If you do wish to attend a Sunday morning service, you need to book with Loraine Littlejohn (lc.littlejohn@tiscali.co.uk, 873118). After the first time, you will be asked, upon arrival on Sunday morning, whether you are intending to come back the following week—this will be you booked.

We have a one-way system – we come in through the front door and leave through the fire escape (unless you need to use the lift).

Offering is collected on a plate resting on a small table as we leave.

Shapinsay can have up to 25 people from up to 17 households.

We are going to have a one-way system – we come in through the side door and leave through the main door.

Offering will be collected at the door as we come in.

In both churches the service will be shorter (40 minutes) with musical interludes—no singing is allowed. There will not be opening or closing responses, the Lord's Prayer, or flowers either.

The wearing of face masks in church is mandatory throughout the service. Please bring your own masks with you when visiting church.

You will be required to sanitise your hands as you enter and exit church. Hand sanitisers will be available.

Stewards will ask for your contact details for test and trace purposes.

All hymnbooks and Bibles will be removed so please bring your own for your perusal.

As the vast majority of our congregations will not be returning to in-person worship, we will continue with our e-services which will be accessible in exactly the same way as at present (Facebook, YouTube, phone line, script sent by e-mail).

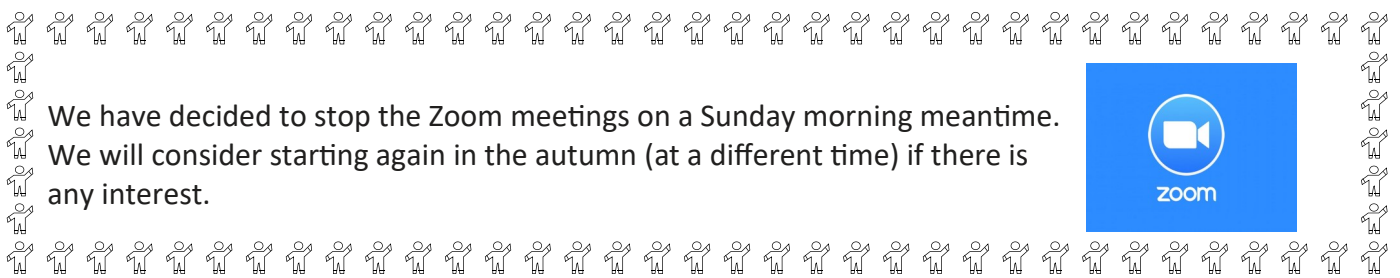
From the 27th June we are hoping to start live streaming services which means the service will be available on Facebook and/or YouTube at 10 am and later that day on the phone line. Details are still to be ironed out so bear with us as we are learning new skills and a new way of being!

The in-person worship will be an adaptation of the e-service for that Sunday - so I am assuming you are either doing one or the other.

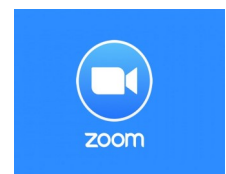
We are looking forward to this and hope to see you soon!

With best wishes and every blessing,

Julia



We have decided to stop the Zoom meetings on a Sunday morning meantime.
We will consider starting again in the autumn (at a different time) if there is any interest.



The impact of the global Coronavirus pandemic has forced the closure of church buildings for over a year and stopped many of our usual activities, but the vital work of the Church goes on and is needed now, more than ever. You can make donations to your congregation online. Visit the Church of Scotland web-site at <https://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/> and you will see the Donate button.



Tithes and offerings

Orkney businesses have responded magnificently, providing goods and services under the most difficult of circumstances. Now they need our support more than ever to recover from lost trade and income. If you are shopping online, however, please consider using Easyfundraising or Amazon Smile for things you can't get in Orkney. A small percentage of what you spend will be donated to Kirkwall East Church or Shapinsay Church depending on which one you want to support. The donation does not increase the cost of the goods.

Plant Sale 2021

Dear Friends

I would like to thank those of you who have pre booked your orders. The deadline for pre orders is the 5th June.

We will have the plant sale on 12th June . On sale will be perennials, houseplants and fruit and vegetables.

We would be grateful for any donations for the Sale particularly perennials. It would be helpful if you would let Anne (tel 872575 or Anne.52moore@btinternet.com) know what perennials and houseplants would be coming and let Andrea (tel.861426 or andreamassey8@icloud.com) know about fruit and vegetables.

Donations should be delivered between 9.00am and 10.30am on the day. The sale will be from 11.00am to 12.30pm.

If you would like to help to sell please contact Anne Moore on 872575.

Please note that there will be social distancing and wearing a mask would be advisable even though we will be outside.

Below are a list of plants available for pre order. Some may be of limited stock.

Annuals

Ice plants, French marigolds, begonias, lobelia, stock, Nicotiana, petunias, Busy Lizzie, nemisia, alyssum, nasturtium, cornflower, sweet William, violas, pansies, sweet pea, cineraria, swan river Daisy, aubretia, sunflowers. Verbena helichrysum, cosmos, lavatera, calendula.

Perennials

Veronica, pampas grass, marguerites, honeysuckle, buddleia, monbretia, hostas, libertia, primula, Orange geum, Lemon balm, Persicaria

Pink Sedum, Yellow Loosestrife, Balfour willow , foxglove , honesty, white iris, lupins, cornflower, black grass.

Fruit and vegetables

Tomato plants, courgette, cabbage, Brussels sprouts, cauliflower, leeks, aubergine, cucumber, butternut squash, chilli pepper. Sweet pepper.

Houseplants

Geraniums, succulents, mother in law's tongue, cacti, begonias.

Thank you for your support

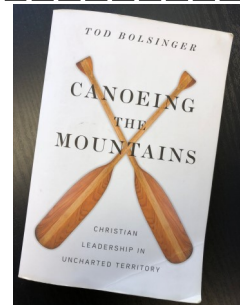
Plant Sale Committee



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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 11 entitled ‘Taking a good look into the coffin’ in June—we gather for discussion on monitoring our own emotional reactivity when the anxiety of the church in transition rises. We meet on Zoom with a phone-in option towards the end of the month. If you’d like to join us, please do contact Julia.

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★ Here are some highlights from the General Assembly 2021: ★

- ◆ Lord Wallace was installed as Moderator in the presence of His Grace, Lord High Commissioner, The Earl of Strathearn Prince William.
 - ◆ In a year when Scotland will host the COP26 UN Climate Conference, the Assembly passed ambitious deliverances including proposals for how the Church could work towards achieving net zero carbon emissions by 2030. The General Assembly also welcomed that the Church of Scotland no longer holds shares within the oil and gas industry .
 - ◆ The Church of Scotland is a step closer to allowing ministers of Word and Sacrament and deacons to marry same-sex couples if they wish. Commissioners approved draft legislation, with safeguards in accordance with Section 9 (1A) of the Marriage Scotland Act, by 319 votes to 217. It will now be passed to presbyteries under the Barrier Act for further consideration.
 - ◆ The General Assembly expressed "alarm" at Scotland's drug deaths rate which is higher per capita than any other European country.
 - ◆ The General Assembly has approved a "common sense" plan to reduce the number of full-time equivalent ministry posts to 600.

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