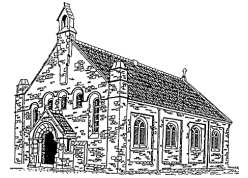




KIRKWALL EAST LINKED WITH SHAPINSAY CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

July and August 2021



Dear all,

It is so lovely to be back worshipping in the buildings! The game changer was definitely when we could start singing again—albeit with masks on!

Throughout the summer I will be doing two services every Sunday: one at Kirkwall East at 10 am and then one in Shapinsay at 12 noon. This will continue until the end of the school summer holidays on the 15th August. From the 22nd August Kirkwall East will begin worship at 11.15 am and Shapinsay at 11 am.

The way we provide e-services will change too. E-messy will cease for the summer—thank you to all those who contributed crafts, music and technical skills to make them happen! They were great fun! Thank you!

We will continue with our e-services but we are hoping to start streaming them live rather than pre-recording them. We cannot give you a definite date as yet as it will be a journey of discovery for us (yikes!) but it will be in the next few weeks. What this means is that the services will be available in real time from 10 am (11.15 am from the 22nd August) on Facebook and YouTube We will then upload them onto the phone line so that you will be able to listen to the audio in the afternoon every Sunday.

Bear with us as we learn new ways—it seems we've been saying this for over a year now and we're still learning and relearning as we go along! Thank you for your patience and terrific support we've been getting.

Please do give us any feedback you have on anything we are doing—we are in this together and we are trying to provide as good a service to all of you as possible. Help us make it better!

Hope you have a good summer and feel blessed as we progress towards the new normal.

Julia (JMeason@churchofscotland.org.uk, 874789)

You can access our services in any one of four ways:

- * Through Kirkwall East linked with Shapinsay and Moncur Memorial Church Stronsay Facebook page where our joint services are 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).

The Christian Aid logo, featuring the words "christian aid" in a bold, red, sans-serif font. The word "christian" is in a smaller font size and is positioned above "aid". The logo is set against a white background that is shaped like a downward-pointing arrow, which is itself centered on a solid red rectangular background.

Total from envelope donations, smarties tubes and quizzes - £1008

Amount collected by the e-envelope online - £420

£387 of collected money was gift aided so we'll get approx. one

quarter of that.

Total gift aided by online envelope takes that total to £507.50.

I feel this is not too bad considering this year has been as hard to collect in and no Smarties tubes were handed out.

I have not included any calendar money in this as they will be on-going but hopefully they should raise another £500.

Miss B Fiddler was the winner of the quiz. There were quite a few correct returns.

Thank you to everyone for their support!

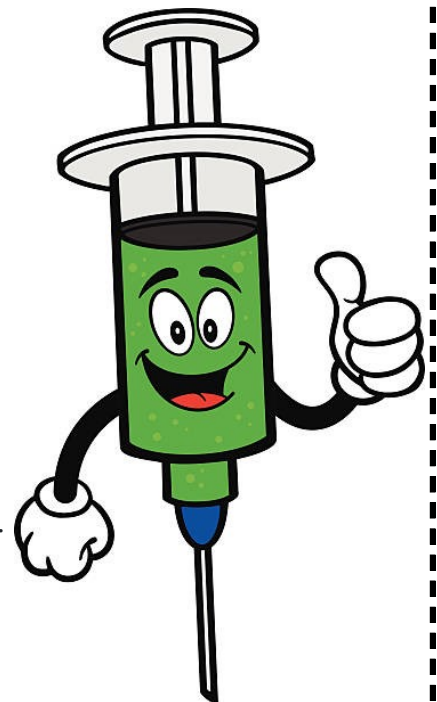
The Church of Scotland is partnering with Christian Aid to support people across the world who do not have access to a Covid-19 vaccine. As well as advocating for a just vaccine rollout, Christian Aid works with vulnerable communities, helping to limit the impact of the virus on health, livelihoods and personal safety.

Lord Wallace, Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland is urging everyone to join him in supporting the appeal and helping vulnerable people stay safe as they wait for the vaccine. Your donation can save lives.

To give a gift, please click on the following link: <https://giving.give-star.com/online/christian-aid/cos-just-vaccine-rollout>.

A Prayer of Thanksgiving

God of Hope, Sustainer of all life,
We give You thanks for the Coronavirus vaccines, for the skill and wisdom of scientists, NHS staff and Key Workers.
By the power of Your Spirit, may we overflow with hope and joy as we see our friends, families and neighbours protected.
God of Justice, Protector of the vulnerable, may we be your well-washed hands and willing feet.
Move us to give and act, to challenge the injustices that anger You.
May we seek to protect all Your children, particularly those for whom the vaccine is out of reach.
With hope and trust we pray,
Amen.

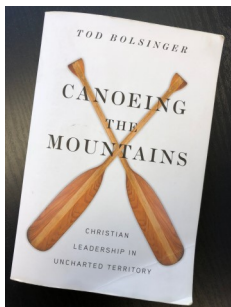




Orkney Fair Trade Group's REGENERATORS' APPEAL at the Blue Door

Thanks are due to everyone who helped make the Orkney Fair Trade Group's week in the Blue Door a success. The £2526 raised will be worth over £5K to the Regenerators' Appeal once Gift Aid and the UK government's guarantee are included.

The appeal is supported by Traidcraft Exchange the partner charity of Traidcraft plc the UK's pioneering fair trade business. It challenges the way global trade works, advocates policy reform in the UK and runs development projects in Africa and East Asia.



We 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 July and chapter 12 'Gus and Hal go to church' in August —we gather for discussion on monitoring our own emotional reactivity when the anxiety of the church in transition rises and then on transformation teams. We meet on Zoom with a phone-in option. If you'd like to join us, please do contact Julia.

Gracious God, give us the Spirit so that we may receive each other gently,
listen to each other deeply,
bear each other patiently,
and fulfil the law of Christ.

(prayer by Mary Luti)

TRAIDCRAFT AT KIRKWALL EAST

Sadly, at the moment, we are unable to offer Traidcraft goods for sale after worship each Sunday. Hopefully people are looking for fairly traded goods in other places. There are lots to be found in Super-markets these days but be careful of the interpretation of the words 'fair trade'. There are many definitions.

If you are finding it difficult to buy goods bearing the Fair Trade Foundation's Fair Trade logo the newly available Traidcraft catalogue is available on line or from Beryl Matthews (873378). The goods available in it all bear the Fair Trade foundation's trade mark which means that the producers have been given a fair deal in addition to being encouraged to protect the earth for generations to come. Orders over £50.00 are delivered free but do not worry you don't have to order that quantity. Small amounts soon add up and if ordered through Beryl mean that there is a 10% discount on the catalogue price which is saved and put to good use.

We have just received a letter from Traidcraft Exchange thanking us for our 'generous donation of £300.00 to Traidcraft Exchange's Regenerators' appeal'. Thanks to the UK Aid this will be doubled. We were able to donate because we had a generous donation and discount money accrued from goods sold before lockdown. Like much else in life, at the moment, it is more complicated to purchase Traidcraft goods but, please, give it some thought. It is an excellent way to support a worthwhile organization while enjoying products of high quality.



TRAIDCRAFT

Fighting poverty through trade

Malawi Music Fund have produced a MMF Calendar for 2022. It contains 36 beautiful photos of our activities in Malawi and of Malawian life and wildlife, plus some interesting facts about Malawi. The calendars are £7 each; 3 for £20. (They make nice Christmas gifts!) Prices include envelopes, plus p&p where necessary.

If you'd like to order one (or more!) please contact Glenys by email glenys.hughes@hotmail.com or by phone on 01856 872952.

100% of the proceeds will be used to help us continue supporting Malawi's orphaned children and young people.



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