



# KIRKWALL EAST LINKED WITH SHAPINSAY CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

## November 2021



Dear Friends,

The nights are getting longer and the weather is much colder—a sure sign winter is coming! With it a few of our familiar activities and occasions which we appreciate every year.

For Shapinsay this means communion service which this time will fall on Remembrance Sunday, the 14th November. It will all be slightly different—we will begin, as usual, with the war memorial service at 10.50 am but then, as we still can't have teas and coffees in our church building, we will begin our communion service at an earlier time of 11.30 am. Please bring your own cup and a piece of bread, we will provide port and juice.

This will also be our Gift Day. The Shapinsay Kirk Session has decided that this year's Gift Day will go to our Fabric Fund so your donations will be used to help support investment in some form of renewable energy to help offset the cost of running the heating which is being explored and redecoration to freshen up the building. If you wish to make an offering on Gift Day, please use the envelope provided with the letter which you have received from Sheila Garson, our treasurer. This can be put in the plate at the Communion service on Sunday 14th November or you can hand your gift to any Elder.

28th November is already the first Sunday in Advent. As a spiritual practice, I would like to invite you to read during Advent the book entitled 'Discernment: Reading the Signs of Daily Life' by Henri Nouwen. The book is available on Kindle, as an audiobook as well as a paperback. The practice of discernment encourages us to listen to God's quiet voice in the world around us. Henri Nouwen, this well known Dutch Catholic priest, professor, writer and theologian, wrote a lot about attuning ourselves to God's Spirit but he never published a whole book on the subject. This one is a post-mortem collection of his writings exploring discernment. The book consists of three parts. The first part answers the question of what is discernment. Part two speaks of discerning guidance in books, nature, people and events. Finally, the third part focuses on discerning vocation, presence, identity and time. I hope it blesses you and guides you through a very busy time of year and helps you prepare for the Incarnation we will celebrate at Christmas.

May you all keep safe and well in November and beyond.

With many blessings,

Julia

### — — — Church Register — — —

Deaths      Kirkwall East

Hugh Skinner, Leabreck, 8 Papdale Drive, Kirkwall

Sidney Yule, Oaklea, 18 Royal Oak Road, Kirkwall

Deaths      Shapinsay

Helen Bews, Hamnavoe House, Stromness



Malawi Music Fund will be holding an online auction between 1st and 14th November. There will be more than 70 'lots' of lovely items, including many that would make ideal Christmas gifts - food hampers, paintings, jewellery, scarves, toys, crafts from Malawi and more. You can view the range on Malawi Music Fund's Facebook page (one lot in the photo). If you're not a Facebook user, you can still bid by emailing [malawimusicfund@gmail.com](mailto:malawimusicfund@gmail.com) or by phoning 872952. All the money raised will be used to support Malawi's orphaned children.



### **Guild news**



After a gap of some nineteen months, the Guild met together on Tuesday 12th October at the Wellpark Garden Centre. It was really lovely to be able to see each other again and enjoy a cuppa together - not to mention the cakes!



The committee have planned that our next meeting will be on Tuesday 9th November at 2pm in the Garden room. We look



forward to welcoming you all then. To keep things simple, we would ask that you bring your own cup and whatever you would like to eat along with your cuppa. Tea and coffee will be provided.



This meeting will be a chance to talk about what we would like to see happen next and how we feel about different possibilities. We would hope to have a date for a Christmas lunch by then too. Something else to look forward to.



Should you need transport, please contact Anne Moore on 872575.



See you there!



### **Flower rota**

#### **November**

07. Wendy Gunn

14. Anne Moore

21. Lillian McLennan

28. Anna Copland

Both churches have resumed in person worship: **Kirkwall East meet at 11.15 am and Shapinsay at 12 noon every Sunday.** Kirkwall East stream their services live which you can access in any one of four ways:

- \* Through Kirkwall East linked with Shapinsay Facebook page where our joint services are published every Sunday in the afternoon (accessible at any time afterwards too)
- \* Through the YouTube channel: [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7Yg\\_uFSQsU7UWDC2SSnyCA](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7Yg_uFSQsU7UWDC2SSnyCA) or search for Kirkwall East Church or Shapinsay Church—services become available live at 11.15 am on Sunday morning and on catch up afterwards
- \* 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). Those services will be available on Sunday afternoons.
- \* By getting a script of the service by e-mail (do contact Julia if you would like that).



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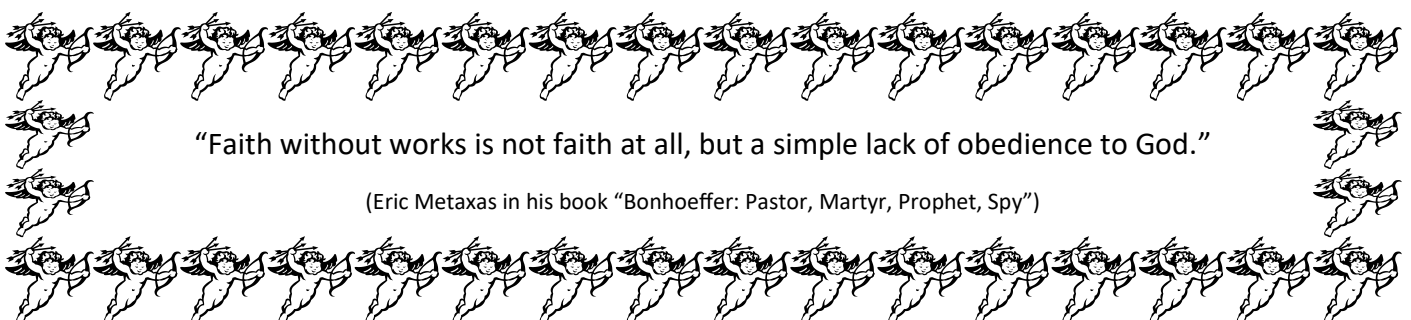
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