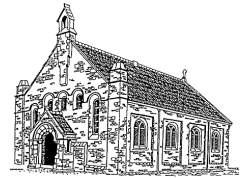




KIRK WALL EAST LINKED WITH SHAPINSAY CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

October 2020



Dear Friends,

Both churches are open again! At the end of September we began with arrangements of opening our churches for **private prayer only** every Saturday in Kirkwall East and every other Sunday in Shapinsay. We will try to re-start other services as soon as it is safe and practical to do so. When our churches are open, we would respectfully ask everyone to act responsibly and safely at all times. This means ensuring:

- ☐ that you are not exhibiting any Covid19 symptoms
- ☐ that you have not been in contact with anyone who has recently tested positive for the virus (and you should therefore be self isolating!)
- ☐ that you are not putting yourself at risk if you have any underlying health conditions or general frailty.

We are constantly reviewing the situation, taking on board the latest Scottish Government advice as well as advice from the Church of Scotland and our own Presbytery.

CHURCH OPENINGS FOR PRIVATE PRAYER ONLY

Kirkwall East: every Saturday 12:00 noon - 1:00 pm

Shapinsay: first and third Sunday of the month 3-4 pm

WHAT TO EXPECT WHEN YOU COME TO CHURCH:

The wearing of face masks in church is now mandatory. 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.

In Kirkwall East: Please enter and exit via the main entrance door ONLY. Stewards will ask you for your contact details for test and trace purposes. Signs will direct you up the stairs and into the designated seats. When leaving church please exit via the main door and follow the signs.

In Shapinsay: Please enter via the side door ONLY and exit via the main entrance door. Stewards will take your contact details for track and trace purposes and signs will direct you down the corridor and into the designated seats. When leaving church please exit via the main door and follow the signs. There will be 9 people allowed in at any one time for a maximum of 15 minutes.

Please give way to others who may be exiting at the same time.

Seating areas will be clearly marked to ensure the required social distancing. All children should be ac-

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accompanied by an adult.

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

Keeping our churches open requires volunteers to open and close the kirks, welcome those coming in, take their contact details, keep soap, hand sanitiser and paper towels in plentiful supply and, in the case of Shapinsay, to clean the kirk 72 hours later. If you would like to help us keep the churches open, please speak to Leslie Tait in Kirkwall East (872287, leslie_tait@hotmail.com) or Julia in Shapinsay. All help will be gratefully received.

Looking forward to welcoming you back in!

With every blessing,

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

Our **Zoom fellowship gatherings** between the three congregations (Kirkwall East, Shapinsay and, for now, Moncur Memorial Church Stronsay) take place every Sunday at 11 am—to coincide with the time when we would have been in church, enjoying the company of one another. If you would like to catch up with others in this way, please let me or Colin know, and we will give you the link to the meetings.



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East Kirk Guild - a hello!

Hello everybody. I was speaking with Anne Findlay last week and said I would write a note to our Guild to be included in the October newsletter. Had we really been thinking, it ought to have been included in the September issue!

But - what to write?

In these very uncertain times where we are allowed very little human contact, we cannot resume meeting as a group as we have always done. Some, but not all, of us will have various computer links. That does help.

We cannot really prepare a syllabus but now with the Guild session upon us once again, I would like to encourage us all to think of one another and look to the future. If, before March comes around, it becomes possible to meet, I'm sure we will be so glad to see each other and have a chance to blether, there will be no time to listen to speakers!!

It's doubtful if there will be a Christmas get-together but we can make a plan at very short notice should the situation change.

There are a number of Guild events being held virtually should you wish to join in. Those of us who access Facebook can follow the Guild page there. Otherwise it should be possible to "google" it.

Guild contacts have recently received a letter from Iain Whyte - the general secretary - asking that we pay our capitation fees as normal. This seems tricky for various reasons. I hope to contact all local Guilds in the very near future and hold an Orkney Guilds Together meeting by zoom. More planning! After we have achieved that, there will be an update on what's what.

Please remember the Blytheswood shoe box appeal too which Freda is kindly seeing to once more.

I hope that you have all benefited from the long summer light which we so enjoy here in Orkney, making the most of these alien times, and that you have stayed well. Now that the darker days are creeping in again, keep cheery as we "go the extra mile" on our Guild journey, remembering whose we are and whom we serve. I look forward to the time when we can safely meet together.

With love to you all

Lillian



Blytheswood Shoebox Appeal 2020

The deadline for dropping off filled shoeboxes and/or donations is the 11th October for Shapinsay and the 15th October for Kirkwall East.

Kirkwall East arrangements:

Get in touch with Freda (873599, Miada, Manse Road) if you have any queries about anything. If you would like wrapped boxes, they are available at Freda's front door ready to pick up. When you have filled them, drop them off at hers too. If you would rather not fill a box but would like to help, you can also drop off any goods or money there so that she can buy toothpaste etc.

Shapinsay arrangements

If you would like to donate a filled box, goods or money to this year's appeal, please contact Julia (874789) for collection.

Thank you for your tremendous support for this worthwhile cause!

Stewardship

can be a challenge and particularly so in these challenging times. Recognising that we are merely stewards of everything that God has given us, be it our time, our skills, our money is a central part of Christian Stewardship, but in these strange times when both church life and our lives are so very different it can be difficult to know how we can contribute.

Much of church life is currently virtual, through online services and things like phone calls, emails and doorstep visits, but it is still very much there. Our Minister, Session, Worship Group and Team and others have worked incredibly hard to keep the Church alive and present in our lives. However, the ongoing cost of our church buildings still needs to be met even though we can't meet for worship and of course our Ministries and Mission costs remain unchanged.

We're really grateful to the members of our congregations who have already made donations and for those who continue to make regular payments directly into our bank accounts.

For those who have asked how they can continue to support the work of the Churches, there are a number of options. You can make a donation using online banking or you might consider setting up a regular monthly payment. To do either of these you will need our bank details, which are:

Giving - Shapinsay

Account Name **Shapinsay Church of Scotland**

Sore Code **83 24 07**

Account no **00255731**

We're also happy to accept cheques and if you'd like to make a donation in this way please make your cheque payable to Shapinsay Church of Scotland and send it to our Treasurer Sheila Garson, Newlot, Shapinsay.

If you like further help in how you can give to the church, please give Sheila a ring on **711779**.

Giving - Kirkwall East

Account Name **Kirkwall East Church Congregational Board**

Sore Code **83 24 07**

Account no **00186047**

We are also happy to accept cheques and if you'd like to make a donation in this way please make your cheque payable to Kirkwall East Church and send it to the **Finance Committee, Kirkwall East Church, 4 King Street, Kirkwall, KW15 1NN**.

The form on page 6 can be used to make regular payments by standing order instruction through your bank. Please complete the form and send it to your bank or if you use online banking use the information on the form to set up a standing order.

If you are a tax payer, you can increase the value of single donations or regular donations by 25% Please completing the Gift Aid Declaration form on page 6 and send it to the Finance Committee at the above address. Please contact James Watson 873157 for more information.

If you like further help in how you can give to the church, please contact Colin on **761710**.

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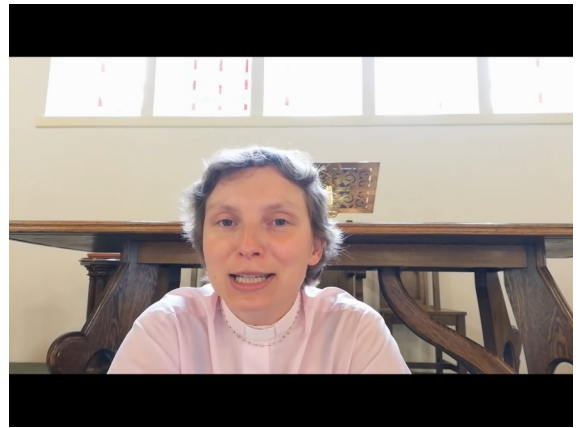
We hope you can join us in **worship** every Sunday. You can access our services in any one of four ways:

- ⇒ Through Kirkwall East linked with Shapinsay Facebook page where our joint services (between Kirkwall East, Shapinsay and Moncur Memorial Church Stronsay) are published every Sunday
- ⇒ Through the YouTube channel:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7Yg_uFSQsU7UWDC2SSnyCA

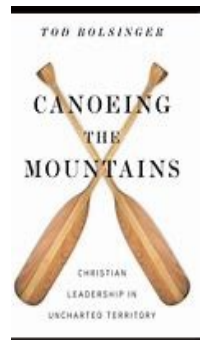
Or search for Kirkwall East Church, Shapinsay Church or Moncur Memorial Church.

- ⇒ 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).



FaithQuest

A group has been meeting to consider Tod Bolsinger's 'Canoeing the Mountains'. It is such a rich and worthwhile book that we are going through it chapter by chapter. At the end of October, we will look at chapter 3 of the book, entitled A LEADERSHIP MODEL FOR UN-CHARTED TERRITORY. We are going to try and understand why it is important for the leaders (ministers/elders/conveners etc.) to be transformed first. If you would like to join us, please do get in touch with Julia.



Christmas Hampers

Instead of the 'Fayre Day Oot' this year, Kirkwall East have decided to make and sell Christmas Hampers instead. We would take pre-orders for these in November and they would be ready for collection (or delivery) early December 2020.

We would be most grateful if members of the Congregation could kindly offer to make home-bakes and produce for these. The hamper would consist of a Medium size Christmas Gift Bag and within it would be: 6 x mince pies, 6 x pieces of shortbread, small bottle ginger cordial/wine, small jar homemade jam or chutney, bag of fudge/toffee or Christmas Truffles, rudolph hot chocolate kit, handmade Christmas decoration and blank Christmas Card. Feel free to put some variation into bakes to make them more exciting.

We would be most grateful for offers of help making goods and produce, help delivering hampers, donations of empty small bottles, jars and any unwanted gift bags in good condition (preferably plain or Christmas design). If you aren't able to help but would like to donate towards costs of goods, that is also most welcome.

If you are able to help in any way at all please contact Rona Harcus 870632, Helen Stevenson 874439 or Anne Moore 872575



General Assembly 2020

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the Church of Scotland's annual General Assembly will now be held online the evening of Friday 2 October and all day Saturday 3 October.

This year the Commissioners, Youth Representatives and Corresponding Members will take part remotely—from congregations and presbyteries around the country and indeed the world.

All discussions, voting and amendments will be done online, with Commissioners and Youth Representatives signing in through the Church of Scotland's website to a new Assembly Hub, where they can ask questions and put forward amendments and new ideas. Corresponding Members will also be able to sign in to the Assembly Hub through the website. Training sessions to ensure everyone can participate effectively will be held in advance of the Assembly.



How can I participate?

You are invited - wherever you are - to join in and [watch the livestream](#) on the Church of Scotland website or [Facebook page](#). The Friday session will run from 7pm to around 9pm and the Saturday session will run from 9.15am to approximately 5pm. On Saturday there will be coffee and lunch breaks.



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