

Church of Scotland: Orphir and Stenness Parish

Interim Moderator: Rev June Freeth 721449

Locum Minister Rev Martin Prentice **Session Clerk:** Nicol Sclater 811242

Intimations

Sunday 28th Feb at 11am – Zoom Service – The first 5 minutes will be used to get everyone logged in and the service will start at 11.05am.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/5901432179?pwd=aEhqejNGR1RWc1oyek9RSXBZcXJpQT09>

Meeting ID: 590 143 2179

Passcode: 927045

(These details are the same every week)

Please contact Kathryn if you have any questions. Phone 811 242 or email k_sclater@hotmail.com

- The kirk Session for Orphir and Stenness and Orkney Presbytery have agreed for a feasibility study to be undertaken to investigate the possibilities within a proposal by Rev June Freeth. Please email nsclater@gmail.com if you'd like a copy of the proposal which was attached to last Friday night's email.
- If you, or someone you are in contact with, would like to access pastoral care by telephone, please contact Carol Mainland 873596, Nicol Sclater 811242, Olivia Tait 811392 or Martin Prentice 851139.

As the rain and the snow come down from heaven,
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. *(Isaiah 55:10-11)*

This passage starts with an image of watered earth bringing forth new growth. We all know what that is like, in fields or gardens, or even in a window-box. Take a moment to let that picture develop in your mind's eye.

Isaiah says that God's word has the same effect in our lives as water has on dry ground. In your own life at the present time, despite all your worries, can you see, can you feel, God's word helping you to grow and bear fruit?

Read the passage again, and notice the confidence that Isaiah shows. He is in no doubt that what God wants to happen will indeed come about.

You may want to give thanks for how fruitful God's word is in your life, or to bring to God areas of your own experience that seem to be barren, and still need to hear God's productive word.

- Adapted from Pray As You Go.