

## 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 17<sup>th</sup> Jan 2021** at 11am – Zoom Service - The first 5 to 10 minutes will be used to get everyone into the Zoom service and there will then be a service online with Martin.

The link and details for joining the service are as follows: -

Join Zoom Meeting

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

Meeting ID: 590 143 2179

Passcode: 927045

If you do not have Zoom on your computer, you can download this free software from the following site <https://zoom.us/> Click on "Sign up, it's Free" and follow the instructions to download.

Please contact Kathryn if you have any questions or if you'd like a practice run with Zoom beforehand. Phone 811 242 or email [k\\_sclater@hotmail.com](mailto:k_sclater@hotmail.com)

- If you, or someone you are in contact with, would like to access pastoral care by telephone, please contact Olivia Tait 811392, Carol Mainland 873596, Nicol Sclater 811242 or Martin Prentice 851139.

### The Baptism of Jesus

The waters of baptism are life changing for Jesus, and for each of us. The element that makes it more than just a ritual cleansing for repentance is the added element of the Holy Spirit. The blessing of God as Jesus comes through the waters of baptism is evident to all, and suddenly he is both son of Mary and Son of God.

*Have you experienced defining moments in your life that changed you?  
Does water hold any significance in your life?*

**Prayer:** The knowledge and understanding of deep mysteries draw us to you, O God, with each new Epiphany we experience.. Amen.

*- From Seasons of the Spirit.*

The tree has been taken down, the needles swept up, the lights put away;  
the baubles are back in their boxes for another year.

Outside the clouds gather again

as the Pandemic continues to spread and the restrictions continue.

Yet, almost imperceptibly, the light is returning,  
the days are lengthening.

Lord, in the void and the darkness

left by the fading of the Christmas festival,

help us to listen for the sound of your Spirit,

bringing Light, and calling it Good. Amen.

As we return to 'ordinary' things in extraordinary times,

may we heed the advice of doctors and scientists;

may we look out for one another, especially those having a hard time.

May we all stay safe in the way of Christ.

Every Blessing,

Martin.