

Church of Scotland: Orphir and Stenness Parish

Interim Moderator: Rev June Freeth 721449

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Intimations

- **13th Dec** – Martin's Recording - Access by clicking the following link and downloading the file <https://we.tl/t-GmE8Q6FzVm> The recording is available for seven days
- **20th Dec** – Zoom Christmas Service - Sunday 20th December at 11am. 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.

The link and details for joining the service are as follows: - Topic: O&S Kirk Service Zoom Meeting Time: Dec 20, 2020 11:00 AM London

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

Meeting ID: 590 143 2179

Passcode: 927045

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

Timing is important on Zoom, so the first 5 to 10 minutes will be used to get everyone into the Zoom service and there will then be a short 20 to 25 minute service online with Martin. (The Link and a service will be circulated as usual)

- 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.

*When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,
we were like those who dream.
Then our mouth was filled with laughter,
and our tongue with shouts of joy;
then it was said among the nations,
"The Lord has done great things for them."
The Lord has done great things for us,
and we rejoiced. (Psalm 126)*

During this Advent time, we seek to refocus ourselves, and the world around us, on the coming Messiah. With Paul we begin by "rejoicing always", so that then we will restore our relationship with the God who came to save us and sanctify us for the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. We can rejoice with the Psalmist, for the Lord has done great things for us too.

Are we working to refocus and restore our world's "broken" places so that joy may abound for others? Can you find your joy and share God's joy by encouraging others?

Prayer:

Loving God,

Grant us eyes to see, ears to hear, and hearts to know the true meaning of rejoicing in you. Amen.

(From Seasons of the Spirit; adapted.)

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