

Church of Scotland: Orphir and Stenness Parish

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In It Together

Focus Passage: John 17:1-11

In his final hours on earth, Jesus prayed for his followers in his time and also for all who would follow in the future. He entrusted us all into God's hands that we might all be "In it together" just as God and Jesus were throughout his life on earth. The unity of God's family was important to Jesus. He wanted us to not be alone in travelling the Way.

In today's readings we see the community in Acts doing the work of Christ "to the ends of the earth", and in 1 Peter, the suffering is shared with "brothers and sisters in all the world." Wherever we are it is God who empowers us and strengthens us.

How, when, where in our congregation do people pray for each other, especially in these unprecedented times? Is the prayer life of Orphir & Stenness Church empowering? Is it making a difference in our community?

Prayer: May we too long for, and pray for, and work for unity with all God's children - that we may know we are not alone! Amen