

Church of Scotland: Orphir and Stenness Parish

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Intimations

- Life and Work have made their digital copy of the May magazine available for free! Click on the link below to get your copy and please do forward this to anyone who would enjoy reading!
https://www.lifeandwork.org/resources/free-download-may-2020?fbclid=IwAR1i3oB37mRe_hGjGqn-DkvKv48jJIT-0iCMdXzz1cMZ4Rk-zCPf0D0ajyE
Stay safe, June
- 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.

A prayer for this world:

O God, we thank thee for this universe, our great home;
for its vastness and its riches,
and for the manifoldness of the life which teems upon it
and of which we are part.

We praise thee for the arching sky and the blessed winds,
for the driving clouds and the constellations on high.

We praise thee for the salt sea and the running water,
for the everlasting hills, for the trees,
and for the grass under our feet.

We thank thee for our senses
by which we can see the splendour of the morning,
and hear the jubilant songs of love,
and smell the breath of the springtime.

Grant us, we pray thee,
a heart wide open to all this joy and beauty,
and save our souls from being so steeped in care
or so darkened by passion
that we pass heedless and unseeing
when even the thorn bush by the wayside
is aflame with the glory of God. Amen.

Walter Rauschenbusch, American theologian and Baptist pastor.

And Gerard Manley Hopkins wrote:
The world is charged with the grandeur of God.

Good to bear in mind in these troubling times. Keep safe.
Blessings, Martin.