

## Church of Scotland: Orphir and Stenness Parish

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### Intimations

- 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.
- Message from June. There has been some speak of churches opening for private prayer, however, like Stromness Church and others, we will follow this intimation ...

#### **Private prayer**

*We could now open this church building for private prayer – but we won't.*

*Why not? Because if you came here to pray we'd have to:*

*make you wash or sanitise your hands at the door,*

*instruct you to wear a mask,*

*ask you if you had COVID symptoms, underlying health problems or got a flu jab,*

*(and turn you away if the answer to any of these was yes),*

*tell you which seat you could sit in,*

*warn you not to sing,*

*make sure you left by a different door,*

*then clean and sanitise every surface you touched.*

*Alternatively you could,*

*sit on an armchair at home with a cup of tea,*

*sit on the seashore and watch the birds,*

*walk up the Orphir and Stenness hills*

*and talk to God just as easily. You don't need special words, a special place, special objects or special people to talk to God. God loves you and He is listening. So just do it*

#### **Peace with God through Faith:**

Since we have been made right with God by our faith, we have peace with God. This happened through our Lord Jesus Christ, who through our faith has brought us into that blessing of God's grace that we now enjoy. And we are happy because of the hope we have of sharing God's glory. We also have joy with our troubles, because we know that these troubles produce patience. And patience produces character, and character produces hope. And this hope will never disappoint us, because God has poured out his love to fill our hearts. He gave us his love through the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to us.

*Romans 5:1-5 New Century Version (NCV)*