

# CULTS PARISH CHURCH

KEEPING IN TOUCH DURING  
THESE DIFFICULT TIMES

FROM REV SHUNA DICKS

Dear friends

We are reaching the end of another month in lockdown and if you are like me, you might be wondering when this will end. Although our plans to get away last week were thwarted by the Aberdeen lockdown, I still managed to have a lovely week off. Many jobs around the house got done that might otherwise have waited. I was also able to spend some time doing some crafting and sewing. But perhaps the most satisfying activity was the refurbishment of a wooden blanket box Neil and I received 32 years ago as a wedding present from our Best Man. It has been a treasured possession but years of use had taken its toll and it was no longer looking its best. So with the help of some chalk paint and wax it is now looking lovelier than ever and takes pride of place in the room I have requisitioned for working in.



A little care and attention has allowed our blanket box to be beautiful again. When things are hard it is often easy to let our faith life take a back seat. Instead the hard times are precisely when we need to give our faith life care and attention. Living a life of faith is a beautiful thing and cared for, even more so. A bit like our blanket box - it was beautiful but a bit of care and attention and it is like a new piece of furniture.

Looking forward, we are hoping that we will be able to open the Sanctuary for a showing of the online services on a Sunday morning soon. We have the 13th of September pencilled in for this and will have more information for you in our next newsletter.

For now stay safe and well.

*Shuna*

## SONGS OF PRAISE SUNDAY 30TH AUGUST

Thanks to those who suggested hymns for our YouTube 'Songs of Praise'. If you click/follow this link you will be taken to the playlist - it will be available from 7pm on the 30th of August:

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLDD8YVsjNzIGIUzmzBxYoevZfqGu947w7V>



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## WORSHIP

Join us each week for worship with our Cluster Group Churches.

Service available each Sunday from 10.30am on the Aberdeen West Churches YouTube channel  
Click [HERE](#)

Or try our **'DIAL IN'** facility!  
Call 01224 013222 to listen to an abridged 30 minute version of our service. Available from 10.30am every Sunday. Calls will be charged at a standard rate or may be free with inclusive minutes.

## QUIET MORNING RETREAT

We are planning our second Quiet Morning Retreat. To register for this please email Shuna who will be able to send you the Zoom link and resource pack in time for the retreat. Those who joined in the last time enjoyed it and said they benefited from setting aside the two hours to focus on the story and themselves and God.



## TRAIDCRAFT SALES

### Available for delivery (for over 70s) or collection

Groceries and household necessities: Tea, coffee, pasta, rice, breakfast cereals, jam, marmalade and chocolate, toilet cleaner, sanitising handwash and spray, laundry liquid and fabric softener, washing up liquid, soap, toilet rolls, kitchen paper etc.

See church website for price list.

Two of Bio-Ds most popular items are available as refills. Just bring your own container:

Lime & aloe vera handwash (£2.00) and washing up liquid (£2.10)

**Your purchases genuinely help some of the poorest communities in the world. Thank you!**

Contact: ann.rob@btinternet.com or 01224 867260

## FACE MASKS

There is still a small supply of face masks available. The masks are in a box on the Manse doorstep - help yourselves. Some child size ones also available.

If there is nothing there that takes your fancy, let Shuna know as she has a selection of material and can make to order.

THANK YOU to all who have made these donations

## CHRISTIAN AID WALK THE LINE



Even during lockdown, there are some happy moments to record. One of them has to be the successful Open Gardens event that was held until the current second lockdown put an end to the fourth weekend. Over £900 was donated by hosts and visitors alike over the three weekends.

Not only that but Shuna raised over £500 in donations to the masks that she and friends have made over the last 10 weeks. So we have today been able to send £1,425 to Christian Aid - a huge "thank-you" to all in any way involved.

Why not join in with Walk the Line in aid of Christian Aid. Saturday 5th September walk, jog, cycle along the Deeside Railway Line from Cults to Peterculter or Peterculter to Cults (or even just a part of it)

Sponsor forms available  
from Maureen Taylor Tel 01224 861377.

## FOOD WASTE BAGS

If you need food waste bags, Shuna has some at the Manse. They are in a plastic tub at the front door, please help yourself. If you would like some delivered, let Shuna know.

**If you have not received this newsletter by email, but have an email address, please contact:**  
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## HOPE

The last few weeks have been challenging as we went back into a form of lockdown. But something we must hang onto is hope. I received this lovely gift this week - I just had to share it with you. I won't say who it is from but it is so beautifully made. How can we not have hope when kindness and beauty surround us.



## ACTIVITIES ONGOING

The **Bible Study Group** is taking a break. We hope to restart in September. If you are interested in joining this enthusiastic group please contact Peter Michie by text or call on 07719700681

Our **prayer team** continue to work behind the scenes. If anyone has anything they would like them to include in prayer, please let Shuna know. This is a confidential service.

We also continue with our **flower ministry**. If you know of anyone who might appreciate some flowers for whatever reason let Shuna know and this can be arranged.

**Vestry Hour** on a Wednesday has restarted. We gather at 10.30am for a blether. Bring your own cuppie! To join in follow this link to Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89880444020?pwd=UWZSbTJaODhOSW9PdS9HR05hdkwxUT09>

Meeting ID: 898 8044 4020

Passcode: 009492

## THANK YOU

We are very grateful to everyone who has continued to contribute financially to the ongoing costs of the church. This will be hugely helpful in helping us address the inevitable deficit in our accounts for this year. If you would like to know more about how you can give to the church, please contact Bruce McKenzie on 01224 869542 or [abmckenzie@btinternet.com](mailto:abmckenzie@btinternet.com)

Please remember that our church garden is open and a prayer walk has been set up for you to enjoy