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CULTS PARISH CHURCH NEWSLETTER



Update from The Manse and other news.



LETTER FROM SHUNA

Dear friends,

I read something the other day along the lines of January feeling like it lasted 17 weeks and here we are 3 hours later with only one week of February left. They were right, whoever wrote that.

This week has seen the beginning of Lent and this weekend we have the first Sunday in Lent. It feels very early in the year to be already in Lent, but the good news is that if Lent has begun then Easter and all the hope that it brings is not too far away.

I have never been one for making Lent too difficult, either by giving something up for the duration or by starting some other challenge. This year is no different, indeed the idea of adding any other challenge to the already challenging days of lockdown really does not appeal in any way shape or form. SPOILER ALERT Laurene in Sunday's service is going to set a Lenten challenge and one that I am happy to take part in. Sunday marks the start of Fairtrade Fortnight and Laurene will be challenging us to think about widening the range of Fairtrade products we buy. More chocolate, biscuits, sweets... whats not to like? In all seriousness though, Fairtrade is an important issue because it is about justice. Justice for some of the poorest farmers in our world and them receiving a fair price for the goods they produce and that we enjoy the benefits of. We are a Fairtrade Church and Ann and her team have worked hard over the years to raise awareness of Fairtrade through the Tradcraft Stall, coffee mornings and events. Throughout the last year Ann has continued to sell fairly traded items from Tradcraft. It has been heartening to see the level of support she has received from a loyal customer base. Thank you all. Every fairly traded item sold means a huge amount to one of those Jesus called us to love, our neighbour, someone we share a sky with.

To keep your spirit levels on an even keel you may want to visit the Aberdeen West Churches facebook page. You will find a daily reflection taken from a beautiful book published by Wild Goose Publications called 'Open Our Hearts'. You do not need to be a member of Facebook to access the page, simply clicking on this link will take you there: <https://www.facebook.com/AberdeenWestChurches>

As we meander through Lent it is my hope that you find some way of holding on to the hope that the restrictions we live under might be lifted as soon as it is safe to do so. In the meantime we will keep doing all we can to keep you up to date with what is happening.

Please be assured of my continued prayers for you all.
Every blessing
with love

Shuna

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.



Join us for coffee
and a chat after
worship on
Sunday
mornings
on Zoom
from 11.15am

Access code:
897 4034 2401
Password: Coffee

[Click Here](#)

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ADVICE ON HEATING BILLS

It has been an incredibly cold February. And some people may be worrying about large fuel bills. Help and advice is at hand. Home Energy Scotland have some helpful information on their website and have advisors that can give advice on reducing bills, improving the energy efficiency of your home etc.

<https://www.homeenergyscotland.org>



JAM

JAM has continued to meet on Sunday mornings on Zoom. Carol and Andrew are being very creative in the way they continue to teach the children. For the last few weeks they have been thinking about the Creation story in Genesis. Shuna has also been able to join and has enjoyed spending time with our youngsters. Here they are giving you a great big wave!



UNITARY CONSTITUTION

You will remember that at the end of last year we asked you to take part in a vote about the move to what is known as a Unitary Constitution. Thank you to all who took part. The vote was overwhelmingly in favour and the Presbytery will now, hopefully, approve this at their next meeting on the 4th of March.

TRADCRAFT



BIBLE STUDY

Our Bible Study Group meets on Thursdays at 10am. If you would like to join the group please contact Peter Michie (01224 868054) or Alan Johnson (07775762027)

The group meet on Zoom. Joining details can be obtained from Peter or Alan.

LENT BOOK & POETRY GROUPS

LENT POETRY GROUP

This will run on Zoom on Fridays at 10.00am. If you would like to join in then please contact Margaret Robertson to register. mhrobertson45@btinternet.com

BOOK STUDY on forgiveness with Rev Laurene Lafontaine @ Kingswells

You are invited to join the Book Study Group at Kingswells Wednesday evenings, 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm
24 February - 31 March

To find out more and to register contact Laurene at: llafontaine@churchofscotland.org.uk

BOOK STUDY on discipleship with Dr Amy Bender & Dr Philip Ziegler

Thursday evenings 7.00pm-9.00pm
18th February - 25th March

To find out more and to register contact Amy at: abender@churchofscotland.org.uk

EMERGENCY HELP

If you know of anyone who needs emergency help with food or financial difficulties, please let Shuna know. Help is at hand and if outwith our skills or resources we can point them in the right direction for support. Confidentiality assured.

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