

Cardonald Parish Church

Contact

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Sunday Services Live by Phone (*Trial*)

We are going to try to make our 11 am Sunday Services available live via the phone.



We already have our Sunday services available live via YouTube, with audio recordings uploaded later on Sundays (usually by 5pm) which can be listened to online or by phone.

From Sunday 6th June, using Zoom, we plan to make it possible to phone in and listen to the 11 am Service. This will enable those who do not have Internet access to hear it live.

There are no guarantees it will all work, but we are going to try!

If you would like to join in the services by your mobile or landline phone, here is the information on how to do it:

At 11am on Sunday:

- **DIAL 0131 460 1196** (Edinburgh call charges apply)
- When asked for the Meeting ID (*see below*),
ENTER MEETING ID, followed by the hash key '#'
- When asked for the Participant ID,
ENTER the hash key '#'
- When asked for the Passcode (*see below*),
ENTER PASSCODE, followed by the hash key '#'.

Handy Tip:

- To save holding your phone for the duration of the service, press your phone's 'loudspeaker' or 'handsfree' button.

MEETING ID: Not available online – contact church office

PASSCODE: Not available online – contact church office

Note: Please do not share these numbers online, thank you.

Pastoral Letter

Dear Friends,

As we continue through this pandemic, it is good to be reminded that our Lord is as faithful to us during extended times of trial as He is to us during the shorter ones. Among the many scriptures that help us remember God's faithfulness, Psalm 46 begins with these reassuring words: 'God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging.' And the Psalm ends by encouraging us to be still in God's presence and know that 'The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.'

One word that I've also heard mentioned more in recent times is the word 'resilience'. The dictionary describes it as 'the capacity to recover quickly from difficulties, or, the ability of a substance or object to spring back into shape.'

Having reflected recently on the experiences of the disciples through Easter and onto Pentecost, we find that God is very able to help His people recover from difficulties and be reshaped for the new life ahead. Jesus gives us His presence and peace beyond understanding, His Spirit to guide and empower us, and the promise that our loving Heavenly Father will hear our prayers, as we trust and obey Him.

So, we can have confidence that, whatever lies ahead, and however long our present circumstances continue, our God will help us find His everlasting way, and the strength to serve and to share the Good News of Jesus, even in ways we might never have expected possible before.

In recent weeks, it has been good to see more people returning to our 'in-person' services. Our 10 am Tuesday informal services also restart on the 1st June. Please do take the time to look over the safety information for attending services in the centre pages. It is especially important to register before attending on Sundays and Tuesdays.

There are also a few items I wish to bring to your attention.

After exactly a year on the 3rd June, my Interim Moderator duties finish with the Induction of Rev Neil Watson to Rutherglen Stonelaw Church. I commend Neil, his family and the congregation to your prayers.

Our Communion Committee have carefully considered how we can have Holy Communion 'in-person' at our 11am Service on the 6th June. Details of this can be found on the back page, explaining our temporary arrangements for distributing the communion elements. (Please note that, for the time being, we will only be having communion at the Sunday service, rather than on Tuesday as well.)

We are also going to try making our 11 am Sunday Services available live via the phone, beginning with our Communion Service (6th June). Details of this are opposite the previous page.

Please also note the Zoom Church Conference details opposite. I hope that many of you will be able to join in via the Internet or phone. There will be opportunities to meet in smaller groups – and even share lunch!

Coming up in the autumn, I plan to run an Alpha Online course, similar to the Alpha course we had in 2019 – but without the shared meal. Details will be given after the summer, but please consider whether you, or someone you know, would like to explore the Christian faith in a deeper way through this course (beginning around September time).

Before that, I am looking forward to a very happy occasion for our church family – and especially for Fergus Stewart, our Session Clerk, and Sheena Diven, one of our Elders. As many of you will know, Fergus and Sheena have become engaged to be married. I will be conducting their wedding service in Cardonald Parish Church at the end of August.

Finally, I would like to say another big 'thank you' to all who continue to contribute so much to the life of our congregation. At present, we are looking for additional volunteers to help 'share the load'. We are especially looking for help with cleaning, and also with the audio-visual team. If you can help, please contact the church office. Thank you.

Yours in Christ,

Gavin McFadyen, Minister

Zoom Church Conference – Wednesday 30th June

To give us an opportunity as a congregation to reflect on how God is leading us in these times – members, adherents and friends are invited to our Zoom Church Conference.

There is no need to register. Simply turn up at all the times below that you can make. Regular breaks will be included.

11.00 Part 1 (Opening devotion, discussion, groups etc)

13.00 Break for lunch

You may wish to have lunch with others on Zoom.

14.00 Part 2 (Opening devotion, discussion, groups etc)

15.30 Break until evening

19.30 Part 3 (Opening devotion, discussion, groups etc)

21.00 Close

To Join Zoom Meeting (*Church Conference Parts 1, 2, 3*)

Use the appropriate meeting details below for Parts 1 & 2 or 3.

To join the meeting via the Internet, either click on the meeting LINK, or click on <https://zoom.us/join> and enter the MEETING ID and PASSCODE. You will then be admitted to the meeting.

To join the meeting by phone, dial 0131 460 1196 (Edinburgh call charges apply), and enter the MEETING ID and PASSCODE, following the steps given earlier in this Contact for Sunday Services – but using the meeting details below.

PARTS 1 & 2 (11am & 2pm)

MEETING ID: contact office

PASSCODE: contact office

LINK: [CLICK HERE](#)

PART 3 (7.30pm)

MEETING ID: contact office

PASSCODE: contact office

LINK: [CLICK HERE](#)

Note: Please do not share these numbers online, thank you.

Safety procedures for attending church services



- To comply with Covid-19 safety regulations, there are a number of measures we are required to follow to help keep us as safe as possible while attending church services.
- Please do not attend if you or your household have any coronavirus symptoms or are self-isolating.



- Numbers are currently limited, so please register in advance for a place at a church service by phoning or emailing the church office. Please mention any seating requirements if needed.
- If your plans change, please notify the office as soon as possible.



- Please only enter by the main door of the church sanctuary.
- Please ensure at all times that you keep a 2 metre distance between yourself and anyone not in your household, both inside the church building and in the grounds outside.



- Please wear a face mask or covering at all times while inside the church building, unless you are exempt. (Masks are available if required.)
- High level vents in the sanctuary, open doors to the vestibule area, and open windows off the corridor area provide a flow of fresh air for ventilation during the services.



- Please use the hand sanitiser gel provided as you enter and leave the building.
- Please adhere to the instructions given by the door team including where they ask you to sit. These instructions are for your safety.



- Upon arrival, if you need to use the toilet facilities, let the door team know before you sit, so they can direct you by a safe route to the facilities.
- At the end of the service, please remain at your seat until invited to leave by the door team.



- Scottish Government restrictions prevent us from singing in church. However, we can still worship God in our hearts and with our bodies by standing, clapping or raising our hands.
- We can also speak softly the words of the Lord's Prayer and any congregational responses.



- When leaving the church building and grounds, please remember to keep your 2m distance from people from other households at all times.

Finance Committee

At the Board meeting in May the Treasurer reported that, as a result of the lockdown from early January and the requirement to stop “in person” church services, our offerings reduced severely in the early part of the year. Whilst these have recovered to a certain extent with the start of live services again, we are still under budget.

This has been compounded by the fact that at this time of the year we would normally have received contributions from the church organisations. Knowing that many almost emptied their accounts in 2020 and with no activity over the last year we cannot expect very much meantime. As we usually receive around £10,000 in a normal year a reduction, even to the budgeted figure of £5000, will have a significant effect on our income.

Over the last year we have been blessed by a number of members switching to paying their offerings by bank standing order. This has the effect of ensuring that over this difficult period our offering income continues on a regular basis. We would therefore ask that members not on a standing order consider seriously switching to this method. A form to set up the regular payment direct from your bank can be obtained from Carol by contacting the church office (*details on back cover*). On completion, this should be passed to your bank who will set up the payments for you.

Unfortunately, we haven't been able to have our Stated Annual Meeting again this year and so members may not be aware that the budget for 2021, as agreed by the Congregational Board, is anticipating a deficit of around £20,000. In view of this we would ask that members consider prayerfully if they could increase their offerings to help us reduce this amount. With the pandemic we haven't been able to increase our stewardship awareness as expected by our Local Church Review Five Year Action Plan, but we would ask that you take this request as seriously as a full review of stewardship. It may be that with the lockdown you haven't been able to spend on some items that otherwise you might have and so have a little cash in hand. Your prayerful consideration of this request would be much appreciated.

We should like to end by thanking you for taking the time to read this article.

The Finance Team

Friendship Circle Project 2021

Hello Friends and Knitters!

I hope you are all enjoying our current project - "The Big Knit". We are knitting tiny "beanie hats" to go on Innocent Smoothie bottles. Each one earns 25p for Age Scotland (a branch of Age UK) so we want to make as many as possible. Already the numbers are growing so please keep going. It's an ideal way to use up all your oddments of DK wool - any colours will do. If you haven't already started please join in now. The basic pattern is printed below and other patterns are available from me or can be downloaded from www.thebigknit.co.uk. If you have some completed hats that you would like to deliver to me, just phone to arrange that. The project will end at the beginning of September. Thank you for all your help and support - we're hoping for a great result.

Warm wishes to you all.

Eileen Mirtle

Blue bobble hat Beginner pattern by Juliet Bernard

Yarn: Blue and white DK

Needles: 4 mm

Hat

Cast on 31 sts in white

Row 1: k1, *p1, k1 repeat from *to end of row

Row 2: p1, *k1, p1 repeat from *to end of row

Change to blue and beginning with a knit row work 12 rows in st st

Next row: k2tog to last st, k1 (16 sts)

Next row: purl

Next row: k2tog to end (8 sts)

Cut the yarn leaving approx. 10 cm length. Thread this through a sewing needle and bring through stitches and pull up to tighten.

Making up

Use a sewing needle to join side seams.

Make a pompom in blue and sew securely to top of the hat.



Not prayed for a while? Never joined with others in prayer?

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:4-7)

Over the years I have often heard the phrase “Prayer?, Prayer Meeting?” – that’s not my thing” or “I could never pray in front of others.” It makes me a little sad. I know what they are missing.

If prayer is new to you in any form, start small, mean what you say.

Always remember you’re God’s child and he’s your loving heavenly Father, just speak with him. He wants to hear how you’re doing, share your joys and sorrows.

I can recall when I first went along to a meeting, quite nervous really, but when I got there, I found I was in the company of the kindly prayer warriors of our church. They each had their own “style” but that didn’t matter, they weren’t there to show off, they were there to speak with God along with others.

Hannah



The Shepherd is coming for a visit...
time for a good spring cleaning!

God doesn't want us to pray like others, although I have learned such a lot from listening to others pray. He wants to hear from you, from your heart, in your own words.

If you're in a group for the first time don't feel pressured to speak, you may want to prepare a short prayer beforehand and simply read it aloud. Of course, the content of the meeting is confidential.

It's also OK in a group to simply pray silently, and your presence with the others encourages them and above all, pleases God.

You are so very welcome to join us on a Tuesday evening at 7.15/7.30-8.30. Until we all meet again in person details of how to take part by Zoom or phone are on the weekly church email.

Mrs Margaret Gunn

To all those having a birthday

~ ~ Growing Older ~ ~

*You can't hold back the dawn
Or stop the tides from flowing
Or keep a rose from withering
Or still a wind that's blowing*

*And time cannot be halted
In its swift and endless flight
For age is sure to follow youth
Like day comes after night*

*For He who sees our span of
years*

*And watches from above,
Replaces youth and beauty
With Peace and Truth and
Love*

*And then our souls are
privileged
To see a hidden treasure
That in our youth escapes our
eyes
In our pursuit of pleasure*

*So birthdays are but blessings
That open up the way
To the everlasting beauty
Of God's eternal day*

(Author unknown)

Services of Worship (In-person/online/by phone)

We are open for 'in-person' worship in our church building for:

- 11 am Sunday services
- 10 am Tuesday informal services (from 1st June).

Before attending, please read the safety procedures given inside (*on the centre pages*). [Guidelines](#) are given in full on our church website.

The Sunday services are also available to view live or later via YouTube, with an audio recording of the service available to listen to online and by phone later on Sunday (usually by around 5pm). In addition, we are also trialing live access to the service by phone (*see inside for details*).

Service live stream / video recording link details are available at:

www.cardonaldparishchurch.org.uk/online-services-watch-a-service

Service audio recordings are available at:

www.cardonaldparishchurch.org.uk/online-services-listen-to-a-service

and by phone at: 0141 465 5553 (Glasgow phone charges apply).

Holy Communion – Sunday 6th June

An 'in-person' 11am Sunday Communion Service is planned for the 6th June. Due to current coronavirus restrictions, the elements will be distributed differently. On entry, each person will receive a container with a small piece of bread and a red grape, to be taken during the service, when invited to do so by the Minister. Those who prefer to bring their own elements are welcome to do so. And those who will be joining live or later online or by phone are invited to have their own bread and grape juice or equivalent ready before the service begins.

Church Office

Our Church Secretary, Carol, is working from home and can be contacted via the church office email. Phone messages can also be left on the church office phone and will be picked up remotely by her.

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