

## North Knapdale Church : Newsletter 3.7.2020

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Good Morning! Some weeks just get busy for various reasons – so I am not going to write very much today.

Many thanks to those who have responded with views on the church after “re-opening”. Quite a variety of opinions. However, I regret that, at the moment, the buildings will have to remain closed as the government’s, and Church of Scotland’s, requirements for reopening are well beyond our resources to provide. We would need to have people to monitor access, ensure safe distancing and masks, and clean down surfaces after each visitor. Any services would also need social distancing, masks, and no singing – and no teas! So we will be waiting for future relaxations of the rules before considering this again.

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### **This week’s psalm is Psalm 45 verses 10 to 17.**

This week I will ask you to look this up on your bible at home. This is a beautiful song of love and talks of a young princess who has had to leave her family to take on a new life with her husband, a King in a different country. She is welcomed into this new place and brought in with gladness and rejoicing. She is asked to look forward to the sons she will have and not look back to her old life and her father and family.

It is often referred to as “Messianic” psalm as it looks forward to Jesus and the church. The church, the bride, prepared and beautiful waiting for Jesus the bridegroom. As we read through this psalm consider how the church today can make ready for the wedding with Jesus.

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### **Finances**

As you can imagine, the church finances have been sent awry this year because of there being no services, and also lower expenses. Our income is down over £6,000 in the period but expenses have only reduced by about £2,500. So we are heading towards a substantial deficit this year. Many thanks to all who continue to support North Knapdale by standing order or other bank transfers. If you would like to set up a standing order that would be very welcome as this provides a regular income.

The bank details are :

Clydesdale bank plc

A/c North Knapdale Church of Scotland

A/c no. 70059224

Sort Code 82 66 11.

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Here are the income and expenditure details for the six month review to the 30<sup>th</sup> June this year.

Income	2020	2019
Envelopes and Standing orders	3440.00	4056
Open Plate	607.83	1973.66
Donations	0.00	2773.95
Life and Work	183.60	214.2
Gift aid tax	0.00	0
Weddings/funerals	430.00	150
MC donations	0.00	150.01
Second Sunday Supper	202.00	215
Furniture sales	0.00	345
Insurance refund	0.00	207.02
Sundries	0.00	400.79
Easter Coffee Morning	0.00	758.73
Total income	4863.43	11244.36

Expenses	2020	2019
Ministries and Mission contributions	4316.18	3122
Pulpit supply	93.41	1105.85
Presbytery dues	0	1035
Life and Work	214.03	214.03
Printing, stationery and postage	270.36	102.57
electricity	910.2	1606.96
Messy Church	17.47	426.87
Second Sunday Supper	140.58	115.86
CC, general outreach	29.46	59.48
Insurance	755.2	1142
Maintenance	2012.25	2226.25
Sundries	236.69	147.41
Training	156.00	292.25
Shared Manse Costs	220.08	311.5
Advertising	263.23	132.4
Total Expenditure	9635.14	12040.43

## Prayer rota and news from presbytery:

**From:** Pres. Argyll

**Sent:** 03 July 2020 16:40

**To:** Pres. Argyll <Argyll@churchofscotland.org.uk>

**Subject:** Presbytery Prayer Rota and Intimations

### Presbytery Prayer Rota

**Sunday 5 July 2020**

**Please pray for the following congregations and their ministers:**

**Muchairn:** Minister – Rev Tom Telfer

**Glassary, Kilmartin and Ford:** Interim Moderator – Mrs Alison Hay

Like all the churches in our area, we are keen to "get back to business" and to that end we have been looking at risk assessment, ordering appropriate PPE and rejigging our seating to make our building safe for reopening when the time comes.

Please remember our congregation in your thoughts and Prayers as we try our best to steer a safe passage back to Worship.

**Crossreach:** Please pray for the staff and people supported by Crossreach

### Intimations

**Anyone wishing an intimation posted should inform the clerk no later than Thursday each week.**

- **Rev Owain Jones, Moderator of Presbytery calls presbyters to weekly prayer together on Wednesdays at Noon. Prayer is on the Presbytery Website and will be circulated to Presbyters and Session Clerks.**  
It can also be viewed on the following link  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPXtIED6SuGHrf7DYJtMj8w>
- **Presbytery Facebook Page:** If anyone wishes something posted on the Presbytery Facebook Page **please contact either**  
**Liz Gibson** ([egibson@churchofscotland.org.uk](mailto:egibson@churchofscotland.org.uk))  
or **Scott Burton** ([Sburton@churchofscotland.org.uk](mailto:Sburton@churchofscotland.org.uk))

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- **Scotland's Churches Trust**

"I am pleased to send you a link to SCT's July newsletter which highlights the charity's Fabric Grants work. Please feel free to share this link with churches in your Presbytery.

**[SCT Newsletter July 2020](#)**

Yours sincerely

Lesley Cumming "

You'll see a wee bit of local history in this newsletter (Stewart)

- **Online services available from Argyll**

The following services are being provided online for local congregations and those who wish to log in from places further afield:

**West Kintyre and Gigha – Rev Scott Burton -**

**<https://www.westkintyreandgighachurchofscotland.org/>** Worship

**The United Church of Bute – Rev Owain Jones -**

**<https://www.unitedchurchofbute.org.uk/>**

**The Shore Kirk – Rev Janet MacKellar –**

**<https://sites.google.com/view/theshorekirk/home>**

or **<https://www.facebook.com/groups/345399762209092/>**

**Service is available by Phone on** 01369 510 932

**Ardchattan lw Coll lw Connel – Rev Willem Bezuidenhout**

**<https://www.ardchattanchurch.org.uk/>**

**West Cowal – Rev David Mitchell**

**<https://www.westcowalchurches.org.uk>**

**South Kintyre – Rev Steve Fulcher**

**[www.kintyreparishes.org.uk](http://www.kintyreparishes.org.uk)**

**Netherlorn Churches Worship Team**

**<http://www.netherlornchurches.org.uk/>**

**West Lochfyneside:**

**<https://www.westlochfyneside.org.uk>**

**Kilmore and Oban: Rev Dugald Cameron**

**[www.obanchurch.com](http://www.obanchurch.com)**

**Barra and South Uist : Rev Lindsay Schluter(audio only)**

Can be accessed via telephone (01871-200336) or the South Uist website

**[www.southuistchurchofscotland.com](http://www.southuistchurchofscotland.com)** )

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**eXp facebook page:** - a worship and discipleship resource for young people.

<https://www.facebook.com/expdunoon/>

## Daily Hope line

It is introduced by the Archbishop of Canterbury. There are three options, you can:

1. Listen to a well-known hymn being sung then listen to a reflection on it, about 15 minutes.
2. Listen to well-known hymns being sung and sing along.
3. Listen to a prayer relevant to today's world

This service is called Daily Hope, the phone number is **0800 804 8044** Phone calls are free.

## Keep Safe

Stewart

W Stewart Shaw DL

Clerk to the Presbytery of Argyll

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## Update from the Church of Scotland General Trustees:

### Assembly Trustees Update 2.02

June 2020

- The Trustees met with Thom Riddell and Viv Dickenson of Social Care and were pleased to hear that the work of the staff of CrossReach had resulted in a lesser impact in older peoples' care from the pandemic than had been the experience of many other parts of the care sector. The trustees agreed that a Special Pandemic Payments scheme should be put in place for all front-line staff whose work, in the most challenging of circumstances, had put themselves at risk whilst they selflessly continued with their caring duties.

- The Trustees met separately with the Conveners and Heads of Staff of the two Forums (FNF and FIF) and approved the direction of travel towards final proposals for the respective remits, which were to be the subject of a joint meeting in the ensuing week. With the Faith Nurture Forum, they discussed the overall programme including a specific paper on the need to progress ministries training issues as they were developing as a result of the pandemic. With the Faith Impact Forum, they again looked at the overall remit. This was followed by a discussion on the importance of the Trustees being fully aware of the work of the entities in Israel and the way in which they worked with others towards peace and justice in the Holy Land.
- With the General Treasurer the Trustees considered the latest management accounts to the end of May and were pleased to see that the effects of cost control measures were beginning to be seen. The accounts did not yet reflect the potential reduction in congregational contributions which appears to be holding up reasonably well, but a firmer picture was not expected to emerge until August.
- With the Head of HR, the Trustees noted that line-managers were beginning to request flexible furlough arrangements. It was also noted that in early July, with input from the Employee Council, decisions would be taken as to how to take forward requests made under the Voluntary Exit Scheme. An update was given on the plan for larger scale return to work, which incorporated the outcome of the employee survey. It was noted that substantial work would be required to accommodate safe use of the national offices by a significant number of staff and, at some stage, visitors.
- The Trustees noted that full proposals regarding Mission Development Staff recruitment would be brought to the August meeting and would require a policy decision on the types of roles that the concept should embrace.
- In light of the clear need for the use of webinars, the Trustees agreed to the creation of a Webinar Project Team to develop a consistent approach and framework within which each webinar could operate efficiently.
- The importance of communications being open and accessible was endorsed by the Trustees. An increase in online events has been broadly welcomed but organisers must take care to ensure that they are as inclusive as possible in terms of those who are invited to join the debate or event. For those not able to join live or online consideration should be given to what options there might be to catch up or find out about the event afterwards.
  - The Trustees noted the diversity issues which had arisen following the recent work of the Black Lives Matter movement and will discuss the need properly to approach issues of race, diversity and exclusion at their meeting in August.
- The next meeting of the Trustees will be on 13 August. There will be no formal meeting in July; but the trustees will meet on 9 July both for induction sessions for new trustees and to allow vision time on emerging issues.

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You can find news on our church website: [www.northknapdale.org](http://www.northknapdale.org)

And our Face Book page – North Knapdale Church.

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