



Selkirk Parish Church

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Notices for week beginning 1 August2021

Sunday 1 August 2021

10.15 am Sunday service In Church

The service is also available at [resources for 2021 – Selkirk Parish Church](#)

11.30 am Cuppa and Catch up on Zoom

<https://zoom.us/j/2122334716?pwd=OS9mM3k3MGRtMDdvSndnaGc2L2xyQT09>

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In our prayers this week

- Russell Place, Hillside Terrace, Tait's Hill, HighStreet and Douglas Place and their elder/ visitor, Myra Ward.

Pray for us all to have a deeper awareness of your love for us just as we are.

This week

Wednesday 4th July @ 7 pm - Prayer Group on Zoom

<https://zoom.us/j/97057080364?pwd=RzZPY1pxS1VrSytrQTdDMkVsU3VyQT09>

By phone: 0131 460 1196

Meeting ID: 970 5708 0364 Passcode: 924278

Next Sunday

8 August 2021 Sunday service in church

Dates for your diary

Sunday 1 August 3pm Prayer in the Park. August event towards COP26: the eco group invites you to join them on Selkirk Hill to pray for the planet.

Tuesday 7 September at 7pm Towards COP26 on zoom
Repair in the Square - how plastic bags changed my life

More information

- **Sunday 1st August, 3pm Prayer in the Park**

The eco group invites you to meet at 3pm on Selkirk Hill at the picnic table above the Pot Loch.

If you are unable to be there in person, you can also join in at home or in your own green space! We will be praying in thankfulness, lament and hope for all of creation, our global neighbours and our world leaders.

Let me know if you can be there and I will bring a leaflet for you. If you are joining in at home, you can download the leaflet or listen to the prayers here:

<https://www.tearfund.org/campaigns/reboot-campaign/prayer-for-the-climate/prayer-in-the-park>

Just let me know if you would like a printed leaflet. (01750 21703)

- **Wednesday services** will resume on 21st July at 11am. Please join us for a short act of worship.
You will need to wear a mask and there will be social distancing in place. You will be asked for your name and phone number as you enter to comply with Test and Protect procedures.

- **Outdoor Holiday Club** 9th -13th August 10 - noon at The Haining.

Organised by the Churches Together in Selkirk and the Valleys
Children 5-11 all welcome

Free activities including crafts, games, Bible Stories.

VOLUNTEERS needed. If you are free to help or want more information then please email CTSVyouth@gmail.com

- **Recycling**

Now that Sustainable Selkirk are in 5 Tower Street (open Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays 10 am - 2 pm), you will be able to take all your hard-to-recycle items there meanwhile. Postcards, stamps, unwanted currency, milk bottle tops, old jewellery, watches, cameras, mobiles, ipods satnavs, tablets, gently used bras, crisp packets, biscuit wrappers, toothpaste tubes and brushes and, new addition, **plastic cheese wrappers** (please wash first). We hope to be collecting in church again eventually.

- The Fairstart Scotland programme helps people into work who have challenges to overcome, such as a disability, an illness, childcare or caring responsibilities and unemployment to name just a few. They also provide help for people who have difficulties in applying for jobs online, helping them with applications, CVs, cover letters and even pre-interview training for those who may be lacking in confidence if they have not been in an interview situation for a long time. The programme is run on behalf of the Government by a company called Triage Central. If you would be interested in their help, then please contact Carol Byers at CarolB@triagecentral.co.uk or phone 07514 640989.

- **Open Door to Your Door**

A New Church Community Outreach Project - Could You Help?

John Moley, our Children and Families worker became aware of how stretched and isolated some families on low income are. Putting good homemade food on the table is not easy, especially with covid furloughs and job losses. We applied for grant money to try to help, using food cooked and frozen at Open Door during the cafe hours. John has been delivering meals weekly to a number of appreciative families. As a church family we want to show care and be something more than that big building in the town! We are asking them to "Pay What You Can" anonymously when a meal is delivered. The success of the project so far means John needs more helpers. Could you give some time? In a nutshell, **once a**

month, you would be committing to collecting frozen meal portions in a coolbag from the church for delivery to a family, ideally the same family, with whom you might chat a bit *on the doorstep*. These visits give us the opportunity as a congregation to be visible in the community as God's people. Please give this some thought and contact John Moley (Tel 07753 341605 or email cfw@selkirkparish.church) or Myra Ward (Tel 01750 22867 email myraward@gmail.com) if you want to know more and would enjoy helping this project flourish Thank you

- **Open Door**

We are delighted to say that our community cafe is re-opening WEEKLY (12noon - 1.00pm) to serve lunches from Monday 24th May.

To book YOUR place! Phone 01750 20078 or email office@selkirkparish.church by Friday morning before 12 noon. We need your name and contact details please. If we are fully booked, you will be contacted and offered a place the following Monday.

We will be following the same covid regulations as all other cafes eg. social distancing, hand sanitizer, masks on entry, track and trace.

Don't be put off by the changes. You will enjoy seeing friendly faces, having the usual banter with our brilliant volunteers and being served a delicious homemade hot meal.

We look forward to welcoming you!

Myra Ward (on behalf of OD Management Group)

- **Re-opening of church building**

The church building is open for Sunday Worship at 10. 15 am every Sunday. Please book a place by phoning the Office on 20078 or emailing office@selkirkparish.church before the Friday of each week.

Wilma will be in the office from 10 - noon on Fridays. If you do not hear back from her, you can assume there will be space for you. Once our permitted number is reached, she will contact those who will be unable to attend giving them first priority for the following week.

Covid regulations are in place: masks will be worn and you will be shown to your seat. Singing is allowed with masks on.

We look forward to seeing you in person when you feel able to attend. The online service will continue.

Covid information for attending church in person

- **Posters** will be on display: please do not enter if you are unwell or show symptoms of Covid-19.
- **Social distancing** of 2 metres (about 6 feet) to be maintained at all times, including on approach to entrance.
- **Face masks required** (unless medical exception)
- **Hand sanitiser** stations at entry and exit doors to be used when entering or leaving the building.
- **A steward** will meet and greet you, avoiding physical contact.
- There is a **one-way system** in place, enter by the main church door and exit through the hall or office doors. Disabled members will be able to enter via the Hall Entrance under the guidance of a steward.
- **The steward** will guide you to your seat, you must remain in your seat until you are led out by a steward at the end of the service. Please do not gather in the front garden after leaving.
- **Singing is allowed with masks on.**
- **The offering plate** will not be passed round but will be available at the door.
- **Doors** will remain open during the service so dress warmly.
- **Only one toilet** will be available, for emergency use only – stewards will give permission for use.
- **The cleaning regime** has been adjusted in line with Church of Scotland guidelines, but we all need to play our part