



Selkirk Parish Church

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**Locum minister:
Rev. Scott Guy**

Notices for week beginning 6 March 2022

Sunday 6 March 2022

Sun 6 Mar. 10.15am Worship led by Rev. Scott Guy.
Coffee and Teas in the hall

In our prayers this week

Church Family

Bemersyde Crescent, Fletcher Court, Haining Park and The Glebe and their elder/visitor Glynis Wilkie

Community

Pray for Scott as he begins work as our locum minister and gets to know us. Bless his ministry here.

World

Pray for peace in Ukraine and wisdom for political leaders.

This week

Monday 7th March. Open Door 10.30 - 11.30am for coffee, 12 - 1pm for lunch

Tuesday 8th March 10am Lent group in the hall

Tuesday 8th March 2pm- Sukie's cutting cloth for Zambia in church hall

Wednesday 9th March.11am Wednesday worship

Wednesday 9th March. 7pm Prayer group, on Zoom

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

By phone: 0131 460 1196 Meeting ID: 970 5708 0364 Passcode: 924278

Thursday 10th March 2pm CAMEO

Thursday 10th March 7pm Lent group at 5 Marion Crescent

Next Sunday

13th March 10.15am – Worship led by Fiona Corbett

Dates for your diary

Sunday 13th March 7.30pm Forward in Faith

Thursday 24th March 2pm CAMEO

Sunday 27th March 7.30pm Forward in Faith

More information

Ukraine - Local Collection Points - Selkirk High School and the Waterwheel Cafe are local collection points for blankets, sleeping bags, children's clothes, men's shoes, toiletries and pet food (many of the refugees are escaping with their pets)

Information from "Stitches for Survival" about knitting blankets may soon be available. We will let you know.

Fairtrade Easter Eggs (and other goodies) - If you would like to order fairtrade chocolate Easter eggs including the " Real Easter Egg" which comes with a short picture book of the Easter story suitable for children, please contact Myra on myraward@gmail.com or call 01750 22867. You can look online at www.traidcraftshop.co.uk and see all the Easter chocolate products, other gifts and cards. All orders of any Traidcraft product very welcome and if you order via Myra you are not liable for any postage costs. She will deliver to you or you can collect whichever suits you.

Sukie's trip to Zambia

Thank you to every one who has already responded to Sukie's appeal.

A session has been arranged for Tuesday 8 March at 14:00 in the church hall, if you wish to help with cutting out cloth for Sukie's trip to Zambia. Track and trace arrangements will be in place. Usual covid precautions will be in force with regard to hand sanitising and masks.

Sukie is still looking for

Knitting wool, even part balls, dark colours - no white or pale colours (lack of water)

'Bouncy jet balls' - you can buy 50 from eBay for less than £10 with free delivery. The children play jacks with stones and it entertains them for a long time. (Not super bouncy balls which all seem to come from America.)

Pencils with a rubber on the end for each child for school, most don't have one.

(This is a good link for pencils recycled from newspaper

- <https://www.ebay.co.uk/itm/253290346384?epid=1940291359&hash=item3af947f790:g:Ua4AAOSwYS9ZZAs5>)

Carry on Recycling: 7.5 kg of empty crisp packets and a 12.7kg sack containing 61 mobiles, 17 watches, 4 ipods, 4 cameras, 3 tablets, some old and broken jewellery and lots of unwanted currency have been kept out of landfill. Well done! Currently all your hard-to-recycle items can be taken to Sustainable Selkirk at 5 Tower Street. Remember your biscuit wrappers and lots of other plastics are now collected at the Co-op.

Congregational Board - We are hoping to hold the Stated Annual meeting in the near future. At this meeting members of the congregational board, who have served their term in office step down and new members are elected. We are in need of a number of new members this year.

The Board meets Bi-monthly -3rd Tuesday of the month- and deals with the non pastoral needs of the Church- maintenance of buildings, hall lets, finance etc. Would you be interested in joining the board? Do you know any church members who might be interested? If so please let me know or talk to any of the current board members.

Thanks, Sheila Christer Porteous
christerporteous@btinternet.com

Forward in Faith House Group We plan to run this on alternate Sundays from 7:30 to 9pm at Orchard Brow, Clerklands. Future dates will be: 13th and 27th March, 10th and 24th April and 8th May. We would welcome new people joining us to share fellowship, prayer and discussion. Please contact Jane Peers (079171 28918) with any questions.

Lent groups will start on 1st/3rd March and will run for 6 weeks: Tuesdays mornings in the hall at 10am or Thursday evenings at 7pm at 5 Marion Crescent. It is good to take time to read the Bible together and encourage each other in our faith. We will be thinking about some of the prayers of Jesus. Everyone is welcome, so please come along if you can.

Singers! Have you missed getting together with friends to raise our voices together? The good news is plans are afoot to prepare music for Easter worship. All are welcome! You don't need to read music or be pitch perfect or attend every practice. Meeting to sing after church on Sundays (11.30am - 12.30) worked well before. If you want to join the singing group please contact Rod and Myra on 01750 22867 or by email at rodders54@gmail.com or myraward@gmail.com. Please note there are still likely to be covid regulations in place so we may be socially distanced and singing with masks on. We will let you know. Rod and Myra

Wednesday services every week at 11am. Please join us for a short act of worship. You will need to wear a mask and social distancing is still advised. You will be asked for your name and phone number as you enter to comply with Test and Protect procedures.

Open Door 2022: GOOD NEWS and Update! Booking is no longer required as we now have space for 36 customers. Coffees/teas and baking are back (10.30am and 11.30 am). If you would enjoy a gentle but pleasant job hosting coffee and cake on a Monday morning, please have a word. You may have heard the rumour that we are looking for more helpers to bake, to help with dishes in the kitchen or to help serve. It's true! As a church, we are providing a welcoming place for the community and our own church folk and volunteers are benefiting too. Come and be a part of Open Door. You will be welcomed with OPEN arms. Myra Ward (Tel 01750 22867 or myrward@gmail.com)

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 is still advised 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.
- 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.
- The cleaning regime has been adjusted in line with Church of Scotland guidelines, but we all need to play our part.