



Selkirk Parish Church

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Notices for week beginning 13 March 2022

Sunday 13 March 2022

Sun 13 Mar. 10.15am - Worship led by Fiona Corbett
Coffee and Teas in the hall

Sunday 13th March 7.30pm Forward in Faith

In our prayers this week

Church Family

Chapel Street and Souter Court and their elder/ visitor Ella Donald

Community

Give thanks for our gardens and green spaces, and ask for God's help to appreciate and care for nature

World

Pray for those who fight for gender equality and those who suffer from gender inequality.

This week

Monday 14th March. Open Door 10.30 - 11.30am for coffee, 12 - 1pm for lunch

Tuesday 15th March 10am Lent group in the hall

Wednesday 16th March.11am Wednesday worship

Wednesday 16th 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 17th March 7pm Lent group at 5 Marion Crescent

Next Sunday

20th March 10.15am – Worship led by Rev. Scott Guy

Dates for your diary

Sunday 20th March - All contributions for the Hird are due, thanks. anne@dbethune.com

Thursday 24th March 2pm - CAMEO

Friday 25th March Elders and visitors, please collect your Hirds at 11am outside the Church office.

Fri 25th March 7:15pm Quiz in aid of Comic

Saturday 26 March 10am - Stated Annual Meeting in the church hall.

Sunday 27th March 7.30pm Forward in Faith

More information

UKRAINE.... donations of goods for Ukraine are meantime suspended. Please wait for further information.. One van load has already gone from the collection point at Selkirk High School. You will have seen from TV that money donations are being encouraged via Christian Aid. Red Cross etc.

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 22 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/253290346384epid=1940291359&hash=item3af947f790:g:Ua4AAOSwYS9ZZAs5>)

Fri 25th March 7:15pm Quiz in the Parish church hall in aid of Comic Relief and organised by some of our church teenagers in the town. £12 a team.

Email louise on louiseeduff@hotmail.com to book a table or come on the night.

Stated Annual Meeting, Saturday 26th March, 10am in the church hall.

Agenda will include:

- election of congregational members to the Board (3 vacancies)
- finance report
- property report
- Building the Future report and proposal to replace some of the seating in the church
- reports from organisations and groups

All members and adherents of the congregational are encouraged to attend.

Anyone interested in joining the Board as a congregational member, please let David, Fiona or Sheila know.

Help Needed for Summer Cafe in Bannerfield

Open Door hosted a summer cafe 3 year ago in Philiphaugh Community Centre in partnership with Community and Early Years Workers. A wonderfully creative Summer Programme for families was on offer and we provided coffees/cake and lunch to those who came, many of whom struggle with fuel and food poverty. The word went round and numbers increased each week. We really enjoyed ourselves. If you could offer one day or more on any of the following dates to help please contact Myra (Tel 01750 22867or myraward@gmail.com) Thursdays 21st and 28th July; 4th and 11th August. No special skills needed. You will be part of a great team! Thanks.

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.

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.