

Sunday Worship

We hope to move to one metre social distancing in the church by September, subject to approval by Presbytery. When this happens, it will no longer be necessary to phone to book a place. Until then, to book a place, please phone the Minister on 0141 770 9247 on the Wednesday or Thursday before worship.

For those who are unable to attend, the **Carntyne Parish Church Phone Service** continues to be available. This can be accessed by telephoning **(0141) 815 1331**. Each service will be available during the week, until the next service is posted.

There will be no **tea/coffee service** after worship for the time being as we do not have sufficient people for Duty Teams and Coffee Squads. If you are able to help, please speak to the Session Clerk or the Minister.

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If you are in need of support or would just like to chat, please do not hesitate to contact either: Rev Joan Ross 770 9247 or May Fawns 774 4250

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Carntyne Parish Church

August 2021



Dear friends,

‘The times they are a-changin’” wrote Bob Dylan in 1963 and, in 2021, the times are indeed a-changin’. They are changing across the country and in our communities as we move away from stringent Covid restrictions and towards a ‘new normal’. They are changing in Carntyne Church as Phase 1 of the Building Development is completed and we look towards Phase 2. The times are also changing within the National Church as it looks to rethink its structure as we move into the future.

Over the summer, the restrictions on wearing face coverings, social distancing and gathering in groups have been relaxed. At present, churches are subject to more constraints than elsewhere in that face coverings must still be worn at all times when inside a place of worship.

(Discussions about this are continuing between the Scottish Churches and Government representatives.)

The good news is that we are allowed to sing and to socially distance at 1 metre rather than 2 metres, although we have held back on this at Carntyne because of the building work. One metre social distancing will be introduced in the next few weeks.

We have been fortunate to be able to worship in the church during the last few months while the roof and window repairs have been ongoing. More detail about the work that has been carried out is given elsewhere in the Bulletin.

Perhaps the most significant of the changes we face are a consequence of decisions taken at the General Assembly in May. These decisions were taken in the knowledge that the Church doesn't have the money, or the people, to continue with business as usual. It's expected one in three ministers will retire in the next few years, and it's been known for a long time that we have too many church buildings.

Each Presbytery will now have to prepare a new plan taking into account a significant reduction on the number of ministry posts (ie Ministers of Word and Sacrament, Deacons and MDS). Glasgow Presbytery has been allocated 84 posts, down from approximately 140. The intention is to reach this level of staffing in 4-5 years time.

The group enjoys carpet bowls, dominoes and darts and there is time for a chat over a cup of tea or coffee.

The Men's Club runs every Wednesday afternoon from 1.45-3.15pm and in the evening from 7.00-9.15pm.

We enjoy carpet bowls, pool, darts and dominoes, as well as a chat with a cup of tea/coffee. We have an annual outing and we are also looking to visit and welcome other Men's Clubs during the session.

We would be delighted to welcome members both old and new when our session kicks off on **Wednesday 1st September 2021**.

Please contact James McGuire, Treasurer on 07585 603481 if you require any further information.

The Film Club meets on Thursday afternoons at 1pm in the Crighton Hall. Come along and enjoy a film, a cup of tea/coffee and a chat.

The Lunch Club meets on Fridays at 12 noon. Why not come and enjoy the company while you share in a two course meal followed by tea and coffee for a modest charge.

Young at Heart The group meets on Fridays, 1.00-3.00 pm, to play games, such as dominos and bingo, and there is time for tea or coffee and cake and a chat.

Organisations

It is anticipated that the halls will re-open for use by groups and organisations at the beginning of September. The following groups have indicated they will be starting a new session in September.

The Explorers (Sunday School) begin the new session on **Sunday 5th September** at 11a.m. All children of primary school age will be made welcome. It would be nice to see some new faces. So why not come along, have fun, and learn more about Jesus.

Parents & Toddlers The Group welcomes toddlers accompanied by mums, dads, grandparents, carers, from church and community and provides toys and activities for babies and children up to the age of 4. There is also time for a healthy snack and a drink. The Group meets on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, 9.30-11.30 am, during school term time in the upstairs halls.

Boys' Brigade The new session will begin on **Monday 13th September** with Anchors at 6:30pm and Junior and Company sections from 7pm. Please note that BB staff will be available in the halls on Monday 6th from 7pm if parents want to fill in registration forms and ask any questions.

The Ladies Club will begin on **Tuesday 14th September** at 7pm in the downstairs hall. It is for ladies of all ages.

The new Plan will look at buildings - 'having the right spaces in the right places' - and at ways of make the best use of staff. With fewer paid staff, the voluntary service of thousands of members will remain an essential part of the church, with more opportunities for ministry exercised by the whole people of God.

The times are changing, and the Church must change with them in order to ensure that every individual in Scotland will continue, through the National Church, to have access to the comfort and challenge of the Gospel. Please keep in your prayers the Presbytery Mission Plan Review Group (PMPRG) and the congregational representatives who will work with them on this important and challenging task.

Blessings,

Joan

Finance

Thanks to all who have continued to support our work by regular giving over the course of the pandemic. This was very helpful, particularly on fixed costs which we incurred whether we were open or not, and significantly reduced the amount we had to eat in to from our limited Reserves.

Over the past 18 months a number of folks have taken the opportunity to move to Standing Order Payment for regular giving. This is easy to set up and is very helpful for ongoing cover of our costs so if you would like to take up this option, please contact The Session Clerk or Treasurer.

A prayer

Each week during lockdown, 15 Christian churches and organisations across the country, including the Church of Scotland, have co-signed a letter calling for prayer. Below is part of the letter and the prayer for Sunday 15th August.

“As we journey from where we have been in past months to where we will be in times to come, we are beginning to recover some of the parts of our shared life that had been lost to us for a time. Within shared communal settings and within the community of God's people, one of the things that we are recovering is the experience of song and the bonding that the shared experience of singing brings to us.

In recovering that which had been lost, we rediscover a dimension of our shared experience that is integral to our worship of God. As the Spirit inspires us, we renew our thanksgiving ‘to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ’. As we do so, we share more fully in the life that God gifts to us through Christ and by the Spirit.”

We pray:

God our Father,
As we journey from where we have been
To where we will be,
Fill us with Your Spirit
That we might truly worship You
And praise Your holy name.
Lord, in Your mercy, Hear our prayer.

We have also started to tidy up the seating area in the middle of the Square. Tools and gloves are provided (though you are welcome to bring your own). Work begins at around 12:30 on Wednesdays when the walking group returns. We would welcome any new helpers.

The usual Zoom groups are detailed below:

Coffeetime Zoom on Tuesdays at 10am

Meeting ID: 865 5388 2010

Wednesday Space at 10am

Meeting ID: 884 4248 5052

Film Club on Thursdays at 1pm

Meeting ID: 853 1316 0371

Young at Heart on Fridays at 1pm

Meeting ID: 813 0649 6870

Zoom is not geographically bound, and anyone can join- so if you know of anyone, no matter where they live, who would benefit from seeing some friendly faces each week, please tell them about these gatherings.

Do phone me on 07734007260 for more information about any of the above or if you'd like support accessing any of the meetings.

Kind regards

Aileen

A Word from Aileen

I hope you are all well. I'm just back from a week on the beautiful island of Iona and am full of renewed energy! I am really hopeful that some of our groups will get back into the hall soon, however these next few months will be a time of trial and error as we see what works best. I know some folk have got a lot out of our online offering and I am keen to keep supporting folk in a variety of ways. Our regular groups are Coffeetime Chat on Tuesday, a short prayer service on Wednesday, Film Club on Thursday or Young at Heart social club on Friday. I'll let everyone know when there is news of change.

Over the next few weeks, the Film Club will be watching the following films together:

26th August: 'Where Eagles Dare' (1969) with Richard Burton, Clint Eastwood and Mary Ure.

2nd September: 'Born Free' (1966) with Virginia McKenna, Bill Travers and Geoffrey Keen

9th September: 'The Thrill of it all' (1963) with Doris Day, James Garner and Arlene Francis

16th September: 'The Secret Life of Walter Mitty' (1947) with Danny Kaye, Virginia Mayo and Boris Karloff

The Wednesday Walking Group continues with gentle exercise and chat. We meet outside the church gate at 11am.

God our Father,
As we journey from where we have been
To where we will be,
Inspire us within the community of God's people
To lift up our hearts
And to renew our praise.
Lord, in Your mercy, Hear our prayer.

God our Father,
As we journey from where we have been
To where we will be,
Renew us as we renew our praise
With Psalms and hymns
And all the songs of God's people.
Lord, in Your mercy, Hear our prayer.

God our Father,
As we journey from where we have been
To where we will be,
Help us to recover that which has been lost
And to rediscover all that unites us
As those who are made in Your image.
Lord, in Your mercy, Hear our prayer.

God our Father,
As we journey from where we have been
To where we will be,
We give thanks to You
For all your gifts to us
Through Christ and by Your Spirit.
Lord, in Your mercy, Hear our prayer.

Church Building Refurbishment Update at August 2021

In the last Bulletin the indications were that the expected completion date was 30th June. Unfortunately, the contractor found more dry and wet rot and this pushed out completion but we are very pleased to confirm that Phase 1 of our refurbishment project is complete as of Monday 16th August. We are very grateful to our Contractor W H Kirkwood Ltd. who coordinated the Project for us

The work started on 21st February and was a major project which covered stripping and repairing of all roof areas, identifying and eliminating Dry and Wet Rot, refurbishment and replacement of rainwater goods and refurbishment and repairs of all windows. The exterior Fabric of the building is now sound as we move in to the Autumn and Winter and we are very grateful for the generous Grant Support we received which, along with our local fundraising, meant that we could go ahead.

Many thanks also to all who contributed to the Slate appeal earlier this year which raised £1,033. This was a great help as although more than 50 % of the old slates were reclaimed after removal and inspection the rest were replaced with equivalent new versions.

In addition to the work mentioned, as part of this phase we took the opportunity to install a CCTV alarm system which is monitored 24 hours a day to protect the building and the new roof and lead work. As always, we ask

everyone when passing the building to check around and report anything which looks out of the ordinary.

Phase 2

Work has started on plans for the interior work to convert the Church building for multipurpose use to include all of the activities we currently hold in our halls as well as our regular acts of Worship.

Rebecca Cadie of ARPL Architects Ltd who headed Phase 1 for us has been reengaged to manage this next exciting phase for us and brings extensive experience of this type of work. A small team has been set up, including the Minister, Session Clerk and some Elders and members, which will be led by Rebecca, to come up with proposals for approval by the Congregation and the General Trustees.

We hope to have something to share with you over the next few months along with an estimate of cost so we can start the process of Fundraising and Grant Funding applications.

Our local Fundraising is very important as we have to demonstrate to funders that we have raised some of the cost ourselves. We were very successful with Phase 1 in that regard and although Fundraising activities will start in earnest from the end of this year all donations continue to be greatly appreciated and, as for Phase 1, should be marked for the Refurbishment Fund.