



The Brig



A Word From the Minister...

Dear members and adherents

We hope and pray you enjoy this new supplement as part of our church's growing work.

The last few years have seen us face multiple challenges, yet we continue to have much to give thanks for. Above all, we are blessed to be part of a busy and active local church which indicates to us God still has a purpose and work for us to do here.

We cannot stress enough how much we in church leadership appreciate you- your continued support and prayers for our church. The pandemic changed and affected many of our connections but we want this short publication to be a way of bridging- from us to you, and have us all share a sense of community.

Speaking of building bridges, one good thing that's come from the pandemic is the many ways we have found to do this. Between our CD, social media and Youtube ministries we continue to connect with new folks and see growth. And we want to steward and cultivate that growth as faithfully as we can.



For so many now, the internet is where they spend increasing amounts of time. This reality has led to an exciting new project the Kirk Session are hoping to deliver.

In March we took the decision to increase the visibility of our church : with new signs on the building, some high quality images of our church life, and an improved website. We want to build on the years of good work within our community and our growing online presence by investing in our church's image- to continue to be a beacon of hope for all who stumble upon us. We want the congregation to partner with us to help see the results of these improvements so we are setting up a new fundraising target of £5000 (or 4 miles in pennies) in order to achieve this. If it's something you feel led to give to, please make a donation to the Church Image Project (or mile of pennies) and hopefully we can work together to see what the new spruce up will bring.

Please also get in touch if I can serve or help you or your loved ones at any time.

Yours in Christ

Rev David Nicolson

WHAT'S ON

January

To start the year we received some very generous donations. Jan's stall very kindly donated £300 to the Church. The Line Dancing Group donated £500, and £127.80 was raised by the congregation from the sale of Christmas cards.

On the 28th of January, we celebrated our annual Tartan Service for Burns' Day. It was great to see everyone in their Scottish Dress!



February

In February our congregation came together and donated generously to the appeal from Christian Aid concerning the Earthquake disaster in Turkey and Syria. We thank everyone who donated for their continued generosity.

Our Praise Service took place on the 26th of February, when we all came together to worship by singing the favourite hymns of some of our congregation.

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March

In March our congregation continued to donate generously toward the appeal for the new asylum seekers being placed in the Erskine Hotel. We thank everyone who has donated any of the items required, or who has given some of their time, or who has sent a card with kind words to the new residents in the Hotel. We would particularly like to thank Aileen Robb and Morag Moffat for their efforts in co-ordinating donations.

The Guild held their coffee morning and Easter craft sale on Saturday the 18th of March. Thanks to all who attended, the impressive sum of £860 was raised for Guild and Church funds.

In March the Church was in receipt of £9000 of National Lottery Funding. This money is gratefully received and will go towards building repairs to the Church building. We thank everyone who volunteered their time to allow us to secure this funding.



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Holy Week

Throughout Holy week we will hold a number of Services. We would be delighted if you could join us.

Wednesday 4th April 7pm

Maundy Thursday 7pm

Good Friday 7pm

Easter Sunday Family Praise Service 11am

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