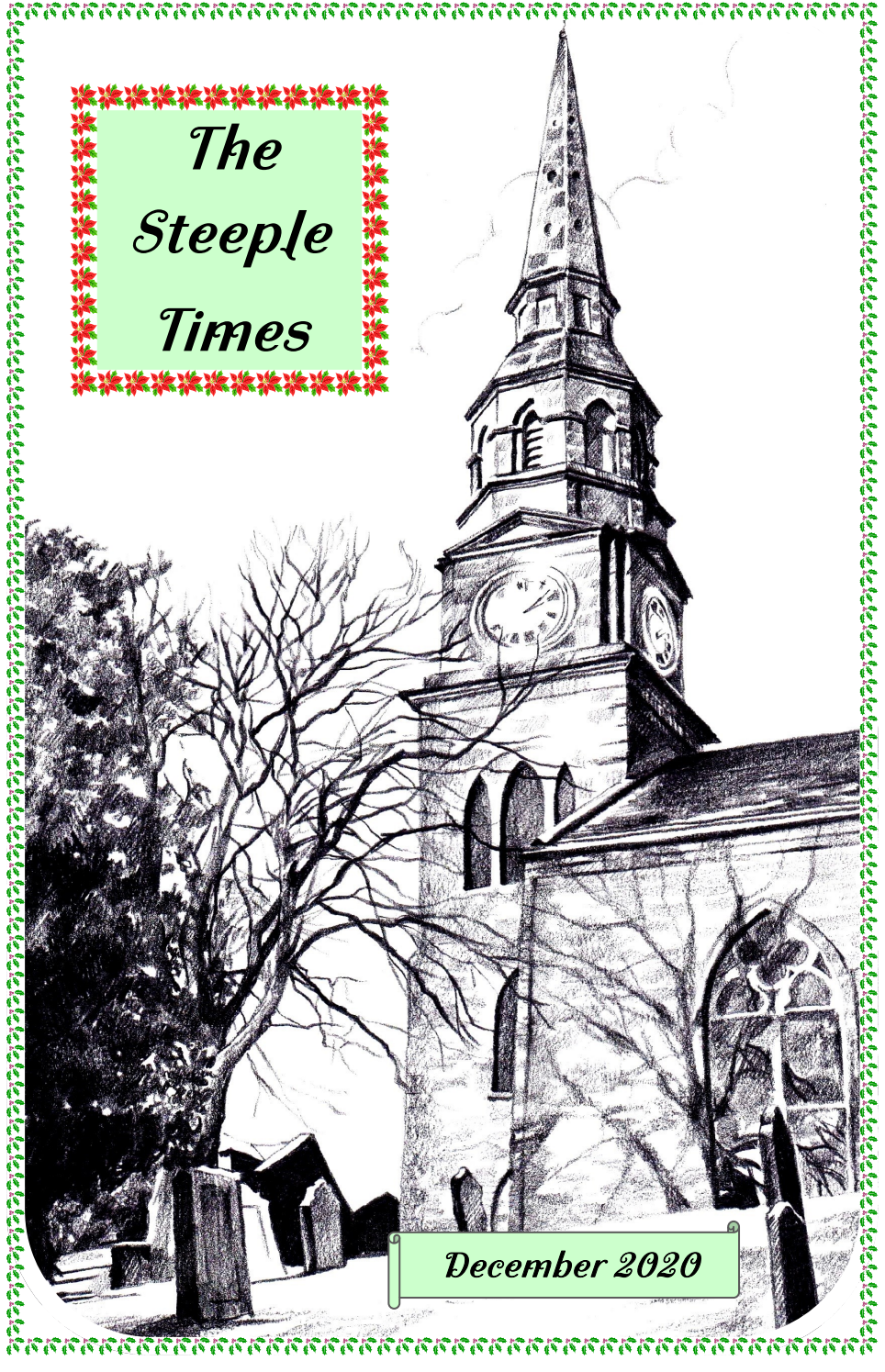


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LETTER FROM THE MANSE

Hello once again my dear friends!

December 2020 who would have thought most of this year would have turned out the way it has! At the time of writing this furlough has been extended but too late for many people and they have been made unemployed. Here in Angus we have entered tier 3 which means more necessary restrictions. However there is also evidence of a vaccine that appears to be working and more vaccines on the way – what a way to end the year! Thanks be to God! Throughout this edition of the Steeple Times there are pieces of information about changes being made in how the church operates and runs, the renovations starting again and hopefully being completed by the middle of the year and interest in the sale of the church hall. We will be having more interaction online via Zoom with different types of services and a quiz night but watch out for more information as we develop new ways to stay connected for those who want to and for those who can. Unfortunately not being connected to the internet and accessing Zoom means this newsletter is pretty much the only contact you have with the church at this time. So to that end I would like to explain to you something that was discussed and passed at the last Kirk session meeting.

Quite a number of our members before lockdown never really interacted or invited into their house our elders when they called round. This could be for a number of reasons; not at home, busy when they called to see you, elder short of time and sometimes because you don't really want the interaction. Our number of elders is going down due to retirements through

ill health, death and getting older. As a Kirk Session the elders do so much more work than you can imagine so to streamline things for you the member and for our elders we agreed to the following.

Each member will receive a letter with this edition of the Steeple Times and we ask you to read it and return the reply slip as indicated on the form. As a Kirk Session we are more than happy to keep things going as they usually do with your elder visiting at least twice a year but in today's busy world (pre-Covid) this may be something you feel you do not need. We are asking for your preferred choice of contact in the future. As is at present, email updates, messenger/text/ phone calls or another form of communication that you would prefer.

What we have learned from the pandemic is the wonderful work and relationships the Elders can have either with their district or even the wider congregation and the community and this must be built upon. The whole way we keep in contact with you our members must be looked at in light of modern communication methods whilst acknowledging some of our members would wish and indeed benefit from pastoral or regular visits.

I wish you all a very happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year in whatever way we are allowed to celebrate it – whether with a few family or friends or at a distance.

Every blessing to you and your loved ones.

Barbara Ann

Your minister and friend



WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING



Kirk Session meeting – at our recent Kirk Session meeting which was held on Zoom which is the norm for just now there was a high attendance (the elders really are getting to grips with technology since the lockdown). Finances were first on the agenda as that information is important as to what we can and cannot do as a church. Our treasurer and hall cleaner are working their full hours while Bruce our organist, Vanessa our church officer and Karen our secretary are now working one third of their hours. The government are paying one third of their wages and we are paying two thirds approx. We have sufficient funds in our accounts to pay all our expenses until the end of January. We were delighted to receive a donation from our twinned church in Zuglo, Budapest of £750 to help towards our finances and then a few days later a donation of £500 from Forfar Instrumental Band who normally use our building to practice in.



It was noted that a number of members have gone over to Standing Orders for their offerings and quite a bit of money came in during the first few weeks that we were open.

The Kirk Session would like to ask and encourage those who give through envelopes or cash in the open plate to continue their great work supporting the church and dropping off or asking someone to come and collect their offerings if they cannot manage to church on a Sunday. As a church we still have many bills to pay especially to 121 in Edinburgh, partial wage bills and our utility bills.

Once again we sponsored a football player at Forfar Farmington and Forfar Athletic football clubs. Many other subjects were covered in the meeting which you read about in other sections of this issue. The main discussion time was taken up with the idea of reducing our Kirk Session from 40 to 12 in line with what the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland has suggested and urged churches to do. To that end the Kirk Session thought the basic idea and concept that was presented looked to be a good idea and a working group has

been formed to look into this. This group is as follows: Lexi Smart, Bob Kidd, Jim Stewart, Ian Stewart, Karen Liddle and Karen Kelly which covers a gender balance, working/retired balance, serving and former session clerks. Another area covered related to this discussion was that of how we as a church communicate with our members of the church and you will have read more about this in the minister's opening letter. One of the most urgent points to be covered in the meeting was that of Property Convener.

Bill Duthie stepped down from this role 2 years ago now and we couldn't get anyone to take on this role, so Bill has been stuck with it. He is more than happy to continue working with the renovations, but we needed someone to take over the day to day duties. A week after our Kirk Session meeting I was delighted when Angus Spence phoned me to say he would take on the role of Property Convener for East and Old Church. Thank you Angus and we will give you as much support as we are able too!



UPCOMING **zoom** EVENTS

Zoom to the music (Music Café on Zoom)

This activity has been running for many months now **every Monday at 2:00pm** and is proving really popular, not only with people with Dementia and their carers but with Angus nursing homes and ordinary members of our Kirk. **Remember anyone can join in!** We give you the words to the songs and when everyone is singing you are all muted – only you can hear yourself singing!



Topic: **Zoom to the music**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84965739274?pwd=dXFaYkFIaFJmZ3dCcWpQV0hBcTRRQT09>

Meeting ID: **849 6573 9274**

Passcode: **Music**

(N. B. This ID and password is only for 2020)



Wee Blether on Zoom

We have our die-hard supporters of the **Wee Blether** where we get together and have a wee chat from **10:00am to 11:00am every Tuesday** and we bring along our own cup of tea/coffee. It gives us a chance to see each other and chat about what has been happening in our lives and in the world or what has not been happening! This is open to anyone who just wants a friendly face and chat with other people.

Topic: **Wee Blether**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83880763295?pwd=YjJpRHpBUmVlVWQmFmMUVOCjFKQ0xDQT09>

Meeting ID: **838 8076 3295**

Passcode: **Chat**

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Care Home Services on Zoom – our minister was asked to start doing some care home services for the care homes in the Angus area. There are at least 6 care homes that come onto Zoom regularly to join us in the 20 minute act of worship. A few of our members and friends of the church have asked if they could join in for the worship time which is geared up to Care Homes and the answer is of course you can!



Every second Tuesday at 2pm.

Topic: **Worship Service**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83065026144?pwd=aXY3YzliV1kxSzc0ck9NRjk5dU5xUT09>

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Communion Services – to accommodate the numbers that may have attended our minister put on 4 services this day; 9:00am, 11:00am, 2:30pm and 6:30pm and we are delighted to say that 130 people attended over the 4 services. Small individual sealed cups were used for the wafer and wine and worked well. Thank you to Vanessa our church officer and cleaner who came in after every service and cleaned door handles, seats, light switches, track and trace tables, and vacuumed and then set out the next communion cups on each seat.



Remembrance Service – the services for Remembrance Sunday were at 9:00am and 2:30pm which meant you could watch and be part of the 2 minute silence in your own homes. Both services were very well attended and at the end of both services we held a retiring offering for Poppy Scotland and Erskine Hospital. Just under £200 was raised which was then made up to £200 and split 50/50 with these organisations. Thank you to all who donated. Thank you to Bob and Esther for building the huge ship which must have been over 12 feet long and 4 feet high, to Bill for the church and graveyard and to Irene for the many decorations around the church.



Songs of Praise on Zoom – so many people are missing singing in the church so our minister decided to do a Songs of Praise on Zoom on Sunday 22nd November where hymns were sung by people to their hearts content at home and because it was on Zoom then no-one else could hear you!



The next Songs of Praise will take place on Sunday 24th January at 4:00pm where we will celebrate the wonderful occasion of Barbara Ann being our minister for 10 years which will be reached on 20th January.



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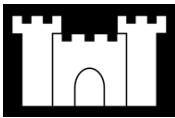
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<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCx4P30XMYZfvof-HYWxeDYQ>
or type in East and Old Parish Church, Forfar.



Afternoon Tea Box – Elizabeth McLeod came up with the idea for some people to receive afternoon tea boxes. She liaised with our minister and quite a few people have received these boxes as a ‘cheer me up and we are thinking about you’. Thank you to Elizabeth for making these boxes up and delivering them to many of our members who have really appreciated them.



INTRODUCTION LETTER

Thank you for the warm reception I have received from everyone at East & Old Parish Church. I very much feel welcome to be part of your congregation as I undertake a period of discernment for the ministry. I had not planned to be with you. I did not expect, at all, to be undertaking this consideration and question of my calling during the first half of this year. In fact, I would say I had almost written off any chance of me pursuing this path. However, in the early summer I felt what might be described as a 'prompting'. A niggler that maybe God was calling me on from what I was doing and that now was the time to start asking about it.

I have worked for the Church of Scotland in the East End of Dundee for over 10 years, where I started and lead a church/community initiative addressing the effects of poverty that significantly impact the lives of many families living there, as well as working closely with local schools in a chaplaincy role. To be frank, I had become quite content with my work and my role and although some close friends had encouraged me to consider my vocation, I felt that I was living it out through the work I was doing.

But then, at the start of the summer, almost inconveniently, as my team and I were responding to lockdown in the community providing emergency food and support in collaboration with the local council, I felt something, a pressing urge that I could not shake, a 'prompting'. And so, I began the enquiry process. I didn't expect it to move quite so quickly! And in a matter of a few weeks I found myself meeting Barbara Ann (who has been tremendous!) and starting a discernment placement here at East & Old.

Some of you have asked if I am enjoying my time with you – and yes I am, very much! It's sad though that due to the Covid restrictions I am prevented from getting to know you quite as easily. No tea & coffee after the service to chat. Restrictions on visiting. I really have picked a time to do this, haven't I?

Nevertheless, so far, I've been able to take part in Sunday Worship Services, a CareHome Zoom Service, attend a Kirk Session, visit some members and record pieces for online worship. These experiences have each been positive and helpful as I continue to discern and reflect on that 'prompting'. I'm looking forward to meeting your Guild and connecting with your church partners in Budapest.

To finish, I'd like to encourage all of you – no matter how young or old, to take time to consider God's calling on your own lives. The Church of Scotland is actively seeking a diverse range of persons for ministry – and it comes in all sorts of shapes and sizes.

You can find more information here:

<https://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/serve/vocations> .

So, your warm reception has helped me through the process so far immensely. Your smiling faces (or at least I presume you're smiling underneath those masks!) has made me feel at ease, and welcome at East & Old. I am deeply grateful for that – thank you.

Every blessing,

Neil Campbell



CHURCH HALL – SALE PROGRESS:

We have recently had an expression of interest in the Hall and we await a formal offer to be submitted. Of course, it is possible this expression will not materialise but at this time we believe an offer is imminent. Because the formal offer has not been received, we have not engaged with the Playgroup Team yet. Once an offer is on the table, we will discuss this with the Playgroup.

PROPERTY CONVENER:

Angus Spence - I am excited and delighted to take on the role of Property Convener from Bill Duthie. This is a challenging role and one that has been so well carried out over many years that it took some time to decide to step forward.

Managing the multiple elements and properties within the church will be a steep learning curve but one that we can call on skills and experiences learned in the past and primarily will involve organisation and administrative tasks to ensure the correct skilled trades are deployed where needed within the church buildings, and of course to keep us all up to date for property reports and inspections for the various insurances and registers for Church of Scotland Edinburgh.

The immediate call is for us to build a Property Team who can assist with monitoring and surveying the fabric of the buildings and agree on plans and activities to continually maintain and improve our buildings. To that end I am now calling for anyone who would like to be part of the team to come forward and offer your services. I do not envisage too many meetings, although we would need to meet initially to setup our team.



RENOVATIONS: Phase2 Works

The renovations have been hit by Covid19 restrictions and progress has been slow in 2020. The lift has been installed, commissioned and will be fully operational once a dedicated telephone line is connected so the system can call for help should anyone get 'stuck' in the lift. The ventilation system has been extended for the new rooms in the upper level. The electrical fit out is in progress and should be completed by the end of the year as will be the Vestry and Vestry hallway on the ground floor, and If things

go well, we may also manage to get the main drainage for the toilet blocks on level one completed.

Moving into 2021 we will construct the new toilet block in the Session House, complete partitions to the new upper floor rooms and fit out the activity space and meeting rooms upstairs.



THE GUILD



As we cannot meet in the church due to the current circumstances to hold our meetings, we have been hosting Zoom meetings at 1:00pm. to try to keep the spirit of the Guild going. These meetings have been open to the other two Guilds in Forfar and although the numbers are not large it is a way to keep in-touch.

On 14th of October we had the Very Reverend Susan Brown, past Moderator of the Church of Scotland who gave us a wonderful talk on her journey to becoming a Minister.

28th October Arlene Nelson, a very well known face in Forfar talked to us about the book "British Brown Babies". This was so interesting as Arlene was one of the children featured in the book.

11th November our speaker was Irene Duthie, who told us about her life in the B.B. from helping with the young ones to becoming the Captain of the Company. Irene has now retired from this post and we wish her well.

We will have the Rev. Brian Smith from South Africa (now working in Fettercairn) on 25th Nov. and on the 9th December Neil Campbell who has started a discernment placement here in the church.

Big news – *we hope to have a Christmas Special on 22nd December at 7:00pm. just to get into the Christmas spirit, so join us to sing carols, tell bad cracker jokes, say a Christmas poem or just listen and enjoy.*

In the new year we will carry on with the Zoom meetings and hopefully by then we can let another Guild member who doesn't have Zoom facilities into our houses so that more of us can share the fellowship of the Guild.

Many blessings for Christmas and the New Year.

BOYS' BRIGADE - As you will be aware Irene Duthie stepped down at the end of the last session of the Boys' Brigade which was during the lockdown and we have yet to say a fond farewell to her as our Captain and very long, dedicated and loyal member of the Boys' Brigade.



My name is Betty Lovegrove and I am the leader in charge of correspondence. No one at this time feels they are able to take on the role of Captain so each of the leaders has a specific role to do within the company. We are being joined this year by a new leader once all her clearances come through and want to thank Leanne for agreeing to come on board. Just like the church, church hall and shop our buildings had to go through a rigorous programme before we were able to open on Thursday 12th November. We have a new central heating boiler and hot water to all the toilets now - a real treat! Hopefully in the next edition we can give you a better update on what activities we have been involved in because everything we do at present needs a risk assessment beforehand.

CHRISTMAS CARDS - The Boys' Brigade and Scout Christmas Card Delivery Service will not be in operation this year. A risk assessment was completed regarding the Christmas Card delivery system that is run each year with our Boys' Brigade and the Scouts and we are sorry to say that the risks are far too high for us to be able to run the Christmas Card delivery system this year. This will be sadly missed by so many people in the community as well as the workers who got together every year. Hopefully it will be back up running next year.

Due to the on-going Covid restrictions within the church we ask you not to bring your cards into the church to exchange with one another please.

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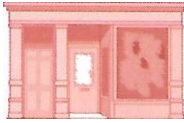
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Zuglo Update - It is now 5 years since our partnership with Zuglo church was formally marked with the signing of our twinning agreement in Budapest. We will be reviewing the agreement in the coming months. We still hear from Zuglo regularly even if visits to and from either side have been postponed for a while. Most recently, we have heard the sad news that Noemi, one of the Pastors in Zuglo church who many of you will know, has been very unwell and has spent some weeks in hospital. Thankfully, she is on the mend and recuperating at home now but is still quite poorly, so we ask you all to keep her in your prayers and wish her a full recovery. On a happier note, just before she took ill, she handed in her thesis for her doctorate for which she has worked very hard and she is awaiting it's approval. Well done to Noemi! Zuglo church was allowed to reopen at the end of May and in Hungary, there were very few COVID cases initially but now things are deteriorating as Hungary also experiences a second wave of cases. Mihaly reports

the schools are open and people go to work as normal if they cannot work from home. Restaurants, theatres, gyms, cinemas and cultural institutions all remain open. However the infection rate is now increasing and there have been around 10 deaths per day as of mid-October when I was last updated. Again, please keep our friends in Zuglo church and the people of Hungary in our prayers as they fight the same battle as us with COVID-19. Zuglo church recently held it's confirmation service for the young people of the church, which was postponed from the Spring. In total, 18 boys and girls aged 13-14 were confirmed into the church, following 9 months of weekly classes where they study the Gospels, other key books of the Bible, learn some hymns, the Apostle's Creed, some history of the church and discuss faith. It is so nice to hear that these 18 young people are taking the next step in their journey in faith and we wish them well. We look forward to hearing from our partners in Zuglo again soon.

Groovy Gryphons and Echo Teens - we are all glad to be back after a very long break. Everything is a little different with the children sitting beside their parents or on their own. Like the adults in the congregation, we all have to wear a face mask during the service, however these can be removed when we leave for our activities. The leaders of course wear our masks all the time.



We have started earlier than usual to plan our **Nativity, which takes place on Sunday 20th December.** Due to the current situation we cannot tell our story in the traditional way of the children, teenagers and leaders huddled together in a small space constantly moving around sharing microphones and singing.



Matthew has again kindly prepared our scripts and we were all very excited, having had our 1st run through on Sunday 15th November.

We hope you enjoy our socially distanced Nativity

Joyce, Frances, Matthew and Karen

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At the beginning of lockdown Mary Daun was attending a poetry class at Forfar Academy and wrote a poem about the Virus.

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You can't see it as it passes

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Rapidly reaching every nation in the world.

It makes no sound as it moves around.

You don't feel its touch.

It has no smell to advertise its presence.

It doesn't whisper in your ear to say

"Hi I'm here, I've caught you."

You only know it's been when the symptoms appear,

The horrendous cough, the high temperature.

Whether it's mild or serious seems to be in the lap of the gods.

To prevent the spread we are hourly told

Stay at home! Wash your hands!

Keep your distance!

We can't get away from it.

Switch on TV, it's there.

Look at the newspapers, it's there.

Constant reminders of the numbers who have died.

So far no vaccine, no miracle cure.

The world must wait and pray,

AND TRUST THAT GOD WILL SEE US THROUGH.

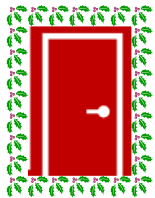
WHAT TO LOOK OUT FOR!

Angus Toy Appeal – as you receive this edition it will be time to bring in your gifts for the toy appeal. There is even greater need this year due to the many financial burdens that families are having so even if you are a bit late in getting your gift to the church we can still take it.



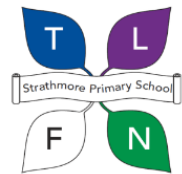
As normal the gift service is the first Sunday in December.

Advent Door – our minister has asked our building team to build her a large door that opens on the outside wall of the church.



This door can be opened every day during advent by children and adults alike and inside there will be a prayer to read, a bible passage and an activity to do or take home with you and on some of the days their will gifts to take away. **So anytime you are passing the church from 1st to 24th December open the door and take a look!**

Strathmore Primary School – the school has asked if we can sponsor a Christmas Tree that they are making from re-cycled wood from pallets. The tree we will receive will be attached to our railings at the front of the church and another 24 trees will be placed within Forfar for the children to go around searching for them. This is a way for the school to raise a little money for their funds. If you feel you would like to donate to some money to the school funds in time for Christmas then please phone or speak to Barbara Ann or leave an envelope in the shop marked Strathmore Primary School.





Challenge



2nd week of December – Eat for £1 a day or £7 for the week per person – God calls on us to care for everything in creation.

In the world that we live in today we waste so much especially food and we are also known for overeating or over-indulging.

So to that end Esther Kidd suggested we come up with a challenge for our church members and friends of the church so even if you don't live in Forfar and the surrounding areas you could participate at home and give your money to a local agency.

So here is how it works:

You are being challenged to feed yourself for £1 per day per person for a week. Now if you've been invited out for a meal in a restaurant/café just add another day on at the end. Work out approximately how much you spend on food for yourself per day/week. So if you spend £40 per week on food you will deduct £7 from this and donate £33 to the charity we will tell you about. However if you go over your £7 for the week you pay the £33 plus whatever you went over – so if you spent £12 instead of £7 you will be donating an extra £5 to make £38. All the donations are to come into the church with your name and we will then split the money between the new food hub shop in West High Street and Lawson Memorial Church Foodbank.

e.g. two slices of bread – take a loaf of bread and the number of slices and divide the cost - £1 for the loaf with 16 slices equals 6p per slice. Pack of pasta is cheap and can go far as do eggs and you don't need to buy brand names. It may be easier for you to think of £7 per week for all your food – it can be done we are told!

We think this is going to really challenging for many of our members especially the minister! **Start date Monday 7th December and finish date Sunday 13th December inclusive!** All money to be brought to church, shop or elder by 11th January 2021.

zoom East and Old family and friends quiz night

Friday 11th December at 7:00pm – come and join us on Zoom for this quiz night which is open to anyone.

It doesn't matter what size your team is – we are taking it all on trust and are looking for a fun night with prizes galore! No need to pre-register – just join us on Zoom.



Topic: **Quiz Night**

Time: **Dec 11, 2020 07:00 PM** London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84007359262?pwd=YmJjTEEzVzMOU3E1WWZWcEpnWGV2UT09>

Meeting ID: **840 0735 9262**

Passcode: **Quiz**

zoom Carol Service



We've been coping with not singing in the church but the closer we get to Christmas we're really going to miss singing carols in church so Barbara Ann will be doing a Carol Service on Zoom on **Tuesday 15th December at 7:00pm** where we will be singing all our favourite carols – **we really hope you can join us.**

Topic: **Carol Service**

Time: **Dec 15, 2020 07:00 PM** London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81945562614?pwd=QWtjQjIDMUFOaTI6MGdPa2t5b2d4UT09>

Meeting ID: **819 4556 2614**

Passcode: **Carols**



Christingle Service – at the time of writing this we are really unsure of what will be allowed or not allowed on Christmas Eve. We know it can't be indoors but we may be able to do something outdoors or people can walk along to collect their Christingle and listen to some music or even see Santa.

Details will go out over social media and on our dedicated phone line.

Christmas Day

Our Christmas Day Service
will be on as normal
at 11:00am
on Christmas Day.



zoom Songs of Praise – 24th January 2021 at 4:00pm



You may have read earlier that this service will take place on Zoom – hope to see you there. Remember you can pick up a hymn book from the church any Sunday.

Topic: **Songs of Praise**

Time: **Jan 24, 2021 04:00 PM** London

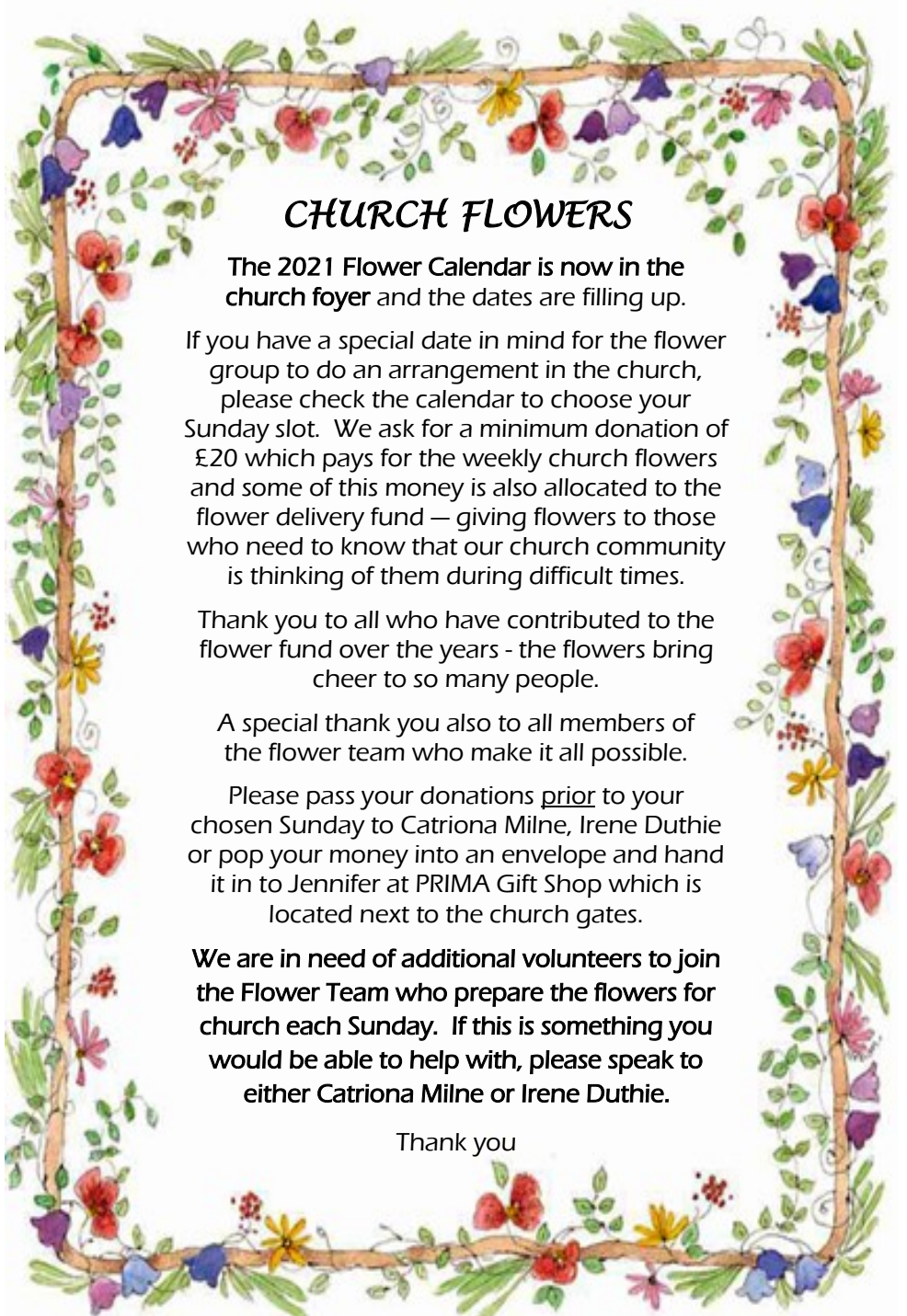
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CHURCH FLOWERS

The 2021 Flower Calendar is now in the church foyer and the dates are filling up.

If you have a special date in mind for the flower group to do an arrangement in the church, please check the calendar to choose your Sunday slot. We ask for a minimum donation of £20 which pays for the weekly church flowers and some of this money is also allocated to the flower delivery fund – giving flowers to those who need to know that our church community is thinking of them during difficult times.

Thank you to all who have contributed to the flower fund over the years - the flowers bring cheer to so many people.

A special thank you also to all members of the flower team who make it all possible.

Please pass your donations prior to your chosen Sunday to Catriona Milne, Irene Duthie or pop your money into an envelope and hand it in to Jennifer at PRIMA Gift Shop which is located next to the church gates.

We are in need of additional volunteers to join the Flower Team who prepare the flowers for church each Sunday. If this is something you would be able to help with, please speak to either Catriona Milne or Irene Duthie.

Thank you



SUNDAYS 6th DECEMBER
to 3rd JANUARY -
FLOWER GROUP

- 10 JAN Jean McEwen
- 17 “ Wilma Simpson
- 24 “
- 31 “ Marjory MacLean
- 7 FEB

CONGREGATIONAL REGISTER

DEATHS

- September 20 Edward Emerson (parish)
- October 4 James (Jim) Bradford (member)
- November 11 David Russell (member)

WEDDING

- October 17 Joyce Gourlay and Kenny Ross

BAPTISM

- October 11 Harris James Patullo



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