


Welcome to Stonehaven Fetteresso



Life of Worship • Life of Love • Life of Service

18th October



Lord, you are my God;
I will exalt you and praise your name,
for in perfect faithfulness
you have done wonderful things,
things planned long ago.

Isaiah 25:1

DailyVerses.net

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Join Scottish churches in prayer this Sunday evening

This Sunday (18 October), as restrictions continue across Scotland, Christians across the country – and further afield – will once again join together in prayer at 7pm in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

As with previous weeks during lockdown and the phased easing of restrictions, 14 Christian churches and organisations across the

country, including the Church of Scotland, have co-signed the letter calling for prayer.

Scottish Christians have been continuing to answer the call to pray at the same time each week, and Rt Rev Dr Martin Fair, Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, has been taking part alongside them.

"I'm delighted to have read that in the last couple of months online searches for 'prayer' have increased dramatically," Dr Fair said.

"But reading about what prayer is and how to do it is only the start of it. After that it's time to actually pray.

"And what better than to join with brothers and sisters from across the nation at 7pm on Sunday to pray our way through this ongoing crisis. I commend it to you and look forward to being with you, in Spirit, on Sunday evening."

This week's letter accompanying the prayer, which is also available in Gaelic (a copy of which will be available here soon) states:

"Does God go with us? That is a question we might well ask at this time. Does God go with us as we journey through the latest stage of the challenge that we face personally and as a community? Does God go with us in the uncertainty of the times in which we live? If so, how do we know?"

"Moses led the people out of Egypt and, during the subsequent journey in the wilderness, it seems that the persistent questions asked of him by the people of Israel can be summed up as follows:

"Does God go with us? If so, how do we know? In reply, the response of the Lord is this: 'My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest... and I know you by name.' In return, Moses asks that he might see the glory of the Lord. In reply, the Lord offers to put him in 'a cleft of the rock' as a place of safety (Exodus 33: 14, 17, 22).



“The words of a traditional hymn capture the image:

Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee.

“Does God go with us? Yes, even on the hardest journey. If so, how do we know? We know because the Lord leads us to the place of safety.”

We pray:

Lord, lead us
To the place where you are known
And to the assurance of your presence.
Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Lord, lead us
To the place of rest
And to the promise of renewal.
Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Lord, lead us
To the place where the people made in your image gather
And their voices are heard.
Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Lord, lead us
To the place where we are called by our name
And find acceptance in your sight.
Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Lord, lead us
To the place where we are protected
And our safety is assured.
Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Lord, lead us
To the place where your glory is revealed
And our lives are transformed in Christ.
Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer. AMEN

SOLE NOMINEE PREACHING

We are delighted to be able to confirm that Rev. Mark Lowey will be preaching as sole nominee in Fetteresso Church on Sunday 15th November. As usual there will be two services (one at 9.30am and the other at 11.00am) and following this there will be a vote of the Congregation.

This week we will be sending out a letter to all members of our congregation with further details about these services and how to access them remotely if you cannot attend the service. The letters also contain information about the process of voting and proceeding to the Call, as well as ballot papers to allow you to vote on the nomination, even if you are not able to attend the church services. We would greatly appreciate it if as many members as possible could cast their votes, as it is a way of showing congregational support for the incoming Minister.

If you have not received your letter by November 9th, please contact the office.

October Prayer Focus. Giving Thanks

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

This month we want to take the time to stop, pause, reflect. To focus on all that God in his amazing love and great mercy has given us at Fetteresso. As God's family in Fetteresso we can look back and see God's hand at work amongst us over many years. There is SO much to give thanks for.....

For our forebears who prayed things into being

The provision of land and building

Pastors to lead us

Music and those skilled in playing and singing as they lead us in praise.

We give thanks for 45 years of faithful service of Ian Gillis as organist and choir master

For those who prayed for us, taught us and guided us

For the vision and outworking of Here and Now coffee shop and book shop

For the vision and continued work of Far and Wide and the Food Bank

For our children, young people and each other

For Matt our youth worker

For all the times we met and shared fellowship with each other

For those we love and miss whom we cannot meet with right now

For those we love who have gone from us now

For new provision and those to come.....

For our town and community

For our schools and teachers

Our counsellors, dentists, doctors, nurses

For our bin men and gardeners

For our shops and tradesmen

For our fishermen and farmers

Our community groups.....

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For our homes and families
For friends and neighbours
For our daily bread
For work and rest
Our beautiful landscape
For changing seasons.....

For life
For freedom
For good times and bad
For change
For God's word
For prayer heard, answered, awaiting
The list goes on.....

And in all of it Gods Amazing Love and Grace made manifest in Christ our
Saviour.....
....our Salvation!

What can you add? For what or for whom do you want to give thanks?
Let us be a people of thankfulness to our Mighty God who never leaves us
nor forsakes us and who alone is worthy of our Praise.

Thanks be to God!

ORDERING MAGAZINES FOR 2021



If you would like to take out a new subscription please contact the church office.

PRICE

Despite increased production costs year-on-year the cover price of the magazine has remained the same for the last 2-years. After much analysis and to safeguard this important resource a small increase of 20p needs to be added to the cover price from January 2021. This will help meet some of the rising costs of producing the much loved magazine.

To simplify the renewal process we have only a single price for Life and Work in 2021 and that is the new cover price of £3. If paying annually the price will be £36.

SPECIAL PROMOTION: 2 FREE ISSUES

In the current climate we recognise the obstacles some people may face in receiving a copy of the magazine via their church. It is important we support our loyal readers and offer the opportunity to have the magazine sent direct to their home.

We are offering a special promotion to anyone switching from purchasing their magazine via their church to placing a personal order to be sent to their chosen address. This offer will be available throughout 2021 and is payable by direct debit only.

12 Month Subscription ONLY £30 (2 FREE ISSUES)

If you wish to renew/change your current Life and Work subscription or take advantage of the special promotion also contact the Church Administrator on 01569 730143 or office@fetteresso.org.uk **before 1st November** for more information.

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October

18th

25th Janice Boggon

November

1st James Dickinson

8th Andrew Boggon

15th

22nd Andrew Boggon

29th Janice Boggon

Grampian Coronavirus Assistance Hub

Readings for Sunday 18th October

In Church:

Matthew 22:15-22

Online Service:

Matthew 22:1-14

If **you** need
help, support
or advice.

Anywhere in Aberdeen,
Aberdeenshire or Moray.

0808 196 3384

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Assessment 'Tool' for individual and group health risks

The assessment 'tool' below helps you to see how different risk factors may combine to give serious health complications should you catch the Covid-19 virus. It does not include the factors that may make you clinically extremely vulnerable, where you should be following the guidance for those who are 'shielding'. It includes the factors where there is significant statistical evidence but does not include any rarer conditions which you may have, so this only offers a starting point. You may want to discuss the results with your doctor or with those who have expectations about your involvement with church life.

Risk Factor		Total Score
Age	50-59	1
	60-69	2
	70-79	4
	80 and over	6
Sex at birth	Male	1
Ethnicity	Caucasian	0
	Black African Descent	2
	Indian Asian Descent	1
	Filipino Descent	1
	Other (including mixed race)	1
Diabetes & Obesity	Type 1 & 2	1
	Diabetes Type 1 & 2 with presence of microvascular complications or HbA1c \geq 64mmol/mol	2
	Body Mass Index greater than or equal to 35 kg/m ² online BMI calculator: http://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-weight/bmi-calculator	1
Cardiovascular disease	Angina, previous heart attack, stroke or cardiac intervention	1
	Heart Failure	2
Pulmonary (lung) disease	Asthma	1
	Non-asthma chronic pulmonary disease	2
	Either of the above requiring oral corticosteroids in the last year	1
Malignant neoplasm (cancer)	Active malignancy	3
	Malignancy in remission	1
Rheumatological conditions	Active treated conditions	2
Immunosuppressant therapies	Any indication	2
Total Score		

Assessment 'Tool' for individual and group health risks (cont'd)

This should be read alongside the full text of the Church of Scotland's "Covid-19 (Coronavirus) Reopening of Church Buildings" which includes guidance about minimising risks in the church context, and other government or local advice about staying safe. We are not claiming medical expertise in sharing this way of scoring your risk but giving a way to show how serious catching the virus may be for you or the groups using your church building(s).

Circle the score next to each one that applies to you and add up your score.

A score of under 3 indicates a lower risk, but you should still be following the guidance for staying safe.

A score of 3-5 suggests a greater risk and you should consider ways of reducing your risk by taking additional precautions or avoiding some activities.

A score of 6 or more suggests a high risk and indicates that you should continue to work or participate in church life from your home.

Dear Member of Fetteresso Church,

Reopening the Church after Lockdown

I hope that you will forgive the impersonal form of address, however, as events are moving fairly rapidly at present, writing to you in this way allows us to get in touch with our entire membership more quickly.

As you probably know, the Scottish Government has now permitted churches to open for private prayer and, on 9th July – it announced that, from the 15th, church services may begin again subject to appropriate restrictions to avoid the spread of the virus. You may have received a call from one of our elders about this already – but, as the situation is changing – we felt that it was also sensible to write to everyone and let them know what we are planning.

We are planning to re-open the church in the following steps.

On Sunday July 12th and July 19th the church will be open for private prayer only between 10am and 12noon.

From Sunday 26th July two short church services will be held each Sunday, the **first** at 9.30am and the **second** at 11am.

The reason why we are putting on two services on Sunday mornings from the 26th is that the social distancing and Scottish Government church service capacity requirements, a maximum of 50 people at a Sunday morning service, put a significant limit on how many people we can fit the church and, from what we understand from the phone survey of members which we have recently done, more people would like to come back to church at this stage than we can fit into one sitting.

We really don't want to have to turn people away at the door because our numbers are too great – so, to help us to manage that risk, we would like to ask you, if you are coming to church – to try to come to the following services:

- People with surnames A-K, please try to come to the 9.30am service
- People with surnames L-Z, please try to come to the 11am service.

You don't have to take this as a strict rule – if your allocated service time is really inconvenient for you – then please come to the other one – but we hope that you will be understanding and only do this if you really need to.

We also need to advise you that there will be a number of safety precautions which need to be adhered to.

On entering the building, you will be asked to:

- Put on a face covering – ideally bring your own – but we will have a few spares available.
- Wipe your feet on the mats provided.
- Give your name and telephone number to the person registering entry at the door (this is to allow for contact tracing if anyone in the congregation later shows COVID symptoms)
- Disinfect your hands with alcohol gel for 30 seconds.

All these steps may take a bit of time – so you may have to wait before you can enter the church. We hope, however, that you'll understand the need for this and be patient.

Once in the building we ask you to:

- Observe social distancing rules (2 meters) at all times – the chairs will be spaced out – but please only sit with someone if they are a member of your household
- Do not touch your face and only touch the surfaces you need to.
- Please **don't sing**. Although there may be music played at some points – congregational singing is not allowed under the guidelines.

You should also be aware that:

- There will be no activities for the children.
- The service will be recorded on video (although the camera will only be pointed at those leading the service).
- Once recorded, the video will be put on the “church at home” site so that those who are unable to make it to church can share in what we did.
- Scottish Government advises that those who fall within the extremely clinical vulnerable group, have been shielding, are unwell in any way, are living with anyone with Covid-19 or have either themselves or a member of their family been asked to self-isolate, should not attend.

Once the service is over we would ask you to:

- Leave by the EAST door (the one on the right of the church as you look at the organ).
- Leave promptly (we will need to clean the church after you go).
- Continue to observe social distancing restrictions (this may also mean that you need to wait a bit to exit the church)
- Disinfect your hands with the gel provided.
- Keep your face covering on until you have left the building.

Sadly, we will not be able to serve coffee and tea after the service. You should also be aware that the church hall will be locked – and therefore **access to the toilets will only be available in an emergency.**

I hope that you understand the need for all these precautions. Our primary purpose in re-opening the church is to allow us to worship God again together after the long months of lockdown. With no singing and no children it won't feel very much like the Fetteresso Church that we have grown to love, but our hope is that a good number of us will still be able to assemble, despite the restrictions.

If you don't feel free to join us again under these circumstances, we fully understand. We want to remain **one** family under God, even if we worship apart. For that reason we will be continuing our "Church at Home" weekly on the website, **Fetteresso.org.uk**, and Matt will continue to be posting activities and worship content for the Children and Youth (and those young at heart!).

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter.

Yours faithfully,

James Dickinson

Session Clerk