

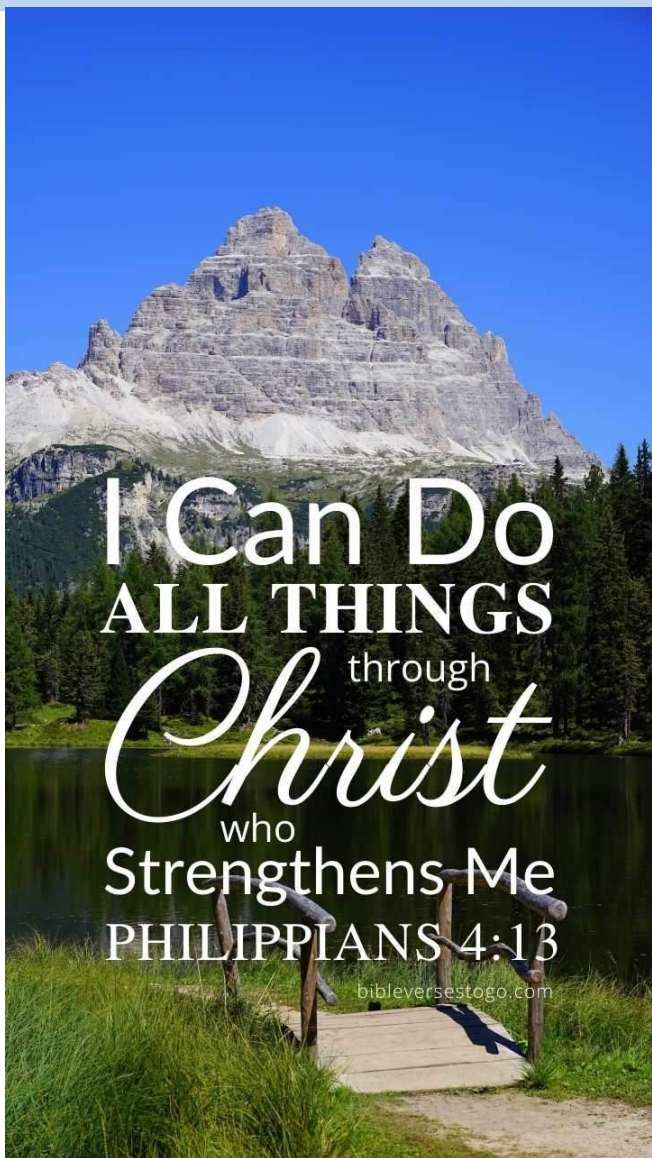
Welcome to Stonehaven Fetteresso



Life of Worship • Life of Love • Life of Service

1st June

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Help and Assistance

Fetteresso Church have a group of volunteers to help with any shopping needs etc at this time.

If you need help please contact the church office on:

office@fetteresso.org.uk
Or 01569 730143

or for more wide ranging advice and help please check out: Grampian Coronavirus Assistance Hub



**Grampian Coronavirus
Assistance Hub**

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

Anywhere in Aberdeen, Aberdeenshire or Moray.

0808 196 3384
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Monthly Prayer Focus for May

A huge 'Thank you' to all who have donated to Far & Wide Food Bank and to India Village Ministries this month. They have been the joint subject and recipients of our May Prayer Focus. Thank you to all who have donated financially and to all who have taken the time to deliver gifts of food and supplies to stock the Food Bank. We give grateful thanks to Barbara and the team for all they continue to do in so many ways to care for those who are in need.

Thank you to all the volunteers who receive goods, sort, fill or deliver food boxes. For anyone who still wishes to donate financially to either ministry please pass your gifts on to Barbara clearly marking who the donations are for.

Please continue to pray for both of these ministries.

The latest update and a thank you from Suresh and Roja from India Village Ministries is on the next page.

At the outset, we would like to convey our sincere thanks from the bottom of our hearts to you for your continued prayers and support for IVM during COVID-19 lockdown crisis.

"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat... Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me" (Matthew 25:35-40).

We are very thankful to you because you have helped them.

When India imposed lockdown in late March with just four hours notice, it caused a humanitarian disaster. As we first shared two months ago, we have been busy providing relief to families left without incomes in the wake of the lockdown.

Our lockdown has been extended for the fourth time, extending to May 31. As Corona positive cases are increasing rapidly in our state as well as in the country, the Govt of India may increase lockdown period well into June.

The great fear of India's poor is not that they will catch Covid-19 but whether they have food for tomorrow. Many poor people are affected by the COVID effect, people can't work and people can't feed their family anymore. We do what we can to help them and take care of them.

Our IVM team have been working diligently to get food and other groceries to reach those worst affected by the lockdown. Not only we have been able to deliver groceries, but in these times of uncertainty, sometimes we are also sharing the gospel to those we are serving.

We are supporting network of pastors and churches and have been able to distribute relief packages to over 340 village pastors.

We are also feeding 150 poor tribal people everyday who do not have any income and literally starving due to COVID Lockdown.



Ours is the only Christian organisation in our region that helped many needy families in the last two months period. Our State Legislative Assembly Member highly commended IVM services. He himself was present at many of our distribution events in different villages. We give thanks to God for this good testimony by Government authorities.

PRAISE & PRAYER REQUESTS:

- ◆ We give thanks to God for enabling us to do this relief work among most needy people. Thank you for allowing us to see God loving the poor. We can't forget those smiles and tears when they received food essentials.
- ◆ Please pray for the starving people in the rural villages of India as they continue to suffer as a result of the current response to the pandemic.
- ◆ Please continue to pray for us as we try to reach more migrants, tribals and needy villagers with cooked food, rice, grocery kits, masks etc in the coming weeks.
- ◆ Pray for strength & health and that the Lord will add His blessing to all our team do during this crisis.

There have been requests from front line COVID-19 key workers to help them by providing PPEs, sanitisers, masks... As God provides, we would love to help these key workers.

We sincerely appreciate your prayers and support.

**God bless you.
Suresh & Roja**

"The generous will themselves be blessed, for they share their food with the poor." (Prov 22:9)



Historic service to mark "exciting" new church partnership

An historic service to celebrate a new partnership of churches in Aberdeen and Shetland is being streamed live online this weekend.

The Presbytery of Aberdeen and Shetland brings the oversight of all churches on the islands and in the city together under a single management structure.

The move is part of wider proposals to reduce the number of presbyteries across the country and the size of the church estate to enable the Kirk to spread the Good News in a more efficient, practical and sustainable way.

Rev Hutton Steel is the Moderator of the new Presbytery of Aberdeen and Shetland.

The service is being streamed live on the new Presbytery's Facebook page on Sunday at 11am and on Ferryhill Parish Church in Aberdeen's YouTube channel due to COVID-19 pandemic restrictions which means people cannot gather in person.

It will feature a virtual choir and orchestra leading "Hail Thee, Festival Day", "O Breath of Life" and a video message from Rt Rev Dr Martin Fair, Moderator of the General Assembly.

The service falls on Pentecost which marks the descent of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles which led to the creation of the Christian church after the Ascension of Jesus Christ to heaven.

The Presbytery of Aberdeen and Shetland, made up of ministers, elders and deacons, will officially be established on Monday.

Positive reorganisation

Rev Hutton Steel, the new Moderator of the Presbytery of Aberdeen and Shetland, said: "The merging of the two presbyteries is a natural progression to the strong ties which exist between the city and the islands.

"The Church is moving forward with this positive reorganisation of our structures to enable us to serve the people in new and exciting ways, whilst at the same time preserving the best of our traditions."

Mr Hutton is the minister of High Hilton Church in Aberdeen and is currently the Moderator of the Presbytery of Aberdeen.

Andrew John Williamson, Moderator of the Presbytery of Shetland, said: "We have mixed feelings because it is an end of an era.

"But we need a bigger group to handle the business and we are very glad that



Aberdeen is willing to join with us to create a joint presbytery.

"We are happy that we can come together and hope that it will be a successful merger."

Rt Rev Dr Martin Fair

Dr Fair described the service as a "very special occasion" and said he was sorry that people cannot gather in person to celebrate.

"It is my pleasure and privilege to bring you the greetings of the General Assembly and wish you well on your way," he added.

"Presbytery reform is desirable and necessary and restructure is key to the wellbeing and future development of the Kirk.

"Go in the strength, the power and the presence of the Holy Spirit."

Reformation

Commissioners at the 2019 General Assembly decided that the number of presbyteries should be reduced from 45 to around 12 as part of a three-year Radical Action Plan.

The presbyteries of Dunfermline, Kirkcaldy and St Andrews will unite to become the Presbytery of Fife and Dumbarton and Greenock and Paisley Presbyteries are to merge to become the Presbytery of Clyde.

In his message to members of the Presbytery of Aberdeen and Shetland, Dr Fair said: "I want to congratulate you that you were willing to make the move.

"As you begin this new adventure I would like you to send back reports and messages to those of us who will follow in your wake.

"It will be a great encouragement to us to know that you are ahead and you are willing to share all that you discover as you step into this new territory."

The Presbytery of Aberdeen and Shetland plan to hold a service at a later date when members of the united Presbyteries can meet together in person to celebrate.



Moderator urges churches to support Thy Kingdom Come

The Moderator is encouraging everyone to join him in taking part in the Thy Kingdom Come global prayer movement.

Rt Rev Dr Martin Fair has backed the Scottish Church Leaders Forum in calling all Christians to join the ecumenical season of prayer, which will run from Ascension Day, 21 May to Pentecost Sunday.



The Scottish church leaders have released a statement saying:

“On behalf of the undersigned churches in Scotland, we welcome the opportunity to participate in the Global Prayer Initiative: Thy Kingdom Come 2020.

“Now in its fifth year, the movement draws thousands of Christians together, across different denominations and traditions, to pray for their friends, family and neighbours to come to know the love of Jesus.

“In the face of the Covid 19 pandemic, Thy Kingdom Come resources have been adapted to enable churches, families and individuals to pray and worship in their homes, through a collection of resources, in line with social distancing guidelines.

“For the first time this year, Christians are not only encouraged to pray for others to know the love of Christ, but to also practically demonstrate their love and care through action during the 11 days, through an initiative called Prayer and Care.

“All key resources are available as digital downloads on the Thy Kingdom Come website and offer practical ways in which family and church can be involved.

“At this time especially, we commend this initiative to you and invite you to participate and pray: ‘Thy Kingdom come’.”

Find out more about Thy Kingdom Come.

<https://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/worship/prayers/thy-kingdom-come>

A Thy Kingdom Come Prayer and Care Pack can be ordered here.

<https://www.cpo.org.uk/TKC-2020>

Those who order early can receive the pack free of charge by applying the promo code COFS2020 at the basket stage of the transaction.

Far & Wide & our response to COVID 19

Update and prayer requests from the Foodbank:

Provision

- We give thanks. Over the last six weeks God has provided an amazing supply of items of non perishable food and gifts of money for the Foodbank, meeting the needs of the foodbank clients.



The frontline volunteers

- Pray for the health and safety of the volunteers and drivers.
- As volunteers put on the Sanitiser for protection from the virus pray that God will also cover them and their families and that He will order His angels to protect them wherever they go.



The Clients

- •Pray that they stay safe and self isolate. Some families, some couples, some single folk all with different needs. As the food boxes are delivered to their doorsteps each week we pray that they will be satisfied with the gift of food and that the presence of God fills their house with peace as they rest in Him.

We thank God for whatever part you are playing, it's a privilege working together helping our community and for us all seeing God at work.

Psalm 91.

The food bank are delighted to receive your Food donations on Fridays between [10.30am -12pm](#). at Far & Wide shop. If you would like to make a monetary donation to IVM or the Foodbank please pass on your donations to Far & Wide. This can be done, preferably by bank transfer (for details contact Barbara), but **please mark all donations clearly stating if they are for IVM or the Foodbank**. Cash donations can be left at Barbara's and will be passed on. Thank you all for your generosity at this time.

Far & Wide Covid 19 Response

We closed the shop on Wednesday 18th March until we are able to open our doors and trade again.

I am working from my conservatory so wave if you out for your walk.

Self Isolating Volunteers Well that's really most of us, and we do miss the fellowship and customers as we worked together and served the community. We are still looking forward to our Fish & Chip Evening and sure it will be really tasty Fish & Chips with good company.

Far & Wide Foodbank

The ladies who normally helped in the store reluctantly gave me their keys and are self isolating so pray for them as they miss the fellowship they had while sorting and serving over the years to the community who needed the foodbank. Hopefully things may return not normal (whatever that is).

Far & Wide and our Response

This part of the shop is still running to help folk in need in our community. A Team of Volunteers are attending to the Foodbank while I am coordinating lists and supplies from Headquarters!

Social Distancing Some volunteers are packing and others are driving and leaving supplies on the doorsteps. So the load is spread and safe as we can. We have had a good numbers of items donated when Company canteens and Restaurant's as they made the decision to close and offer us the food.

Donations of food

Since the churches are closed and that's normally where we replenish our stock—we set up a weekly drop off on **Fridays 10.30-12 noon at Far & Wide Shop** to allow people to donate non perishable items. See page 7 for more information.

Oh and don't forget the pets.

There has been a good response over the last few weeks Fridays and we are grateful for what we received. However this may tail off as the weeks go on.



Donations of Money

Some elders and shop clients/community folk have asked for our Shop bank details so that they can transfer money. This allows us to purchase items we have not received and means we can continue as long as necessary. Just Contact me

Cash Donations

Cash welcomed and can be left at my house

Our Client Base

We are currently supporting Foodbank clients and referrals from Social Work Departments/Citizens Advice CAB/Churches/Schools etc where there is a need.

Thank you for your support it has been amazing over all these years and here it is where the rubber hits the road. As we travel this road together let's keep supporting and encouraging each other.

May God bless you as you are part of this work whether donating, receiving or praying. We have often wonder 'Why have we so much pasta-baked beans-chick peas? Well we are delighted to use all these blessings now. Look out for next update. from Barbara, Far & Wide and all the *self isolating* Volunteers

God Bless you all Keep strong and safe.

Malachi 3:10-11 New Living Translation (NLT)

Bring all the tithes into the storehouse so there will be enough food in my Temple. If you do," says the LORD of Heaven's Armies, "I will open the windows of heaven for you. I will pour out a blessing so great you won't have enough room to take it in! Try it! Put me to the test! Your crops will be abundant, for I will guard them from insects and disease.^[a] Your grapes will not fall from the vine before they are ripe," says the LORD of Heaven's Armies.

The Foodbank would appreciate any of these items

Most of these items can be purchased at Farmfoods.



Frav-Bentos-Pies



Frav-Bentos-Cornd-Beeft Tuna



Saurer



Spam



Sausages-in-Spaghetti



Dried-Milk



Hot-Dogs



Lentils



Smoke-Sausage



Haggis



Mashed-Potato



Pork-Luncheon-Meat



Custard



Steak

Local Volunteers and Support

Stonehaven and District Round Table have joined forces with A&I Taxis to offer a **free prescription and emergency item delivery service** in Stonehaven and surrounding rural areas, for vulnerable people that would be high risk if they leave the house.

The letterbox can be used to pass information, and items can be dropped off to doorstep. Disposable gloves will be worn at all times.

Get in touch with us via Facebook or stonehaven@roundtable.org.uk

A&I Taxis, 01569 764333, audrey@aitaxis.co.uk

Covid 19 – Helping Stonehaven is a **Facebook group** set up by locals to share hints, tips, ideas and appeals. You need to join the group to post/read the contributions.

Far &Wide shop at 26 Evan Street will be open Fridays 10.30am – noon to drop off **non** perishable food donations to their **foodbank**.

Local Businesses offering home delivery

Cool Gourmet can deliver blast chilled meals ready for reheating.

Tel 01569 767679 for orders and card payment.

Also open Tuesday- Friday 10.30-2.30 – so folk can come and buy off of the counter as well – including the ever-popular small batches of scones

Nu Spice and **Carron to Mumbai** working together and offering collection or deliveries of their usual menu, Monday to Sunday 4.30 – 10pm.

Free meals for pensioners, NHS and under 11s, and 20% discount for police officers. Telephone 01569 760460

The Alma in Laurencekirk has a click and collect facility.

Fountainhall Wines are offering a non-contact delivery to your door.

01569 763399

Reids Gold Barry Reid of Reid's Gold is still delivering to Stonehaven and other AB39 postcodes, which is Drumlithie to Newtonhill for free and cheering people up in this testing time with my delicious fruity **craft beers** made in Stonehaven.

Tel: 01569 549 027 Mobile: 07707944034, www.reidsgold.com

Pizza The Action is delivering as usual and are able to do a contactless delivery service, from their Redcloak store.

Charles McHardy Butchers – please use our website

charlesmchardybutchers.co.uk or phone in orders for delivery! Ideal if you are self-isolating!

Free delivery within a 15 mile radius of the shop when you spend over £20

Granite City Fish Ltd are delivering on Fridays to Portlethen, Newtonhill, Stonehaven & surrounding areas. Please call Granite City Fish on 01224 587065 to place your order.

George Fairweather of Arbroath is also accepting orders for fish for home delivery in Stonehaven on a Friday. Call 07974 311326 to place orders.

Tandoori Haven is offering free delivery up to three miles for any order over £20. Various discount deals, including 50% off for NHS and Police. Also offering to deliver a **free curry** to elderly residents aged 65+ Tel: 07830 821222

Meydan, Market Square Dear friends, we will be open

Monday to Thursday 3pm – 10pm and Friday to Sunday 3pm – 11pm.

Please don't forget we do online orders for collection or delivery –

meydanonline.co.uk Or you can use the **FOODHUB APP** with shop

postcode AB39 2BA

The Red Red Robin on Allardice Street are doing deliveries. The menu and daily soup etc are posted on Facebook page. Hours meantime are 9am until 2.30pm. 01569 765533

Richard Wright is delivering milk, juices and free range eggs on a Tuesday and Thursday – but can only accept new customers who fall into the vulnerable category. Telephone 07415 874155.

Thomson Dairies offer deliveries of milk, fruit juice, breakfast packs, yoghurt, cream etc from their Altens depot

Kerrs Dairy offering deliveries of milk, eggs and fruit juice.

Graingers Delicatessen are operating a weekly weekend delivery – check their Facebook page for details

Castleton Farm shop – We are now working with our friends Westerton Farmers to ensure everyone gets the essentials they need. This is a link to our delivery service. Call us on 01561 321155 to order shopping to collect.

Stay safe everyone. Please note the following:

- ◆ Due to large demand the first available slots for click and deliver are from April 1st
- ◆ Our shop is open 9am-1pm daily for shopping for those essentials.
- ◆ Click and collect items can be collected after 2pm, come to the door and we'll bring your order to you.
- ◆ For takeaway orders please phone on 01561 321155 give name, order and collection time and please make payment over phone to reduce contact. When you arrive please do not enter porch if someone else is waiting, wait for them to leave then enter.
- ◆ If you work for the **NHS** you can claim a **free tea or coffee** with your takeaway order by showing your NHS badge on collection.📄

Phoenix Bakehouse, Inverbervie email : orders@pheonixbakehouse.co.uk or call 01561 361221.

Delivery:

Tues and Fri : Inverbervie, gourdoun, Kinneff, Johnshaven

Wed and Sat: Laurencekirk and Stonehaven