

Welcome to Stonehaven Fetteresso



Life of Worship • Life of Love • Life of Service

20th June

So he said to me,
"This is the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel:
'Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,'
says the Lord Almighty."

Zechariah 4:6



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Village Ministries
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Roseanne, Barbara or email the
office:

Office@fetteresso.org.uk

Donations can be
dropped off to Far and
Wide on Friday Mornings
from 10.30am to 12noon



Guidance for the reopening of church buildings

Updates from the Church of Scotland,
to help churches manage the
Coronavirus/COVID-19 lockdown. The
latest update on 12th June has added
a new guidance document on
reopening our church buildings.

[https://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/
resources/covid-19-coronavirus-advice/
advice-for-churches-covid-19-coronavirus](https://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/resources/covid-19-coronavirus-advice/advice-for-churches-covid-19-coronavirus)

Scottish churches share this week's Sunday prayer (21st June)

This Sunday (21 June), Christians across Scotland will once again join together in prayer at 7pm in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

As we continue navigating these challenging times, 14 Scottish Christian churches and organisations have released another prayer 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, states:

"We live in challenging times. In truth, the challenge of these times is one that continues.

"However, the nature of that challenge has changed. In this present moment, we reflect on where we are now and this allows us to begin to try to understand the past months. Equally, we have the opportunity to anticipate what is to come.

"In the Letter to the Romans (6: 1-11), the Apostle Paul reflects on the foundation of the Christian life which is our sharing in the life, death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ.

"As a consequence, the life we live now is one shaped by the present reality of sharing in the life of Christ.

"As we journey together in the gradual exit from lockdown, we do so in the sure knowledge that we share in the life of the Risen Christ. We pray:"

We pray:

Faithful God, we thank you
That you are present with us now
As we share in the life of the Risen Christ.
Continue to be present with us we ask.
Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

God who inspires faith, we thank you
That you have been with us
In times of anxiety and uncertainty.
Keep watch over our memories of the past.
Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Faithful God, we thank you
That you will be with us
In the days that are to come.
Journey with us in the days that lie before us.
Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

God who inspires faith, we thank you
For the life of your Son
Who for our sakes embraced human form.
May his life shape our lives in these present times.
Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Faithful God, we thank you
For the reassurance that you are merciful and gracious
And that your love abounds.
In your compassion, remember us and those whom we love.
Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

God who inspires faith, we thank you
For the knowledge that you will be with us
In all that we now face.
Go before us and provide for us we ask.
Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer. AMEN

Congregation donates £5,000 to buy laptops for pupils

An Aberdeenshire church has donated more than £5,000 to a secondary school to buy Chromebook laptops for pupils.

Banchory West Church members raised the sum in just 12 days to help youngsters without access to technology engage with online lessons from their homes.

Minister, Rev Tony Stephen, said staff at Banchory Academy were “taken aback” when the cheque was handed over which will cover the cost of at least 18 machines.



Rev Tony Stephen.

He said members were very enthusiastic about providing young people with “practical” help during the Coronavirus lockdown which has led to school closures.

Mr Stephen said: “We always want to help Banchory Academy as the teachers and staff support young people in our community.

“As soon as lockdown started we got in touch to ask what we could do and the head teacher Judith Wight told us that there were kids struggling to access online learning and a lack of equipment was the biggest barrier.

“So we discussed it as a congregation and everyone agreed that the most practical thing that we could do was donate money to the school to buy Chromebook laptops which are apparently very effective.”

Congregation donates £5,000 to buy laptops for pupils (cont'd)

Huge difference

Mr Stephen, who is a chaplain at the school, said the idea caught people's imagination.

"Everyone wanted to help because young people in our community are a priority for us," he explained.

"When we handed over the cheque, the staff were absolutely taken aback and said it will make a huge difference to kids who might struggle otherwise."

Mr Stephen said donations were still coming in and would be passed to the school in due course.

Online engagement rockets

Reflecting on how Banchory West Church has been using technology to bring people together during the lockdown, Mr Stephen said: "Our online engagement has rocketed and it has been a real joy to witness.

"We have been using the video conferencing platform, Zoom, because we want to be meeting 'face to face' and allowing interaction, as opposed to just the minister reading a sermon."

Nominate the next Moderator of the General Assembly

The Committee to Nominate the Moderator is now ready to receive recommendations for the person who will be nominated as Moderator of the General Assembly in May 2021.



The person elected will serve until the opening day of the 2022 Assembly.

Any member of the Church of Scotland can recommend a minister, elder or deacon (i.e. a member of the diaconate) for consideration by the Committee using the Recommendation Form. Completed Forms should be returned to Susan Taylor at staylor@churchofscotland.org.uk by **Friday 7 August 2020**.

The consent of the person being recommended needs to be obtained before the Form is submitted. The Committee asks that there is only one form submitted for each recommendee.

As well as chairing the General Assembly the Moderator acts as an ambassador for the Church of Scotland at home and abroad. The Moderator of the General Assembly is a full-time role and he or she is provided with a flat in Edinburgh during their time of service. Every effort is made to ensure that they are not out of pocket by giving time to this task.

Please give this request your prayerful consideration. Do you know someone who would have the gifts and experience to fulfil this calling? If you do, download the Form and make a recommendation.

For a **list of duties** of the Moderator and the **Recommendation form** please read the article online at:

<https://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/news-and-events/news/2020/nominate-the-next-moderator-of-the-general-assembly>

Guild opens to new project partnership applications

The Church of Scotland's Guild is now open to applications from charities who wish to become one of six project partners being supported by the Guild over a three-year period.

Malawi Fruits is one of the current six project partners who are being supported by the Guild.

Every three years the Guild invites charities to apply for the partnership opportunity. The final six are then picked by a committee of Guild members.



The scheme runs in parallel with the Guild's three-year strategy. The next strategy will be entitled 'Look forward in faith'.

The Guild's project partnership scheme sees them work with six Christian charities over a three-year period, aiming to:

Provide prayerful and reflective support for each project to reach its aims.

Raise awareness of the projects' work amongst the Guild and the wider Church.

Raise funds to support the work of the projects.

'Look forward in faith'

Marian Macintyre, the Guild's National Convener, said:

"The benefits of being a project partner with the Church of Scotland Guild – in terms of both financial support and awareness-raising – cannot be overestimated.

"The Guild 'has the ear' of the Church at large, and so the reach is widened, well beyond Guild members.

"Last summer I had the pleasure of visiting two of our current project partners: Malawi Fruits and Journeying Together.

"Malawi Fruits is a Scottish charity where small-scale farmers in Malawi are benefitting from the use of solar pumps to enable them to increase and diversify their crops, and this in turn benefits their families and rural communities.

“Journeying Together is run by the United Church of Zambia and the Church of Scotland’s Faith Nurture Forum in Kanyama, Lusaka. This project encourages young mothers to complete their education or to take the option of vocational training, and equips them through training in life skills, nutrition and sexual health.

“It is heartening to see just what a difference the funds raised by Guild members are making in these two projects.

“As we ‘look forward in faith’ I am excited about who our project partners might be for the next three-year strategy.”

The scheme has been operating in its present form for over 20 years and has raised around £5.5 million for a hugely diverse range of projects.

So far, in the 2018-2021 fundraising cycle, over £325,000 is estimated to have been raised for the six current projects.

Set up in 1887 as the Womans' Guild, each local group works through a church, and is one of Scotland's largest voluntary organisation.

There are currently around 17,000 members in Scotland, and many partner groups around the world.

How to apply to become a Guild partner

An application pack can be obtained by emailing

guild@churchofscotland.org.uk.

Applications will close on 31 August 2020.

Potential partners should be able to demonstrate their Christian ethos and the new innovative project they would undertake if successful.

Whilst Guild branches are currently closed, the Guild team is still providing support, information and ideas through their weekly newsletter and on their Facebook page.

For more information please email Karen Gillon, the Guild’s Associate Secretary.

kgillon@churchofscotland.org.uk

June Prayer Focus



And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.

Acts 2: 38-39.

As we enter a third month of lockdown, life as a worshipping community has radically changed. Although we are apart, it was good to come together in our homes and share in the joint Church of Scotland celebration of Pentecost with our new Moderator, Right Rev Dr Martin Fair. For those who missed that service, or for anyone who wishes to watch it again, the link to it is: <https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=dc5W0trQCl0>

As the Moderator looked to a new year, he left us with the challenge of seeking a new way forward together, taking God's message out into the world..... ***'For the whole earth belongs to the Lord.'***

Prayer lays hold of God's plan and becomes the link between His will and its accomplishment on earth. Amazing things happen, and we are given the privilege of being the channels of the Holy Spirit's prayer. — Elisabeth Elliot

This month, as our prayer focus, let each of us, as part of the Body Of Christ, seek God's will for the way forward at Fetteresso.

In 2 Chronicles 26 we read of King Uzziah.

'As long as he sought the Lord, God gave him success.'

June Prayer Focus (continued)

Here are a few points to help us in our thinking as we come before God in Prayer.

- We give thanks for God's faithfulness and for all that God has blessed us with this far.
- Though we cannot physically meet, we give thanks for the gift of technology and those gifted in its use, enabling us to continue to worship God together.
- We give thanks for God's daily provision, for His word that endures and is readily available to us.
- We continue to pray for our Nominating committee as they seek a new minister for Fetteresso. We ask God's protection for each member. May they too prayerfully seek God's mind, listening for His voice and leading.
- May the committee be one in heart and mind as they continue in this process.
- We ask that God by His Holy Spirit, will call and anoint the person of his choosing.
- We ask God to show us His will for His Church at this time.
- We pray God will give wisdom and discernment to the Elders as they seek a new way forward for Fetteresso.
- May He inspire us to find new ways of being church to each other and new ways to worship and learn together.
- We ask for an outpouring of God's Spirit upon us that we may have hearts that seek to make him known in our community.
- May God enable us to be His voice, His hands and feet to those around us, to serve the needs of the community.
- We pray for an outpouring of God's Spirit upon our land that He will draw all people to himself.

Let us go trusting that God will guide us and may the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with us now and forevermore. Amen.

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.



Fray-Bentos-Pie



Fray-Bentos-Corned-Beef



Tuna



Sauce



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**.

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

www.gcah.org.uk

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

Anywhere in Aberdeen, Aberdeenshire or Moray.

0808 196 3384

www.gcah.org.uk

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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 post-code 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

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.📄

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

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

Delivery:

Tues and Fri : Inverbervie, gourdon, Kinneff, Johnshaven

Wed and Sat: Laurencekirk and Stonehaven

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.