

# Welcome to Stonehaven Fetteresso



*Life of Worship • Life of Love • Life of Service*

**28th May**

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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](mailto: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  
[www.gcah.org.uk](http://www.gcah.org.uk)

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## Where are we going?

We don't know. These are unprecedented times. However, wherever we are going, and whatever changes lie ahead, we know that we do not go alone. God will be with us, through his Holy Spirit, and as we go, we travel with our brother and sister churches across Scotland and the World. In recognition of this we have decided that, this Pentecost Sunday, we are not going to worship alone, because we have all been invited by the Rt Rev. Martin Fair, the Moderator of the Church of Scotland to join him in a special Pentecost Service.

## This was his message to us:

*"Pentecost Sunday is an opportunity to rejoice in the birth of the church and to celebrate our togetherness as a church family,"*

*"It was the coming of the Spirit upon those first disciples that brought the church to life, with power and passion - and the same Spirit unites us still."*

*"Even though we cannot be together in person, we can be together in spirit. We can share in the same worship, pray together using the same words, be inspired together by the same Bible verses and affirm our unity as the body of Christ here on earth."*

*"Ordinarily, the worship of the Church is offered locally, rightly so. But it seems to me that in these present circumstances there is merit in giving over one Sunday to come together."*

"Church at Home" will be back next week as normal - but for this week - please join with me in sharing our worship to God with with the whole of the national church.

James Dickinson  
Session Clerk.

## Scottish churches issue joint call for Sunday prayer on 31st May

Once more, churches across Scotland have come together to encourage Christians to join together in prayer at 7pm on Sunday evening in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Join with fellow Christians across Scotland in Sunday prayer at 7pm in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.



This week, 14 Christian churches and organisations across the country, including the Church of Scotland, have co-signed the letter calling for prayer.

Since the start of lockdown, Christians from across the country 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, is looking forward to taking part alongside them this weekend.

"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 the 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 will also be available in Gaelic (a copy of which will be attached here later today), states:

"Though we are moving into the first stages of the easing of lockdown, we continue to be painfully aware that there's a long way to go and that what lies at the end of it all remains unclear.

"And so we proceed in faith, believing that God always goes before us and knows the end from the beginning.

"On this Day of Pentecost we give thanks for the gift of the Holy Spirit, believing that it is by the Spirit that God guides us."

## We pray:

Almighty God, by your Spirit, you brought order from chaos.  
By your brooding Spirit, hovering over the void, you spoke and there was ... something rather than nothing.  
Create and recreate in and through us, we pray.

Almighty God, by your Spirit, you equipped and gifted and led our ancestors to know you and to serve you and to glorify you.  
Continue to equip and enable us, we pray.

And then, Almighty God, as promised by the prophets and as never before, you poured out your Spirit on these first believers - on men and women, on the old and the young; and they were transformed and made alive, as dry bones brought to life.  
Pour out your Spirit on us, we pray.

Almighty God, in these turbulent and uncertain times, send us the Comforter, that we might know you to be near. Grant us your healing touch and help us to know the rest that comes from resting in you.  
For the loving touch of your Spirit, we pray.

Almighty God, by what seemed as a rushing wind and as tongues of fire you brought your Church to life.  
Come to your Church now, we pray, that by the same Spirit we might be renewed and refreshed and remade and revived.  
Yes, Lord, grant us a fresh outpouring of your Spirit, we pray.

And all our prayers we offer in the name of our Lord and Saviour, none other than Jesus Christ.

Amen.

## 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.





In May Suresh Vemulapalli from India Village Ministries was due to visit with us at Fetteresso. IVM along with our food bank here in Stonehaven are the subject of our Monthly Prayer Focus.

IVM team are very busily engaged helping the people on a daily basis with their food requirements – that's really looking after, caring for, showing compassion, and truly loving all 'our brothers and sisters - who are all our neighbours' in accordance with the Lord's two great commandments.

We are distributing essential food pack (5Kgs of rice, 1 kg Lentil and 1 kg sunflower oil, vegetables/eggs) to many starving families in our region. This food pack costs ONLY £6 (\$9).

"If you can't feed a hundred people, then feed just ONE"

- **Mother Teresa**

We appreciate your prayers and support.  
God bless Suresh & Roja

If you wish to support India Village Ministries 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.**

Cash donations can be left at Barbara's and will be passed on.  
Thank you all for your generosity at this time.



## Prayer requests from Suresh, India Village Ministries:

Most people including daily wage workers have moved from the cities to be with their families in rural areas for the duration of the lockdown. Due to lock down, people in the villages are not working. This has created huge psychological and financial stresses. The price of things has increased significantly. Some poor families in the slums are literally starving for food.

Relief aid from IVM has been delivered to slums dwellers, migrant daily workers, poor people who are starving for food. Hundreds of families have been given rice bags, 30 eggs for each family, onions in Challapalli mandal, Krishna District of Andhra Pradesh.

There is a fear that the number of confirmed cases will increase and, if this happens, our country's health services are not in a position to handle it.

- We need God's intervention in this situation to stop the spread of this deadly virus.
- Give thanks that Regional sub-Inspector of Police and Mandal revenue Officers, Village Administrative Officer participated in this distribution program. The Officers commended services of IVM in this crisis situation. Local media personnel also helped IVM to distribute this aid to needy people.
- Pray for the protection of us, the children in our orphanage, elderly widows, pastors and all our staff as we minister to families, that the Lord will provide for the needs of those under our care.
- Many poor people in rural India live day to day but without work, they starve.



Due to lockdown, many poor families are struggling to feed their children...

Many more waiting for help... We are looking unto the Lord for His provision.

- Pray for us at this time as the needs are great.

We believe that God is sovereign and in control in the midst of these stressful days. He will continue to be a shield and provider for His people. The most important thing is

for the Lord to give us ears to listen and eyes to see what He is communicating to us through these adversities.

### Food, my daily bread

Indian govt has extended lockdown till the end of May. Many people are affected by the COVID effect, people can't work and people can't feed their family anymore.

The poor are not worried about dying from Covid-19, their overwhelming concern is survival: FOOD FOR TOMORROW, breakfast for tomorrow morning and for the day after. That panic is brought about by the lockdowns

When the poor of the world (who are Christians) pray "Lord, give us today our daily bread (rice)", God looks at US. For we are His hands and feet. We do what we can to help them and take care of them.



The food packages which, granted, will not last them very long. However the recipients on the photos seem to be quite happy.



### India still starving right now

Thank you to each and everyone who has helped us serve the less fortunate during this COVID crisis time.

This week, 451 families received Relief food Kits in the presence of our Legislative Member Sri Ramesh & Revenue officer Mrs. Swarna.



"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"  
(Mt 25:35-40)

Please continue to pray for us as we try to reach more migrants and needy villagers with cooked food, Grocery kits, masks etc. Now is the time to show HIS amazing love to the Indian Brothers and Sisters. We sincerely appreciate your Prayers and support. God bless you all.



## Thy Kingdom Come invites us to pray from Ascension to Pentecost

**Rt Rev Colin Sinclair is encouraging everyone to join in prayer from Ascension Day on 21 May to Pentecost on Sunday 31 May through the ecumenical prayer movement Thy Kingdom Come.**

In a letter mailed to congregations across Scotland the Moderator says, "If there is one thing that is needed at this time, alongside the care we can offer, it is united global prayer."

Since it began in 2015, more than two million Christians in 90% of countries worldwide and from 65 different denominations and traditions have taken part in the global prayer event.

**Read the Moderator's letter**

Dear Friends,

With so much of the world "on hold" it would be easy to think that the prayer initiative; Thy Kingdom Come is another casualty. Not at all! If there is one thing that is needed at this time, alongside the care we can offer, it is united global prayer. Social distancing has actually brought us closer together as we recognise our common humanity and the challenges we must face together.

The Church of Scotland is delighted to be part of Thy Kingdom Come in 2020 while recognising that it needs to take a new approach because of Covid 19. In the light of this, the [Thy Kingdom Come website has been updated and adapted](#) for our new situation:

One of the Key themes for Thy Kingdom Come 2020 is prayer and care. As we are praying for those we love to come to know the hope and love of Christ, we also are encouraging all to see how they can show God's love towards them by caring for them. The [website suggests practical ways to show Prayer and Care](#).

Alongside this, there is a very helpful resource "[Thy Kingdom Come - five ways to get involved](#)" which is easily adapted for congregations in lockdown. It also includes many other resources which can be downloaded to use at home.

Whether you use the Family Prayer Adventure Map or the 11 day Prayer Journal, the same creativity congregations have employed to set up online worship and find new ways for undertaking pastoral care can equally be employed to stimulate united prayer. You can pray together at set times or set up a continuous virtual prayer event. There is a wealth of practical accessible ideas for all.

Let us join together with Christians across the country and around the world for Thy



Kingdom Come 2020.

Yours,

Rt Rev Colin Sinclair.

In 2019 the Moderator took part in Thy Kingdom Come's Pentecost event in Trafalgar Square, London. This year the new Moderator will be contributing to a video launching Thy Kingdom Come, which will be available on 21 May.

### Worship from the Church of Scotland

#### Radio and Television/Social Media

The Right Reverend Colin Sinclair is offering a live daily reflection on Facebook at 10 am <https://www.facebook.com/ModeratoroftheChurchofScotland/>

The Church of Scotland is very conscious of the need to provide spiritual resources in this time, both nationally and locally. While physical services are cancelled, a number of churches are moving to offer online worship. T <https://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/worship/services-online>

# 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.<sup>[a]</sup> 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-Corned-Beef



Tuna



Sauce



SPAM



Sausages-in-Spaghetti



Dried-Milk



Hot-Dogs



Lentils



Smoke-Sausages



Haggis



Mashed-Potatoes



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](mailto:stonehaven@roundtable.org.uk)

A&I Taxis, 01569 764333, [audrey@aitaxis.co.uk](mailto: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](http://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](http://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](http://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](mailto:orders@pheonixbakehouse.co.uk) or call 01561 361221.

Delivery:

**Tues and Fri** : Inverbervie, gourdoun, Kinneff, Johnshaven

**Wed and Sat**: Laurencekirk and Stonehaven