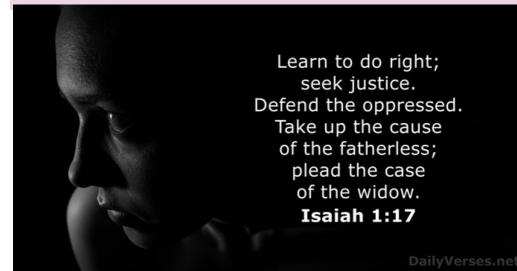
Welcome to Stonehaven Fetteresso



Life of Worship • Life of Love • Life of Service

3rd July



Fetteresso Church will be open for

Individual, Silent, Private prayer

on Sunday mornings from:

Sunday 12th July

10am to 12 noon only.

The church building is still shut at other times.

The ears of heaven are not!

Returning to Church

In line with the Scottish Government's phased return from "lockdown", we will be opening the church sanctuary for private prayer on **Sunday 12th July from 10am to 12noon.** This will be an opportunity for individuals or family groups to come to church and pray privately and silently, subject to social distancing precautions. There will however not be any form of a service or communal worship. That needs to wait until the next phase of the Government's plan (Phase 3). Please wear a face mask.

Once the Government announces the start of Phase 3, it is our intention to start church services again at the earliest opportunity (currently we are hoping this will be late in July). These services will, however, be subject to social distancing restrictions and so there are unlikely to be any children's activities or communal singing. The services will therefore be shorter, and focused mainly on prayer and preaching, although there may be some instrumental or recorded music.

As we move into this new phase we'd like to gather the views of our membership on these developments and how we best stay united as a church although the form of our worship will be different and the numbers able to make it to services may be limited. To help with this, we are conducting a **survey** of all our members and adherents to gather their views. If you are listed on our church roll, you should therefore get a call from one of the elders over the next couple of weeks, with a few questions to ask.

Please be nice to them .

James Dickinson

Session Clerk

In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. **Romans 8:26**

Churches join together in prayer on Sunday 5 July

This Sunday (5 July), Christians across Scotland will once again join together in prayer at 7pm in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Churches in Scotland are once more encouraging people to pray at 7pm on Sunday evening.

Acting in unity as they have throughout the health crisis, 14 churches and organisations across the country, including the Church of Scotland, have co-signed the letter calling Christians together for prayer.

Rt Rev Dr Martin Fair, Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, will be joining Scottish Christians in answering the call to pray together on Sunday evening.

"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 will also be available in Gaelic, quotes the Gospel of Matthew:

"'Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.' Matthew 11: 28 (NRSV)"

The letter goes on to say:

"These are words of Jesus that we all need to hear. We need to hear these words because they speak into the depths of the experience of so many of us at this time.

"The words create a picture in the mind's eye.

"The picture is of ourselves in the times when we are indeed weary and burdened by the particular loads that we have to bear.

"Alongside this, the picture is of the One who offers to us rest.

"The picture is of human need met by divine promise and finds its context in the affirmation that Jesus is the One who knows the Father and holds in God's trust all that has been committed to him.

"He holds our lives in his keeping and offers renewal to those who seek his presence. (Matthew 11: 25-30)

"Wherever we are and whatever our load, the promise of Jesus is that we will find his renewing presence."

We pray:

Lord, we come to you as we are For we can come no other way. We come acknowledging the burdens we carry And trusting in your promise of rest. Lord, in your mercy, Hear our prayer.

Lord, we come to you In the sure knowledge that we are not alone. We come in the company Of all who know the challenge of these days. Lord, in your mercy, Hear our prayer.

Lord, we come to you Acknowledging that you have already come to us. We journey to the place where you are to be found And rediscover that you have always been with us. Lord, in your mercy, Hear our prayer.

Lord, we come to you As the One who knows our past and sees our present. Set us free from that which binds us to our past And liberate us to serve you in the present. Lord, in your mercy, Hear our prayer.

Lord, we come to you Through the One who is the same, yesterday, today and forever. May he hold our lives safe As we embrace the future and the promise of his rest. Lord, in your mercy, Hear our prayer.

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.

The Foodbank would appreciate any of these items

Most of these items can be purchased at Farmfoods.



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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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
- 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.