



Week beginning 28th February

CERES KEMBACK and SPRINGFIELD

Charity No SCO17442

The new website is now available at the usual address: <http://www.ckschurch.org> . Login and leave your comments on the “contact” page, or get in touch with our webmasters, Anne Lumsden and Sarah Wood

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PRAYER

Father of creation,

We thank you for all that You have made -

For the joy and glimpses of You we find in nature's beauty,

For the variety of all You have provided through its resources.

Help us to tread lightly and use wisely,

valuing the needs of others, and of creation, above our own desires.

Challenge us where we need to change our lifestyles.

Convict us when we need to speak out on behalf of a voiceless people, or world.

Father, in Your mercy, change us and use us

For the restoration of Your world, and the protection of all Your children. AMEN

ONLINE WORSHIP: LENT AND EASTER

The congregation of Howe of Fife Church and the Rev Bill Hunter continue to welcome us to the zoom services at ten o'clock on Sunday mornings, and the Rev Jane Barron, and Worship Group members from both churches will be leading part in the services during Lent and Easter week.

All are welcome.

Joining Details -if you have Zoom already:

Meeting ID: 279 403 4482 Password: 5963

To load Zoom for the first time or to watch on a browser:

To join a Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2794034482?pwd=MzRRcHpSd29TWUN1QkdMNXp6MnRsUT09#success>



MISSION BULLETIN for 26th February

To read the full bulletin, go to

<https://mailchi.mp/4d715a735f6f/mission-bulletin-4740598?e=c357946402>

INTIMATIONS

Vacancy: The Nominating Committee met on 25th February. The vacancy has been advertised in the February number of Life and Work, and appears in the Church of Scotland's list of current vacancies. The Interim Moderator has received enquiries from potentially interested parties. Currently, members are discussing interview questions.

A Time of Prayer will be held via Zoom on Mondays at 4.00pm

Anyone interested in joining us will be most welcome.

Topic: Jane Barron's Zoom Meeting: Meeting ID: 870 4174 9939 Passcode: MG3aUD

<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/87041749939?pwd=bFIUUUI5Uk1ndWZxVTRWRCSzdzdaQT09>

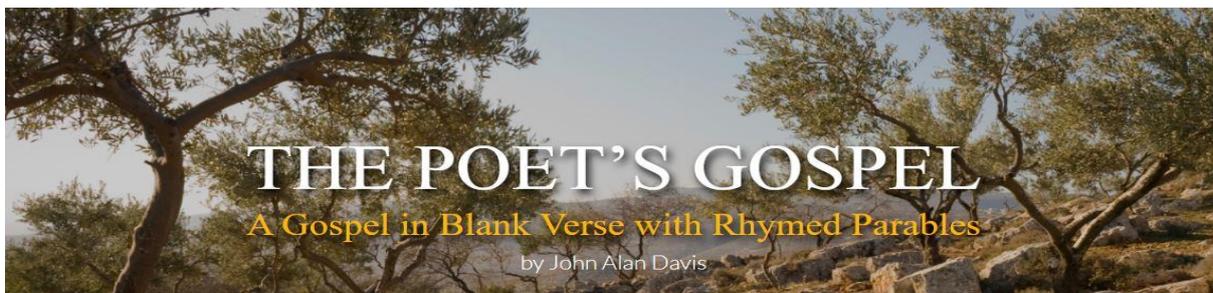
WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

This year's World Day of Prayer will be held on Friday 5th March at 2.00pm

To join the service, go to the World Day of Prayer Scotland website, <http://www.wdpScotland.org.uk/> and look up Services/Bible studies where you will find the links.

There is an order of service booklet available from the website. Anyone unable to connect via the internet but would like a booklet to use at home, please contact cksprayergroup@gmail.com

LENT STUDY



The Poet's Gospel is a 6 week Lent Study and all the material is available online. A wee guide appears below to show you how to access the material.

Starting on 23rd February, we plan to meet on six Tuesdays at 6.30p.m. for 40 minutes each week.

The Inspiration for John Davis writing this is as follows:

John Alan Davis visited his wife every day as she lived with dementia. As Alan explains "during this period, and after Pat died in 2014, I turned to the only place of comfort I knew: my faith."

It is here that we can recognise the relevance of a Lent program. This gospel version, written in verse, is the outcome of a deep engagement with God in Christ. To listen to the sound files of this gospel being read out loud is to be taken onto a journey with someone who has clearly walked and experienced all of life's contours. When I first heard Alan reciting his Poets Gospel I was immediately moved and realised that this journey could bring some healing to so many other people.

Please will you let Jane know if you are going to join the group.

Meetings dates are:

Tuesday, 23rd February

Tuesday, 2nd 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th March

6.30p.m. - 7.10p.m.

Online Guide to accessing the material

Open page at CTBI Lent 2021 (<https://ctbi.org.uk/lent-study-2021/>)

Click on Lent Study 2021

Scroll down to paragraph about the author John Alan Davis

Scroll down to 'The Poet's Gospel', Introduction to chosen section

Page opens with a scene of olive groves

Scroll down to 'Week One Part A: History'

There follows the 6 weeks' course ending in Holy Week

Go back one page and discover the six sound files corresponding to each week with a 20 minute seminar. When you click, it plays!

Stewardship: a message from the Church Treasurer: Another church financial year has come to an end. And what a year it has been with almost ten months of living with the implications of a pandemic. In reviewing the income figures, I was struck by the efforts that folks have taken to ensure that their offerings to the church continued and indeed in some cases increased. On behalf of the Kirk Session I just wanted to say thank you to everyone for their contributions and for the efforts that they made which are very much appreciated.



Try Praying In these uncertain times, many people have turned to prayer when they wouldn't normally think of it.

The Try Praying initiative is there to encourage anyone with no church connections.

Look on the *Try Praying* website or *There is Hope* website for more information and free resources:

<https://www.trypraying.co.uk/>

Thy Kingdom Come This is now a worldwide, ecumenical movement encouraging people to pray at 6.00pm every evening for the month of February, focusing on the Covid crisis and the effects it is having.

More information and resources can be obtained from the *Thy Kingdom Come* website:

<https://www.thykingdomcome.global/>



CKS Messy Church

This month's Messy Church at Home is available now by email. Please get in touch if you would like to join in at home or find out more about Messy Church. February's theme is "Being Still", not easy when you are juggling

work, home schooling etc. There are crafts and activities to enjoy, YouTube videos to watch and sing along with. Why not have a wee look?

Myra Todd



RE ACT SCOTLAND (Refugee Action) Scotland

Thank you to everyone who is continuing to support Re-Act. Your donations are greatly appreciated.

Re-Act are still looking for premises in the Edinburgh area and along with Covid restrictions this means that we cannot collect or send clothes etc just now. However, it is possible to send money which will help the volunteers meet some of the desperate need in the camps and contribute to transport costs.

It can be paid directly into Re- Act's account:- Re-Act Now Ltd, Bank of Scotland Account :
1430 6461 Sort code 80-22-60 Please put Fife as the Transfer source.

Or a cheque can be made payable to Re-Act Now Ltd and sent to the Fife Coordinator, Jan McCall, 20 Belleisle Road, Kirkcaldy, KY2 6J



Big Questions

Join CoSY Fife and Stirling for Lent as we look at big questions on:

**Church
Faith
The Bible
Faithful Living**

Every Sunday at 7pm from 21st February - 28th March.

We will have a panel of special guests each week to answer any questions on their topic.

There will be 4 weeks of questions, a social evening and an evening of worship where we will share Communion.

All 18 - 30 year olds welcome, no need to live in Fife or Stirling to participate.

If you do not want to ask your questions live you can email them to cosyfife@gmail.com.

Get the zoom link through Eventbrite

FAIRTRADE NEWS



Margaret writes

"Thanks to all of you who continue to buy kilombero rice. I have already sold out of the brown I ordered in January, so will be sending off an order to Just Trading Scotland on Monday. As well as keeping supplies of rice, white and brown, [£3:20a kg] and coconut milk [£1:80a tin] I'm happy to include any other JTS items in the order and deliver them to you. Usual favourites are tomato and basil sauce, curry sauce and cinnamon marmalade - now back in stock. Please take a look at their full stock see link and I will order and deliver any items."

JTS is a small Scottish based organisation with a long reach. This year they were delighted to have achieved Guaranteed member status by the World Fairtrade Organisation. This is the gold standard for ethical businesses and ensures everything they do is focused on the needs of producers and protection of the planet. Many of the small shops which normally stock JTS goods are still closed due to restrictions. All the more important that we continue to order goods directly.

To find out more about JTS, visit their website at <http://www.jts.co.uk/>



Janet Edwards Praying for a good result

PHOTO COMPETITION

To mark the start of Lent, on Wednesday 17 February, Rt Rev Dr Martin Fair, Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, is launching a photo competition – ‘Hidden in Plain Sight’ – with both children and adults alike invited to send in their photographs showing the Cross in our everyday surroundings. The winner in each category will be awarded a gift to the charity of their choice.

“As we head towards Easter, the Cross will come ever more into view - the central symbol of the Christian faith,” Rt Rev Dr Martin Fair said. “Generally speaking, we find Crosses set within church buildings or worn as jewellery. But, when we open our eyes to the possibility, we can begin to see images of the Cross all around us - in both nature and the built environment.

“Your challenge, should you choose to accept it: find a Cross that is ‘hidden in plain sight’ and using your camera, or your phone, take a photograph of it.

“Perhaps it will be two branches on a tree which form a Cross shape. Perhaps you’ll see a Cross in a section of wrought-iron fencing. Maybe you’ll see it in a set of road markings or in a random piece of graffiti? “The only limit is your imagination. Open your eyes and you’ll see that the Cross is all around you.”

How to take part

To submit your entry for the photography competition, please

email MediaRelations@churchofscotland.org.uk, attaching your photograph(s) as well as your name and which category you are in:

1. Primary school age
2. Secondary school age
3. 18+

The rules are very simple:

- The photograph must be one that you’ve taken yourself.
- You must take the photograph within your own community and must observe all Covid-related restrictions when doing so.
- Each entrant can submit up to three photographs.
- Images can be taken either on cameras or smartphones and must be submitted by email. Please note, we unfortunately are unable to accept photographs submitted via post at this time.

The competition will run for one month - from Wednesday 17 February (the start of Lent) until Wednesday 17 March. All submissions must be received by the closing date.

All entries will be featured [in a special photo gallery on the website](#).

The Moderator will head a judging panel and the winners in each category will be announced in the lead up to Easter Sunday, with a gift to the charity of the winner’s choice being awarded in each category.

The winning entries will be displayed across the Church of Scotland’s social media channels on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, [and in a special photo gallery on the website](#).

Let the fun begin. Get snapping!

<https://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/news-and-events/news/2021/moderator-launches-new-photography-competition-hidden-in-plain-sight>