

Ceres, Kemback & Springfield Parish Church

Epiphany 5

Sunday, 4th February 2024

Welcome and News from Church & Community

1. **Prayer Group** is gathering tomorrow, online at 4.00p.m. If you would like more information, please ask the minister or Margaret Matthews. **LENT GROUP** is meeting every Monday in Lent at 10.30a.m. Beginning on Monday, 19th February we meet in Ceres Church and thereafter every Monday in Springfield Community Church. The dates are: February 19th, 26th, March 4th, 11th, 18th & 25th. All are welcome to this informal, conversational gathering!

2. **The Worship group** is meeting tomorrow, Monday, 5th February at 11.30a.m. in Ceres Church

3. The Springfield **After School Club** meets in the community church from 2.45p.m. tomorrow, Monday 5th February. The number of children and families attending is increasing significantly since the change from Tuesdays to Mondays!

4. The **Pastoral Care group** is meeting on Tuesday by Zoom at 4.00p.m.

5. **Coffee Club** at Springfield Church is on this week as usual on Wednesday from 10.30a.m. All are welcome.

6. **Ceres Coffee & Chat:** is happening as usual on Wednesday from 10.30a.m. - 4.00p.m. Managed by Liz Simmers (Lighthouse Cafe manager and Elder at the Howe of Fife Church) this is part funded by CKS church and Fife Council and ensures that the lovely Cafe space is open and welcoming to all midweek.

7. A small group from Pastoral Care will be joining the minister in leading a service in **Drysdale Gardens Care Home** on Thursday at 2.00p.m.

8. **RVS Lunches** are at Springfield Community Church from 12.15p.m. this Thursday and all are warmly welcome.

9. The minister will be at a meeting of **Eden Tay Cluster Session Clerks** on Thursday from 2.00p.m. in Auchtermuchty

10. **Ceres Youth Club** is happening from 7.00p.m. this Friday and meets in the Session House. Please contact our sessional youth worker Karolina for more information: karolina.cksyc@gmail.com

11. The Pilgrim Centre Group is making progress in discerning the way forward for Ceres Church. The Church building is possibly facing its biggest threat to its future as the Church of Scotland seeks to amalgamate congregations and reduce the number of buildings it owns.

A meeting was held last week with a group of potential Trustees who are examining the potential of forming a Community Trust to develop a Pilgrim Centre. Being close to the Pilgrim Way there is a lot of potential for development . The names of people putting their names forward for trustee ship are:

Mr Tom Murray; Mrs Sarah Wood; Professor Ian Bradley; Mr Colin Johnson;
Mrs Amanda McFarlane.

Springfield Church has been transformed in to a warm and welcoming environment. Gone are the days of the old uncomfortable hard pews. It has now grown in to a well used community space.

We are now going to be engaging with the other Community Groups in Ceres to see if we can combine our strengths.

Two words come to mind - vision and faith.

We need the vision to transform this building in to a warm and welcoming place and faith that we can undertake this transformation.

Peter Milne, Group Convener