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Presbytery Prayer Rota

Sunday 26 April 2020

Dunoon: The High Kirk: Interim Moderator- Mrs Alison Hay

Please pray for our Treasurer as she works to find new ways for the congregation to pay their offerings.
 Please also pray for success with the congregation's email newsletter.

Kilcalmonnel: Minister – Rev Scott Burton

Rev Scott asks us to pray for "All members of church and community who are feeling particularly isolated at the present time, and for all the amazing volunteers who are working so hard in looking out for others."

Interestingly the set group for prayers for those within the community this week is for the **NHS and Care workers**. I think we can extend this to **key and essential workers** at this time.

Presbytery Prayer: Please find attached a prayer from our Prayer Coordinator, Janette Henderson – As always Janette tells us, "We can't get too much prayer."

Intimations

Douglas Allan, Moderator of Presbytery calls presbyters to weekly prayer together on Wednesdays at Noon. Prayer is on the Presbytery Website and will be circulated to Presbyters and Session Clerks.

Online services available from Argyll

The following services are being provided online for local congregations and those who wish to log in from places further afield:

West Kintyre and Gigha – Rev Scott Burton -<https://www.westkintyreandgighachurchofscotland.org/> Worship

The United Church of Bute – Rev Owain Jones - <https://www.unitedchurchofbute.org.uk/>

The Shore Kirk – Rev Janet MacKellar –

or <https://sites.google.com/view/theshorekirk/home>
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/345399762209092/>

Ardchattan lw Coll lw Connel – Rev Willem Bezuidenhout <https://www.ardchattanchurch.org.uk/>

West Cowal – Rev David Mitchell
<https://www.westcowalchurches.org.uk>

South Kintyre – Rev Steve Fulcher
www.kintyreparishes.org.uk

Netherlorn Churches Worship Team
<http://www.netherlornchurches.org.uk/>

West Lochfyneside:
<https://www.westlochfyneside.org.uk>

ZOOM – A Security Message from Susan Whyte

I and my web/tech assistant have been researching deeper into the Zoom issue I emailed about at the beginning of the week. I have concluded that this is still the best way for us as an organisation to manage our catch ups with our leaders and our rookies because these numbers exceed 8 people. For smaller than 8 people FB messenger, Skype or WhatsApp are great.

We have looked at 'Google meet' and Microsoft teams but these are not suitable for our wider needs but could benefit us as a office team.

In this research our web/tech assistant found this helpful link which includes Zooms updates over the past few days to their security protocols - if you are using Zoom it is well worth a read and has step by step instructions how to activate good security before any Zoom meeting and how to be prepared in a meeting to quickly shut down any intruders should they manage to access your meeting. These new protocols make it very difficult for hackers but still not impossible.

<https://www.cnet.com/how-to/4-zoom-security-settings-to-change-now-to-prevent-zoombombing/>

Be aware, be safe and take time to think how you manage these meetings.

Team work makes the dream work!
Blessings to you all,
Susan Whyte

Church Buildings

The Church of Scotland General Trustees have now produced updated guidance about how to look after your church buildings whilst they are closed due to the Covid-19 pandemic. This guidance is also relevant to those congregations who look after church buildings which have remained open to support local community service delivery. This guidance has been produced in consultation with the Church of Scotland Insurance Service Ltd (COSIS).

The guidance can be viewed on the Church of Scotland website:
<https://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/resources/covid-19-coronavirus-advice/looking-after-church-buildings>

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me directly by email (bauld@churchofscotland.org.uk).