

# Holy Trinity Church

## Holy Week and Easter Newsletter 2021

Dear Friends,

The Christmas services didn't turn out as we planned, when we went back into lockdown before our Christmas Eve service. We ended up back on Zoom and have been there ever since.

Now as we begin to emerge from lockdown our first service in church will be on Easter Sunday!

We didn't get to celebrate Easter in church in 2020 but, God willing, we will this year on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> April.

Our last Sunday Service on Zoom will be Palm Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> March. (Please bring an old Palm Cross if you have one.)

During Holy Week we will have an opportunity to follow Our Lord to the Cross with services on Zoom. On Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March: Night Prayer at 8pm, on Maundy Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April: A Chrism Mass from the Cathedral at 10.30am and on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> April: Stations on the Cross at 12noon all via Zoom.

It's a big step to come back to church after a period of lockdown. We will still have to wear masks and be socially distanced, but I hope many of you will feel able to return to our beautiful church on Easter Sunday.

Booking will be essential to ensure that you get a seat. Priority will be given to those of the congregation who have not been able to join us on Zoom. (There should be room for all of us as some people are not yet able to return.)

The daffodils are blooming in the church garden, the church has been professionally cleaned and all the safeguarding arrangements are in place.

Easter Sunday is always a special day when we rejoice in the death and resurrection of Our Lord, rejoice in the gift of our salvation. Lent has been long this year; we have been fasting since just before Christmas. There's been no communion bread for us in lockdown.

On Easter Sunday Our Lord will welcome us back to His table. Alleluia!

For those who will not be able to join us on that day, may I wish you joy in the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ..

Linda Walls Lay Reader.

## **Services Holy Week and Easter**

**Palm Sunday** 28<sup>th</sup> March 10.30am via Zoom. (Please bring an old Palm Cross if you have one.)

**Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March:** Night Prayer at 8pm via Zoom (an invitation will be sent out)

**Maundy Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April:** Chrism Mass from the Cathedral at 10.30am via Zoom (see Brechin Bulletin for link)

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> April:** Stations on the Cross at 12noon via Zoom (an invitation will be sent out)

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> April 10.30am: Holy Communion for Easter Sunday in church** (Booking required please phone me on 01382 533107 or email [linda@fswalls.org](mailto:linda@fswalls.org)) will be live streamed on Facebook.

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> April:** Night Prayer 8pm via Zoom

Thereafter Sundays at 10.30am in church, Wednesdays Night Prayer 8pm via Zoom.

## **The World Day of Prayer 2021**

The World Day of Prayer 2021, written by the Christian women of Vanuatu, should have been held on 5th March in Holy Trinity Church, Monifieth. However, we were unable to hold our WDP service physically this year due to the Covid 19 restrictions. Instead, we were invited to join with people from all over Scotland in a service via Zoom, organised by The Scottish WDP Committee. Many people joined this Zoom service, and many people watched the service later on the Facebook page. It was a moving and thoughtful service. As there was no live service at Holy Trinity, there was no opportunity to have a retirement collection for the continuing work of the charity which I know many of you would normally contribute to. However, the work goes on and your contribution is much appreciated.

If you would like to contribute to this important worldwide work, please put your offering in an envelope marked "WDP" and place it in the offertory plate the next time you are in Church. You can also contact me on 01382 535920 and I can call round to collect any offering for the WDP if you are unable to attend church before the end of April. I will be collecting all offerings and sending them via bank transfer at the end of April. Please prayerfully consider this. Thank you. Every blessing of Easter to you all. Enza Gibson

## **Lent Appeal**

The Lent Appeal this year is in aid of the Aberlour Hardship Fund, which helps Families in need. If you would like to give to this worthwhile cause, please put your contribution in an envelope marked Aberlour and bring to the church any Sunday in April. Thank you Linda.

## **Health and Safety opportunity**

The Vestry are looking for a volunteer to look after Health and Safety at Holy Trinity. Training will be given, and you will be supported in your role. Please let Derek Buchan Vestry Secretary know if you are interested.