Holy Trinity Church Monifieth News February 2022

From your Priest-in-Charge

Dear all,

I hope you all had an enjoyable, safe Christmas and celebrated the New year appropriately. Thankfully it seems that the Omicron variant of the virus has behaved as it should, and society is once again beginning to reopen.

The timing couldn't be better as we celebrate the Presentation of Christ in the temple otherwise known as Candlemas. A time when people would bring candles to Church to be blessed for the new year, symbolising Christ bringing light and hope to the dark world, marking the end of the Epiphany season.

As we move through February and into March we too will hold onto Christ's hope as we begin to return to some form of normality. Reducing spacing requirements and bringing back refreshments after services and re-instating home communions for the house bound. All done in a gentle, gradual approach to ensure that our buildings remain a safe place for all.

Please be assured that you remain in our prayers, and if you need specific prayer or would like to be visited then get in touch with myself, Linda, or Fiona.

Blessings,

Martin.



Covid Restrictions easing

We want to keep the church as safe a place as possible, so please continue to wear a face mask and sanitise your hands.

We hope to serve tea and coffee in church after the Sunday Service towards the end of February, possibly returning to use the hall for refreshments in March.

Only one metre distance is required between households now but do please respect those wishing to maintain a further distance.

Thursday Service of Holy Communion

Rev Martin plans to resume weekly services on a Thursday morning from the beginning of Lent. Ash Wednesday is on the 2nd of March so the first Thursday service will be on Thursday 3rd March.

<u>Rotas</u>

If you are willing to volunteer to read in church, lead intercessions, be a welcomer or help with teas, the vestry would love to hear from you. Please let us know.

Praying for the congregation

As you may know, every member of our congregation is prayed for each day by one of a group of intercessors. Our lists of members and those available to pray for them need to be updated.

Those who do the praying are given a short list of people (4 or 5) and are asked to pray for these people each day.

You do this in your own home, in your own time, when it is convenient.

Please let Linda or Fiona know if you are able to continue in this work or if you would like to join in this very worthwhile exercise. Thank you.

St Salvador's Food Cupboard

Please continue to bring donations of non-perishable foodstuffs to church for those in need in Dundee. The basket is at the back of the church.

New Bishop for eSwatini

Bishop Elect Dalcy Dlamini will be consecrated as Bishop of the Diocese of Swaziland on Saturday 19th February. Unfortunately, because of Covid, Brechin is unlikely to have a representative present on the day. It is hoped that the service will be live streamed on Facebook or later available on YouTube.

Please pray for Bishop Elect Dalcy and for all in eSwatini at this difficult time.

<u>Services</u> Sundays 10.30am Sung Eucharist in church Wednesday 8pm Night Prayer via Zoom

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