

# Holy Trinity Church Monifieth

## Newsletter July 2020

Dear Friends,

We are now halfway through this strange year of 2020. We won't be using the term "twenty twenty vision" in the future. Not a vision, more a nightmare!

But here in Monifieth we are blessed with our lovely beach and beautiful countryside close by. Not like many who have been cooped up in towns and cities.

There is still no word of our getting back into our church building for worship, but we hope it will not be too long until we all meet up again "in the flesh".

Some of us are meeting up "virtually" for our Sunday Service via Zoom on computer. We can see and hear one another and chat after the service.

Do try it if you have access to a laptop, tablet or smart phone. Just let Derek know your email and he'll send you a link. [derekbuchan63@gmail.com](mailto:derekbuchan63@gmail.com)

The school holidays have started but it's not the summer we expected, with holidays abroad or nearer home, and trips to stay with family or friends who live at a distance.

Many of us are feeling restless and irritable, finding that quite trivial things can upset us.

We need to be kind and gentle with each other and kind and gentle with ourselves.

If you can, try to find some quiet moments each day to rest in God's love.

He is the one who can sustain us and help us in all kinds of trouble.

"They who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint". Isaiah 40:28,31.

God bless

Linda Walls (Lay Reader).

## **Vestry news**

The vestry are continuing to meet via Zoom looking at our immediate needs and long-term future. Items discussed included -

**Church building** - The vestry decided not to open the church building for Private Prayer at this time. We do not have the number of volunteers needed to staff the building and clean it before and after each use. (Those who are available are busy doing other work for the church and community.)

What we do offer is our lovely Prayer Garden, which is available to all, at all times.

**Preparations for re-opening church building** –The vestry discussed the practicalities involved with the cleaning and organisation of the interior of the church once we get the go ahead to return.

The Bishops are issuing guidelines to help vestries follow the Government regulations. These are updated regularly and are a great help.

Any return to the church will be under the Bishop's guidance and authority.

**Short-term future at Holy Trinity-** Bishop Andrew has made up a rota of priests who will lead our services, at the moment via Zoom. I will lead every second Sunday.

In July we will be joined by the Rev Helen Bridger and Dean Fay.

**Long-term future** – Bishop Andrew will meet with the Vestry next week to discuss future possibilities at Holy Trinity. A full up-date will be available in the August newsletter.

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### **Pastoral care**

Fiona Buchan and I will continue to try to keep in touch with people by phone. If you want to talk or have a specific request, please phone me Linda Walls 01382 533107 or Fiona at 01241 857464.

### **Zoom Coffee Mornings**

Fiona is continuing to host coffee mornings on Zoom. If you have not tried one, do come along for a chat. Look out in your email for an invitation.