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Pastoral Letter

Dear Friends,

It is good to say that at last 'Spring is in the air'. Over the last few weeks, we have enjoyed some lovely days of dry weather, blue skies and a wee bit of sun. The days are getting longer and we are on the cusp of Spring. All around us the signs of new life are beginning to return, many plants and trees have buds forming that are ready to explode with new growth. Already we see snowdrops, crocuses and daffodil shoots breaking through the ground. There are glimmers of hope all around us.

Friends, I recognise that It has been a long year for all of us in so many ways. The cold dark winter days and nights can often make us feel low in spirit, as it would appear that there is no end in sight. The terrible pandemic we have all had to live with. Yearning for an end to lock-down and restrictions that make us desire to see better days ahead. The longing to meet family and friends, the struggle of furlough, job security, the pressure of isolation, loneliness, the rise in mental health issues, to name just a few. The issues that we face whether invisible or visible are real to all of us and how we deal with them will be different for each person.

Yes, it has been a tough year for all of us including our church family, yet alongside these moments of darkness there is light at the end of this pandemic tunnel. By now, many of you will have received your vaccinations or are waiting for that blue envelope to arrive. Many of you will have heard the plans of the Scottish government who are trying to pave a new route as we emerge from this pandemic.

We will return to a new type of normality and hopefully appreciate more of what we have, and who we have in our own lives. We will gather once more in our worshipping community. When it is safe to do so we will emerge slowly and tentatively towards church life which has been shaped by these restrictions and we will return to our church building. When the time comes we will shed tears for those no longer with us and we will give thanks for those who return to this worshipping community. So, until those days arrive. keep the faith. Keep trusting in God, keep praying, keep dwelling in the scriptures and we will get through this and continue to look for those signs of new hope; as that old hymn says:-

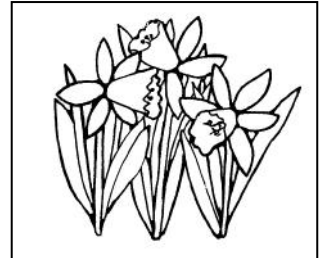
*Colours of day dawn into the mind,
The sun has come up, the night is behind.
Go down in the city, into the street,
And let's give the message to the people we meet.*

*So light up the fire and let the flame burn,
Open the door, let Jesus return.
Take seeds of His Spirit, let the fruit grow,
Tell the people of Jesus, let His love show.*

Blessings

Rev Fiona,

Reverend Fiona McKibbin



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magazine to the editors by
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receive articles for
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Submissions can be sent
direct to the editors or
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Church Roll Intimations

Deaths

At this sad time our prayers and condolences
are with the families of

Mrs Elizabeth Williamson (Betty)
Date of Death: 16th February 2021

Parish Funerals conducted by Rev. Fiona McKibbin

At this sad time our prayers and condolences
are with the families
of

Mr Ian Aitken
Date of Death: 27th February 2021

St Andrew's Hospice - Make a Will Month - March 2021

**Make or update your Will and support
St Andrew's Hospice during the
month of March.**

Several Lanarkshire Legal Firms have agreed
to write a basic Will or update an existing
Will and waive their legal fee, in return for a
donation to St Andrew's Hospice.

For further information please contact
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or visit the Hospice website
:-www.st-andrews-hospice.com
for details of the Solicitors taking part.

Are You Feeling Low? Think about these wise words

Count your blessings instead of your crosses;
Count your gains instead of your losses.
Count your joys instead of your woes;
Count your friends instead of your foes.
Count your smiles instead of your tears;
Count your courage instead of your fears.
Count your full years instead of your lean;
Count your kind deeds instead of your mean.

Don't these thoughts bring a great feeling of
optimism and good cheer?

Something we can all use at this time!

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To all Chocolate Lovers!
Can you solve this Pictorial Quiz?

Cadbury Name these Cadbury products!

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