

PARK CHURCH, STIRLING

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Dear member,

Update from the Session Clerk.

I pray that you are staying well at this challenging and uncertain time of COVID. I am most grateful to so many of you for your patience and faithful love and support of each other and those around us in special need. Keeping in touch and encouraging each other has never been more important. The winter newsletter will come out in 4-5 week's time, but in the meantime, some important updates

Many of you will be aware that, sadly, on the instruction of our insurers and following Kirk Session and Presbytery consideration of external working party reports and various surveys, the former Allan Park South Church buildings in Dumbarton Road are being closed after 153 years of faithful worship and service and Trustees have been told to cut off power and change locks. We appreciate the disappointment and distress this news will cause many. Session has established a working group to consider all the issues arising and actions needed. This ad-Hoc group includes former APS members as well as the clerks and Property representatives. In the meantime if members have personal items they wish to reclaim, please contact Duncan Crombie the Church Administrator to make necessary arrangements.

Of course, the Church and any congregation is its people rather than its buildings. New committees of Park Church have been established to take forward various aspects of church mission and life. If you are interested in offering your talents or have particular, prayer requests, please contact the Church Office in the first instance. Regarding community outreach, we are grateful for work done in recent months, recognise some aspects such as Bairns Rock and Dine and Shine are taking place on line rather than in person and we are considering how various projects can be continued, adapted or otherwise supported in these times of restrictions. We are also thankful for support given to Water Aid, Christian Aid and Start-Up and will share details of the Blythswood Shoebox Appeal.

We are encouraged by the capacity attendance at recent services in Park Church despite our inability to sing; spacing and other restrictions and are grateful to Rev's. Alan Miller, Maggie Roderick and Elinor Gordon for taking them, as well as to Gordon Luke, Helen Macdonald and Jane Steel in making recordings available on CD, tape and on the website. We would remind anyone, including young people intending to come, to please book and confirm a place beforehand through Duncan on email parkchurchstirling@gmail.com. If there is excess demand, priority will be given to those who have not been

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before or only infrequently and more regular attenders may be asked to defer for a week to give others a chance. We are providing all age activities for youngsters, but they also need to be pre booked as they are counted in the limit of 50 for total numbers in the building .

Thank you all for supporting Park Church in these challenging first seven months and for continuing contributions as we work together to take our Mission forward together. If you have any queries or concerns please contact me on murdochps@btinternet or on 01786 473087, or Duncan in the church office email parkchurchstirling@gmail.com or 01786 462400.

Blessings.

Peter

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