

Belhaven Parish Church



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1. Minister's Thoughts and Prayer Points

As I began to pack up and tidy my desk area for a week's annual leave, I came across a postcard containing the image of one of my favourite paintings by an artist named Holman Hunt; 'The Light of the World'. Hunt paints a wonderful picture of Jesus knocking on the door of a house, in the middle of what appears to be a dark forest. On examination of the painting you find something very interesting. The door on which Jesus is knocking has no handle on the outside! Hunt is attempting to show the nature of Jesus' invitation to us all. He comes knocking in the dark, carrying light, and it is up to us whether we open the door to Him or not.

Jesus invites us to allow Him to be a part of our lives but will never force Himself onto us. It is our decision, but the fact is that He is always there knocking, just waiting, to be welcomed in. All so He can walk with us through whatever struggles or joys we are going through. What a wonderful thought as we continue to journey through this time.

I truly believe that we could all do with copying the kind of radical invitation that Jesus shows and extends to us. I guess, the question we should be asking ourselves this week is, who are the people in my life that need to know that we and Jesus are there for them? That no matter whether they are willing to accept it at that moment or not, there is a hand of invitation that is always there for them.

This week, seek inspiration from God on who you could make a radical invitation to in your life, letting them know you and Jesus are there for them.

Yours in Jesus,

Nail



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2. Information and Contact Details

Talking to Someone

Many people will be experiencing difficulties at present. Please feel happy to have a telephone chat either with myself or with one of our Elders – contact details in the box.

Church Services

Our services are now online – accessible on the website and Facebook page. However, next Sunday (31 May) we are invited to join the Pentecost Sunday service being conducted by the recently appointed Moderator. This will be streamed on the Church of Scotland Website and Facebook page, **10-10.30am**. The usual arrangements, including video recorded service, will be resumed on Sunday 7 June. (<http://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/> or <https://www.facebook.com/churchofscotland>)

Zoom Tea and Coffee on Sunday Morning

We will be meeting over Zoom for virtual tea and coffee on Sunday 31 May at 10.45am until 11.15am. All welcome to join. The link to join the meeting is as follows:-

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81034096400?pwd=NmN6cGR5SE5ocjdwbmV1bFlvczk4QT09>

(Meeting ID: 810 3409 6400 Password: 349000)

Further Help

A range of practical help is available locally – including assistance with benefits applications, debt advice and other related issues. All services are free, confidential and open to everyone regardless of faith, gender, etc. There is also a local Community response to Covid-19 where volunteers can help with shopping, collecting medication, pet walking etc. In addition, there is a meals service and a hardship fund. If you wish further information on any of these, please contact Jacquie Bell on 07721 585474.

Contacts for Telephone Chat

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East Lothian Mental Helpline

The Mental Health Line service is for people aged 18 and over (including people over 65). People who are feeling anxious, depressed or have other worries about their mental health can call the line between 09.00 and 16.00 Monday to Friday. An experienced worker will take their details and make an appointment

for them to speak to a specialist mental health practitioner, who will ring them back at a mutually convenient time within the following 36 hours. The practitioner will assess the person over the phone, and provide help and support and sometimes a referral on to other services.

A blue graphic with a sun icon at the top left, a large umbrella in the center, and a stylized figure of a person standing under the umbrella. To the right of the umbrella, there is text: "Feeling anxious, depressed or a just a bit down? Call the CWIC Mental Health line on 01620 642 963 for support and advice. Open Monday to Friday From 09.00 to 16.00". At the bottom right, it says "East Lothian Health & Social Care Partnership" with several small circular icons below it.

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Dunbar Churches ECO Group – Zoom Conference

What On Earth Are We Up To?

A Zoom conference is being organised by Dunbar Churches ECO Group, 2pm on Sunday 7 June 2020. Speakers include the Rev David Coleman, Chaplain to ECO Congregations, Scotland, and Keith Bell Professor of Electronic and Electrical Engineering, Strathclyde University, Member of the UK Committee on Climate Change. Anyone interested please register with The Rev David Mumford dmumford@phonecoop.coop 01368840361

Using Zoom for Meetings

Download the App called Zoom onto your computer/device

Click on the “join the meeting” link that you receive in the e-mail invitation

Alternatively, you can join a meeting by entering the Meeting ID and password – also in the e-mail invitation.

You can also join a meeting by telephone – if interested in this, contact Malcolm Payton on 862276.

3. Noticeboard

This section provides information on future church events and other church related information. If you wish to add items eg Zoom meetings of different groupings for future issues of the newsletter, please send them to secretarybelhavenchurch@outlook.com

Wednesday Worship

A video for Wednesday Worship will be available from noon on Wednesdays – accessible either via the website (www.belhavenparishchurch.org.uk) or via the Facebook page [facebook.com/belhaven parish](https://www.facebook.com/belhavenparish).

Lazers by Zoom

Lazers (secondary school age) meet regularly by Zoom on a Sunday morning at 11.30am. If interested please contact by e-mail belhavenlazers@gmail.com for details.

Belhaven House Group

The House Group meets weekly on a Thursday evening over Zoom. All welcome. If interested, please contact James on jameswildgoose@hotmail.com

Basics Bank

The products required are tinned haggis, tinned chicken in white sauce, tinned vegetables, tinned ham, washing-up liquid and washing powder/tablets/gel. Contributions can be dropped off at Dunbar Parish Church Hall on a Friday morning (10.30am – 1pm); they can also be put into the bins at ASDA, main Co-op and at McColls on the High St (who are matching donations received in the shop).

Financial donations can also be made. If you wish details, please contact belhavensessionclerk@gmail.com



Dunbar Civic Week

Dunbar Civic Week 2020 will run from Saturday 13 June to Sunday 21 June and will celebrate the 650th Anniversary of the granting of the Royal Charter to Dunbar, as well as the 50th Anniversary of Civic Week. While the usual programme of events cannot go ahead this

year, due to the restrictions, the organisers have launched a competition for the whole town – inviting everyone to join in. The details are set out in the flyer.



Dunbar Churches Together Holiday Club

It will come as no surprise that the popular Holiday Club run by Dunbar Area Christian Youth Project will have to adapt to the COVID-19 crisis. With this in mind, a team of people are applying their creative minds to developing a programme that engages with families online, through activities and some pre-recorded material. We have tried some of these ideas at Messy Church and look forward to reconnecting with many children and families who are regulars at our summer club.

We need volunteers to help write material, for storytelling, interviews, leading a prayer, possibly drama (filmed not live!) and practical things such as distributing activity packs. It is a great opportunity for new folk to get involved, without it being too onerous. Please contact Kathryn if you are interested dunbarholidayclub@gmail.com

4. Kirk Session and Congregational Board: Fund-Raising

Fund-Raising Events and Activities

The Church is looking to make up recent lost income through fund-raising activities. Planned events/activities, already in the pipeline, are in the box. The aim is to run a rolling programme of events both to raise funds and to help the Church move back into a more normal routine of activities to the extent that is allowed as the restrictions are lifted.

Subject to what we are permitted to do, we are also thinking of a series possible events and activities as shown in the box. This is by no means a comprehensive list – so further ideas very welcome.

Would you be interested to help organise or run any of these possible events/activities?

Can you suggest any other events/activities?

If you can answer yes to these questions please contact a member of the Finance Committee – contact details in the box below. Please consult the Committee who are coordinating activities if you have ideas.

Planned Events/Activities

Baking Stall (see below)

Gift Day
(August/September)

Calendar 2021 (see below)

Quiz sheet (June)

Recipe Book (see below)

Some Possible Further Events/Activities

Celebration Event for
Church Opening

Musical Evening

Christmas Event

Talent Multiplier

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Finance – General

If you would like to discuss any aspects of giving to the Church, please contact the Treasurer, Myra Johnstone. (Please note, we do recognise that some are experiencing financial hardship at present. Please see earlier notices for help.)

Fund-Raising – Current Activities/Events

Calendar 2021: Andrew Brown is planning to construct a calendar for the Church which includes pictures of Church Members – current pictures, and ones when you were (much) younger – together with some information on your interests – activities, clubs, church involvement etc. Please send contributions to Andrew on andrew.brown3@btinternet.com by 14 June.

Baking Stall: There will be a virtual baking stall on 20 June – in place of the Church Fete. If you can bake or make something edible to sell, including preserves and marmalade and sweets, then please contact Jessie Gold as soon as possible on 864403 or email her at lanandjess70@gmail.com If you are struggling to find flour we can help. **We look forward to hearing from you.** (Details of how the Stall will operate on the day will be included in future newsletters.)

Recipe Book: We are looking for your favourite recipes to include in our book. 2020 has been a very difficult year so far. Do you have a favourite recipe that you have enjoyed during lockdown? Do you have an old recipe that you would like to share with others? Please contact Jane on 860804 or janemcintyre64@gmail.com to share them.

5. Trivia

Quiz

1. True or false: A baby peacock is called a peachick?
2. What is the capital city of North Korea?
3. In electronics, what does LED stand for?
4. Table Mountain is in which country?
5. What is the official language of Ecuador?
6. In what year was the Channel Tunnel opened?
7. Which is larger – Iceland or Ireland
8. What is the Hindi word for tea?
9. What US city is named after a UK Prime Minister?
- 10 True or false – only bees can produce honey?

Answers to Last Week:

1.Jules Verne; 2. Norway;
3. Goats; 4.The
Netherlands; 5. 39; 6.
Himalayas; 7. Styx; 8 Italy;
9.Ljubljana; 10. Design.

Conundrum: Which is the odd one out: FIRM, HELM, SOAK, WASH

Answer to Last Week's Conundrum: Ten - the numbers hidden in the words.

THE PARABLE OF THE UNMERCIFUL SERVANT

Spot 8 differences between the two pictures.



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Word Search: Pentecost

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Words: Accord; Baptized; Disciple; Fifty Day; Fire; Galilean; Joel; Power; Spirit; Wind, Wine. Can you find another hidden in box.