

# Sherbrooke Mosspark News

April 2020

Welcome to this **E** edition of our Church News Sheet. It is not the magazine but it will give you some information about what is going on in our life. We will produce something like this every few weeks.

## The Sanctuary

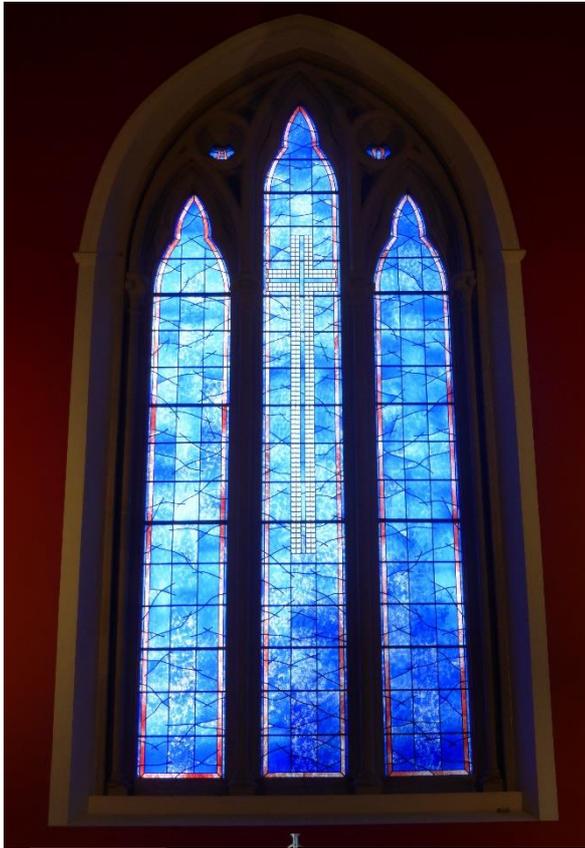
Going to church is like DNA for most of us – we do it without thinking. It is part of us, who we are. We know it is where we belong, with our friends and family – God’s people. This wee photograph is just a reminder of where we would all want to be Sunday by Sunday.



These are very difficult times for us all, times we never expected to see or experience in the early part of the 21<sup>st</sup> century. People are self-isolating because they have been advised this is one of the simple ways we can tackle the coronavirus rampaging through the world. We need to self-isolate to protect ourselves and our loved ones. It is, therefore, a moral duty for us as responsible members of society. This is difficult for us, trust me: I know how much I miss seeing folk, hugging those close to me, sharing touch, even in something as simple as a handshake, but we must. It will end and we can all get back together again, with loved family members, with friends in the kirk, with work colleagues and those with whom we share hobbies.

Have faith - the good folk, the scientists and those in the medical and caring professions are working to keep us safe. You have to keep yourselves and your loved ones safe. We will not meet as a congregation while this continues but, believe me, when we do get back together we will have a big Thanksgiving Service with all our friends and the community associated with our kirk and a party to celebrate. Something to look forward to.

God keep you safe in this time, Tom



# WORSHIP

## at Sherbrooke Mosspark

Each Sunday, John uploads an act of worship for the day. It will include, on most occasions, a couple of short prayers, a reading from the scriptures, a little “sermon” and music appropriate for the day- chosen by John. He even has a virtual choir singing for us most weeks. All these constituent parts are recorded in various places and forwarded to John and Mags that you can access them via the kirk website. Please join us for Sunday worship each week.

Each morning, on the website, there will be a wee short “Thought for the Day

### Keeping in touch

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Look out for Marie’s update of what is happening around the parish. She will give us something every week. If there is something you would like to add to our news sheets, which we will produce every couple of weeks, please let us know.

Both John Lyon, St Albert’s Church and Paul Romano St Ninian’s Church, have been in touch and are remembering all the folk in our community in their prayers. This year we weren’t able to continue our Lent Thursday Services with St Leo’s, due to the lockdown but Fr Gerry telephones every week to hear our news. Please remember the other churches in our PCT grouping.

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