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SERVICES FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

There will be an evening service every evening of Holy Week (Monday 6th. April – Friday 10th. April) starting at 7.00pm.

Thursday evening will be a Service at which Holy Communion will be celebrated

Friday we will mark the events leading to the crucifixion.

EASTER MORNING 10.30am Service of celebration of the Resurrection preceded by breakfast in the large hall from 9.30am.

THE GREAT EASTER EGG RECORD

The Great Easter Egg Attendance Record: between now and Easter morning we will give to every single youngster an Easter Egg if they can notch up 5 Sundays, make sure you check the register on the Young Church noticeboard in the large hall to check your child's name is there as we only have 6 Sunday's left till Easter.

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

Congratulations to young Henry and Peggy (Messy Church) who both celebrate birthdays this month.

YOUNG CHURCH

Have you seen what the Young Church is up to? Check their board in the large hall.

On the 1st Sunday in Lent they had a super morning making and tasting pancakes of all sorts and sizes with their favourite toppings: messy but fun.

On 22nd. March they will have their cycle run around Maxwell Park to raise funds for the Teenage & Young People's Unit at the Beatson Cancer Unit at Gartnavel Hospital. Please support our young people as they do something really worthwhile raising funds for the unit. Sponsor a child.

WELL-BEING AT SHERBROOKE

Have you given thought to maybe helping yourself to a wee bit of fun and relaxation?

If you haven't check out the AM Chorus that meets on a Wednesday morning 10.00 -11.00am . Great group and plenty of good friends. You don't have to be a brilliant singer just someone who loves life and all that singing does to enhance life.

Broken Biscuits meets on the last Tuesday of the month at 3.00 -4.00pm. Relaxing over coffee and cake as we look at Glasgow of old. Our next outing is to the Kelvingrove Art Galleries.

Keep Fit for the over 50's (Thursday @ 11.30am) This is a gentle exercise class which actually begin with tea and coffee so safe to say no one is going to be overworked. It is a good group led by a professional person who gently takes participants through exercises that ensure all stay supple and mobile.

Messy Church Easter Celebrations Monday 9/3/20 16:50 - 18:30

Soup & Chat Tuesday 10/3/20 12:00 - 13:30

MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTER

We live in a world of excess, if lucky enough to be a citizen of one of the 1st world nations. The population of the prosperous nations indulge themselves, according to the guardians of our world, in a way that has gone beyond threatening the planet – it is now in mortal danger. In this country alone we ship a fair chunk of our excess waste to Third World nations; we are only now getting to grips with the idea that plastic is not the most eco-friendly material we live with; our excessive passion for travel is contributing to the “greenhouse effect” and our fondness for meat has consequences we never thought of, even five years ago. When I was a little boy the official line was, “Do not throw away your litter, take it home” and that was deemed a major discipline. What happened to humanity that we broke the bond between the gift God has given us in the creation and ourselves? Selfishness. We want ever more of whatever more is that day.

From the Industrial Revolution in Britain in the 18th. century onwards we believed we were making progress with every new invention that made life a little bit easier. Those inventors didn't realise the cost of the ever expanding desire for a more “comfortable” life and the effect of the burgeoning population of the industrialised world. They were well-meaning and by their ingenuity they have enhanced the living conditions of millions but just a few hundred years on we are reaping what we have sown. Emerging economies such as China's, India and Brazil all struggle with the dilemma of progress verse cost and the equation is looking very lop-sided.

The responsible person has to ask questions about lifestyle and whether we can afford to continue as we are? Humanity has, for too long, considered the planet its play thing to be used, and abused, at will but we are now in the position of realising the planet is finite – it will only keep going, sustaining life if we care for it effectively. Every Christian has a responsibility for caring for the planet because our scriptures tell us God gave us this wonderful world. During this season of Lent maybe you could think about what can I give up that helps both myself and the world God so lovingly gave us?

Tom

COP26 : Tackling the Climate Crisis

The COP26 climate talks – in Glasgow this November – will be “the biggest international summit the UK has ever hosted; bringing together over 30,000 delegates including heads of state, climate experts and campaigners to agree coordinated action to tackle climate change”. There are also likely to be another 60,000 people coming as part of the conference fringe – many from churches around the world, and many from the poorer countries most vulnerable to climate change, where it is already a matter of life and death.

It is possible that the conference may commit to taking a significant step towards saving our world; it's also possible the talks may just kick a political football around with more words than action.

It is probable that many Glaswegians will get irritated and frustrated as we try to go about our normal lives faced with extra traffic and security.

Two possibilities and one probability. But there is one certainty – this is a huge opportunity for us:

- to show we care for the creation given from God to us on trust;
- to show we care for our children's and our grandchildren's future, and to learn about how we can build a future for them;
- to meet people at the front line of the climate crisis, people whose faith brings them to this urgency, and so to Glasgow;
- to introduce visitors to the people who make Glasgow;
- to offer welcome and hospitality, the spirit of our city.

Glasgow's churches are already preparing to play their part in all of this, and after the service on 23rd February, a group of people in Sherbrooke Mossspark agreed to explore together how we can play our part. The group will meet on Thursday 26th March at 7pm in the MackIntosh Mackay room next door to the church office; anyone interested will be very welcome. Graham Blount

RUNWAY RETURNS

After our hugely enjoyable and successful Spring event last year, Runway Theatre group returns on Saturday 28th March 2-4.15pm. Don't let the date 'runaway' from your diary! Tickets available from 1st March during tea/coffee £5 adults £2.50 children. We also ask that you consider purchasing a ticket for their Spring production Big Fish at Eastwood Park Theatre in May. Runway performs at Sherbrooke Mossspark for free on the basis that we take some tickets for their May production, a great opportunity to contribute to both events.

COMMUNITY QUIZ

The Outreach Committee Community Quiz takes place on Saturday 14th March 1-3pm at Mossspark Bowling Club, 120 Mossspark Drive. There will be no charge but donations will be accepted for the Prince and Princess of Wales Hospice. Please come along with friends and support this event. Donations are still being accepted for our raffle.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

'Rise, take your mat and walk'

Friday 6/3/20 14:00 at St Albert's Church, Albert Drive. Everyone welcome. Refreshments after the service.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Big Easter Breakfast Sunday 12th April 2020

Plant Sale Saturday 9th May 2020

THE LITURGICAL COLOURS

You may have noticed our March Magazine header is the colour purple. This is because we will now be following the colours of the liturgical year. Shona has been very busy creating these for us.

What colour will the Heading for our April Magazine be?

Email your suggestion to the office. There will be a prize!

WATER AID

When we turn on a tap we instantly have access to clean, safe drinking water. For many thousands of people in our world this is still a dream. Clean water and safe hygiene should be normal for everyone, and this is what Water Aid is working hard to achieve. The ripple effect of a lack of a safe water supply close to home causes many other problems. Young girls have the job of fetching water, often from a long distance. As a result, many miss out on education with life-long effects for them and their communities. Preventable water-borne diseases cause widespread illness, particularly in children. Installing clean water is the first step towards a healthier, happier and more productive life for many.

The money you contribute every Sunday can have a huge impact on the life of communities in many countries. This month we are sending over £400 to Water Aid. If you would like to learn more about their work, their website is wateraid.org.uk - or see the poster in the hall.

Ann McPherson

POP UP SHOP

I should like to thank all the people who have come forward to help with this event. Just to let you know we will now be serving tea and coffee.

All monies raised will be donated to the Hospice and items left from the sale will be donated to Starter Packs Govan. The team will be meeting on Friday 6th March between 10am - 12noon and 1pm - 3pm to set up this event. If you would like to come along and join in please speak to or email Mags Cargey.

MAGAZINE ARTICLES

Please send your ideas and suggestions for our magazine to the office.

GLASGOW PRESBYTERY FEBRUARY

The most recent meeting of the Presbytery of Glasgow took place at Govan and Linthouse Parish Church on 11th February, 2020. The Rt. Rev. Bill Hewitt, a past Presbytery Clerk, stood in for the Rev. George Cowie, who is currently undergoing tests after falling ill shortly before Christmas. Prayers were said for his return to full health.

Presbytery heard from the team who had undertaken the most recent trip to Hyderabad, in Pakistan. This included visits to the Kunri and Sukkur Christian Hospitals. Karen Wallace, the Presbytery Youth Advisor, also spoke of visits to adult literacy classes initiated by Primary Education Projects as a means of educating women. Presbytery heard that Christians in Pakistan are often ostracised and are suffering through an inability to obtain employment.

The Worship Committee is presently organising a conference which will take place from 10:00am-1:00pm on 21st March 2020 at Langside Parish Church, on the theme "Conversations in Worship". More details on the new Glasgow Presbytery website, along with other events that may be of interest.

The Rev. William Wilson, minister of Burnside Blairbeth Church, has been elected Moderator Designate of the Presbytery of Glasgow for the year 2020 to 2021.

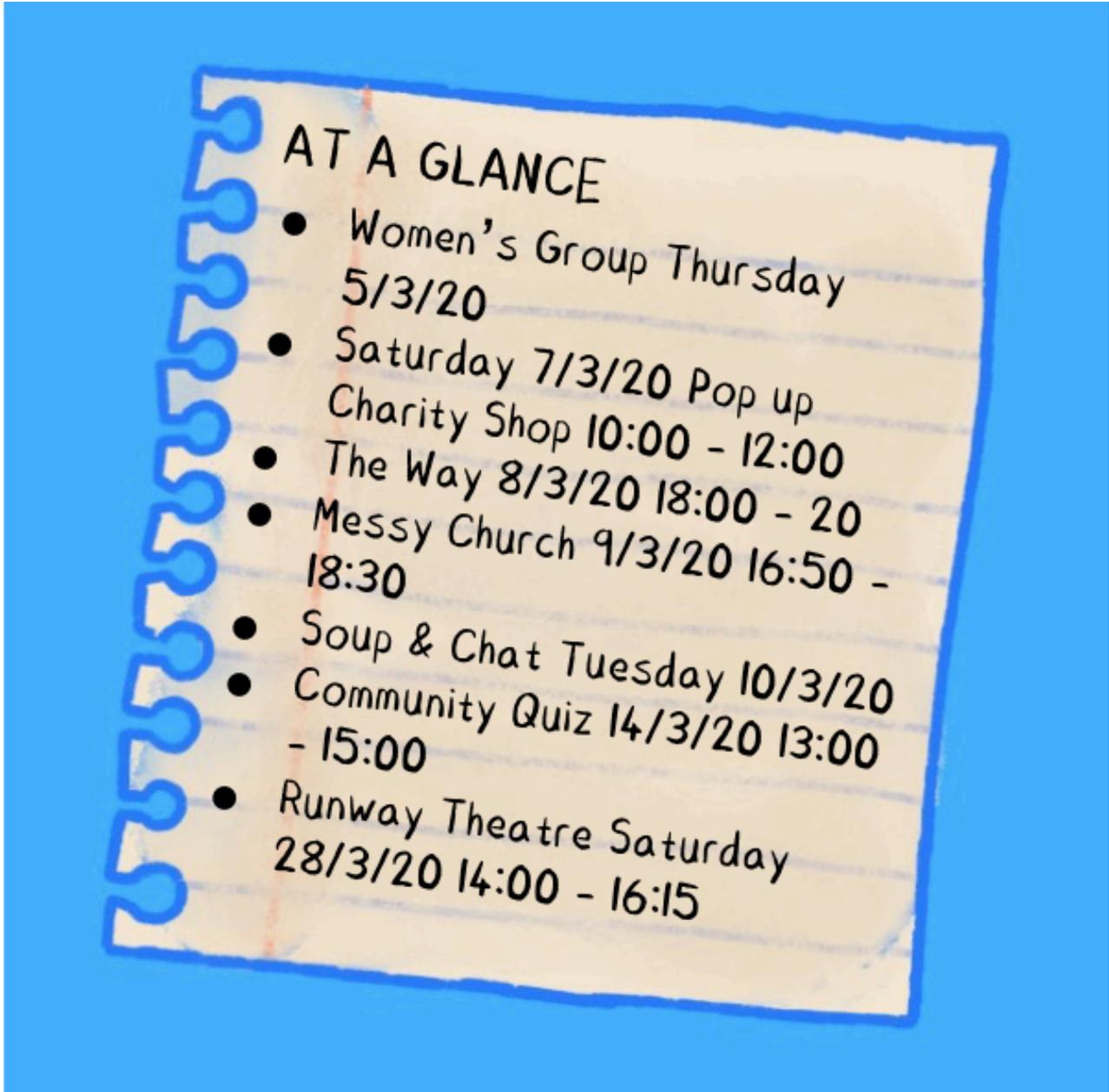
The next ordinary meeting of Presbytery will take place on 10th March, 2020.

Further information on any aspect of this most recent meeting is available from the Presbytery Elder, Christine McMillan or from Una Heaney.

THE WAY

The next meeting of The Way Youth Group will take place in the Church Halls on 8th March, at the usual time of 6:00 – 8:00pm. Fresh from last month's pancake making extravaganza, The Way is now planning for Easter – bunnies and Easter eggs will be involved...more information in next month's magazine and the website.

AT A GLANCE



FULL DETAILS OF ALL EVENTS AT WWW.SHERBROOKE.COM

