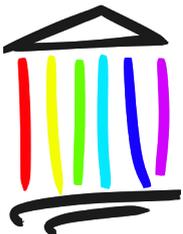


WELLINGTON CHURCH

Welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. (Romans 15:7)

We welcome into the life and worship of our congregation all people whatever their ethnic origin, gender, background, age, sexual orientation, mental or physical ability.
We affirm our diversity and the dignity of each person.

Love one another, as I have loved you. (John 15:12)



SUNDAY, 15TH MARCH 2020

Third Sunday in Lent Lenten Appeal Service

Opening Voluntary: *'Erbarm' dich mein, O herre Gott'* J L Krebs

Introit: *'O come let us worship'* Gwilym Beechey

Welcome and Notices

Opening Responses:

Come and see the ambassador of God's friendship for us.

**We will find Jesus waiting to meet us:
in classrooms, at a shopping centre,
in all the common places and moments.**

Come and hear the One who speaks of God's joy in us.

**We will listen to Jesus, whose words of grace and peace
raise the rafters of our hope.**

Come and know how much God loves you.

**We will discover Jesus, who offers us the gift
of reconciliation.**

Hymn 739 *'The Church's one foundation'*

Prayer of Approach and Confession

Hymn 596 *'Breathe on me, Breath of God'*

Mark 4.30-32 *Making Nests in the Shade*

Jesus also said, 'With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.'

Lenten Appeal 1: DASH Club - *Mary Cuttle*

Response Hymn 360 vv 1 & 3

Mark 8.1-8 *Feeding the Four Thousand*

In those days when there was again a great crowd without anything to eat, Jesus called his disciples and said to them, 'I have compassion for the crowd, because they have been with me now for three days and have nothing to eat. If I send them away hungry to their homes, they will faint on the way—and some of them have come from a great distance.' His disciples replied, 'How can one feed these people with bread here in the desert?' He asked them, 'How many loaves do you have?' They said, 'Seven.' Then he ordered the crowd to sit down on the ground; and he took the seven loaves, and after giving thanks he broke them and gave them to his disciples to distribute; and they distributed them to the crowd. They had also a few small fish; and after blessing them, he ordered that these too should be distributed. They ate and were filled; and they took up the broken pieces left over, seven baskets full.

Lenten Appeal 2: CrossReach - *Sheila Gordon*

Response Hymn 360 vv 1 & 4

Mark 10.13-16 *Jesus Blesses Little Children*

People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.' And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

Lent Appeal 3: Families Together in Tajikistan - *Rachel Tainsh*

Response Hymn 360 vv 1 & 5

(the offering is presented)

Prayer of Dedication

Anthem: *'Hide not thou thy face'* Richard Farrant

Hide not thou thy face from us, O Lord,
and cast not off thy servants in thy displeasure;
for we confess our sins unto thee,
and hide not our unrighteousness.
For thy mercy's sake, deliver us from all our sins.

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer (said together):

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,
now and forever, Amen.**

Hymn 530 *'One more step along the world I go'*

Closing Responses:

Let us go now, to meet all thirsting for God.

We will share the living water with everyone we meet.

Let us go now, to listen as Jesus does with us.

**We will hear the stories and hearts of all
who are considered voiceless by our world.**

Let us go now, to bring the Spirit's wholeness to others.

**We will bring peace and healing to the broken and lonely,
even as they offer us hope and grace by their lives.**

Benediction

Amen (Hymn 825)

Closing Voluntary: *'Toccata in G minor'* J Pachelbel

Organist: Alan Kitchen

TODAY - SUNDAY 15TH MARCH

11.00 am Morning Service - Third Sunday in Lent Lenten Appeal Service

conducted by the Rev. Liz Johnson Blythe

Crèche (under 3's) Sunday School (3-11) Sunday Group (11-16)

Tea and Coffee after the Morning Service in the Woodlands Hall

(No Evening Service)

THIS WEEK

Monday to Friday

10.30 am - 1.45 pm The Crypt Café
Open to all for Lunches, Snacks, Tea and Coffees

Tuesday, 17th March

2.00 pm Prayer Group (at the Wilsons, 100 Woodlands Hall Road, Woodlands Hall, Woodlands Street)

Wednesday

1.00 pm Prayers in the Crypt

(see More Notes and Dates)

2.00 pm Congregation

(see More Notes and Dates)

3.00 pm English

Prayer Corner (Crypt)

Studies

(see More Notes and Dates)

15th March

Prayers of Faith Group

(see More Notes and Dates)

Friday, 20th March

1.10 pm Café - in Hillhead High School

7.30 pm International Welcome Club (Library)

(see More Notes and Dates)

NEXT SUNDAY – 22ND MARCH

11.00 am Morning Service - Fourth Sunday in Lent
conducted by the Rev. Dr. Kathy Galloway

(No Evening Service)

MORE NOTES & DATES

EVENING SERVICES - In view of the current health warnings, it is felt that the evening services are particularly risky as we meet in a comparatively confined space. It has therefore been decided that the remaining evening services in March should be cancelled. Further advice will follow regarding evening services in April.

FAIRTRADE BAKING STALL - Thanks to all who supported the stall, enabling a sum of £30.70 to be sent to Traidcraft Exchange.

LENT STUDIES – Roger Sturrock, Teo and John Bradley are leading this year's Lent Bible studies and will be studying the gospel of Mark. This will take place in Wellington's Library on **Wednesdays 18th, 25th March and 1st April** at 7.30 pm on **Wednesdays**. There will also be an opportunity for prayer built into our time together. Meetings will begin with refreshments and finish promptly at 9.00 pm. Copies of Mark's gospel will be available for everyone.

'THE SING THING' – Each Wednesday from 1.15 to 1.45 pm in Wellington's Library our Locum Minister, the Rev. Liz Johnson Blythe, with the help of the Wild Goose Resource Group, will offer an opportunity for students, faculty and staff to gather and sing together and have a brief prayer.

QUESTIONS OF FAITH - The next meeting of the group will be on **Thursday, 19th March** at 8.00 pm in the creche. We shall be discussing *Morality: Restoring the Common Good in Divided Times* by Jonathan Sacks. All Welcome

INTERNATIONAL WELCOME CLUB - We meet in Wellington's Library on **Friday, 20th March** at 7.30 pm for a "repair café". Lyn will tell us how to repair and re-use household items to reduce waste and help save the planet. Afterwards we will have tea, coffee and chat and enjoy some home baking. Free and all welcome. For more information about the Club's activities, contact Grace Franklin email: grace@iwelcomeclub.co.nz

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE – The Coffee are organising a film afternoon on **Wednesday, 18th March** (not to be confused with the 17th) at 2.00 pm in the Library featuring "Some Like it Hot" starring Jack Lemmon, Tony Curtis and Marilyn Monroe. All Welcome. Come and enjoy the film and light refreshments! Let Helen Sturrock (942 7412) or Ruth Shanks (942 7421) know if you need assistance with transport.

READER ROTA – MARCH to MAY - A sign-up sheet is available in the Woodlands Hall (on the hook between the Sunday School and World Mission Boards). All members of the congregation are warmly encouraged to participate by inserting their name against a suitable date on the Rota to ensure that visiting ministers know who will be reading the scriptures on Sunday mornings. Readings will be available on the Friday before the service.

FAULTS/BREAKDOWNS/REPAIRS – Any repairs requiring the attention of the Finance & Fabric Committee should be notified by completing a Fault Reporting Form which can be found inside the folder located in the tray on the table at the window end of the corridor. The completed form should then be returned to the folder and placed inside the plastic wallet.

MORE NOTES & DATES (continued)

LENTEN APPEAL 2020 - Every year during Lent, we appeal to the congregation to support three causes; an international, a national, and a local one. Speakers of all three organisations have been invited to talk to us today during our morning worship. This year we will support the following charities:

- **DASH Club** (who provide after-school facilities for pupils with complex needs);
- **CrossReach** (who support people faced with various physical, emotional and social challenges);
- **Families Together Project** (based in Tajikistan and seeking to prevent children from entering institutionalised care due to poverty and other adverse circumstances).

There will be an opportunity to talk to the speakers during coffee. Envelopes are available today which can also be used by those who wish to Gift Aid their donation. Please make cheques payable to: **Wellington Church of Scotland.**

WELLINGTON NEWS The deadline for material for the April edition is **Wednesday, 25th March at 12 noon.** If you have any news or articles for inclusion we would be very pleased to hear from you: deliver contributions to the office or email: wellingtonchurch@btinternet.com or linda.m.brown@btinternet.com

CLASSICAL MUSIC CONCERTS – The next concert featuring students from the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland, organised by Choral Scholars, Héloïse Bernard and Connor Smith, is on **Saturday, 28th March** at Wellington Church from 1.00 until 2.00 pm. The programme features a Saxophone and Piano Trio, (saxophone and piano trio) playing their own arrangements of pieces for two violins and piano by Shostakovich, and the Piano Trio playing "Serenade in E-flat major, Op. 10, No. 3": Mvts 1 & 6 by Dvorak. This will be followed by Jasmine Ong playing the Brahms Sonata for Piano and Viola in E Flat. The concert is free and un-ticketed. An optional retiring donation may be given, to support the performers for their time. Future concert dates will be on Saturdays, 2nd April, 30th May and 27th June.

PRAYERS - Each Wednesday at 1pm in St Gabriel's Orthodox Chapel in Wellington (enter from the Crypt Cafe door). A quiet, reflective time to pray for guidance for Wellington Church's future, our elected leaders in the country and the world and current issues. Open to all. Your prayers count. If you cannot come along please say your prayers where you are on Wednesdays at 1pm.

TRUSSELL TRUST NORTH EAST FOODBANK - Items required are: Tins of Meat, Potatoes, Vegetables, Fruit. A box is available at the side door for donations of non-perishable groceries and it is entirely at people's discretion how often or whether they donate, even just one item per week.

AFRICAN CHILDREN - March Appeal - The following items are now needed by SIR for children in Africa: Packet of coloured wax crayons, tube of toothpaste, dessert spoon, ruler. Items donated will be forwarded to African countries such as: Liberia, Uganda, Democratic Republic of Congo, and Malawi.

PRAYER GROUP - The Prayer Group resumes its regular meetings on a Tuesday - from 2.00 to 3.00 pm - at the Wilsons' home, 15 Falkland Street. Our prayer is strengthened when we unite with others, learning to pray by doing it. We give thanks for those who use the weekly prayer notes and will welcome new companions in our Tuesday quiet time.

FOCUS ON PRAYER:

When they hurled their insults at Christ, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly.

1 Peter 2.23 (NIV)

- ◆ Pray that this Holy Week may bring us a deeper awareness of love's cost and victory.
- ◆ Pray for the charities that we will support through our Lenten gifts, the Dash Club, CrossReach and the Families Together Project.
- ◆ Give thanks for our right to education and pray for the children, who, through SIR, receive our pens and crayons.
- ◆ Pray for climate justice and water for the many who are without.
- ◆ Pray for guidance over the Coronavirus.

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