

# 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, 18TH OCTOBER 2020**

**Opening Voluntary:** *'Élévation'* - Edouard Batiste

Welcome and Notices

Call to Worship:

Hear God's people!  
You shall love God with all your heart,  
with all your soul and with all your might.

Hear God's people!  
Love God truly. And your neighbour as yourself.

Hear God's people!  
God is great,  
There is no God but God.

**Hymn 62** *'Sing a new song to the Lord'*

Prayers of Approach

Reflection: Living in Empire

*'Lord of life we come to you'* (CH4 782)

## **Isaiah 45.1-7**

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus,  
whose right hand I have grasped  
to subdue nations before him  
and strip kings of their robes,  
to open doors before him—  
and the gates shall not be closed:

I will go before you

and level the mountains,

I will break in pieces the doors of bronze

and cut through the bars of iron,

I will give you the treasures of darkness

and riches hidden in secret places,

so that you may know that it is I, the Lord,  
the God of Israel, who call you by your name.

For the sake of my servant Jacob,

and Israel my chosen,

I call you by your name,

I surname you, though you do not know me.

I am the Lord, and there is no other;

besides me there is no god.

I arm you, though you do not know me,

so that they may know, from the rising of the sun

and from the west, that there is no one besides me;

I am the Lord, and there is no other.

I form light and create darkness,

I make weal and create woe;

I the Lord do all these things

## **Matthew 22.15-22**

Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" But Jesus said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

**Hymn:** 'We will take what you offer'

We will take what you offer,  
We will live by your word;  
We will love one another  
And be fed by you, Lord.

Sermon

**Hymn 262** *'For the world and all its people'*

Prayers of Intercession

Prayer of Dedication (please share in this silently or aloud  
as appropriate)

**I am no longer my own. I stand now with your people.  
Join me in solidarity with others  
Let us take action.  
Let us wait in silence.  
Let us confront oppression  
Let us mourn what is lost.  
Let us succeed in our struggles  
Let us share your suffering  
Let us dream new visions  
Let us renounce old ways**

**We freely and wholeheartedly commit our lives to this  
service.**

**So living God, we share your wounds and show your  
glory.  
Let it be this way.  
And may this covenant now made on earth,  
Be a foretaste of the world that is to come. AMEN**

The Lord's Prayer

**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 237** *'Look forward in faith'*

The Grace:

**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit  
be with us all; evermore. Amen.**

**Closing Voluntary:** Rondeau *from 'Abdelazer'* - Henry Purcell

**Organist: Alan Kitchen**

**Soloist: Connor Smith**

## **TODAY - SUNDAY, 18TH OCTOBER**

**11.00 am Morning Service in Wellington  
and Worship Online Service  
conducted by Professor Heather Walton**

**7.00 pm Joint Evening Communion Service by Zoom  
conducted by the Revd. Catriona Gorton  
One World Week**

## **THIS WEEK**

**See More Notes and Dates for details of:**

### **Monday to Friday**

**11.30 am to 1.30 pm Crypt Café on the Steps  
Open for Takeaways**

### **Tuesday**

**7.30 pm Bible Study by Zoom**

### **Wednesday**

**12 noon and 3.00 pm International Welcome Club  
Conversation Corner**

### **Friday**

**7.30 pm Congregation Quiz Night by Zoom**

## **NEXT SUNDAY – 25TH OCTOBER**

**10.40 am Kirk Session Meeting in Sanctuary**

**11.00 am Morning Service in Wellington  
and Worship Online Service  
conducted by the Rev. Dr. Roger Sturrock**

**7.00 pm Joint Evening Service by Zoom  
led by Jeff Evans  
One World Week**

## **MORE NOTES AND DATES**

**KIRK SESSION** - There will be a short meeting of the Kirk session immediately before the morning service on **25<sup>th</sup> October** at 10.40. The sole item of business will be commissioning of our Presbytery elder. Elders will be asked to take their seats in the sanctuary for the service and to remain there during the meeting.

**FRIDAY NIGHT QUIZ** - The Congregational Life Committee are planning an online quiz night this week, on **Friday, 23rd October** at 7.30 pm. Start brushing up your general knowledge now! We will be using Zoom and would love to have as many people as possible taking part. We will use the Zoom breakout rooms facility to create teams, so there will be friendly competition. Please contact Christine Johnston either by telephone (0141 357 5570) or by email ([munrowalker@ntlworld.com](mailto:munrowalker@ntlworld.com)) to be added to the list of people who receive the Zoom link to the quiz meeting.

**SUNDAY EVENING SERVICES ON ZOOM** - Our joint evening services with Hillhead Baptist, Kelvinside-Hillhead and Kelvinbridge are being held by ZOOM. For security reasons, we are unable to publish the link in the order of service or elsewhere. It will be circulated via email together with the order of service on a Friday and is also available on request from Rebecca Gebauer ([rebecca@wellingtonchurch.co.uk](mailto:rebecca@wellingtonchurch.co.uk)). The order of service will be available for downloading on the Wellington website.

**AFRICAN CHILDREN - October Appeal** - The collections have now recommenced and the following items are now needed by SIR for children in Africa: rulers, crayons, dessert spoons and toothpaste. The blue collecting box will be on the table at the window end of the ground floor corridor.

**WEEKLY GROUP BIBLE STUDY BY ZOOM** – We are following Paul's letter to the Ephesians - theme: "God's New Society". **Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30 pm** - Chapter 4.17 to 5.21 is led by Ruth Beattie. Roger will host Zoom via the University of Glasgow and anyone wishing to join in should contact him on Tel. 942 8001

**INTERNATIONAL WELCOME CLUB** - Anyone using ZOOM and wanting to join the Club's Conversation Corner is invited to contact Grace Franklin - email: [grace@iwelcomeclub.com](mailto:grace@iwelcomeclub.com) The virtual corners take place on **Wednesdays** with two sessions at 12 noon and another session at 3pm. Deadline for participants is 12 noon on a Monday.

**VIRTUAL HIGH TEA** – No gathering this week. We meet again on **Thursday, 29th October** at 4.00 pm.

## **MORE NOTES AND DATES**

**CHRISTMAS CACTI** – Joyce Smith has been busy potting Christmas Cactus plants and these will be for sale in the church grounds after morning service on **Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> October** at £5 each. All donations will be sent to the Lodging House Mission. We are asked to be mindful of social distancing when making purchases.

**INTERNATIONAL WELCOME CLUB** - Since 2003 the Club has offered a Friday social event during the academic year starting at 7.00 pm. This is happening this year too. The only difference is the club activity will be via ZOOM! Programme: **Friday 23rd October** - We will join the Church's Quiz event at 7.30 pm.

**Friday 30th October** at 7.00 pm - Take a Trip to Taiwan guided by Pascal - a member of Wellington who has returned home to Hong Kong. ALL WELCOME. Email: [grace@iwelcomeclub.com](mailto:grace@iwelcomeclub.com) by 12 noon Friday to receive the ZOOM details.

**SUNDAY DUTY ROTA - CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS** - We have reviewed Sunday morning routines in line with the new Covid-19 safety guidance. The Church of Scotland guidance is clear that anyone who considers themselves to be in a vulnerable group should not be on duty (but it is within their own judgement to choose to attend services). Can anyone who feels they are in a position to be on Sunday morning duty please get in touch with Rebecca ([rebecca@wellingtonchurch.co.uk](mailto:rebecca@wellingtonchurch.co.uk))

**CRYPT CAFÉ ON THE STEPS TAKEAWAY - Monday to Friday from 11.30 am to 1.30 pm.** As you may read in this month's Wellie News, the Crypt Cafe is adapting. We are committed to our employees and are opening as a takeaway. We also plan to use our staff and premises for mission work by helping to feed those in need in Glasgow. At present we have enough funds to keep going for two months but need more. If you would like to donate please send any donation marked for 'The Crypt' to the church office. Thank you, Jackie Murray and the Crypt team.

**WELLINGTON ONLINE** - Our ministers continue to provide a weekly blog which goes online on Wednesday afternoons. To see this and other content please go and check: <https://wellingtonchurch.co.uk/blog/>



## FOCUS ON PRAYER:

*The Lord is near to all who call on him,  
to all who call on him in truth.*

Psalm 145.18 (NIV)

- ◆ Give thanks for the prayers of faithful people around the world, their strength and ability to make changes.
- ◆ Pray for climate change.
- ◆ Pray for justice, peace and truth in Zimbabwe where many suffer poverty, food insecurity, corruption and human rights abuses.
- ◆ Pray for the people of Pibor in South Sudan who suffer severe flooding and food shortage.
- ◆ Pray for Israelis and Palestinians in their shared grief over the loss of children and pray for an end to the conflict.
- ◆ Pray for Christians in Pakistan where homes, shops and churches were torched.
- ◆ Give thanks for the opportunity to be part of the needs of the world.

If you wish prayer for any matter, please contact:  
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