

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, 2ND MAY 2021

EASTER 5

“A life turned upside down!”

Opening Voluntary: *Fantasia in C Op 16 mvts 1 & 3*
César Franck

Welcome and Notices

Opening Responses (said together)

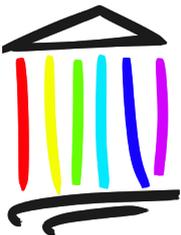
Father, we gather in your name
To hear you speak to us

Lord Jesus, by the Holy Spirit
Renew our faith and trust in you

God of justice, peace and mercy
**Enable us to become the people
you want us to be.**

Hymn 201 *‘Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness’*

Prayer of Approach



Psalm 30.1-12

Thanksgiving for Recovery from Grave Illness

A Song at the dedication of the temple. Of David.

I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up,
and did not let my foes rejoice over me.

O LORD my God, I cried to you for help,
and you have healed me.

O LORD, you brought up my soul from Sheol,
restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit.

Sing praises to the LORD, O you his faithful ones,
and give thanks to his holy name.

For his anger is but for a moment;
his favour is for a lifetime.

Weeping may linger for the night,
but joy comes with the morning.

As for me, I said in my prosperity,
'I shall never be moved.'

By your favour, O LORD,
you had established me as a strong mountain;
you hid your face;
I was dismayed.

To you, O LORD, I cried,
and to the LORD I made supplication:

'What profit is there in my death,
if I go down to the Pit?

Will the dust praise you?
Will it tell of your faithfulness?

Hear, O LORD, and be gracious to me!
O LORD, be my helper!'

You have turned my mourning into dancing;
you have taken off my sackcloth
and clothed me with joy,

so that my soul may praise you and not be silent.
O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you for ever.

Acts 9:1-20

The Conversion of Saul

Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?' He asked, 'Who are you, Lord?' The reply came, 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.' The men who were travelling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, 'Ananias.' He answered, 'Here I am, Lord.' The Lord said to him, 'Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.' But Ananias answered, 'Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name.' But the Lord said to him, 'Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.' So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, 'Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.' And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

Saul Preaches in Damascus

For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, 'He is the Son of God.'

Hymn 430 *'Christ is risen while earth slumbers'*

Reflection: " A life turned upside down!"

Prayers of gratitude and concern:

Response: Lord in your mercy
Hear our prayer

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 533 *'Will you come and follow me'*

Shared Grace:

**May the grace of Christ uphold us.
May the Father's love enfold us.
May the Holy Spirit guide us,
so that with the Lord beside us,
we may go our way in peace. Amen**

Closing Voluntary: *'Trumpet tune in D'* John Stanley

Organist: Alan Kitchen

Soloists: Héloïse Bernard

TODAY SUNDAY – 2ND MAY

**11.00 am Morning Service in Wellington
and Worship on-line**

led by the Rev. Dr. Roger Sturrock

7.00 pm Joint Evening Service by Zoom

led by the Rev. Dr. Kathy Galloway

THIS WEEK

See More Notes and Dates for details of:

Tuesday

2.00 to 3.00 pm Prayer Group by Zoom

7.30 pm Bible Studies by Zoom

Wednesday

12 noon and 3.00 pm Conversation Corner by Zoom

7.30 pm Congregational Life Committee by Zoom

Thursday

4.00 pm Virtual Tea Party by Zoom

NEXT SUNDAY – 9TH MAY

**11.00 am Morning Service in Wellington
and Worship on-line**

led by the Rebecca Gebauer

7.00 pm Joint Evening Service by Zoom

led by the Rev. Liz Johnson Blythe

MORE NOTES AND DATES

KIRK SESSION – A reminder of the special meeting of the Kirk Session on **Thursday, 13th May** at 7.30 pm to discuss new ways of providing pastoral care to our community, and the ordinary meeting of Kirk Session by Zoom on **Tuesday, 18th May**. The Zoom Links will be advised in due course.

LENTEN APPEAL- Many thanks to everyone for raising the sum of £7,132 for the Lenten Appeal, to be divided between the three charities, UNICEF's Covid 19 appeal, Church Action on Poverty and Hillhead High School's Hardship Fund. The Easter thank offering raised £325 for The Well Multi-Cultural Resource Centre. Thank you all. M&O Committee.

CHORAL SCHOLAR - Wellington sends its best wishes to **Will Frost**. He has now left Glasgow and is continuing his career in London, currently rehearsing for Garsington Festival Opera. For the last 5 years of Wellington services, we have had the pleasure of listening to Will's fine baritone voice. We will miss him, but he will always be welcome in Wellington Church on any subsequent visit.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 2021 - Similar to last year, Christian Aid Week will take place virtually again and fundraising will take place throughout the month of May. The Mission and Outreach Committee encourages everyone to actively participate in the online events hosted by Christian Aid. Additionally, they are organizing a Bible Reading Challenge under the title "**5 Psalms a Day**". To sign up for the challenge and to find out more about the various Christian Aid challenges and events please check:

<https://wellingtonchurch.co.uk/world-mission/christian-aid/>

BIBLE STUDIES – Studies recommence at 7.30 pm on Tuesdays, 4th, 11th May, Wednesday, 19th May, Tuesdays, 25th May and 1st June. We will be using source material from the Scottish Bible Society and studying 6 Psalms of Lament using the conversations approach. The Studies are aimed at those seeking to connect the Bible with their church context and life circumstances. Attention will also be given to the language and historical context of the text. All studies will be on the Zoom platform. Please contact Roger Sturrock for the link - Tel: 0141 942 8001 or Email: RSturrock@churchofscotland.org.uk All welcome.

CONVERSATION CORNER - Every Wednesday on ZOOM. If you have the time, join us at 12 noon or at 3.00 pm. Free and friendly. Email: grace@iwelcomeclub.com for ZOOM ID. All welcome - if you are a native English speaker join the pool of NESSIEs...Native English Speakers Sharing Information and Experience. If you are using English as another language - this is the ideal place to use what you know in a friendly, relaxed way.

VIRTUAL HIGH TEA – If you would like to join in for tea and a chat which takes place every **Thursday** at 4.00 pm via ZOOM, please telephone Roger (942 8001) who will provide you with details of the link.

MORE NOTES AND DATES (continued)

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE COMMITTEE - We meet on **Wednesday, 5th May** at 7.30 pm via Zoom. If anyone has anything they would like to be considered by the Committee, please contact Helen Sturrock (942 8001) or any other committee member.

ASYLUM ALARM - An asylum seeking family in Glasgow was roused at 7am on Friday, 23rd April 2021 by a team of 8 immigration officers and told they'd be taken away in five minutes to a detention centre to be deported. One of them had a heart attack and was taken to hospital - preventing the removal of the family. Local MPs, individuals and groups have protested to the Prime Minister, The Secretary of State for the Home Department and the Secretary of State for Scotland. If you want to know more and wish to add your concerns to this appalling way people are being treated, please contact : grace@iwelcomeclub.com or call her on 0141 226 4712

EVENING SERVICE PLANNING GROUP - We are looking for volunteers to lead an evening worship. There are very few formal requirements for the evening services and creativity is welcomed and encouraged. The only guidelines are:

1. The service is live on ZOOM (Sunday 7pm), leaders log on at 6.45pm to do a sound check etc.
2. It is not broadcast on YouTube or Social Media, the ZOOM link is circulated to and by the congregations involved.
3. We aim for a length of 35-45 minutes (followed by a 10 minute break out session for chatting, so all in all we are usually done by 8pm).
4. If a leader decides to use an order of service, it would need to be sent to Rebecca Gebauer by Thursday morning so that it can be circulated to the other churches who sent out their notes on Friday/Saturday. However, it is not a mandatory requirement!

For more information contact Rebecca Gebauer
Email: rebecca@wellingtonchurch.co.uk

AFRICAN CHILDREN - May Appeal - The following items are now needed by SIR for children in Africa: Wax crayons, rulers, spoons and toothpaste. These can be placed in the blue box on the table at the window end of the ground floor corridor.

MORNING SERVICES are broadcast via YouTube using the link: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCz52LeLiD3jxo9o0Khr4HIA> which is also shown on Wellington's website. For those who are unable to access YouTube, there is also an option to listen to the service by dialling in by phone. The details are: **Dial: 0 131 460 1196, enter the meeting ID: 916 5025 6352 followed by # press # again; now enter the Passcode: 756800 followed by #**

PRAYER GROUP – We meet each Tuesday on ZOOM between 2.00 and 3.00 pm. Our prayer is strengthened when we unite with others, especially in these difficult days.

FOCUS ON PRAYER:

*By this, everyone will know that you are my disciples,
if you have love for one another.*

John 13.35 (NIV)

- ◆ Pray for the work and witness of the Church throughout the world.
- ◆ Give thanks for the music and singing that we can still enjoy each Sunday.
- ◆ Pray for all who are homeless in our country and all who live in poverty.
- ◆ Pray for guidance to make wise votes on the 6th May.
- ◆ Pray for India who are experiencing large numbers of Covid-19 infections and pray especially for the vulnerable who require food, etc., as well as vaccines.
- ◆ Pray for Bangladesh, also experiencing a second Covid-19 wave.
- ◆ Pray for the Church of Bangladesh as it becomes helpless to support their families in crisis.
- ◆ Pray for those who are intolerant of other races and that they learn that all lives matter.

If you wish prayer for any matter, please contact:
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