



Congregation Update No. 3

Music, Prayer and Reflection - Wednesday, 21st October 11.00 to 11.30am.

The next in our series of Music, Prayer and Reflection will be held on Wednesday and doors open at 10.45 am. Don't forget that it helps if you have let us know if you want to come so that we can comply with the Track and Trace requirements. Reply to this email or call Gay on 01436 820 289 - all we need is your name and telephone number. The two sessions held so far have been very popular. The safety regime put in place has worked very well with all attendees happy to comply. They have started and closed with a short prayer from the attending minister, and then we have had our hearts uplifted by half an hour of music from Sally Butt. If you haven't been to a previous session and want to know what to expect you can view our video walk through by following this link:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCQOdUzbyYZVo-ENi_0APQCA

Remembrance Sunday Service - November 8th

Our first Sunday Service in the Church, since we reopened, will be held on Sunday 8th November - Remembrance Sunday. As usual we will be laying wreaths at Rhu War Memorial before the church service and at Shandon War Memorial after the church service. Because of Covid requirements the service will be very different to the normal one. Full details will be sent out closer to the event. However, the approximate timings will be:

- Wreath Laying at Rhu at 10.30 am
- 2 minutes silence in the Church at 11.00 am
- Wreath Laying at Shandon at 12 noon

Covid measures will be in place at all three location, including Track and Trace register; face masks, social distancing.

Our Church Bells

Some of you may have noticed that the bells have not been chiming the hour, recently. They were serviced and fixed but have reverted to silence on the hour again. The bells are controlled by wires that are very susceptible to corrosion in our seaside environment but we have requested the clock repairer to attend again to sort out the chiming of the hours.

Foodbank

As you know the church has regularly collected donations for the Helensburgh Foodbank. This had to stop when the first Lock down was imposed. We have now received a note from the Foodbank of the items they particularly need. Given the difficult times some families are facing it would be good to start contributing again. Because of Covid we will be repositioning the collection bin so that it sits beside the hand sanitiser at the front door. There will be no lid on the bin, so items can easily be dropped into it before you sanitise your hands.

Items needed are:

- Packets of Savoury rice; 500 gm bags of rice.
- Boxes of tea bags; bottles of orange/fruit squash; tins of fruit.
- Tins of chicken curry; hotdogs; minced beef; stewed steak; macaroni cheese or spaghetti;
- Jars of coffee; hot chocolate; Nutella or Peanut butter; pasta sauce.

Your support will be greatly appreciated.