



GARDNER MEMORIAL CHURCH

Do Justice, love mercy and walk humbly with God

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Dear friends,

You don't need me to tell you that we live in very challenging times as the Coronavirus Pandemic sweeps across the country, and indeed the world, affecting all of us and how we are going to live our lives for the foreseeable future.

From a Church perspective we have closed Sunday Worship as well as the Office and I will not be making home visits. Also I am unsure what will happen in the event of a funeral and it might be that we have to delay a memorial service until we are given the all clear.

However, although the Office is closed we are acting as the point of contact for the ...

Brechin Virus Help Group

01356 629191

virus.brechin@gmail.com

... with calls to the Office being redirected to one of the team.

So if you are house bound and/or self-isolating give the Help Group a ring and we can arrange for a delivery to be made to your doorstep.

Also if you just want a blether phone the Church number.

Indeed if you know of a neighbour or a family member who would like a telephone call ring the office number

At the end of the day I guess that the community of Brechin will do what communities across the land will be doing and that is hunkering down BUT caring for our neighbours.

Remember that the Coronavirus is carried on water droplets and so keep your distance from others and wash your hands frequently.

AND listen to the advice of the First Minister who is rising head and shoulders above others in this time of crisis.

In the meantime may God's love touch your hearts and give you peace and strength

Be safe

Malcolm, locum minister

This is a prayer that our new Interim Moderator, Rev Dolly Purnell, read at the recent Farnell Kirk Session.

Prayer for a Pandemic

May we who are merely inconvenienced
Remember those whose lives are at stake
May we who have no risk factors
Remember those most vulnerable
May we who have the luxury of working from home
Remember those who must choose
Between their health and making the rent
May we have flexibility to care for our children
When the schools close
Remember those who have no options
May we who have to cancel our trips
Remember those who have no place to go
May we who are losing our margin money
In the turmoil of the economic market
Remember those who have no margin at all
May we who settle in for quarantine at home
Remember those who have no home
As fear grips our country
Let us choose love
During this time when we cannot physically
Wrap our arms around each other,
Let us find ways to be the
loving embrace of God to our Neighbor
Amen

Cameron Bellm



An Easter Blessing

May God bless you at Easter
and keep you all year through
May God give you all the faith it takes
to make your dreams come true
May his love and wisdom always help
to guide you on your way
May his light shine down upon you
now
to Bless your Easter Day



Dear Members,

I realise many of you are disappointed that the Church services have been cancelled until further notice, however, this was the only decision we could make in this present situation.

For many this is a time of concern with the threat of the virus and the period of self isolation. It is important the Church keeps in touch with the more vulnerable elderly members. It has been decided to set up a Group who will telephone or email these members. If you would like us to contact you please telephone the church office number on 629191 or email office@gardnermemorialbrechin.org.uk with your details.

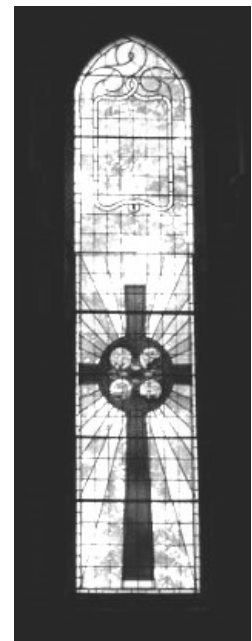
This is a difficult time for everyone but if we work together as a Church and Community we will get through this. Please be kind to yourself and to others.

Regards

Dorothy Black
Session Clerk



Lord, in this time of national uncertainty
and as the next few weeks unfold
we look to You for Your gentle guidance,
as we pray for the health of our loved ones,
of our friends and neighbours,
and as we give thanks
for all those helping others at this time.
AMEN



With Church Doors closing, It's time for us
to show that the church has never been
about the building.

WE ARE THE CHURCH



HOPE

HOPE is the place where you want to go
HOPE is the person who you want to know
HOPE is the feeling that carries you through
And HOPE is the future for me and for you

A life of worship is how we live while the purpose of worship is one of the reasons why we live.
submitted by Morag Dale

Please note the new email address for our church office is office@gardnermemorialbrechin.org.uk

Our new website is now up and running . More updates for the website are still ongoing but check it out and give us your views. Find us at <https://www.gardnermemorialbrechin.org.uk>

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A Poem of Hope

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When life is getting you down, and you need a little hope.
Look deep down inside yourself, and you'll find the way to cope.

When life is getting you down, and you need a little love.
Go to the person whom you are the closest, as the rest they are above.

When life is getting you down, and all you need is a laugh.
Find the friend that makes you smile, they may even be your staff.

When life is getting you down, don't allow it so.
Change the way you think of life, and life will be better, you know.

When life is getting you down, don't sit and mope
Take action and always have hope.

When life is getting you down, take time to pray
Don't allow yourself to frown God will help you see the blessings of the day.

Breaking News
Music - not cancelled
Reading - not cancelled
Pets - not cancelled
Family - not cancelled
Singing - not cancelled
Laughing - not cancelled
Hope - not cancelled
Let's embrace and give thanks for what we have.

Remember, no storm lasts forever. Hold on.
Be brave . Have faith! Every storm is temporary and we never face the storm alone.
God is with us. Always.

Our Souper Sunday after church service raised £175.15 for Crossreach HIV Project

Link deliverer required for Wards Road. Please contact Liz Kidd on 01356 624210 if you are interested.

Check out our website at www.gardnermemorialbrechin.org.uk for church and community events

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