

# IMPAC

Monifieth Parish Church



**Welcome back.....**

**To Your Socially Distanced Sanctuary**



This 2<sup>nd</sup> Special Edition of IMPACT will explain the procedures for the re-opening Monifieth Parish Church.

## Corporate Worship In Our Church Building.

The Kirk Session has agreed to reopen the church building to allow for corporate worship. As intimated in our previous IMPACT, this will look and feel very different from what we experienced at the beginning of 2020. To begin with, services will be at different times throughout the week:-

**6:30pm on a Tuesday**

**2:00pm on a Wednesday**

**11:00am on a Saturday**

**Services which are planned to commence on Tuesday September 15<sup>th</sup> will be limited to 30 participants so, if you wish to attend a particular service, you will require to book a place. Mrs. Dorothy Culloch has agreed to undertake this work for the congregation, so please book a slot by calling her on 01382-534844.**

A hospitality team will be available at each service to guide you through the necessary procedures.

- Throughout your time in the building, you will need to wear a face covering.
- As you enter and leave the building, you will be asked to use hand sanitiser.
- You will be required to leave or confirm your contact details at the front door.
- Inside, you must maintain a 2metre physical distancing, and the sanctuary is set up with tables to make this easier [See Page 1]. During the service, there will be no singing: the service will consist of prayers, readings and reflections.
- At the end of the service, we will ask you to leave the building in a certain order and not to linger or congregate directly outside the building.

It is important to note that you do not have to come to the building if you do not wish to do so: it will not be held against you! Virtual services of worship will continue to be available online, with copies available on DVD/CD/USB/cassette (please call the manse if you wish to receive one), or our dedicated telephone number (01382-768990).

**N.B.** Most importantly, if you experience any symptoms of COVID-19 (a temperature over 37.9°C; a new continuous cough; a loss or change to your sense of taste or smell) you **must not** come to a service, but self-isolate and book a test. Likewise, if you have been told to self-isolate by a member of the NHS Test and Protect Team, you **must not** come to a service until the conclusion of the isolation period.

*Fee Reynolds.*

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## Home Visits.

The Kirk Session has agreed the various conditions under which those representing the church can visit other members. This is broadly in line with Scottish government regulations and the guidance produced by the Church of Scotland. It is important to note, however, these key points:

- No one is required to undertake any in-person visiting, if they do not wish to do so.
- No one is required to let anyone into their homes, if they do not wish to do so.
- When visiting - 2metre physical distancing should be maintained at all times.
- Anyone meeting others from the congregation can wear —or ask others to wear— a face covering.
- The Scottish government guidelines state that we should not meet with more than 4 other households in any given day.

Meeting each other in person, holding a hand, giving a hug, is such a missed part of our lives at the moment. As we seek to redress a little of this balance, we also respect individual decisions to take precautions, and contact will be maintained at a distance as necessary.

*Fee Reynolds.*

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## Your Church Offering.

Thank you again to those members who have already handed in Freewill Offering envelopes and other donations. Also to those members who continue to give by way of Standing Order. All offerings are most welcome and help to stabilise our income at this difficult time.

Please continue to use **Little Sew and Sews, 1 High Street, Monifieth**, as a drop-off point for your donations.

However, if you have any concerns, or would like advice about your offering, please do not hesitate to contact me on 01382 533566.

*Regards, Alastair Robertson - Treasurer.*

## Minister's Musings.

Dear Friends,

A short musing from me in another short, but very full, IMPACT. Things are still changing, but one thing has remained constant since March 2020: my prayers for you and our community. Moreover, alongside committed members, we continue to pray on a rotational basis, for every member of our congregation by name. Indeed, in the past five-and-a-bit months, we have prayed for you, by name, at least 3 times. We continue to pray for all those in care homes on a weekly basis, whilst holding anyone and anything requested of us in prayer. It might feel like a little thing, but I know I have been sustained over this period by the prayers that people have offered for me. I hope you are equally sustained, and always blessed by God.

With every blessing,

*Fee Reynolds.*

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### "Who Says Ministers Never Retire!"

Just a few words, to convey to the wider Congregation, my retirement - my second retirement - this time as Parish Assistant, in Monifieth Parish Church.

Mainly, I want to take this opportunity to thank all of our Members who have welcomed me into your home, and allowed me to share, to some extent at least, in important moments in your lives - good and ill. I hope, at least, that you have found a listening ear a little helpful. It has been a privilege to witness some truly resilient and faithful Christian souls.

As I pointed out to the Kirk Session, I have known a fair number of you for many (30 or 40) years. And I still intend to pop in on folk now and again (and with your permission), especially if I've been led to believe a little support and encouragement is needed. But it will need to be as a friend, not as a Pastoral Assistant - so I won't need to feel guilty any more, when, instead of putting on a shirt and tie/dog collar to do some of my weekly visits, I can just stay sitting in my summer-house, enjoying the sunshine.

Peace be with you all.

*David Jamieson.*

## Congregational Roll.

### DEATHS.

*'I am the resurrection and the life'*

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| 18 <sup>th</sup> Aug. | Air Commodore [Retd.] William C. Milne, Monifieth. ( <i>District 29 Jane McArtney</i> ) |
| 21 <sup>st</sup> Aug. | Mrs. Agnes Miller, Monifieth. ( <i>District 58 Peter Howie</i> )                        |

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## Fund Raising.

### 'Jammy' Help Wanted.

More jam jars are needed - please. Dorothy Gordon has raised over **£500** selling jam at her front door and needs more jam jars. Also thanks go to David Warmesley for his jam supplies.

If you have any spare empty jars they can be either left on my doorstep at 15, The Fairway, or phone me and I can arrange collection *Tel: 534960.*

*Thanks Lesley McFarlane.*

### Lochgelly Brass Band Concert.

Regrettably, due to the present situation, the concerts in the Church by the Lochgelly Brass Band have now been cancelled. Tickets will be refunded in full where requested or, if you wish, can be given as a donation to the Church. Please contact Malcolm Bell *07754159386* or *01382-534366*; or Lesley McFarlane *01382-534960* with your instructions. The tickets will require to be surrendered to either Malcolm or Lesley to confirm your instructions.

*Malcolm Bell.*

### Monifieth Ladies Group.

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> Sept would have been the first meeting of our group for the 20/21 session under normal circumstances.

"Just to let our members know that their committee have not forgotten about them....."

In line with the current restrictions due to the COVID pandemic there will be no meetings of the Monday Ladies Group until further notice. Hopefully our Group can meet again very soon."

*Linda McDonald (Secretary)*

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## Blythwood Christmas Shoebox Appeal 2020.

What a year this has been! We do hope you've coped with all the stresses and upheavals of the last few months. Lockdown has deprived us of many things, even toilet rolls and compost?

However, our less fortunate friends in eastern Europe have suffered even more. This world pandemic adds to the hardships they already face daily. We know our Blythwood Shoe Boxes are greatly appreciated every Christmas, so they will bring even more joy and happiness this year. If you plan to contribute, once again they need the usual essentials of a warm hat, scarf, gloves, socks, toiletries, along with other items of stationery, household goods, etc.

and even a small packet of sweets. No loose sweets, lollies or chocolate please and the sell by date has to be from April 2021 onwards and all toiletries have to be no more than 300ml.  
Once again, our collection point is:-

**St James Church, Fort Street, Broughty Ferry  
Monday — Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November from 10am - 5pm**

For help or information, please telephone Louise Scott on 01382-775671.

Covid regulations require a time lapse before we can check and pack the boxes, so please let us have your donations as early as possible in the week, to help us to meet the Blythswood pickup date.

*Many many thanks.      **Moira Anthony.***

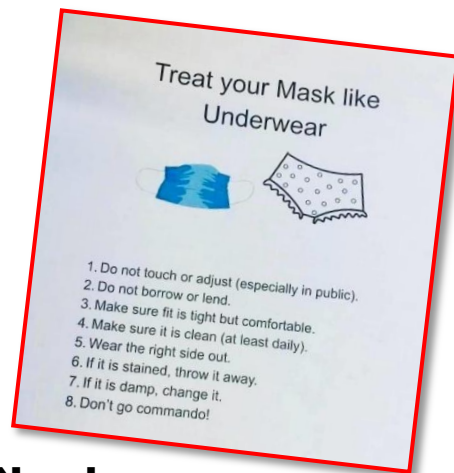
**Editor's Chat.**

Well, what have you all been doing since 'Special Edition No 1' in July? Hopefully keeping occupied and either helping others to maintain a worthwhile way of life, or being helped by others. We Sutherlands both believe that we have settled into this way of life reasonably well and now made simpler by being able to 'escape' in the car to some of our favourite haunts, even if we still normally take our picnics with us, however the Covid problem is still with us all. I often wish that this virus could be coloured bright red so that we could see it, as maybe that would help us all to accept its presence and be more aware of the risks.

....and for those of you who are expecting my 'swan count' .....the best total counted is 89 so far and now they are starting to leave for another year ...how time flies! (*I nearly said "When you are enjoying yourself"??*)

**Bob Sutherland Editor.**

**£1200+ raised from masks - so far.**



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