

Intimations:

Rev. James Aitken may be contacted on 0131 334 1324

The Sanctuary is open for worship, and singing is permitted.

We are delighted to report that the sanctuary is open for worship. We are also permitted to sing with facemasks. There is no need to book. Please come along to church and sign your attendance card which you will find in the pew. At the end of the service please put in the box at the exits. Your details will be destroyed after 28 days.

Tea and Coffee is not being served after the Service in accordance with current Covid Guidance.

The Presbytery of Edinburgh and West Lothian has published a consultation document for a Mission Plan to cover all the congregations within Edinburgh. The Plan envisages a change to the number of congregations in Corstorphine, and includes a number of unions between those local congregations including St. Ninian's. More information about the Plan is expected to be shared by Presbytery over the coming weeks. St. Ninian's Kirk Session next meets on the 9th of February when it will discuss the Consultation document. The final Plan must be published by the end of this year, and runs until 2025 when it will be reviewed. The Kirk Session will keep the congregation up to date with progress over the coming year as the Plan is finalised. As always, every meeting of the Kirk Session is open to the public, and the approved minutes are available to every member of the congregation.

The congregation will learn with sadness of the death of one of our elders, Mr John McLean, Old Kirk Road. John's funeral will take place here tomorrow (24th January) at 2.30pm. We remember John, his family and loved ones in our prayers.

The congregation will learn with sadness of the death of Mrs Margaret Longden, 74 Wester Broom Drive. Her funeral takes place in St Ninian's on Tuesday 1st February at 11am. We remember Margaret, her family and loved ones in our prayers.

The congregation will learn with sadness of the death of Miss Elizabeth Wilson, Murrayfield House. Her funeral will take place on Friday 28th January at 12.30pm at Warriston Crematorium. Please remember Elizabeth, her family and loved ones in your prayers.

Could you help St Ninians with Stewarding of Church services?

Over the last year you will have noticed that we have utilised a stewarding system for all church services at St Ninians. The intention is that we carry on with this system into 2022.

I am extremely grateful to all those who have undertaken these duties in these difficult, ever-changing times. The Stewards have been amazing, and the system has been running well, most of the time.

We would like to expand our stewarding team and offer an opportunity **to any member of the congregation** to join the rota. You do not have to be an elder or a deacon but a willing volunteer to help to keep the members of the congregation, visitors and our minister safe.

The steward's role is to welcome people to the church, to join in fellowship with the congregation as attendees move in and out of the church, to maintain the current Covid requirements through social distancing, hand sanitisation, and the wearing of face coverings, whilst helping to give reassurance so we can all be and feel safe.

You will be given guidance on the role and shadow a stewarding team before final commitment, if you wish, and if you volunteer it is likely that you will be 'on duty' approximately every 4-5 weeks.

If you are interested, please contact Fiona Coutts on: fcchurch@btinternet.com or speak with her one Sunday.

Care Van Appeal: as the cold weather begins to bite the Care Van would appreciate donations of blankets and sleeping bags. If you could leave in a bag marked Care Van in the Crush Hall any morning during the week. **Thank you.**

Rock Trust: 140 items of food and toiletries were delivered to Rock Trust in time for Christmas. Although the office is closed again, I was and will be able to organise a special delivery so our recently re-instated collection can carry on. Many thanks for your continuing generosity. Susanne Hope (334 2489)

Spring Quarterly: the copy date is **NEXT SUNDAY**. I will be happy to receive contributions by email (alecstevenson0@gmail.com) or in hard copy (phone 334 4471 to arrange collection). Alec Stevenson.