

Intimations:

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Intimations should be with the Church Office by Thursday morning for Sunday's Order of Service. Thank you. office@st-ninians.co.uk

PRESBYTERY PLAN CONSULTATION UPDATE - 26th June 2022

St. Ninian's Session Clerk Team continue to engage with the Presbytery on behalf of St. Ninian's Kirk Session and congregation over the Presbytery Plan Consultation.

Last Sunday, 19th June, the Team met with representatives from St. Andrew's Clermiston and St. Anne's to discuss the Consultation. The representatives from all three congregations agreed that further discussion between them should take place over the summer to consider whether at some point in the future the creation of a single charge involving all three congregations would be a better option for mission in west Edinburgh than the creation of a single charge involving only two of those congregations.

The next meeting between the representatives of these congregations will take place at the end of July, and a further update will be available then.

Tea and Coffee is being served after the Service in accordance with current Covid Guidance. Following discussion at Deacons' Court tea and coffees are complimentary.

Alpha Sunday School would like to thank everyone who supported their recent plant and baking/craft sale. We made an amazing total of £491.15 which will be donated to the Rock Trust. A big Thank You from the Alpha Team.

The congregation will learn with sadness of the death of Mr Ian Alexander, Craigmount View. His funeral takes place on Tuesday 28th June at 11:30am, Warriston Cloister chapel. We remember Mr Alexander's family and loved ones in our prayers.

The congregation will learn with sadness of the death of Mr Bill Sutherland, Cairnmuir Road His funeral service takes place on Friday 1st July at 3pm, Mortonhall Crematorium. We remember Mr Sutherland's family and loved ones in our prayers.

The congregation will learn with sadness of the death of Mr David Marwick, a former member of our congregation. His funeral service is at Murrayfield Parish Church at 11.30am on Thursday 30th June. A private cremation is happening beforehand. We remember Mr Marwick's family and loved ones in our prayers.

Shahrukh, our ministry student whose time with us came to an end at the beginning of June after 9 months is getting married. His fiancée Essie is Finnish and lives in Finland. However, Shahrukh and Essie have chosen to be married in St. Ninian's on the 30th of June by me as minister of St. Ninian's. It will be a small, intimate service for close family pending a much large celebration in the future when their wider families and friends will be more able to gather together. If you would like to contribute to a **wedding gift** for Shahrukh and Essie please put something into the offering boxes after the service in an envelope marked Wedding present. Thank you.

Freshly Made Jam will be on sale today. Proceeds for the Christmas Fair. Jars would be appreciated.

The Mission Committee would like to say thank you for all the donations for Fresh Start. These goods have been delivered to Ferry Road Drive and the staff of Fresh Start have asked that their sincere thanks be passed on to the members of St. Ninian's for their on-going support.



Support for Ukrainians:

Some wonderful toiletries have been donated - they are the icing on the cake! Many thanksthey will be a luxury for those who will receive them.

Help! Can you pop some basic toiletries, even one, in the red box in the porch? These could include everyday items such as toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, shampoo, razor, shaving foam, sanitary items, comb, moisturising cream, hand lotion or whatever you think may be suitable. They will be appreciated by those who have very little. Many thanks.

Christian Aid Week

The final total raised for the 2022 Christian Aid Week was **£2,395.70**

Comprising:

Retiring collection	£1521.60
Just Giving donations	£ 370.00
Sunday School	£ 449.00
Quiz	£ 55.10 (Winner Ruth Wimberley).

Answers are on the Christian Aid Noticeboard at the Entrance and in the Crush Hall.

Many thanks to all who assisted, donated, and organised.

Thanks go to the Sunday School who raised £449 producing a new game '**How much water can we get in our bucket**'



The following **Garden Open Days** have been volunteered, each day from 2pm to 5pm.

3 July – 32 North Gyle Drive

17 July – 2 Hillview Road

7 August – 16 Wester Broom Avenue

Entrance charge of £2 per garden.

If anyone wishes to volunteer to open a garden, this would be welcome and it would be supported and advertised. Please contact Ian Kirkpatrick on 334 5951.

Contact Tracing Scam: if you receive a text or call to say you have been contact traced and you need to order a testing kit – **this is a scam**. There is no longer any contact tracing. You are no longer required to give contact details when you are out and about.

If anyone wishes to volunteer to open a garden for one of the **Garden Open Days**, please contact Ian Kirkpatrick on 334 5951.

This morning we are streaming our service live. After the service this recording will be available on our YouTube channel.

Update on Covid restrictions

We are no longer required *by law* to wear masks in Church but if you feel comfortable doing so then please continue.

Please remain aware of those around you. Test & Protect registration is discontinued. Entrance & Exit to and from the church is via any door.

Hand sanitiser will continue to be available.

Alternate pews will still be used but there will be no restriction on the number of people using the 'open pews'.

Members of the congregation are still asked to respect social distancing especially when moving around the sanctuary, but the one-way system will be stopped.

Offering boxes will remain instead of returning to the pew collection.

Stewards will continue to manage the welcome to the church. On exit Stewards will be at the front, east and west doors.

The restrictions we are currently using will remain in place for now.

Any questions on the updated guidance, please contact the church office.

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