

WEEKLY BULLETIN

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Update from the Team

In the media thoughts are turning to how we exit lockdown, going back to some kind of normality. At this time there are no plans for opening churches so we will be continuing with our online offerings for the moment. When that changes it is likely there will be some serious restrictions in place so please do not expect a return to how things were for quite some time. When we know more, we will let you all know.

SMALL GROUPS

Want to meet other people and explore faith together? If yes then this is for you. We have set up 4 small groups that will meet each week for around 40 mins. Sarah has crafted themes based around Peace, Hope and Finding New Life. They meet 4pm Mondays, 11am and 7pm

Wednesdays and Fridays 1pm. Please contact Sarah for more details. Her email can be found on the back page.

Even under lockdown new things can start! Recognising people worship God throughout the week as well as on Sundays, Granton Parish Church is now offering a Wednesday Worship experience through Zoom. Every week at 1pm on Wednesdays, Sarah will lead our community in an act of worship. What better way to spend your lunch hour than in worship with God?

WORSHIP
WEDNESDAY

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Keeping The Faith

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When we are not in lockdown I help at Magic Carpet, our parent and toddler group. One of the challenges I see the parents struggle with is how to leave their children alone when they need to do something. The parent has to get the child comfy, find them an activity to do and once they are distracted, dash off to the pram or toilet or wherever they need to go. If they are lucky they'll make it back before the little one notices. If they're unlucky all hell breaks loose!

Children have a very instinctive sense of peace: peace comes from being close to their caregivers. When they are separated they quickly feel uneasy and distressed, but the nearer they are the safer they feel. That's why whenever they are scared, upset or unsure a child will rush into their caregiver's arms, the closeness makes them feel at peace.

We may grow out of crying whenever our parents leave the room, but on some level we never grow out of that need for presence. When we are scared or upset we still look for the comfort and reassurance that comes from being close to someone who loves us.

Our verse today comes from the words Jesus said to his disciples before he was arrested and taken to the cross. Very soon Jesus was going to be leaving his friends behind. There would be no more travelling together, no more Passover meals, no more parables. And Jesus knew how they would feel. Like toddlers left by their parents: lost, confused, and upset.

But Jesus wasn't really leaving them, he was sending the Holy Spirit to be with them. Jesus wasn't going to be with them as just another flesh and blood person, he was going to be alive in them. Jesus would be making a home in their hearts. Far from leaving them, Jesus was going to be closer than they could ever imagine. So Jesus said, “do not be afraid”. Why? Because I'm right here with you, like a parent scooping their child up in their arms. Be at peace because I am here.

In times like these peace can seem in short supply. The world out there certainly isn't giving us peace, it's only giving us more and more uncertainty. When the world isn't giving us peace, we should instead look inwards to find God's Spirit in us. When we quiet out the noise from all the stresses of the outside world, we discover that the God who loves us dearly is right there beside us. And in that we find peace

What things have been upsetting your peace this week?

What can you do to turn your attention to that inner peace?

Call to Action - this week's checklist



Sign Up to a small group or join in with the daily prayers or coffee mornings. There is no need to be a stranger!



Share the details of all our activities and invite some of your friends to join in.

Community Groups have banded together to see people in need are looked after.

If you need help please phone the number opposite.

COVID-19 Foodshare Group Support and Help available in North Edinburgh

(Muirhouse/Salvesen/Pilton/Granton/Drylaw/Telford)



Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 9.30am there is a Zoom meeting for **Morning Prayers**. These involve a reading a thought and a short time of prayer together. The whole thing lasts 15 mins. If you want to create a space for God as you start your day this is a good way of doing it.

Chas has offered Zoom help to anyone who requests it. You need to have internet and be able to get online. This page on the church website has all the necessary details. <https://www.grantonchurch.org.uk/calling-all-zoom-novices/>

**No Computer
No Problem**

To join a church service or meeting, simply phone this number: 0131 460 1196

Then enter the meeting ID which can be found on the back page

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Then enter the meeting password which can be found on the back page

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You will now be able to hear the service and you will also be able to speak to everyone as well if you wish.

What's On This Week

Monday 11th May

9:30am Morning Prayers via Zoom

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88182763264?
pwd=dzRkbVVkRitES0gzY0lpejZNSUtpOT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88182763264?pwd=dzRkbVVkRitES0gzY0lpejZNSUtpOT09)

Meeting ID: 881 8276 3264

Password: 050349

16:00pm Small Group (Contact Sarah)

Tuesday 12th May

10:30am Coffee Hangout via Zoom

Wednesday 13th May

9:30am Morning Prayers via Zoom

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87980104300?
pwd=cDISS0ZVaXV3QzE5aUU1ZUN2bTFKUT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87980104300?pwd=cDISS0ZVaXV3QzE5aUU1ZUN2bTFKUT09)

Meeting ID: 879 8010 4300

Password: 031928

13:00pm Wednesday Worship

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85244754032?
pwd=eHE5dDJXSGNFamcWU1I5Z1Y3Z2tCUT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85244754032?pwd=eHE5dDJXSGNFamcWU1I5Z1Y3Z2tCUT09)

Meeting ID: 852 4475 4032

Password: 062113

11:00am Small Group (Contact Sarah)

19:00pm Small Group (Contact Sarah)

Thursday 14th May

10:30am Coffee Hangout via Zoom

Friday 15th May

9:30am Morning Prayers via Zoom

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84121616654?
pwd=ZGFUUmVqcZnkdWZwMmd6b1R0NWpiQT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84121616654?pwd=ZGFUUmVqcZnkdWZwMmd6b1R0NWpiQT09)

Meeting ID: 841 2161 6654

Password: 098017

13:00pm Small Group (Contact Sarah)

Sunday 17th May

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87879591917?
pwd=ck1LYVVmT040SDZLQ2JPWVIRbG8vdz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87879591917?pwd=ck1LYVVmT040SDZLQ2JPWVIRbG8vdz09)

Meeting ID: 878 7959 1917

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Reading: John Chapter 14 verses 15—31

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