

# WEEKLY BULLETIN

Sunday 26th July 2020

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The Church of Scotland

"Have many children, so that your descendants will live all over the earth and bring it under their control. I am putting you in charge of the fish, the birds, and all the wild animals. ([Gen 1:28](#))

## Join this Sunday's service at 10.30am

**By computer/smartphone** - go to [grantonchurch.org.uk](http://grantonchurch.org.uk) and follow the link.

**By telephone** - just follow these steps:

- Phone 0131 460 1196
- Then enter the meeting ID : 886 7104 2523
- Then enter #
- Then enter the meeting password : 905841
- Then enter #



No Computer  
No Problem

## How Church Looks Now

With church being moved online for the foreseeable future there are lots of ways to keep connected.

### Private Prayer in Church

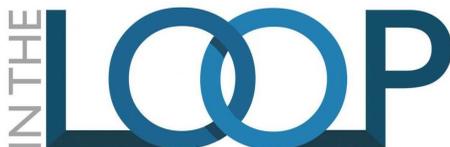
We are now able to open the church building for private prayer with strict hygiene rules. Pop in between 11am and 1pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

**If you have a computer or Smartphone** you can get a daily Thought For The Day, a weekly video message, the weekly bulletin, weekly news email, regular prayer sessions, Sunday service and Sunday Service catch-up.

**If you don't have a computer or Smartphone** you can still receive the weekly bulletin, a printed version of Thought for the Day and join prayer meetings and services by phone.

**If you have a Smart TV** you can also view recordings of the Sunday Service and view the video message.

For more details of any of these methods speak to Chas on 0779 532 3889



Due to the church services currently being postponed, some folks have been asking how they can support the ongoing work of the congregation. Go to the website and look at the top of the page where you will see a Donation button. Click it, then either donate via card or click on the Paypal button.

**DONATE**

## Catch up on Sunday Services

Not everyone is able to join the Zoom service on Sunday mornings yet still want to catch the service later. We have now started to broadcast the services on Facebook Live. If you want to catch the service later, check out the church website or go straight to our Facebook page. Should you be at the Zoom service and not want your face to appear on the broadcast just turn off your video. Due to the services now being recorded we have decided to stop the additional Podcast.



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)



## Share'n'Wear

Our free clothes service is now open on a referral basis, with strict hygiene rules in place. We have a lot of adult and children's clothes and shoes including school uniforms. All free to anyone in need, you do not need to swap anything as we have enough donations.

To book an appointment people should email [anna@grantongoesgreener.org.uk](mailto:anna@grantongoesgreener.org.uk) or text Anna on 07965941177

**NO NEW DONATIONS ARE BEING  
TAKEN AT THIS TIME**

## Morning Prayers

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.

## Small Groups

These are now on summer break until September. If you haven't joined one, that's a good chance for a new start when they will all be starting with new materials. Contact Sarah for more info.

## Communion

Sunday 26th is the last Sunday of the month and the Sacrament of Communion will be celebrated. Please have suitable materials to hand.

## **Keeping The Faith - *Loving the world around us***

**Norman Smith**

*"I am putting you in charge of....*

*Genesis 1 v 28*

We did not make the earth, we inherited it from our forbears and we shall bequeath it to our children and their children. It is a gift given to us by God and like all gifts it is to be enjoyed whilst being cared for.

Depending on how you see the world this passage has been interpreted different ways. Some have focused on the word 'control'. Humanity was given power by God to be in charge, to determine what would happen to the world and to bend it to our will. Resources such as minerals, animals and fish are all there for mankind to exploit because that's what it means to be in charge. You get to impose your will on that which you are in-charge of; you subjugate it.

Yet this thinking does not take into account the world does not belong to us. We have been given a caretaking responsibility because as surely as the world is ours today, the day is coming when we shall die and the world will no longer be ours.

Ultimately God brought the world into being

### **Restarting Church Services**

The Scottish Government have now given permission for churches to restart Sunday services but under very limited conditions.

No singing or common cup communion. A maximum set number so not everyone may get into the same service. We would probably have to run multiple services. Strict social distancing so no fellowship time at the back of the church. Masks should be worn as it is internal. Thorough cleaning between

and ultimately it will revert to God when humanity is long gone. This is how most Christians today interpret this passage.

Whenever I am put in charge of something that is not my own, I am more careful than ever. I am usually worried about not returning it in the same condition I was given it. I don't want to let any friends down who've trusted me. At the end of the day I value the friendship and don't want to endanger that.

How does that work with the world? When God asks for an accounting of our lives, what will we tell him regarding this wonderful gift of the world? That we exploited it for our own ends or that we took care of it?

Every day you and I have the chance to care for the world; to show God we love the gift he gave us. One day we will have the chance to pass this gift on to the next generation. Hopefully when they do, they will see that we took good care of it.

There is nothing better than receiving a cherished gift that has been loved.

services along with all the other Covid19 measures we have become accustomed to.

For these reasons we will not be moving from Zoom services at this time. The quality of our worship is as vital to us as the physical place.

Jesus declared, "... a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ... God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth." John 4

# What's On This Week

## Monday 27th July

09:30am Morning Prayers via Zoom  
Meeting ID: 822 9360 7334  
Password: 329293

## Wednesday 29th July

09:30am Morning Prayers via Zoom  
Meeting ID: 863 9506 7015  
Password: 926346

## Friday 31st July

09:30am Morning Prayers via Zoom  
Meeting ID: 870 1269 8214  
Password: 641393

## Sunday 2nd August

10.30am Sunday Service  
Meeting ID: 886 7104 2523  
Password: 905841  
**Reading: Acts 8**

## Opening The Church For Prayer

We are now able to open the church building for private prayer between 11am and 1pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Having done all of the preparatory work we now have permission from Presbytery.

**Our doors will be open between 11am and 1pm until further notice.**

#praysafe



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