

# WEEKLY CONGREGATIONAL NEWSLETTER

## ENT Parish Church.

Mr Douglas Ross Creighton will conduct a public worship in this East Neuk Trinity linked with St Monans Church on Sunday the 30th of August at 10 o'clock.

**\*The link is <http://bit.ly/DRCENTSM> but is time embargoed until 10 o'clock on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> August 2020**

Should any member or adherent of the congregation of East Neuk Trinity linked with St Monans not have access to the internet and wishes a DVD of the service to allow them to watch they should contact the Session Clerks, not later than Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> August 2020 at 6 o'clock (p.m.) Session Clerk of ENT, Mrs Olive Weir, Tel 01333 340642.

Immediately after that service, a vote on whether or not Mr Douglas Ross Creighton should be appointed as the new minister of this congregation of East Neuk Trinity linked with St Monans will be opened. Anyone whose name appears on the Electoral Register of this congregation shall be entitled to vote and you should now have your ballot paper from your Elder.

**All votes must be cast or returned not later than Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2020, by last 1<sup>st</sup> Class post in SAE, to reach the Returning Office by Saturday the 5<sup>th</sup> September at 12 o'clock.**

Prayers for Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> August 2020

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Psalm 98

Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvellous things; His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

Dear God,

Thank you for being a constant God in a time of change. You lead us to discover new ways.

Today we hear our new Minister preach and we ask your blessings on Douglas and his family as he prepares to move to our area. He will lead and guide us as a church as we find new ways to reach out to our communities.

As we reopen our churches may we reach out to you for guidance. May we offer fellowship to each other and feel God's presence both in church and all other places throughout the week.

We pray for people who are anxious and feeling stressed. Please surround them with your love, Lord and let them know you are there for them to lean on.

We pray for those struggling with their health which may be the aftermath of the covid virus, the worry of having cancer or the feeling of despair. Please help them Lord to cope with their situation, overcome their fears and help heal their wounds.

Please may we draw our hearts and lives to you, Lord.

Amen



May the roads rise to meet you, May the wind be always at your back.

May the sun shine warm upon your face, the rains fall soft upon your fields

And until we meet again, May God hold you in the hollow of His hand.

East Neuk Trinity

Sunday morning services will resume from

6th September at 11am.

1st and 3rd Sundays in Elie Church

2nd and 4th Sundays in Kilconquhar Church

5th Sundays to be arranged.

Before coming to church please take time to read the arrangements that are in place to allow us to safely meet together for worship. These are attached with this email.

## Church Giving

Thank you very much for continuing to support the church over the past months by giving through bank transfer or by sending your WFO envelopes to the Treasurer either directly to her home or to the Church Office. The account details for Bank Transfer are:

*East Neuk Trinity Bank Details.*

*Sort Code- 83-24-24*

*Account Number 00634002*

As we begin to open our church buildings and return to worshipping together the Treasurer would prefer if you would continue to give to the church in this way. Banks are making increased charges for handling cash.

If you would like any more information please contact the Treasurer Mrs Victoria White. [toriwhite@btinternet.com](mailto:toriwhite@btinternet.com)

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## Televised and Radio Services from Church of Scotland.

10.00am Sunday Morning Live. Sean Fletcher and Angellica Bell take a look at the week's talking points and explore the ethical and religious issues of the day.

BBC 1 at 12.25pm Songs of Praise. Aled Jones visits Blenheim Palace to explore its private chapel and magnificent grounds, and Laura Wright joins an inclusive choir for a hymn singalong.

For radio listeners, there is a regular religious service on **BBC Radio 4 between 9.45 and 10.00 am Mondays to Fridays** with hymns, prayers and reflections. You have to have digital radio (DAB) or turn to the Long Wave, if you have a smart speaker just ask it to play BBC Radio 4.

Radio Scotland will continue to feature Thought for the Day within the Good Morning Scotland news programme each weekday. Every New Sunday has moved forward an hour to a new slot of 7.30AM and Sunday Morning with Cathy Macdonald will continue to feature conversations with guests from across all faith groups.

**Rev Rosemary Frew** at Bowden and Melrose Church will be posting short Reflections on their Church Website. Please click on the link below to listen to these:

<http://bowdenandmelroseparish.org/covid.html>

Across the BBC, our network services will include live worship and virtual church services as well as special new content on the BBC's flagship religious strands on TV and radio, as well as providing content to mark the major festivals of worship. There's much more detail to be found on the BBC website, at

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/mediacentre/latestnews/2020/easter> and at  
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/mediacentre/latestnews/2020/religion-coronavirus>

**Don't forget to light a candle and place it in your window on Sunday Evening at 7pm to call upon God that his light might shine into our darkness. Attached with this email is the Prayer from Rev Hugh Wallace for this week.**

### **Bible Readings for 30<sup>th</sup> August to Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2020**

#### **2 Different gifts**

Sunday 30 August	Romans 11:25-36
Monday 31 August	Romans 12:1-8
Tuesday 1 Sept	Romans 12:9-13
Wednesday 2 Sept	Romans 12:14-21
Thursday 3 Sept	Romans 13:1-7
Friday 4 September	Romans 13:8-14
Saturday 5 September	Romans 14:1-12

**This list is from The IBRA publication '*Fresh from the Word*'**

#### **EAST NEUK FOOD BANK**

Appleton's of Elie continue to be a collection point for the foodbank There will be a box outside Appleton's Hardware shop during opening times (8am-1pm). The donations will be delivered to the Foodbank every Thursday.

The Diving Gannet in St Monans has reopened for take away only and is a collection point as well.

If you prefer to make a cash donation then this can be done by bank transfer. Details for Bank Transfer are: Account Name: East Neuk Foodbank. Sort Code 83-15-21 Account Number 00227490. Please consider a donation if you are able.

#### **Mobile Post Office**

The mobile PO is now calling in Colinsburgh on a Friday 9.30 - 10.30. Opposite the corner shop. It will still continue to call at Elie on Mondays 12.30 - 1.30 and Wednesdays 12.40 - 1.40.

Please do send me anything you would like to share with everyone. It may be a poem, a Bible Reading, a favourite hymn, a quiz even recipes to keep us busy in the weeks ahead.

Please send these to: [Eastneuktrinityoffice@btconnect.com](mailto:Eastneuktrinityoffice@btconnect.com)

Stay safe everyone  
Helen - Church Secretary

IMPORTANT CONTACT DETAILS

REV GAVIN BOSWELL, INTERIM MODERATOR [GBoswell@churchofscotland.org.uk](mailto:GBoswell@churchofscotland.org.uk)

OLIVE WEIR, SESSION CLERK, [jamandlor1@gmail.com](mailto:jamandlor1@gmail.com)

Reflections for Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> August - Rev Tim Power

Scripture: Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity” (Colossians 3:13-14 NIV)

Topic: Community is life-giving—and essential to following Christ.

Scripture: For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. (Romans 12:4-5) NIV

Significant meaning & benefit;

Because we're better together than we are alone.

I met a neighbour in our little cul-de-sac this morning (Thursday). He works in the financial sector in Edinburgh. Or rather since late March he works from home and engages with the world of work through ‘The Zoomiverse’ or something similar. I asked, ‘when are you going back to the physical rather than virtual reality?’ ‘Not till next year, and then it might only be one day a week at the office.’ I commented, ‘you know what, I think for many of us we are experiencing a paradigm shift not just in the way we work, but the way we live, as individuals, families, and community.’ I was reminded of a story I hadn’t thought about for many years.

About twenty five or thirty years ago I flew over to the States to see my sister Frances and her family. My wife Christine and I arriving in Las Vegas, there, because it was cheaper to do that than fly direct to the nearest International Airport to Frances, San Francisco. So we flew to Vegas, then Reno, staying a few days at Lake Tahoe and then driving ‘The 101’ to Palo Alto to stay with my sister and brother-in-law. We stayed in Vegas for a few nights either end of our holiday, what a pit of sin that place is, but that’s another story.

My brother in law Bahman is one of the brightest people I know, by this time he was a Vice President for Apple. He asked me if I would like to visit Apple HQ at Cupertino. I was at the time a lecturer in business related subjects and studying organisational design, to get the opportunity visit and go into the heart of the world-renowned centre for innovation and design, you bet I did!

Whilst I was there something quite funny happened. I visited the on-site Apple shop, staff discount, whoo-hoo! As I came out with Bahman this chap came up to us, and I was introduced to Bahman’s boss, ‘welcome’ he said, ‘Its good to meet you, I hope you enjoy your time here. I said ‘Thank-you very much’, out of the corner of my eye I could see people on the outside of the perimeter fence, bus loads of them, many pointing their cameras at our little meeting which was soon over. Bahman said to me, ‘you have no idea who that was, do you?’ I said ‘no’, as Steve Jobs walked away from us!

Privileged to meet one of the brightest minds on the planet, and I didn’t even recognise him in front of me!

What did catch my attention was the manner in which the place was designed.

Imagine a wheel with spokes, at the centre of the wheel was a hub, at the end of each spoke, a cell or office space, at places around the wheel were other interconnecting hubs, leading to other wheels whose spokes overlapped at other place with other wheels, loosely a bit like a multiple Venn diagram. The idea was that these geniuses working there could and often would work away in isolation, however, the very design of the building was such that every time they went out they inevitably met others at the hub or interconnecting points, the reasoning not just to break isolation, but to create innovation and discussion. Employees were encouraged to stop and talk to each other. Deemed to be not only healthy, but beneficial and profitable.

I, as some of you will know, engage with a new church plant over in Kinross. The recent lockdown has undoubtedly caused some associated with the church to experience isolation. Even though this particular church has Sunday Services live on Zoom, and four house groups connecting similarly, it has been noticed that numbers engaging have dropped off a bit, even though for many the virtual connection really is welcomed. In A Zoom meeting in the evening this week we discussed it. Yes, meeting virtually is ok, better than not meeting for most, but something is definitely missing. So, we talked about how, now that lockdown is easing, we could find ways to meet, in small groups within the guidelines, and rotating people within the groups to ensure no one who wanted to was left out. We can even meet as a church outside in a very big gazebo offered free by a local entertainment venue. All good we thought, but then and quite rightly in my view, some concerns began to be expressed. 'We need to be careful!' 'I'm not sure about people coming to my house, maybe outside.' 'Outside can we sing, even with masks on, I think so' said one, 'I don't' said another. 'The rules are 50 can meet at church, I don't know, can more meet at an outside venue?' 'If there is more than 50 want to attend, we'll join by Zoom, or just watch the whole thing livestream.

And what we soon perceived was an underlying fear associated with meeting up again in groups and in person.

Nonetheless, the scriptures don't give the wrong guidance. We have to obey the law, yes (Titus 3:1-2), but it is undoubtedly better to meet together (Scripture verse above).

In conclusion of my reflection today, I ask you to consider the benefits of finding safe ways to begin to meet up again, ensuring no-one is made fearful, and no-one left out. If you would like, create your own version of the Apple Hubs - ways to connect. This could be outside or inside, church, cafes, beach, home, whatever fits. But be positive in doing this, knowing that the benefits are that we become bound in unity, we are better together than alone!

Another verse springs to mind, obvious really, Matthew 18:20,

'For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.

The one with a mind that surpasses all knowledge will be with you. And unlike me with Steve Jobs, if he welcomes you in, you will certainly know who he is!

Rev. Tim Power