

Sunday 20 September 2020

We at Fullarton church/connexions have followed Government and Church of Scotland advice about social distancing in view of the current Covid-19 situation so all gatherings including services of worship. See below for the links to the services.

We would also encourage you all who are finding current the situation particularly difficult to get in touch so we can help practically and please pass this message to those you know who do not have access to internet/email.

Fullarton Parish Church of Scotland



10:30am

Welcome

LP 169 Rejoice, rejoice! Christ is in you

Children's Chat - AV

FSB 157 Come on & dance with joy in your heart

Isaiah 55:1-3 (NLT)

Philippians 4:4-5 (NLT & MSG)

TSP Prayer Share - Hyndmans

'Joy, Joy, Joy' - Neil

'Joy Surge' - What Brings You Joy?

FSB 117 My Jesus, my Saviour

Post Service 'Care to Share' and 'Prayer Share' on the Fullarton Parish Church Facebook Page. After the usual pre-recorded service streamed on the Fullarton Connexions Facebook page, there will be the chance for people, present in the church sanctuary, to respond to the service by sharing what God is saying to them and to join in a 'prayer share.' To encourage honesty and openness this will not be streamed on the public 'open to all' Connexions Facebook Page, rather on the private 'Fullarton Parish Church' Facebook page, which you can join by applying for membership on the page.

6:30pm

Welcome!

FSB 61 I believe in Jesus

Prayer

JP 58 Because He lives

Text Message – Acts 4:1-27 (NLT)

Focus – "Surprising Prayer" - Neil

Response & Prayer Share

JP Be bold, be strong

Blessing

**Fullarton Parish Church of
Scotland**

Welcome to Fullarton ConneXions!

Join us for our **10.30am Live-Stream Service, 6.30pm Live-Zoom Service + Wednesday Worship 8pm and Mid-Week Sermon Re-cap on Wednesdays (6.30pm onwards)**: all available on Fullarton ConneXions Facebook Page. You can also catch Rev Neil's **daily 60 Second Sermons** on the same Fb page, from 9am Mon' - Sat', on Instagram @fullartonconnexions and on Neil's twitter @NU4Yoo feed.

Not on Facebook: If you don't want to (or can't) sign up to Facebook you can still view the services by going to <http://fullartonconnexions.co.uk> & clicking on the front photo of Rev Neil inside a mobile phone. This will take you to the livestream and the library of previous services.

10.30am Sunday Service:

Welcome, whether it's online or in person! Let's not talk about 'going back to church,' rather 'going forward to church' as we let Jesus lead us into new challenges and opportunities. Well done to those of us managing to host neighbours, friends & Fullarton Family in 'Watch Parties' in your homes! Today we continue our series on using God's gift of

emotions to positively process and work through life and living. Today it's 'JOY,' next week it's 'Anxiety,' as we aim to grow emotional maturity in God (Trinity) and Community.

New 10.30am Service Series: Soul Salvation ◇ Soul Sanity ◇ Soul Maturity -

We will grow up into the Truth that Trumps all truths: That 'In Christ,' We are Beloved Children of God, Who, ultimately wants the very best for us! Emotions are God's Idea, aids to processing life and living, which can help us come to terms with and celebrate reality. Guided by God's Word, The Holy Spirit and a Faith Community, our emotions can help us learn to respond appropriately and positively in the good, bad, awful and wonderful situations of life.

From 13th September towards Advent, we're focusing on: Sadness, Joy, Anxiety, Affection, Anger, Gratitude, Embarrassment / Guilt, Fear and Hope. Please pray that this series will attract and include others, beyond our immediate church family, and help us all to let God lead us through these stretching times.

6.30pm Service: We're journeying through Acts, learning from the Early Church about pioneering in and through a world

that doesn't yet recognise Jesus as true Saviour and Lord of All; accessible on the internet via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89443999760?pwd=bTFiY3lyVnIraVp3dnFjR1J5RjJEUT09>
Meeting ID: 894 4399 9760 / Passcode: 571058 & visible on the Connexions Facebook Page. Without internet access you can still listen in on the 6.30pm Zoom service by phoning 0131-460-1196, then keying in Meeting ID and Password.

New Season of Growth (SoG) / 8 Consecutive Weeks: Everyone will be feeding from Paul's letter to the church at Philippi in Zoom Home Groups. Complementing both Sunday services, this focus will encourage us to Re-boot / Re-Jesus / Re-Joy-in-Christ. We're using the Discipleship Explored material <https://discipleship.explo.red>
So, please sign up for this new Season, which will start in the week beginning 5th October, by letting Neil know which times of the week work for you (days, morning / afternoon / evening) and if you can host several others or prefer to be hosted in another's home - nurquhart@churchofscotland.org.uk 01294 279909. Thanks!

At Your Service: Despite normal services being suspended, church is alive and active wherever God's People are caring & sharing Christ's

Love! Let us know if there is anything The Fullarton Family can do or pray for you: Neil Urquhart (01294 279909), Kate Gibson (Pastoral Care Team) 01294 276148 or Teresa Goodwin secretary@fullartonchurch.co.uk

Re-opened: Fullarton ConneXions is now open for limited business and use. Sunday 10.30am Service in Connexions sanctuary, showing the pre-recorded stream service, with opportunity for some interaction afterwards. Due to limited numbers (50) and the fact that many will feel unable to attend, we are encouraging worshippers, if able, to host others to show and view the services together in each other's homes (with appropriate physical distancing of course). Do you have neighbours, family, friends whom you could invite to join you for a worship watch party in your home? If you can't think of who to invite, please let Neil (01294 279909) or Teresa (01294 273741) secretary@fullartonchurch.co.uk know. A letter, regarding service options, is included in the Contact magazine, which is being delivered to members & adherents emails and homes (see options below).

The 6.30pm Zoom service will continue, with the possibility of

coming together in ConneXions from time to time.

**Sunday 10.30am Services:
We've identified 5 options,
which one is best for you:**

**1. I am keen to come to
Connexions on Sundays from
Sunday 13th Sept 10.30am.**

On the way in (through the car park door) you will be asked to wear a mask, use the hand sanitiser and give your contact details to the person taking the register. (A time saver is to have your name, date of birth, phone number, post code and house number on a slip of paper ready to hand in!) Seating is spaced out as required, we'll be humming not singing, but can see each other and there will be the opportunity to catch up afterwards. (Sadly, we can't yet serve refreshments) Exit will be through the town centre door. We've completed all the risk assessments, deep cleaned the whole building and have everything in place to continue with the enhanced cleaning now required.

The Church of Scotland recommends, if you suffer from any health conditions that put you in the "vulnerable" category, you should NOT attend a service yet - so keep reading!

2. I am able to enjoy the service online at home AND would like to invite a few other people to come to my house and watch it with me.

Currently you can have up to 7 people, from up to 3 households, and you need enough space for people to remain socially distanced. For folk who live alone this will be a lovely treat! To have visitors, or to be a guest! In this context, you can have tea/coffee and a biscuit if you choose!

3. I would love to be invited to someone else's house to watch the service if possible!

Just let us know your name, address and contact details, which will be used for this sole purpose.

4. I am happy to continue watching the online service at home with my own household.

5. I am not able to come to services or go to someone's home, and have not been able to engage online.

**Over time things will inevitably change, but we need to start somewhere and people meeting up in homes is where the church started! Please let us know your choice(s) via:
post: Fullarton Connexions % 48
Waterside Irvine KA12 8QJ,**

email: Teresa at secretary@fullartonchurch.co.uk
phone: 01294273741 or 01294279909

Re-Children: We're not yet free to run our Sunday children's groups, but are told that the online children's chats; seeing themselves on TV; getting mystery packages in the post and various outdoor "come and find things" activities have been much appreciated, so we will keep those up. We also have ideas for **outdoor events for families** so look out for those on the website & Facebook, and if you have any ideas yourself please get in touch! (dorjurquhart@me.com)

Re Money Offerings: Well done! Some of you have been faithfully putting your weekly offering into envelopes and stockpiling them! We would love to get them from you soon. If you would like someone to come and collect them please phone Sandy Dickson on 01294273625.

Re-Connexions Community Café: Reopening on Tuesdays! Faye, Lee, Josh and Adrian are all back to work in the kitchen and keen to serve you at the Tuesday Cafe from **15th September, between 10.30am and 1.30pm.** Do come along for **morning coffee or lunch** if you can. We have 30 seats at well-spaced tables and long to see you all again. We can't yet reopen the

Saturday cafe but may well extend to a Wednesday cafe in the near future if there is sufficient demand. Supporting the cafe is a tasty way to help with the wages of our much-loved cafe staff, until such time as the conference/meeting catering side of our social enterprise recovers. Why not arrange to meet friends here? Everything is clean, light and airy and the food is freshly made and served with love!

BLESS Cards & Leaflets: Do continue to use these! The aim is to become more and more a 'Family on Mission' in our everyday lives and living. Let's encourage each other in: **Beginning with prayer,** **Listening for God in people's needs,** **Eating with others (perhaps virtually for now),** **Serving others' needs & Sharing the Story Jesus in & through our lives.**

Crossreach eNewsletter September 2020: To read, please click on the link below or copy and paste the link into your browser. <https://mailchi.mp/c68c8419d507/crossreach-latest-newsletter-202009?e=76d8b1928b>

If you want to place, remove or update a notice in this sheet please email orderofservice@gmail.com or contact **Iain Laird (01294 232628)** by **Wednesday evening at the latest.**

Pastoral Care Team: We as a team entirely depend on you, the members, telling us when members of your family and friends are ill, or in hospital. At this current time, we are unable to visit you at home or in hospital but we would still appreciate you keeping us informed. It may be possible for us to offer support by telephone. Please contact any one of us if you need our help:
Kate Gibson (Team Leader): 01294 276148
Jean Wyllie (Secretary) 01294 274345
Sandra Deeprise 01292 315169
Margaret Elliott 01294 214433
May Elliot 01294 471660
Pam Hutcheson 01294 311933
Janet Kennedy 01294 275574
Christine O'May 01294 215960
David Clark 01505 684271
Ann Wood 01294 279546
Aileen Roy 07563 785346

Church Secretary: Email secretary@fullartonchurch.co.uk.

Contact Magazine: Articles for November's edition of Contact

Magazine should be in by Sunday 18 October.

The Boys' Brigade: 5th Irvine Company will be resuming activities on 21 September for Anchor Boys (P1 – P3) from 6:15pm till 7pm on Monday evenings and for Junior Section (P4 – P7) from 7:15pm till 8:30pm also on a Monday. There are special arrangements in place to minimise the risk from COVID-19 so please contact Iain or Kerry Laird on 01294 232628 or 07921 517763 if you want to bring along a child for the first time.

Blythwood Care Wednesday Packers: Blythwood Care especially welcome donations of unwanted BOOKS, DVDs and CDs at this time. Collection can be arranged by calling Anna or Fraser on 01292 313672.

Fullarton Parish Church (Church of Scotland) Irvine is a registered charity (No. SC 008725) and is a Fairtrade church. Visit <http://fullartonconnexions.co.uk>

Christmas Shoebox Appeal – 2020

Yes, it IS going ahead this year!!

You are receiving this invitation as many are previous supporters of the Appeal in the hope that once again you as an individual will participate in these especially difficult times. Please consider just how much more difficult it must be for those in countries with much less access to the health services we enjoy here. PLEASE, therefore, join this year's work in spreading God's love.

This year our gifts are going to Moldova – an east European country where living conditions are far, far removed from the comfort we enjoy. As in recent years, we will gather, sort, pack and despatch filled shoeboxes in the same spaces as last year in Fullarton ConneXions. This work is again scheduled for three weeks in November, Tuesdays to Saturdays, between **10am and 5pm** each day. That is from **Tuesday 3rd to Saturday 7th November, Tuesday 10th to Saturday 14th November** and **Tuesday 17th to Saturday 21st November**.

The extra working days are to compensate to an extent for the reduction in available space in the halls to satisfy Covid-19 restrictions.

Another significant change is the absolute need to limit the number of people in the working spaces to ensure we don't breach Covid-19 guidelines. The most obvious restriction will affect our youngest supporters as we will **NOT** be able to host **unaccompanied** children under **ANY** circumstances.

We will be operating a predominantly pre-booked system for seats in the working spaces, again to ensure we satisfy Covid-19 restrictions.

This year there is no target number of gifts to be generated. We are simply being tasked with sending as many gifts abroad as possible. To that end, we ask for your prayers of support and any practical help during the three weeks mentioned above to ensure our gifts are all within the guidelines. We welcome women, men and young people to join the fun and fellowship amongst the hard work.

This year's DVD may be viewed on-line from Blythwood Care at www.blythwood.org/shoeboxappeal. Thank you.