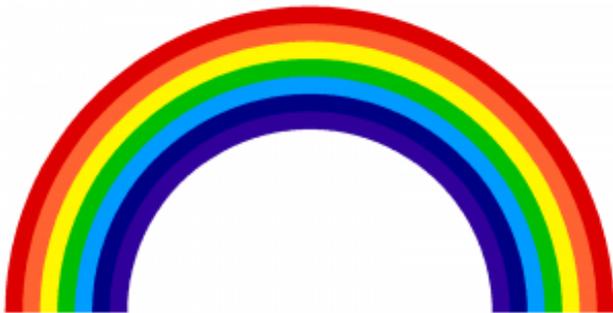


Sunday 6 December 2020

We at Fullarton church/connexions have followed Government and Church of Scotland advice about social distancing in view of the current Covid-19 situation 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

Oh Come, Oh Come, Emmanuel & Come Thou Long Expected
Jesus (The Petersens)

ALPHA ADVENT VIDEO 2

Children's Chat - Dorothy

Thanks, Sorry, Please Prayers - The Forsyths

Lord's Prayer (Signed by Sonia)

Song - This Child (Graham Kendrick)

Text Message - Isaiah 9:1-7 (Read by Craig Osbourne)

Focus: The Gift of Hope - Joan

The Blessing (Allstars ids Club/with kids from different nations)

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 is a chance to join people, present in the church sanctuary, in responding to the 10.30 service in the private 'Fullarton Parish Church' Facebook page, which you can join by applying for membership on the page.

6:30pm

Welcome

FSB 22 - Come, Now Is Time To Worship

Prayer

JP 20 - Blessed Assurance Jesus Is Mine

Silent 2 minutes followed by open prayer around the group

Reading: Luke 1v1-25 (PHILLIPS)

Focus "I am Gabriel" – The Story of Zacharias

Discussion throughout

FSB 128 - 10,000 Reasons

Closing Blessing: Merton's Prayer of Abandonment

**Fullarton Parish Church of
Scotland**

Welcome to Fullarton ConneXions!

Join us for our **10.30am Live-Stream Service in Connexions, 6.30pm Live-Zoom Service + Wednesday Worship 8pm and Mid-Week Sermon Re-cap on Wednesdays**: 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: All are welcome, whether it's online or in person! There is space for you at Fullarton Connexions 10.30am on Sunday for viewing this service if you want to attend 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. Today is the second Sunday in Advent as we journey to and through Christmas with Jesus and all the Nativity characters.

Please note that there will be no **10.30am Sunday Gatherings at Connexions on 27th December and 3rd January (All-age Communion)**. The pre-recorded services will still go out as normal, and we'll be back in Connexions for 10.30am services from 10th January onwards.

6.30pm Service - Advent Series: Learning from characters in the Christmas story. Tonight it's Zechariah, John the Baptist's Dad. Sandy McFadyean is leading, accessible on the internet via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89443999760?pwd=bTFiY3lyVnlraVp3dnFjR1J5RjJEUT09>
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.

Christmas Services this year

On **Christmas Eve, Thursday 24th Dec' at 6.30pm** a pre-recorded all age service will go out online. this will include the Nativity film made by pupils and staff at Loudoun Montgomery Primary School. Then those who are still up, and able to get about, can gather in person for a **Live Watchnight Service in the Sanctuary at Connexions. Gathering from 11.15pm for a**

service from 11.30pm till 00.15am.

Christmas Day Celebration, Friday 25th Dec at 10.30am

we are planning a half hour Zoom gathering where people can log in to greet one another, kids can join in with a Christmas Challenge, and we can sing some Christmas Praise to celebrate Jesus' birthday. This will not be broadcast on Facebook, so please join in via Zoom!

Hashtag - Nativity Seen!: Why not join in with this very simple idea to make going for a walk much more interesting, and remind everyone who Christmas is all about?

Step 1 Dig out your nativity scene.

Step 2 Place it at a window which can be seen from the street, with the characters facing outwards. (After all nobody can come into your house to see it this year!)

Step 3 Add some fairy lights if you have them.

Step 4 Put a picture on Social Media #nativityseen and encourage your friends to join in. (eg on FaceBook, twitter or Instagram)

Let's see if we can "go viral" in a good way (!) and spread the news that Jesus Birth is what we celebrate at Christmas.

Carols on Your Doorstep: A Chance to encourage your neighbours to join you in singing several well-known Christmas carols on our respective doorsteps / front gardens. On Sunday 20th December, 5.30pm Premier Christian Radio and Irvine Beat FM

will be broadcasting these carols so get the street involved, turn up the radio and Gie it Laldy and Praise God in The Highest! Visit <https://www.carolsonthedoortstep.co.uk> for invitation, poster and carol sheet.

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 still open for limited business and use (North Ayrshire still being on Tier 3. Sunday 10.30am Service in ConneXions sanctuary, showing the pre-recorded stream service, with opportunity for interaction afterwards. The 6.30pm Zoom service is continuing.

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.

Connexions Community Café is Still Open on Tuesdays!

Faye, Lee, Josh and Adrian are all back to work in the kitchen and keen to serve you at the Tuesday Cafe **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.

If you want to place, remove or update a notice in this sheet please email willstewmccconnell@gmail.com or contact **Stewart McConnell (07900 930589) by Wednesday evening at the latest.**

Growing Young: "Young people make churches healthier. If your church is reaching 20 year olds, your church will reach 60 year olds." – John Ortberg.

Please pray about this statement. Fullarton has joined with over 20 other congregations taking part in the "Growing Young" initiative. Please pray for the team representing us. If you are interested in finding out more and / or becoming part of the team – whatever your age – ask Sheena Kinmond for more information - s.kinmond@btinternet.com.

Church Secretary: Email secretary@fullartonchurch.co.uk

Contact Magazine: The December issue of Contact will be available for uplift on Friday 11 December between 12 and 2pm at Connexions.

Prayer Opportunities - For now, we will get together on Zoom to pray 3 times per week.
Wednesday 07.00 prayer breakfast - regular host Neil Urquhart.
Wednesday 19.00 intercession before Worship Wednesday - regular host Ian Young.
Saturday 09.15 - regular host Sheena Kinmond. Invitations will be sent out to those on the emailing list by the host for the week. All are welcome, and if you are not on an emailing list, please contact one of the hosts.

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:

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