

St. Serf's Church Tullibody



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We are delighted we are able to hold services in the church building from 26th July. Please note the new times:

10.00am & 12.00noon

There are a number of restrictions on what we can do and for example for the time being we will not be able to sing hymns. We ask you to wear a face mask and to follow government advice www.gov.scot

The number of people we can have in the building is also limited and that is why we will be holding two services. The second service will be a repeat of the first one so please only come to one of them!

We appreciate that some people either can't or don't want to come to the church building. We will also have an on line service every Sunday at 2pm. The evening service will restart at a later date.

Although the shops are now full of food we went through a period where shelves were empty and people were worried about what they would eat. There was a shortage of pasta and of tinned tomatoes.

For some people, facing losing their job or struggling financially, food is still an issue. The Gate, and other food banks, have been busy and have done a great job. If anyone reading this needs their help please contact them or the minister.

We have all become aware of how important food is and how much we should be grateful for it. Those who serve us in shops and deliver our food are 'key workers'.

In the Bible it says that we cannot live on bread alone. It does not mean that we need meat and vegetables for a balanced diet. It is about the fact that our souls need God every bit as much as our stomachs need food.

Jesus said, "I am the bread of life." (John 6:35). That means that he, and he alone, is the source of and the one who sustains our inner life. We have been made aware how important food is and how much we value it. We need Jesus even more, and in the last few weeks many people have discovered that.

Drew Barrie.



Over the period of lockdown we have continued to maintain our buildings. Both the church and the hall have been inspected regularly. Unfortunately we have had to replace the water boiler in the church hall and have used the opportunity to buy a more efficient one. We have also had to repair and re-point some of the stonework in the hall.

Our income in the first half of 2020 was	£20 373
Our expenditure was	£30 182
meaning that we made a 'loss' of	£ 9 809

Like all other organisations we have had to use our reserves to meet our costs at this difficult time. We have also done what we can to reduce our costs.

If you would like to donate to St. Serf's by standing order or by making a one off payment by telephone or internet banking please contact the treasurer, Barbara Dowie barbaradowie@live.co.uk (01259 219008). You can also donate through our website www.stserfstullibody.org.uk

If you have donation envelopes please give these to your elder (or any of the elders). Thank you.

If you can do so please visit our website. Every week there is a recorded message from the minister.

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Not everyone uses the internet. You can hear the same message by phoning 01259 233995. There is no extra charge for calls to this number. Unfortunately there is a slight delay before the message starts. Please be patient!

We have an online prayer meeting (Tuesdays 2pm) and a short service (Thursdays 2pm). We have an online service at 2pm on Sundays at which we celebrate Communion on the first Sunday of the month. Even if you cannot join us on the internet please take time to stop and pray with us. If you would like to join our on line services please email DBarrie@churchofscotland.org.uk and the minister will send you the information. He will also be happy to chat about other things. Please phone the minister on 01259 213326.

Each Sunday please light a candle and put it in your window at 7pm and join Christians all over the country in praying about the present crisis.



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