

## **Intimations:**

Rev. James Aitken may be contacted on 0131 334 1324.

**Next Sunday** 5<sup>th</sup> December we celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion.

### **The Sanctuary is open for worship, and singing is permitted.**

We are delighted to report that the sanctuary is open for worship. We are also permitted to sing with facemasks. Numbers permitted to attend our services in the sanctuary are now up to 104 and our Social Distancing in the sanctuary is 1m. There is no need to book Please come along to church and sign your attendance card which you will find in the pew. At the end of the service please put in the box at the exits. Your details will be destroyed after 28 days.

**Elders:** The Quarterly magazine and Christmas Card are ready for distribution in the Crush Hall.

**Tea and Coffee** after the service is free, and donations will be sought once or twice a year to reduce the need to handle cash. You may collect your coffee from one of the 2 stations and then sit down. Numbers are limited to 28.

**Following the generous retiring collection** from the congregation on Remembrance Sunday the Mission Committee has been able to purchase 25 hampers to give before Christmas to refugee families living in Edinburgh. The Committee has the opportunity to deliver 15 of those hampers in person with the opportunity to meet those families and perhaps begin building a supportive relationship with them. If any member of the congregation would like to take part in those visits to deliver the hampers, please speak to the minister or Margaret Hunter who convenes the Mission Committee. The deliveries must be done by two people, and help and support will be provided for those making the deliveries.

# Rock Trust:

We are now able to reinstate our weekly collection of food items to aid homeless teenagers in Edinburgh. All kinds of non-perishable foods are welcome including products which can be reconstituted with water eg. packets of soup and noodle and pasta pots such as Mugshots. Toiletries and other little luxuries are also much appreciated.

All items can be left in the dedicated box at the front door of the church as you enter on Sundays. If you would like to help but are unable to bring items to church, please get in touch with me.

Many thanks to everyone who continued their support during lockdown through financial contributions.

Susanne Hope (334 2489)

## Fresh Start Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> December:

For those who have been homeless, they have no belongings. When they move into a flat, they cannot make a cup of tea, light a lamp, shut their curtains, snuggle up under their duvet or dry themselves after a bath. YOU can help.

### Cleaning Items:

Washing Up Liquid • Toilet Cleaner • Toothbrushes

- Toothpaste • Hand Soap • Toilet Rolls • Bin Bags & Liners
- Dustpan & Brushes • All Purpose Cleaners • Laundry Tablets • J-Cloths

### Pots and Pans:

Soup Pots • Frying Pans • Milk Pans • Cooking Utensils

- Can Openers • Potato Peelers • Wooden Spoons

Tubs will be at the doors for your donations.

Thank you.

## ANDREW GIBB'S RETIREMENT

Andrew Gibb is retiring as Session Clerk.

The Kirk Session celebrated Andrew's years of service to St. Ninian's at a Kirk Session Dinner. The congregation will have the opportunity to say thank you for his service at the Quarterly Communion on the 5<sup>th</sup> of December.

Andrew has said that he doesn't wish any gift on his retirement. However, he would be very grateful if anyone who would have contributed to a gift might consider donating to one of two charities that he supports: Cancer Research and St. Columba's Hospice.

You can do so electronically by following the link on the front page of the website or by going to: [www.corstorphinestninians.org.uk/noticeboard](http://www.corstorphinestninians.org.uk/noticeboard)

**If you wish to donate by cheque**, then please make payable to St Ninian's Church. Place in an envelope marked Andrew Gibb and drop into the collection box. We will then send one donation to each charity. Also mark which charity you would like to support. Thank you.



**Care Van Appeal:** as the cold weather begins to bite the Care Van would appreciate donations of blankets and sleeping bags. If you could leave in a bag marked Care Van in the Crush Hall any morning during the week.

**Thank you.**

# GIFT SERVICE – 12<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2021



The children will be bringing along gifts of toys which will be passed on to the Salvation Army for distribution to needy families. If any member of the congregation would like to contribute, we would be very happy to receive new toys, games or books for children of all ages, but we request no furry toys or those requiring batteries. Please bring them along to the service. As parcels have to be opened so that gifts can be suitably allocated, using a gift bag would save wasting paper. Bins will be placed at the entrance to the Church and gifts can be deposited in them in the same way as we did for the Harvest Festival.

Alternatively, **donations for the purchase of gifts for older teenagers** may be given to Diana Fairgrieve up to and including 12th December when Barbara Wells from the Salvation Army will be present to collect the gifts and money.