

Intimations:

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

Our Sanctuary is open for worship and we can sing:

We are delighted to report that the sanctuary is open for worship. We are also permitted to sing with facemasks.

If you would prefer to just come along for worship, we have lots of space and if by chance you can't get a seat, we will take your details and pop you on the list for the next week should you wish.

If you turn up on the morning, you will be required to give your details for Test and Protect.

Numbers permitted to attend our services in the sanctuary are now up to 104 and our Social Distancing in the sanctuary is 1m.

Call **07399 950 204** Tuesday to Thursday mornings if you wish to book a place



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. Tea and Coffee is table service, please go to a table and there remove your face covering and wait to be served. Numbers are limited to 28.

The congregation will learn with sadness of the death of Miss Edith Bell, Kinloch View, Linlithgow. At this time, we have no details of her funeral arrangements. We remember Edith's family, friends and loved ones in our prayers.



Choir Practice resumes on Thursday 16th September at 7.30pm in the Sanctuary. New members are always welcome. If you need any information, contact Anne Kirkpatrick 334 5951.

Retiring Collections

Sunday, 19th September - Church of Scotland's National Giving Day - St. Ninian's will hold a retiring collection in aid of those congregations in Edinburgh Presbytery serving communities across Edinburgh that have struggled financially during the pandemic.

Sunday, 3rd October - Harvest - As part of our celebration of Harvest, St. Ninian's Mission Committee is organising a donation to a local foodbank. Further details to follow, but please bring donations of tinned goods and other non-perishable items on that Sunday.

Sunday, 14th November - Remembrance Sunday - As part of St. Ninian's support for refugees, there will be a retiring collection on this Sunday to support those made homeless and stateless by war.

Enterprise Committee Intimation Summer 2021

Due to the current situation with Covid-19 and the likely requirements, it has been decided that there will not be physical Open Gardens this year.

However, with the success of Virtual Open Gardens last year with photos being put on the St. Ninian's website, this will be repeated this year but with the added incentive of a Competition!

New photos of Gardens will not only be put on the "Photos" section of the website, but also be judged such that what are deemed to be the "best" three or four will be displayed on the Home Page. The photos on the Home Page will be anonymous.

Should you wish to be included, please send no more than two photographs, attached to an e-mail, to andrewjjob@outlook.com. Narrative can be included but should you wish your Christian and Surname to be included this will require explicit permission for GDPR requirements; so, Ian Kirkpatrick's Garden would require permission, but Ian's Garden would not. It would not be advisable to include your postal address.

RECRUITMENT OF NATIONAL ASSESSORS by THE CHURCH of SCOTLAND



The Discernment & Assessment processes of the Church rely on the gifts and skills of many. We look to recruit new Assessors into the National Team. A Person Specification is available from the church office. If you are interested or know someone who you think may be interested, please contact the office on 0131 316 4777 or speak to the Session Clerk.

The process starts with an Information Session for all interested, and this will be held on 28th September and conducted via Teams. There are two sessions, one during the day (1000-1200) and one in the evening (1900-2100), however people are only required to attend one of these sessions.

Faith Nurture strives to have a balance between ordained and non-ordained, as well as a gender balance within the pool of assessors. We are looking to connect with anyone who might bring skills from their work/service, in or outside of the Church, that might be interested to serve as an Assessor.

Although being a National Assessor is hugely interesting and a worthwhile task, it can also be a demanding one, in terms of the hours worked, and the pressure under which reports have to be written. You may find it useful when considering this to bear in mind the following:

- Assessors serve for a period of six years
- Assessors need not be Elders but should be a member of the Church of Scotland
- Assessors have to be broadminded, flexible, perceptive, able to work as part of a team, have the acuteness and sensitivity to ask appropriate questions and follow them through
- People whose daily work involves skills of assessment might make good Assessors

Date to register interest is 17 September 2021.