

## Intimations:

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

**Kirk Session meets** on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm in the Burns Hall.

**Elders:** The Quarterly is ready for distribution in the Deacons' Room.

**Life and Work** is available on the table at the west door.

**Tea and Coffee is being served** after the Service in accordance with current Covid Guidance. Following discussion at Deacons' Court tea and coffees are complimentary.

**Clothing for Ukrainians:** Many thanks for the generous donations which you have given already. We shall continue to collect for all ages but it would be useful to have some especially for children and young people. Can you ask in your family if they have any to spare? Thanks for caring about people who are having a hard time. Contact Valerie Thomson (339 6115) with any queries.



### St Columba's 'Coffee Morning':

We have been unable to hold our Annual St Columba's Coffee Mornings over the past 2 years. These events were always well supported. We would like to support their ongoing work and we have set up a JustGiving page. Please consider giving. Thank you.

Link below:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/st-ninians-corstorphine>

**Contact Tracing Scam:** if you receive a text or call to say you have been contact traced and you need to order a testing kit – **this is a scam**. There is no longer any contact tracing. You are no longer required to give contact details when you are out and about.

**The minister will be running a new members' course** in June for anyone who would like to join the church. The course runs over four evenings covering Church Membership, Worship, the Church, and Christian Life and Living. Taking the course doesn't commit participants to joining the church. Anyone who would be interested in taking part in the course, or who would like more information, should contact the minister know on 0131 334 1324 or [JAitken@churchofscotland.org.uk](mailto:JAitken@churchofscotland.org.uk).



## CHRISTIAN AID WEEK RETIRING COLLECTION SUNDAY 15 MAY 2022

Christian Aid Week 2022 runs from 15-21 May. Join us this Christian Aid Week, helping to turn hunger into hope.

In Zimbabwe, the climate crisis is causing aching hunger for families like Jessica's. The combined effects of Covid-19 pandemic, conflict, and drought have robbed her of the power to provide for her children. 7,000 miles away, the war in Ukraine is driving up food prices in Zimbabwe, and around the globe. Ukraine and Russia produce fertiliser and food (like wheat and cooking oil) leading to vulnerable families being pushed even deeper into hunger.

Your gifts this Christian Aid Week could help Jessica set up water taps on her farm, learn to grow food and provide seeds that thrive in drought, thereby giving her all she needs to turn her dry, dusty land into a garden of hope.

Please donate, act and pray your way through Christian Aid Week. You can donate in one of three ways -

1. Put cash or a cheque (made payable to St. Ninian's Church) in the **BIG RED CHRISTIAN AID BUCKETS** at the church doors on Sun 15 May. If you wish to add Gift Aid then put your donation into one of the Christian Aid envelopes (available at the Church doors) and complete the tear off slip for Gift Aid before placing it in the bucket.
2. Send a cheque (payable to St. Ninian's Church) to St Ninian's Church at 144 St John's Road, Edinburgh EH12 8AY
3. Donate through JustGiving using the link below  
[www.justgiving.com/fundraising/corstorphinestninians3](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/corstorphinestninians3)

Unfortunately, we are still unable to carry out either our House-to-House Collections or the Forth Bridge Walk. However we hope to take part in the virtual Kiltwalk on 8 October 2022 (same route as last year) and -

**A Christian Aid Quiz (£1) will be on sale in the Crush Hall at the end of the service today and next Sunday. Entries to be returned by 31<sup>st</sup> May 2022. There will be a small prize for the winning entry.**

Thank you for your support of Christian Aid

Alec Millar [alec.w.millar@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:alec.w.millar@blueyonder.co.uk) or 334 1471.

## Update on Covid restrictions

We are no longer required *by law* to wear masks in Church but if you feel comfortable doing so then please continue.

Please remain aware of those around you. Test & Protect registration is discontinued. Entrance & Exit to and from the church is via any door.

Hand sanitiser will continue to be available.

Alternate pews will still be used but there will be no restriction on the number of people using the 'open pews'.

Members of the congregation are still asked to respect social distancing especially when moving around the sanctuary, but the one-way system will be stopped.

Offering boxes will remain instead of returning to the pew collection.

Stewards will continue to manage the welcome to the church. On exit Stewards will be at the front, east and west doors.

The restrictions we are currently using will remain in place for now.

Any questions on the updated guidance, please contact members of the church recovery group: James Aitken, Anne Bryce, Fiona Coutts, Andrew Job, Gillian McDonald, Derek MacGillivray, Alister McGlashan.

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**Our Toddler groups** are now open on Tuesday and Friday mornings from 10am to 11.30am in the Martin Shields Hall. For details of how to attend please email the office [office@st-ninians.co.uk](mailto:office@st-ninians.co.uk)

# Sunday School Water Challenge for Christian Aid:



To raise funds for Christian Aid the Primary Sunday School are going to do a sponsored Water Challenge.

**On Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May** for 10/15 minutes, we would challenge the children as a group to transfer water from one bucket to another by egg cup either in the garden or the carpark. To make it a bit more interesting we would build an obstacle course to highlight the challenges that many face across the world to simply get water.

**This morning** in the Crush Hall we have a grid where we ask you, members of the congregation, for a fee/donation, to guess how much water we can transfer, and the winner would be the person whose guess is the closest to what we transfer?

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