The minister may be contacted on 0131 334 1324.

Elders: At the November Kirk Session meeting we agreed to meet as a Kirk Session again on Wednesday, 21st February at 7:30pm for normal business. There was mention of meeting on 7th February but this is not necessary. All matters can be adequately dealt with at our regular meeting on the 21st February.

Spring Quarterly: Please can any submission for the Spring Quarterly be provided by 31st January to simone hislop@blueyonder.co.uk.

The Guild: there is no meeting on Tuesday 30th but we shall be back on 6th February, the date of our anniversary, when we shall share tales from 1940 the year that our Guild started.

Conversazione meets on Wednesday 31st January in the Lounge at 12.30pm. Bring your own lunch and enjoy some chat! If you interested in attending contact Douglas Ramsay on 334 5599 or just come along.



Christian Aid: The final amount raised over 2023 was £10,362.11 – many thanks to all who contributed.

District Elders - Pastoral Care Survey:

At the November Kirk Session there was a discussion on the elders' districts, the number of districts which have no elder, and inconsistency in the number of members in each district. It was agreed that we would do a survey of pastoral care needs per district before looking to adjust the size of the districts.

I am therefore asking all district elders to complete the survey form on the Pastoral Care needs of members in their district, which has been placed in your church pigeonhole.

Please can all completed forms be returned to me by **Wednesday 31st January.** Please let me know if you have any questions or queries or if I can help in any way. Many thanks, Fiona Coutts.

CrossReach: the Prayer Diary is available at each door. The latest News is on the board in the Crush Hall. Valerie Thomson, CrossReach rep.

The funeral of Mr James McKean will take place here in St Ninian's on Tuesday 30th January at 11.45am. We remember Jim's family and loved ones in our prayers.

St. Columba's Hospice: Our annual coffee morning is to be held on Saturday 9th March 2024, from 10 am till noon. If you would be interested in helping please speak to Margaret Hunter 339 6262.

If you have any unwanted books in reasonable condition (particularly paperbacks) which you would like to donate to the book stall at the Hospice Coffee Morning on 9th March, please leave them in the bins at the doors of the church (or contact Susanne Hope (334 2489)) between now and 8th March. Children's books are also most welcome. Thank you.

Rock Trust: Between October and December 2023, **436** items of food and toiletries were delivered to the Rock Trust. Many thanks for your continuing generosity which is greatly appreciated. All types of tinned and packet foods are welcome but no fresh food, please.

Proposed Development of land at corner of St John's Road and Manse Road.

There will be an exhibition of a proposal by Northcare (Scotland) before submission of a planning application. The exhibition takes place at the Corstorphine Community Centre, Kirk Loan on Wednesday 31st January from 2pm to 7pm.

See the notice on our notice board in the Crush Hall for full details. There will be another consultation event on Wednesday 28th February. Or visit www.northcare-manse.co.uk

Church Administrator St David's Carrick Knowe

On the 1st of March 2024 the congregations of St David's Broomhouse and Carrick Knowe will unite to become St David's Carrick Knowe.

We are seeking a Church Administrator to be the public face of our new congregation, providing administrative and communication support to our church communities.

The post will be based in Carrick Knowe Parish Church. This post is a pivotal role in our church life for which we see a continuing need. The post is a part time post of 10 hours per week. Remuneration will be £15 per hour - £150.00 per week.

Further information including how to apply and a job description can be obtained from:

Rev Fiona Mathieson, <u>fmathieson@churchofscotland.org.uk</u> 07895184022 or <u>finlay.buchanan@gmail.com</u>

Closing date for applications is Thursday 1st of February 2024 at 12 Noon.