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Newsletter

The past few months have been an extraordinary time in all of our lives. It has touched everyone of us, as individuals, families and friends. I have often used the phrase – If you want to make God laugh, then show him your plans! While few of us have had cause to laugh about the pandemic currently afflicting this planet, there have been many uplifting moments – friendship, community, the wonder of nature, a slower pace. Limekilns Church has always been important to the community, and in recent years our renovated building has created new opportunities for many. Although the doors of the building are currently closed, the work of the church goes on, seeking out ways to be of continuing support and adapting the ways that we communicate. With the doors shut we have significantly reduced income from Weekly Services, Hall Hire, and the Tea Room. It seems likely that this year we will have an unsustainable deficit of around £10,000. To help us continue to serve the community we are making a special appeal to the community, for donations large and small to help us continue our work across the parish as part of this wonderful community of Limekilns, Charlestown, Crombie and Pattiesmuir.



The Church doors may have been shut - but we have been busy!



Have you discovered our **Sunday Services on Zoom** every Sunday at the usual time, but from the comfort of your own sofa, kitchen table, back garden? Like other churches, we have found new ways to worship together, even though we are kept apart physically. If you would like to join us check the website, or Facebook page for the weekly invitation. This has been one of the big changes for outreach, and may continue in some form after the virus has gone.

Sunshine bags: Two years ago, during another summer of sunny days we invited our members to take a 'Sunshine Bag', within which a little poem invited you to pop a penny in (silver coins were also encouraged!) every day the sun shone. These little bags raised hundreds of pounds for the church. We will be inviting you to join in with these bags again, and hopefully when the church is properly open, we can gather in all the 'pennies'.

And we haven't forgotten our mission to young people. The **Messy Church** Team have been organising activities, starting with the Sunflower Challenge, through Birthday Parties, and other fun stuff. Watch out for new material on the website every month.

An important part of our outreach has been to support the wonderful staff at the **Bruce Arms** and at the **Sutlery**, in the delivery of additional food parcels to those in need across the parish. Using money from a legacy, supplemented by a grant from the COVID WELLBEING FUND, the church has helped to fund the delivery of around 35 parcels every fortnight. These gifts are extending our outreach in a way we have not experienced in recent years, and with further economic challenges for many families in the months ahead, this support may become even more important. **Please let the Bruce, the Sutlery or ourselves know of folk in need.**



The church has always enjoyed sharing our church flowers, with those we are thinking of during difficult or sometimes special times. There are so many people to think of at the moment – those who are struggling, those who are lonely and those who have been inspiring in the care they have shown. So the church has been using the Flower Fund to provide **Flowers of Cheer**, perhaps eight bunches each week, to bring surprise smiles to faces across our villages. There has been real appreciation for these surprises, especially amongst those working in the NHS. If you know of someone we can give a smile to, please tell us!

BUT TO CONTINUE ALL OF THIS WORK, WE NEED TO RAISE FUNDS Can you Help us please? How to donate : You can provide financial support in the following ways. By going to the Church Website and click on **Donate Now**, by direct bank transfer, or by **cheque**. If you would like details of the Church Bank Account for a **direct payment**, please contact the office by phone and leave a message or by email to treasurer@limekilnschurch.org. Please remember that you can also donate £5 or £10 at anytime by texting CHURCHFIVE or CHURCHTEN to 70085"

Thank You!