



## Message from Minister

Dear friends, during these last two months we have been learning to live in a very different way. As the year began, we had no idea what was ahead. Even as the outbreak of coronavirus reached our shores we had no idea how our lives would change. Family life, community life, work life and church life have all changed beyond recognition.

I jokingly said to a friend that I am in danger of becoming a 21<sup>st</sup> century minister now that I am using all kinds of media for worship and communication. It is not only how we do things that has changed. In a recent poll the majority of those asked said they did not want life to return to what it was before lockdown. Not everything about these last months has been bad. This has been the opportunity to reassess life. We have discovered that some things in life pre-lockdown are not what we want to go back to, and there were some things we did not value enough.

We do not and cannot know what the future will hold. We can hope and we can pray for better times. We can also decide to live by lessons learned during these times.

Take care and keep praying.  
Yours, Norman

## Donating to the Church –

Like any charity, the church needs funding to carry out its work. With the closure of the church, we have lost a significant stream of our weekly income from the collection plate. We are setting up a Just Giving page which will soon be found on the website, and have also created an option to Donate By Text. Please support our work by texting CHURCHFIVE or CHURCHTEN to 70085, to give £5 of £10 respectively. It is very easy to do, and there is an additional gift aid option, which also helps.

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“Alone, we can do so little; together, we can do so much” – Helen Keller.

## College Club

While we are all experiencing such unusual times college club are pleased to say all our members are doing fine. As the age group is mainly 80 to 90 years, they have been through so much more than we are coping with at the moment. How we now appreciate some of the events during the long years of the war!

The helpers and committee have been keeping in touch with members. If there is anyone who needs help please call us.

We will see them all soon . . . . *Caroline*

## From Cllr. Tony Orton

On behalf of the community, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the partnership of the following local organisations for the essential food distribution to the community: the Sutlery in Charlestown, the Bruce Arms in Limekilns and Limekilns Church.

Normal Fife Council meetings have been cancelled, although some meetings are now taking place by electronic means. In this very unusual time, my best value to the community is that I have access to the Council Officers who can resolve your issues – many of whom are working from home. If you have any pressing issues, I will do my best to resolve them for you.

Stay Safe and please feel free to contact me as follows:  
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## MESSY CHURCH: From Karen

For April Messy Church we decided to do a **Sow-a-Sunflower Challenge**. The theme was around-“Growing” and we looked at the story of the mustard seed, with Norman telling us the story on the church web-site:

[www.limekilnschurch.org](http://www.limekilnschurch.org)

This month we will be looking at Pentecost, and celebrating the birth of the church. We are hoping to use both the church web-site and the church face-book page. So keep a look out! If you want to be kept in the loop just e-mail me: [kpcg56@live.co.uk](mailto:kpcg56@live.co.uk) and I will pass things on to you.

Keep safe and stay positive!

## Girlguiding and Scouting...

### Lockdown Park Bench Badge Hunt

With lockdown still with us, Girlguiding and Scouting units are not able to meet as normal. While out on my daily exercise around the village, I came up with the idea of doing something ‘normal’ – in guiding and scouting – while still sticking with the lockdown rules.

Both guiding and scouting have lots of fun out of doors, and a map based treasure hunt to follow while out on daily exercise seemed like a great idea. Brownie badges were secured to public park benches around Limekilns, Charlestown, Crombie and Pattiesmuir and the treasure hunt opened to members of Girlguiding and Scouting, as well as to the wider village population through the village notice board page on Facebook. Lots of families took part, exploring new parts of the villages and following clues and grid references to find the badges.

Congratulations go to Jack and Tom Millar-Doughty, Maggie McFarlane-Aldous, and Struan and Eilidh Piatkowski (and their parents) who succeeded in finding all 21 badges. A prize was delivered to all 5. Well done to everyone else who took part. Watch this space as there might be another treasure hunt coming soon!

*Sue Walker*

THE CHURCH BUILDING MAY BE CLOSED but please remember that both Norman and Karen are still here for you. Please never be stuck, we are only a phone call away..872341.