

Dear Fellow Church Member,

Here is the latest news from around West Glasgow New Church.

**Family Zoom Service - Sunday 17th** This will Jamie Reid will introduce a service featuring contributors from around the church. Stuart Mitchell will deliver a short message to introduce some of the themes in 2 Timothy 2 - it will be worthwhile to read this chapter in advance of his talk. There will be the usual interactive elements for children (and grown ups). Please tune in via Zoom at: <https://zoom.us/j/747014611> . Last week the simultaneous transmission via Facebook did not work - it appears Facebook are blocking zoom streams. We are investigating other ways of putting content on the Facebook page but in the meantime we'd like to apologise to those of you who preferred to use this method than Zoom.

**Breaking of Bread Service** This week Mary and Ian Smith will be introducing the service using the theme 'I am the Door'. Join the service any time from 6.50 here: <https://zoom.us/j/92531482724?pwd=cUhJTllrTCtINklnQkM2c0trd2F3UT09> . If you already have Zoom installed on your device then you can also join using the meeting Id: 925 3148 2724 and with the password: 901087. Please note that if you prefer, you do not need to have your camera switched on for this service - it works just as well joining via audio only and you may even get better sound quality this way.

**Church Giving** Over the past two weeks, we have been challenged by the question "Who is our neighbour?" as Leanne Cleland introduced Christian aid week and as John Candy highlighted the plight of workers in India. In response to the current situation, both at home and abroad, we propose to make some gifts to express support for those in difficult circumstances. A gift of £3000 will be made to Tear Fund, our natural partner in international aid. In line with our commitment to CAP, £1000 will be reserved for immediate support of

those who respond from the west of Glasgow to the newly relaunched helpline. In addition, £2000 has been set aside to support local initiatives in the Whiteinch area. The particular beneficiaries will be decided in the light of current decisions on who may, and who may not, be receiving funding from the Scottish Government. We hope you will approve of these gifts.

### **Church-wide quiz**

Details will be announced soon - likely to be a Friday or Saturday night in the next 3 weeks. Quizzes work very well remotely and we are grateful to the pastoral team who are putting this together.

### **Prayer Points**

- Evidence is emerging that the disease hits communities that are poor and/or have a high population of ethnic minorities the hardest. These are characteristics of our neighbourhood around the Summerfield Centre. Pray for the charitable institutions working in this area to meet the needs of families that are being worst affected. Give thanks for the opportunity to give financially to charities that are providing relief in Glasgow and around the world.
- Pray for wisdom among our various political leaders as they balance the need to sustain the economy with protecting public health. These issues are intertwined and there are probably few easy or palatable answers.
- Pray for children and young people in our church and beyond who have lost several weeks of schooling, have friendships on pause and who may even be in unsafe home environments for sustained periods.

With all the love of Christ,  
The WGNC Leadership Team