

A message from our Moderator Jacqueline Thomson DCS 7<sup>th</sup> April 2020.

Good afternoon, this morning it was important for me to travel to Kirkcaldy. When I arrived there a person was walking along the road wearing black trousers, jacket and a top hat. Strange attire you might well say for 9am in the morning, however, I was further challenged by the sight of this person as they turned around to notice that the person, and I could not say either if they were male or female was wearing a full face raven mask! Perhaps you also saw this person this morning. I share my sightings with you to illustrate that these are some of the extra-ordinary length's people are going to in their aim to protect themselves from the Coronavirus. People are terrified about catching the disease.

As a Church we want to comfort these people in their anxiety and if we can help them to stay safe. In the community of Levenmouth several hundreds of leaflets were distributed offering details of local organisations who might be able to assist in such times as these the Churches included.

As a Church family we offer ourselves to the service of others in so many ways. By being a voice that will listen to numerous questions asked of us, or more practically by being able to support by delivering medicine or items of food and by being a comfort to those who have recently been bereaved. We do whatever we can.

On this Tuesday of Holy Week online and on Face Book our Churches will offer times of worship which will include considering again the situation of how the conspiracies to entrap Jesus escalated and Jesus was questioned by the members of the Sanhedrin. Jesus was asked who he was and where did he fit in to the city of Jerusalem. Jesus was unsettled by the many questions that were asked of him. However, despite all the questioning and the cost to himself Jesus continued his journey which led to the cross, for our sake.

In the days ahead I want you to know that I will be holding you all in my thoughts and prayers as you hold onto doing what feels right for you. Serving God, either by preparing worship services or by being a practical help to your neighbour in need or both.

These are difficult times, but in our unity and our support of one another we will get through them. In respect of the restrictions upon us I am aware many people feel isolated, in respect of this I am offering an opportunity to

everyone who is a member of our Presbytery to chat with me personally for a short time on Skype. Details of how to do this are detailed below.

Till we chat or meet up again take care, and as our service to God continues, may God help us all to offer this faithfully every moment of every day to the glory of his name. Amen.

Lord Jesus Christ as we remember your journey through Holy Week we are reminded that you did not take the easy way, the path of popular acclaim. Rather you took the way of truth, love and service and you followed it faithfully, undeterred by the consequences intent on serving others rather than yourself. Father we thank you for your love and compassion and we ask for your forgiveness for our willingness to compromise even when we know the way we ought to take. Lord remind us that you refused to count the cost and give us courage to walk the way of discipleship and by your grace to stay true to you.

Lord of all the world help us to glorify your name as we give thanks for all who do medical research and all who work for the health and well-being of our world. We remember to you all who are in pain or distress, those who are ill at home or in hospital let your presence bring comfort to the suffering, may they know your love and care.

Holy and strong God we offer you our thanks for the power of the resurrection and that you offer us life eternal. We remember all who have lost loved ones this week and we pray for our loved ones departed. Merciful Father accept these prayers for the sake of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

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