

Meetings on Zoom.

It has been so encouraging to see so many joining our various online meetings on Zoom. We don't want anyone to miss out on the opportunity to join with us. If you have had problems that mean you have not been able to connect and you use a PC, then feel free to drop Ivor a call or e-mail and he will try to get it going for you. Unfortunately, he is not familiar with Apple products so can't help there.



Basic Series

Over the next two Wednesdays we shall be concluding the Basic Series with Francis Chan from 7- 8.15 pm. Each of these sessions will start with a video clip, followed with questions in small groups and then prayer. The remaining Basic Series sessions are:

#6 Prayer on 6/5

#7 Communion on 13/5

Zoom Meeting connection details are:

<https://zoom.us/j/3870488154?pwd=Snk2N3MwWFg0Y0pqRjJSK2l6OCswZz09>

Meeting ID: 387 048 8154 / Password: 700304 / Telephone access: 0131 460 1196
United Kingdom



The Prayer Course by Pete Greig/Lectio365 app

Many of us were hugely blessed by studying The Prayer Course last year in our small groups. The Lectio 365 app (free to download on your phone) is a daily 8 min devotional produced by the same 24/7 Prayer organisation responsible for The Prayer Course. For the next five weeks till Pentecost, the App is covering the different types of prayers we used in the Prayer Course while walking through The Lord's Prayer. If

you have ever wanted help in developing a deep, more contemplative daily prayer time, you might find Lectio 365 app really helpful.



Pentecost Prayer

You are invited to participate in an hour of prayer anytime during the week from Monday 25th May through to 10 am on the morning of Sunday 31st May, which is Pentecost. It will be a time to cry out to God for his Spirit to fall upon Scotland afresh. A Doodle Poll will be opened up next week for you to sign up to a particular hour of the week and we will explain nearer the time what prayer material we will encourage people to use for their hour of prayer.



The Lockdown Quiz!

Everyone is invited to take part by Zoom in a light-hearted team quiz on Saturday 16th May at 7.30 pm. All you need to do is sign in on the night (Pastor John will send round details by email) and you will be allocated a team. There will be rounds on such topics as General Knowledge, Sport, Music, Geography etc. The idea is simply to have a bit of fun and togetherness for an hour or so.



The Marriage Sessions

Maybe some of you are taking time to invest in family relationships as we continue with lockdown? Care for the Family have a 4 session marriage course which they are making available online for free. If you are interested, please read the information on their website. The course starts on 11th May. You need to register on their website via Eventbrite and then they will be able to send additional resources to complement the videos. If you do register, it would be helpful to let Joe in the office know and it might be possible to do a 'virtual meet' for those attending to share experiences at the end of the course.

<https://www.careforthefamily.org.uk/courses/marriage-courses-the-marriage-sessions>



Virtual Barista

A reminder that our Virtual Barista runs on Zoom every Wednesday from 2 till 3 pm. All are welcome! Connection details are below: -

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We rejoice with Henry and Rosanne Semple, who this week celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary! Much love from all at BBC on this amazing milestone in the life of a wonderful couple. May you both continue to know God's grace, and experience His presence day by day.





Prayer Points for this week

Church Family

- Give thanks for the technology that is enabling us to meet virtually to worship and to chat and keep in touch.
- Pray for those in our church family who are finding the extension of the lockdown difficult and the isolation that it brings.
- Pray for those who might be facing financial difficulties due to the lack of employment or due to furlough as well as the prospect of the lack of work for new graduates.

Education

- Give thanks for the online learning tools and other resources that are enabling education to continue despite the lockdown.
- Pray for teachers still working in schools, teaching children of key workers, and for those whose home background means they are safer in school.
- Pray for parents who are learning how to home school, for patience and energy to keep going.



An invitation

Kirsty Buchan has asked whether anyone would be interested in joining a virtual small group, which meets on Thursday evening from 8-9 pm. They are planning on starting the prayer course, which the other small groups have done, and would meet once a week.

The group consists of Mairi Nasr, Isabel & Simon Irving, Rachel & John Tainsh and Kirsty.

Once lockdown is over, the plan would be to revert to meeting fortnightly on a Sunday, during the early evening, to accommodate the people with children.

Hopefully people will feel free to join and cross that bridge once we come to it since that could be some time away! Please contact Kirsty directly if this would be of interest to you.