

# *Edenshead Parish Church Newsletter*

## *Summer 2021*

Hello

We have been so long out of our “normal” routine that it feels as if we have had no news to share!

It seems like it is time now to recap on what *has* been happening and what is up ahead, so we have a little newsletter for you.....

Probably the biggest thing is the completion of the work in the church hall. The dry rot is gone, and the hall now looks like it did before. It is freshly painted and there are new super-efficient lights but that is the only clue to the fact that £68,000 has been spent on it!

We were able to raise £22,000 in grants with £5,000 from Fife Council, £5,000 from Fife Environment Trust and £11,000 from the Todd Bequest, so that did help. We had hoped to be able to claim back the VAT but in looking at the criteria, we were unfortunately not eligible for that.

A group of church members offered to do some local fundraising for the Hall Repair Fund and organised several events including the Easter Daffodils which made a lovely display. There were also two Zoom quizzes which were good fun, and a Pop-up Takeaway Coffee Morning on Burnside which was a well-attended and friendly event where we met lots of people who would probably never have come into the hall for coffee. The annual, traditional Sponsored Walk also took place with people doing it in their own groups in their own time wherever they felt comfortable doing it.

The cumulative total from these events and personal donations was an amazing £4,150. A huge thank you to everyone who helped in any way.

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**Interim Moderator: Rev Margaret Rose. Tel 01333 312838**

## Changes in Church as Covid-19 restrictions ease....

Since the last reduction in restrictions, we have been able to sing in church but still wearing masks.

We have also been socially distanced at 2 metres.

From 19 July this distance moves down to **1 metre**, but we must still wear masks.

Tea and Coffee after worship is allowed but members must stay seated and be served in their seats. This may be considered after discussions – let us know what you think.

At the last meeting of the Kirk Session, our Interim Moderator, Rev Margaret Rose, announced that she would be standing down as of 1 September. Margaret has been with us for three years as well as a short spell when Jim Redpath went off ill in 2015.



Another person will be appointed to the task of “looking after” us and moderating Kirk Session meetings. As yet, we don’t know who that will be.

**The next Kirk Session meeting, and the last with Rev Margaret Rose, will be on Tuesday 10 August at 7.30pm in the church building.**

## Worship on the Website

“Worship” can be found on the website and will be led every second week by either Elspeth Smith or Kay and Rod McCall.

If you can, visit the website [www.edensheadparishchurch.co.uk](http://www.edensheadparishchurch.co.uk) where you can join in with the services recorded on video and sing along without wearing your mask!

You can revisit all the other weekly worship which has been supplied by Rev Susan Thorburn our Mission Development Worker.

**Please take time to read the leaflet which is delivered with this newsletter – it is important that you know what is happening.**