

Edenshead Parish Church

Newsletter – November 2020

Breaking news!

We now have an Edenshead Church website...the address is

www.edensheadparishchurch.co.uk

After spending quite a bit of time, and navigating a steep learning curve, the new website is up and running – have a look if you are able. It is a “work in progress” with room for improvement.

If you can have a look, your comments would be very welcome. Let us know if you notice a mistake or if there is something you would like to see included. You can use the “contact” page to send a message.

One of the reasons for doing this now is to have a way of sharing the Sunday services which are being recorded.

The next stage will be to make video recordings – but that is another learning curve!

Christmas Card

It has been decided that the usual Church Christmas card will not be sent out this year. With no Christmas events happening and therefore no dates to share, there was nothing to put in it! It is also sensible to avoid Elders being out and about to every door in their districts.

Manse

The manse now has new tenants who moved in at the end of September. If you see them coming and going say “Hello”!

Hall Dry Rot (See more photos on back page)

This is an ongoing issue, unfortunately.

Quotes are being assessed by the architect to enable us to make a decision comparing like with like.

Because the costs could potentially be around £60,000 we are laboriously filling in funding applications for various grant giving bodies who might be able to help.

It is a difficult time to be applying for funding because these charitable organisations have lost income themselves and their main focus is now on Covid-19 related applications.

But there is a Catch-22 situation too, where applications will not be considered if work has already begun. This means that work will probably not be able to start until early 2021 to allow some time for applications to be submitted and responses received.



This piece of wood used to run along the top of the wall!

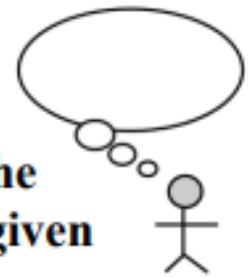
Local Fundraising for Hall Repairs

If these were normal times, we would be having coffee mornings, concerts, and raffles etc. If only we could do these three things, we could easily expect to raise at least £1,000. And probably do them more than once.

We've missed so many coffee mornings this year not to mention a concert or two including Tullis Russell. The Guild have missed all their meetings too. So many times when we would have enjoyed being together and sharing fellowship.

However, do you think we could have “virtual” coffee mornings, concerts and raffles?

Could we imagine we were there and put aside the money we might have spent at each event to be given to the Hall Repair Fund?



Donations could be made by bank transfer, using “Hall Repair” as the reference to:- Edenshead Parish Church of Scotland at Bank of Scotland, Sort code 80 06 26 Account no. 00136638 or simply contact Rod on 827001 or Brian on 828386 to discuss...

In addition, if the giver pays UK tax, the donation could be enhanced by 20% through Gift Aid. This simply requires name and address and is a great way to make givings extra worthwhile.

This a real challenge we are faced with in very difficult times. Has anybody out there got suggestions for fundraising?

All ideas very welcome no matter how off the wall!!

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the full extent of
the problem.*