

News from the Kirk Session and around the Church.

The Kirk Session met earlier this month and discussed a number of issues including reviewing our **Financial Policy** and setting a **budget** for this coming year. If anyone would like to see our Financial Policy, please ask Ian, Fiona Douglas (the Session Clerk) or one of the other elders. The Session noted that, like many other organisations, our costs are going up but our income is expected to fall. It is likely that we will have to use a substantial part of our reserves in this coming year. The Congregation Annual Meeting will take place soon at which more information will be given. In the meantime, the Kirk Session have a duty to remind the congregation of the need for us all to share in the financing of the church.

They also discussed the future of the church within the context of the **Presbytery Plan**. Whilst this is an ongoing discussion, the Kirk Session felt that they needed to pause the process of appointing **new elders** whilst they gave the matter further thought and prayer.

Earlier in the month a **congregational meeting** had taken place after a service in the Community Centre to give everyone a chance to be part of the conversation. At that meeting the draft of a policy on dealing with difficult behaviour at church services was made available. The Kirk Session discussed and adopted this policy at their meeting and it is available to anyone who want to see it.

At the meeting of the congregation a discussion took place about some of the changes to the formats of our services since COVID. The Kirk Session are continuing to reflect upon this.



On the first Sunday in March we held our first **litter pick** of the year. These are organised by Sharron Forsyth and are a way of not only blessing our community but bringing together members of the church and the wider community to work together. The litter picks will take place on the first Sunday of every month after the service in the Community Centre.

Last year we help successful **Lunch Clubs** for families in the summer and October holidays and we are doing the same over the Easter holidays. On the Mondays and Fridays of the two week school break, children and parents will be able to come to the Community Centre to do crafts, play games, enjoy good company and eat a hot meal. Aberdeen City Council have given us a grant so that we can run these events. We are also running a similar “Fun Day” on **Easter Saturday** with an Easter Egg Hunt, crafts and a free café from 1 till 3pm. Do come along and join us if you can.

In the run up to **Mothering Sunday**, Helen Dray made over 100 lavender filled hearts which were handed out to members of the community with a message of love from the church.



And finally, looking forward to **Easter**, please do join us at our Easter services:
Palm Sunday services in Woodhill Court and Cairncry Centre
Maundy Thursday service in Stocket Grange at 7.00pm
Easter Morning service in Cairncry Centre followed by a picnic in Victoria Park