# The Link

### The Weekly Newsletter for St. Cyprian's Church, Lenzie 6<sup>th</sup> December 2020

## Each Sunday at the moment we have a Eucharist at 10.30am.

For those who don't feel they can join us at this time, the service will be streamed on Zoom at the same time. How to get into the streamed service is circulated by E.mail during the week, and is also posted on our website.

Each Sunday we are creating a short special online service. It should be available on Sundays. The easiest way to "find" it is to go to the front of our website and simply click on the panel.

#### https://stcyprianslenzie.com

The video will also be on social media, particularly our facebook page, as well as other local facebook pages.

If you would like to get something into the Link please let our Rector Les Ireland know on 0141-776 3866 or e-mail rector@stcyprianslenzie.com by teatime on Wednesday evenings. Thanks.

Please note, for the foreseeable future the Link – our weekly newsletter – will only be available online. If someone wants a paper version, we are happy to print one off and get it to you. Just contact the Rector.

Would you like the opportunity to give something for those people who will be struggling this year? We will have a box in church for the 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> December to receive things for the Kirkintilloch Foodbank. Please – packet, tinned or boxed food. Secondly toiletries – toothpaste, shampoo, soap etc. And maybe a chance to pass on something more festive, or perhaps luxurious......

Through these difficult times we are keen that people don't feel isolated or in need. If you need any help, or simply want to chat to someone, feel free to phone the Rector at any time on 0141 776 3866.

#### **PRAYERS** -

**ANGLICAN:** The Reformed Episcopal Church of Spain and their Bishop: The Rt Rev Carlos Lopez-Lozano.

**DIOCESAN:** St. John the Evangelist, Annan; St. John the Evangelist Eastriggs; All Saints, Gretna (Martin Callaghan, Melvyn Rodgers); All Saints, Lockerbie, St John the Evangelist, Moffat (Paul Singh, John Stevenson).

7<sup>th</sup> : Success of the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence.

8<sup>th</sup>: Poorvoo Link: The Church of Sweden.

9<sup>th</sup> : St. Cyprian's Mothers' Union.

10<sup>th</sup> : "Women's Aid, helping those affected by Domestic abuse.

11<sup>th</sup> : The National Meningitus Trust.

12<sup>th</sup>: Those affected by visual and/or aural impairment.

Please pray for these people: Bob And Gill Anderson; Shaunda Day, Justina Oguogu; Kennedy Fraser; Duncan and Shona Naysmith; Jean McLean and her mother; Jean Dick, Pam Bently; Jean Kinnon, Margaret Conway; Susan Frost; Alan Paterson; Doreen Rendell; Karen Rose; and those whose names are in the "Prayer Book" at the back of church.

I,m really sorry, but I have to ask people not to leave Christmas Cards in church this year with Covid-19 restrictions. I know this is difficult as people may not have addresses of others in church, and we are not allowed to give addresses out. This is what I plan:

I will put a box in church for people to put Christmas cards in for those you cannot post or give directly. Please put a stamp on them. I will then address them myself from our records and post them. I hope that helps.

#### Readings set for 6<sup>th</sup> December (Advent 2):

Isaiah 40:1-11; Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13; 2Peter 3:8-15; Mark 1:1-8

**Collect:** Almighty God, who sent your servant John the Baptist to prepare your people to welcome the Messiah, inspire us, the ministers and stewards of your truth, to turn our disobedient hearts to you, that when the Christ shall come again to be our judge, we may stand with confidence before his glory; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.