

WELCOME

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General Assembly Week

Tomorrow, Saturday May 16, should have been the first day of the 2020 General Assembly of the Church of Scotland. The installation of the Rev Dr Martin Fair will take place in the General Assembly Hall at 11am, with only a handful of people present. A series of proposals deemed urgent but uncontroversial, including three presbytery mergers, which have been considered by members of a virtual Commission of Assembly, are also expected to be approved.

On Sunday, a **virtual Heart and Soul**, the annual celebration of the life of the Church, will be broadcast from 2pm. This will include worship and conversation, with participants such as Fischy Music, journalist Hugh Pym, Prof Jason Leitch, the national clinical director of the Scottish Government and Viv Dickenson, chief executive of CrossReach. Both Saturday's ceremony and Heart and Soul will be available to watch at www.churchofscotland.org.uk or the Church's [Facebook page](#).

On Friday, May 22, a **webinar** is to be held at which Dave Kendall, chief officer, and the Very Rev Dr John Chalmers, convener of the Assembly Trustees, will provide updates on the challenges facing the church and steps being taken. Details on how to sign up will be issued next week.

Marathon Effort for Christian Aid



A Church of Scotland minister is running 300km—about the equivalent of Glasgow to Inverness—during May to support Christian Aid. The Rev Dr Martin Johnstone will run 10km a day for 30 days. You can support him at www.justgiving.com/fundraising/martin-johnstone3

This week is Christian Aid Week, and with traditional door-to-door collections and other fundraising events impossible, supporters have responded with a 'virtual Christian Aid Week'. Find out more at www.christianaid.org.uk/get-involved-locally/scotland/christian-aid-week

Moderator's Quiz

The Rev Dr Martin Fair will spend his first evening as Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland hosting an online quiz in aid of Christian Aid. The quiz starts on Saturday evening (May 16) at 8pm on [Dr Fair's Facebook page](#).

Course on Ministry in Lockdown

Trinity College at the University of Glasgow is to host a free six-week 'community of practice' for ministers and deacons of the Church of Scotland to discuss issues around ministering in a time of disruption. For more details contact the Rev Dr Mark Johnston on mark.johnston.2@glasgow.ac.uk

Copyright and Licencing

The Resourcing Worship team in the Church of Scotland has issued a guide to copyright and licencing issues around the use of music in online worship. You can download it from www.resourcingmission.org.uk/worship/online-worship

Tour de Manse

Another minister involved in fundraising, the Rev Barry Hughes of St Mark's Stirling, has embarked on a 'Tour de Manse', cycling around 55km a day on a turbo trainer in his garage. The ride is in aid of Home Start Stirling. You can see his fundraising page at <https://bit.ly/2y4qFXD>

Covid-19 Resources

The Church of Scotland has a series of guides for churches on operating during the Coronavirus Covid-19 lockdown, including looking after buildings, online worship, safe use of social media and videoconferencing, guidance for churches with employees, providing pastoral care, funerals and more at www.churchofscotland.org.uk/resources/covid-19-coronavirus-advice

There is a list of churches which provide online services at www.churchofscotland.org.uk/worship/services-online