

WELCOME

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Churches Join in Worship for Pentecost



Congregations across Scotland will be joining together this Sunday - remotely - for a special Pentecost service hosted by the Moderator of the General Assembly, the Rt Rev Dr Martin Fair.

Dr Fair is encouraging congregations and people of faith across Scotland, and beyond, to join together in worship as a whole church.

“Pentecost Sunday is an opportunity to rejoice in the birth of the church and to celebrate our togetherness as a church family,” Dr Fair said. “It was the coming of the Spirit upon those first disciples that brought the church to life, with power and passion - and the same Spirit unites us still.”

The service will be available on the Church of Scotland website and Facebook page from 10am on Sunday. There will also be an audio version of the spoken parts of the service available by phoning 0131 378 7895.

Call to Prayer

Churches across Scotland have again come together to urge Christians to join in prayer at 7pm on Sunday.

This week, 14 Christian churches and organisations across the country, including the Church of Scotland, have co-signed the letter calling for prayer.

The suggested prayer is available at bit.ly/36OrUY1 and is also available in Gaelic.

Presbytery Merger Service

The merger of Aberdeen and Shetland Presbyteries, which was given the formal go-ahead this month, will be celebrated at a special service to be streamed live on Sunday morning.

The service is being streamed live on the new Presbytery's [Facebook page](#) on Sunday at 11am and will feature a virtual choir and orchestra, as well as a video message from the Moderator of the General Assembly, the Rt Rev Dr Martin Fair.

Parish News

- The youth work arm of Aberfeldy Parish Church has responded to the lockdown with a programme of digital opportunities for children and young people. These include daily fitness classes, teen drop ins, challenges and watch parties, and most recently a families and young people app.

- St Margaret's Church, Glenrothes, has delivered 175 cards to residents of care homes to let them know they are missed. The church's knitters and sewers have also created pairs of knitted hearts for the home residents and their families while they are separated, and laundry bags for nurses and carers.

- Volunteers at Christ Church, Warwick, in Bermuda, have spent the past few weeks

doing laundry, cooking and delivering food to the needy on the island. The church is part of an island-wide feeding programme begun in April.

- A 98-year-old woman is raising money for the NHS by playing the piano every day for 100 days. Rebecca Parker, a member of St John's Church, Carlisle, is more than half way through the challenge despite having arthritis in her hands.

- The congregation of Williamwood Parish Church on the south side of Glasgow was transported to Kathmandu in Nepal during their online worship on Sunday May 17. The congregation was joined by Joel Hafvenstein, a Church of Scotland Mission Partner and the Executive Director of the United Mission to Nepal (UMN).