

## Update from Lenzie Union 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2020

Dear friends,

**'Every time we think of you, we thank God for you'** (I Thessalonians 1:2)

A lot of Paul's life was lived at a distance from people he loved and cared about, but this verse shows a practical way Christians can still live as a family when we can't see each other.

This week is Palm Sunday and Holy Week – we can't be together to worship and sing, but as we each remember Jesus' journey to the cross this week we also can think of our church family and give thanks each other.

We are all having to quickly learn new ways. On Tuesday night Glasgow Presbytery inducted Alastair Duncan as Minister at St George's Tron (he'd been transition minister there for the last 7 years). We did it online and over 100 people joined in! It's amazing what can be done when people work together with a 'can do' attitude!

This Good Friday we're going to try to have a short joint service with Lenzie Old and St Cyprian's. We hope to do this online via Zoom (I've used Zoom a few times and if I can use it anyone can!) More details will be on the Lenzie Union website and Facebook page later in the week.

Christians are again encouraged to pray for our communities, country and world at 7pm on Sunday evening and a prayer will be on the Lenzie Union website. With love and prayers. Dan.

You can be part of a **Praying Together** community at 7.45pm each evening. Sense the fellowship when you set aside 10 minutes to pray. You could light a candle while you pray. Please pray for all our S4,5,6 students and also their teachers, many of whom are concerned about the future, while they worry about the present. The Church of Scotland asks that we pray at 7.00pm on Sunday evening. The prayer <https://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/news-and-events/news/2020/churches-to-join-in-prayer-on-palm-sunday-evening>. Please join in if you can.

A letter recently received by Alice McKenzie MBE, now housebound, who was always an enthusiastic servant of Lenzie community.

*Dear Alice, when we have finished with the virus it is our plan to have something more formal. In the meantime I am delighted to inform you that Rotary International, following a proposal from Kirkintilloch Rotary, have agreed that you should be awarded a Paul Harris Fellowship. This is the highest award we can give and it is to acknowledge a lifetime of service to others.*

*Congratulations, Bob Tomlinson.*

*President, Kirkintilloch Rotary.*

*You may wish to know you may attach the letter PHF to your name*



Please join us on Sunday morning on Youtube for **Worship** with a difference when Dan will deliver a message for all to listen to and take part in from the comfort of their own home, where the chairs are a lot more comfortable I am sure. Look for Lenzie Union Youtube from 8.30am on Sunday at link:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCsCfV7w5HyngLU7SzJY5T9A> It is easy to access at

LenzieUnion.org - the church website OR if you would like a CD contact Dan on 776 3831.

**Help is at hand, please just ask.....**

**Derrick** has volunteers who can pick up essential food or prescription Text Derrick on 07836 700646

**Donald** if you'd like to talk things through, Donald will be happy to hear from you on 776 6235

**Audrey** can arrange for prayers to be said for those you are concerned about. Phone 775 2942

**Dan** is, as always, available on 0141 776 3831 or [minister@lupc.org](mailto:minister@lupc.org)

**Drena** can send this Update to anyone by email, just ask [omalleydom@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:omalleydom@yahoo.co.uk) or 07774 192659

**U3A** advises OPAL can offer help across East Dun with food shopping and prescriptions 0141 438 2347

**From Kim Halliday Youthworker - Lenzie Union All Age Competition** What does Easter Mean to You? We invite all ages to take part by creating a story, drawing, poster, wrap, song, video or any other creative way. Entrances to be submitted by Saturday 11th April by either emailing to [youthworker@lupc.org](mailto:youthworker@lupc.org) or private message Lenzie Union Facebook page. See Daily Activities from Engage at Home- <https://engageworship.org/engage-at-home-daily-family-prayer-and-worship-activities> and have some fun!

## News from Lance Oversole, Colorado Christian University, Denver, USA

Dear Lenzie Union, like you, we are on a stay-at-home order until the end of the month for the entire state. Exceptions to leave are for food, medicine, and exercise. I went to the store yesterday and surprisingly many of the things that we were lacking have been replenished. Eggs were the only thing that was in low supply.

All students have been sent home for the remainder of the term. Classes are being conducted online, and all international trips through August have been cancelled. We've also had to cancel our in-person graduation ceremony. Sad for all our students in their final year. Likely that we won't have any large scale events until July at the earliest.

Many of the local churches that the students attend have taken in students who couldn't go home. Most of us are watching services online. I've actually been watching LUPC online the last two Sundays, as I figured I should've been there in person!

The empty halls of residence at CCU are being used by a local hospital and first responders to house folks who are suffering with the virus or on the front lines (doctors, nurses, paramedics, etc.)

I'm doing OK, thanks. Certainly disappointed that we couldn't go to Scotland, but completely understandable given the circumstances. As the cases continue to grow, we are seeing more people we know being directly affected by the virus. Nothing like New York here, but still growing in numbers in Colorado.

Praying for all of my friends at LUPC! God bless and keep you all. Lance.



Take a milk carton. Remove the label. An adult should lay it down and insert sharp end of scissors just over half way from the cap. Cut only  $\frac{3}{4}$  way round the bottom half, leaving the back intact. Prop it up on the cap. That's how it will hang. Punch two holes in the back which is curved over at the top to strengthen it. Decorate to suit. And thread through strong twine for hanging. Cut bottom half into strips as labels. Fill the cap half of the carton with compost and seeds or plants. Hang up on a fence and watch them grow. Watch the snails pack their bags.....