

The Informer



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Letter from the Manse

Church Website Address www.clinicarhill.org.uk

I am pleased to be able to write to you to share important information to share about the reopening of our Church building for services of worship! It has been a very difficult period, and while we have continued to provide materials for worship online, over the phone, and using this newsletter, I understand that these things are not nearly as edifying as being able to gather with the Church family in a service of worship.

Services of worship will resume from **Sunday 4th April 2021**. This allows us to celebrate Easter Sunday together, which I think is very fitting: the celebration of Resurrection, of God bringing life from death and making all things new, seems like a very fitting theme for our first time of worship together.

If you wish to attend a service of worship in person, **you will need to book a place**.

To do this, please email: events@clinicarhill.org.uk.

Please contact Eleanor **no later than Friday afternoon** to ensure you have a place.

I appreciate that it is not always possible to book ahead, or that you might spontaneously decide to attend a service of worship. We will try and accommodate as many people as possible. I must stress, however, that this puts an additional burden on the Welcome Teams to take down contact details, and puts us in the awkward position of potentially having to turn people away if we have reached capacity. I would therefore ask you to make every effort to book ahead if you intend to join us for worship in person.

I am also pleased to share that we have received permission, and are able, to "stream" the service from the Sanctuary into the Large Hall, allowing people to be part of the service in that space. This has effectively doubled our capacity, allowing us to have space for around 80 people. The caveat is that the Sanctuary and Large Hall must be treated as separate premises.

When you book your place, Eleanor will tell you if you are in the Sanctuary or the Large Hall. When you turn up, this is what you can expect:

Sanctuary	Large Hall
Enter via the main Sanctuary entrance. Follow the one-way system down the left-hand side.	Enter via the Large Hall doorway in the Garden. Follow the one-way system between the laid out chairs.

The usual restrictions—including a requirement to wear a mask, use hand sanitiser, etc.—will also be in place.

Finally, we have been told that **it is permissible to travel from other local authority areas for worship**. This means those from outside Glasgow City can legitimately travel to Clinicarhill Church for services of worship.

I hope this explanation is clear, and I look forward to worshipping with you.

Stuart

You will still be able to connect with our services of worship online, in the following ways:

On Zoom

If you have a computer, laptop or smartphone, you can either use the Zoom app, or visit www.zoom.us.

Alternatively, on a normal telephone, you can dial 0131 460 1196.

(Remember - if you have a phone package which grants you a free-hour, you may need to hang up and dial back in to avoid being charged for the call).

Either way, when asked, please input the following information:

Meeting ID: 960 694 6264

Passcode: 012230

On YouTube

Simply visit www.youtube.com and search for Clinicarhill Church.

You will be directed to our YouTube channel. The live stream will become available at around 10:55am.

HOLY WEEK

In the last edition of the Informer, we shared some ideas about how you might celebrate Holy Week, especially as we won't have the usual daily service.

We suggested that each day, you might take some time to read a portion of Scripture, which tells the Holy Week story, and prayerfully meditate on this. I might be helpful to use the suggested symbol as a way of focusing on the theme of each day.

Day	Date	Theme	Scripture	Symbol
Palm Sunday	28 th March	Jesus' Arrival	<i>Service of Worship</i>	Palm Cross
Holy Monday	29 th March	Overturing Tables	Matthew 21: 12-17	Coins
Holy Tuesday	30 th March	Jesus' teaching	Mark 12: 1-12	Bible
Holy Wednesday	31 st March	Jesus anointed	Mark 14: 1-11	Jar
Maundy Thursday	1 st April	Last Supper/ Arrest	Luke 22: 14-23: 53	Wine Glass
Good Friday	2 nd April	Trial/Crucifixion	Mark 15: 1-15, 33-40	Crown of Thorns (could be a drawing)
Holy Saturday	3 rd April	Jesus in the Tomb	Luke 23: 50-56	Pebble
Easter Sunday	4 th April	Resurrection	<i>Service for Worship</i>	Flowers/Easter Egg

We are also suggesting that, once you have finished the meditation, you leave the symbols together, building up a display as the week goes on. Stuart would be delighted to include pictures of these displays as part of the Easter Sunday service (even if they are not quite finished!). If you could email a picture to him by Saturday 3rd April at the latest, that would be great! His email is SLove@churchofscotland.org.uk.

We have also planned to post a daily reflection on the Church website, Facebook page and YouTube channel, if you are able to access these. These will take place as follows:

- Monday to Thursday: text/video will be available at 7pm.
- Friday: Hourly reflections leading us through Jesus' final hours.
- Saturday: text/video reflection available from 12midday.

There will be some displays outside our Church building for Holy Week, which has been planned by the Youth Team. Please do visit the building, and use this to help your reflections.

Finally, we have decided to open the Church building for personal prayer on Good Friday. The building will be open from 2pm until 4pm, then again at 7pm until 9pm. Please do come and make use of the space to pray and remember Jesus' sacrifice for us all. The usual restrictions—including mask wearing, hand sanitiser, etc.—will be in place.

This is a very different Holy Week than normal, but our hope is that these things will help you to connect with the most important part of our faith: the death and resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

May God bless your Holy Week journey,

Joan K., and Stuart L.

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Email any items for inclusion in the next Newsletter to sessionclerk@clincarthill.org.uk



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