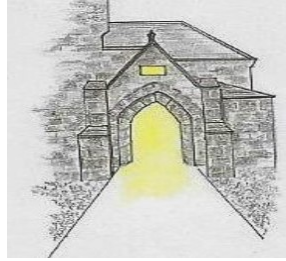


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The Messenger Keeping in Touch April 2020

Message to you from the Worship Group

We all realise that through our lifetime we will probably experience times of difficulty, but never for a moment did we believe that we would be going through that as part of the worldwide community.

The village always pulls together through good and especially bad, the recent flooding was a true example of the Christian message ***'Love your neighbour as you would yourself'*** **Mark 12 v 31.**

The village came out in force to help others and continued to show that neighbourly love long after the waters had receded, and our prayers continue to be for those who have suffered in many ways caused by the flooding.

Lord we pray your hand of safety and guidance upon all the victims of the regions under flood conditions. Bless these people Lord and keep them safe. Do not let the flood waters steal their lives. Drive back the floods to protect their homes and their precious animals.

At this time of writing we are fortunate not to have the experience of coronavirus in the village, but we must all be vigilant, and we know in our village we are aware of each other, but the difficulty of self-isolation cannot be underestimated, however if it is for your own safety and wellbeing, the importance cannot be understated and the Church will do what it can to support you. If you need help or would like a chat through a window please call one of the elders, whose numbers are listed on the back of the messenger and we will do our best to help under the circumstances.

Psalm 46:1-3 God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.

If like me you miss the weekly Church service, at 8 a.m. on a Sunday morning there is service on Radio 4, and other services can be found at different times either on the radio or TV and

other forms of social media, it maybe uplifting to listen to something on a regular basis
As the weather improves and gets a little warmer, take the opportunity to sit in the sunshine in your garden and try to take pleasure in the beauty of the flowers and the peace

[Song of Solomon 2:12](#)

The flowers appear on the earth, the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land

We are all in this together, there is no-one who is not affected in some way, we are not alone. Please do not be afraid or embarrassed to reach out for support or help.

Joshua 1:9 Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.



From the Kirk Session



March 6th **World day of Prayer** in church was such a lovely warm and welcoming service. The best part was knowing that we were joining churches across the world in learning about, caring and praying for the women of Zimbabwe. We urge more of you to come next year, we baked foods from Zimbabwe, displayed items of interest, took part in readings and welcomed Shekinah at the time working at Rock uk and now home in Zimbabwe. How blessed we felt that she joined with us , Thank you Shekinah and a big thank you to the children who took part, it really did make the afternoon special. We had a feast of food after and left with a sense of prayerful thought for others across the world. Thank you to everyone for their preparation, taking part and attending

Finance The approved accounts are available to the congregation and if you would like an emailed copy please let me know email: churchoffice@liddesdalechurch.org.uk or tel: Glynis : 07469397065 They will also be available to download from the church website within the next few days.

A very big thank you to the kind folk who have dropped weekly envelopes and envelopes with “plate money” through my door. All will be banked and accounted for as our commitment to church continues during this tough time. Anyone wishing to speak to me in private feel free to call me on the above telephone number

Flooding The Presbytery of Annandale and Eskdale have been really, really supportive and many churches within have donated huge sums of money towards the flood fund.

So many kind and generous folk have thought about the village, prayed, and fund raised. Please know that you are in thoughts and hearts of so many.

We are developing new pages for the website www.liddesdalechurch.org.uk and very soon we plan to have the service and message from the Church of Scotland brought to you through the website and Facebook. The church worship group will upload a message for you also.

I know some of you do not have access to a computer, please let us know if there is a way we can get these messages and services etc to you. CD perhaps? We are happy to explore all possibilities.

Please feel free to get in touch with any of the team members, contact details below:

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We are here to chat and to keep in touch