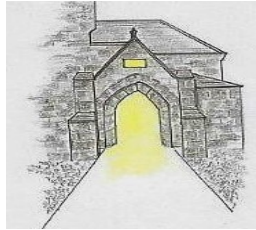


# *Liddesdale Parish Church*

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## **The Messenger**

**Keeping in Touch November 2020**

### **Message to you from Rev. Morag Crossan**

As by way of introduction here is a bit about my journey to ministry and to how I became your new minister.

I'm Rev Morag Crossan and I come to you from Dalmellington in Ayrshire.

I have been an electronic engineer, a youth and community worker, an ordained local minister and now after completing my probationary period I am a full-time minister in the Church of Scotland.

I came to ministry the long way round with community and people at the heart of my ministry. I grew up and lived in a small village, I know what village life is like and I love the closeness of village life.

In these times of Cov-ID we cling on to our great hope in Christ, we know that in sunshine and rain, laughter and tears that God goes before us. In the storms of life, we have that assurance that God is with us.

Seasons come and go; autumn will give way to winter but remember spring and new life and summer will follow. The dark times don't last forever.

As your new minister I look forward to getting to know you all and the privilege it is to walk with you all in all seasons of life.

If you want to chat, I am happy to chat and coffee is one of my weaknesses, there is always time for coffee.

So, you may see me in one of the cafes working and drinking coffee

I want to leave this prayer by Rev David Adam of the Northumbrian Community with you to reflect on this month.

**Pathways:**

**Lord today brings**

**Paths to discover**

**Possibilities to choose**

**People to encounter**

**Peace to possess**

**Promises to fulfil**

**Perplexities to ponder**

**Power to strengthen**

**Pointers to guide**

**Pardon to accept**

**Praises to sing**

**And a presence to proclaim.**

With all Good wishes Rev. Morag Crossan

**News from your Kirk Session**

**Treasurer:** Thank you all so much for saving up your weekly envelopes, for continuing to pay by online donations and just by being YOU and supporting your church.

Please also remember your giving is continuing to help throughout the world via the Church of Scotland World Mission.

**Fabric:** Work never stops, blocked drains to sort, crumbling plaster, it will all get sorted with time and budget. We have also agreed a plan to seek a Financial Grant, to adapt the manse ground floor toilet into a wet room for ease of access for the Reverend's Mum, Jessie.

*Please pray that all goes smoothly*

**Worship Group:** We are still very much part of the church life and look forward to working with Reverend Morag. It is a difficult time at the moment as Covid restrictions do not allow a lot of interaction from others in church.

**Communications:** Bear with us and our short style Messenger, we have plans for better communications and will keep in touch via more channels as soon as technology allows.

Meanwhile we have our own church YouTube channel for video and recordings

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC8sJEZOqZHEC6qToHGdVsew>

Please, if you able to, log on either by link or go to direct to YouTube and search for Liddesdale Church and you will find it .

PLEASE subscribe , it doesn't cost you anything but we would like to get 100 subscribers to get our own URL, sorry if that's technical but it would help!

Online weekly worship will continue with Rev. Morag's service at 10am Sunday mornings  
[liddesdalechurch.org.uk](http://liddesdalechurch.org.uk)

Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/pg/CanonbieUnitedParishChurchLiddesdaleParish/posts/>

**Advent** . We are thrilled to be working with the Village Trust and school , and we are looking for knitters to knit angels . Patterns and starter wool oddments in Holm Hardware , and please when finished pop them back in a collection box in the shop.

Many thanks to Holm Hardware for supporting this. As Christmas approaches look out for the angels to "arrive" in the village

**Above all, stay well and trust that your Minister and Kirk session continue to work and pray for each of you.**

We understand 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.

We will investigate all possibilities

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**We are here to chat and to keep in touch**