



Update on Church and Children and Families Activities, January 2021

Dear Friends,

Happy New Year to you all. Yes, January is nearly at an end, but with the current restrictions it feels like yet again our lives are on hold as we wait for things to begin to return to 'normal' and for the year to begin properly.

Along with the rest of Banff Parish Church, the Children and Family Work Group has been considering how best we can continue to support families through these challenging times. Some details of what we can offer are below but please do get in touch either with good news or if there is anything at all that you need or would like. Even if we can't help you ourselves, it may be that we can put you in touch with someone who can.

Please all of you keep safe and we hope to be able to meet with you again soon. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Marie'.

Marie Locke

On behalf of the Children and Family Work Group, Banff Parish Church.

- Our Advent **Food Hamper** (at the hall door) has been extended and we hope to now continue this until Easter. If it would help you to take some food or household essentials, please help yourself. If you have something spare that you can donate, please do. Please remember to sanitise your hands before and afterwards.
- Our **Tots and Trees** walks are cancelled just now but we may be able to restart them towards the end of February. Look out on FaceBook for more information.
- Family activities, songs and stories are emailed to **Sunday Club** families each week. If you'd like to be included in this email – even if you've never been to church or Sunday Club before – please get in touch.
- Our annual **Memorial Service** will take place online with an in-church service later in the year. Several families have attended this previously and found it very helpful. See below for more details.
- We hope to continue our weekly **FaceBook posts** for Tots and for KidZone. If you have any activity ideas we'd love to hear from you!
- The Church has various ways to try to support people in normal as well as Covid times. We have leaders ('Elders') who look out for people connected to the church that live in their local neighbourhood. In addition, the church has recently appointed a **Family Elder**, Joyce Millar, to be an additional point of contact for any parents or children connected to our church. Whether you've been to a group or activity

once, are regulars, or are anywhere in between, you are very welcome to get in touch at any time. Please take time to read the message from Joyce in the enclosed card; we are here for anyone who wants to connect with us.

- In exceptional circumstances our Minister, David Locke, is allowed to visit you at home to provide support. Please get in touch if you think you require this. Alternatively we can offer support via telephone or email so please do get in touch, even if you just need a listening ear or someone to tell about your day. Contact details below.



Banff Parish Church
invite you to our
NEW YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE
Sunday 7th February 2021
Available on our Facebook page



This quiet church service is for anyone who feels a loss in their life; a chance to remember and reflect on the pain we feel and may have felt over this past difficult year especially; for we are not alone. Our service allows space to journey through and let out some of our feelings we have bottled up...the pain of loss, ill health, a broken heart or whatever causes hurt in your life. This is a time of quiet and peace with music, readings, quiet reflection and prayer, and an opportunity to light a candle of remembrance.



It is hoped that this time of remembering will bring some hope and comfort to anyone facing hurt and loss at this time, in the privacy of our own homes...and with the comfort of our loving God.

ALL ARE WELCOME

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