

**MEMO: FROM REV. IAN TAYLOR 29 March 2020**

**SUBJECT: SPRINGFIELD CAMBRIDGE CHURCH UPDATE – OUR CURRENT RESPONSE TO COVID-19**

**CIRCULATION LIST: KIRK SESSION; CONGREGATIONAL BOARD; WEBSITE**

Dear Member,

In a situation which is fast changing I write to outline some things I believe we can all do to continue to be 'Church' albeit in a different way.

- Check our website ([www.springfieldcambridge.org.uk](http://www.springfieldcambridge.org.uk)) and Facebook pages for regular updates. Our Services can now be accessed weekly via our website (from 22/03/20.)
- Check the Church of Scotland website ([www.churchofscotland.org.uk](http://www.churchofscotland.org.uk)) for information on a wide range of topics, including details of a daily reflection from the Moderator of the General Assembly on Facebook, and a list of congregations like us 'streaming' Worship Services.
- Check, if you are an Elder, with the members of your district by telephone on a regular basis to see if they need any assistance. Any requests for help should be passed to the Session Clerk (Jim Scott, [✉ jim.g.scott@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jim.g.scott@hotmail.co.uk) ☎ 0141 563 2059) or myself (Ian Taylor, [✉ ITaylor@churchofscotland.org.uk](mailto:ITaylor@churchofscotland.org.uk) ☎ 0141 772 1540.)
- Congregational Board members, and any Church members may also provide assistance to those of our community who need help by emailing their willingness to volunteer by contacting the Session Clerk (Jim Scott, [✉ jim.g.scott@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jim.g.scott@hotmail.co.uk) ☎ 0141 563 2059) or myself (Ian Taylor, [✉ ITaylor@churchofscotland.org.uk](mailto:ITaylor@churchofscotland.org.uk) ☎ 0141 772 1540.)
- Our Church premises are safe and secure in the current 'lock down' but are routinely and randomly checked for insurance purposes, and our recent CCTV installations have aided this process.
- Our Church magazine, *The Record* will remain an online magazine, so again check out our website if you are able. Subscribers to *Life and Work* will receive their magazines through the postal system.
- Members who support the work of the Church financially through WFO envelopes or the Open Plate and are concerned that they are unable to contribute to the Ministry and Mission of the Church can contact our Treasurer (Jim Kerr [✉ jameskerr01@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jameskerr01@hotmail.co.uk) ☎ 0141 772 6015) or Gift Aid Treasurer (David Lockhart [✉ lockhart1996@aol.co.uk](mailto:lockhart1996@aol.co.uk) ☎ 0141 772 6779) directly who will only be too happy to offer alternative means to receive your much needed offerings.
- Continue to pray regularly. Our friends at Kenmure Church have set up a WhatsApp group for the help and support of members at this time. At 7pm daily the group pray the Lord's Prayer separately at home. The group has found that this has definitely enhanced their sense of unity in this present situation. We can join with them remembering that it is also good to simply know that we are praying together with Church friends.

I am missing seeing and meeting you and I hold you all in my thoughts and prayers. I can be contacted via the Manse phone (☎ 0141 772 1540) or email ([✉ ITaylor@churchofscotland.org.uk](mailto:ITaylor@churchofscotland.org.uk)) and would be glad to hear from you if I can help you in any way.

Rev. Ian Taylor 29/03/20.