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CORONAVIRUS

With all the churches closed, and events suspended for the foreseeable future, life is taking on a very different way of living. To keep in touch Susan is giving a video sermon on Sundays, to view it, go to:- www.dornoch-cathedral.com then go to Worship and click on the link.

Most of the magazine is usually given over to items about forthcoming events, obviously the current crisis means that the magazine is going to be much shorter. If you have an item/story/ or article that might be useful for all to read or learn, please do e-mail me at:- dpn@creedservices.co.uk

The magazine will mostly be available on-line only, for the duration of the crisis. If you wish to have a printed copy, please either e-mail me your address, or send stamps (ordinary letter rate) and I'll try and get a copy posted to you.

KIRK SESSION PASTORAL TEAM

**Do phone to keep in contact
or to ask for help
during the current crisis.**

Pastoral Visits

If you are part of the congregation but not a member or adherent and you would like a friendly pastoral visit at any time just contact Rev. Margaret McKay on 01862 811859 and she will arrange for one of our volunteers to speak to you.

DEACONS COURT 2020-2023

Nominations are being sought for Cathedral Members to serve on the Deacons Court for a period of three years.

If you would like to assist in the running of this beautiful Cathedral, please inform your Elder or a Deacon. New members and returning Members will be made most welcome. (*Ed. You can also e-mail me direct, and I'll forward any relevant e-mails to Ken*)

As there are going to be eleven Deacons standing down this year, there is a request if some of those standing down can serve for another 1 or 2 additional years to avoid having too small a number of deacons in the Court.

If you are able to extend your period by a year or two, please do get in touch with Ken Gordon.

MAGAZINE DEADLINE DATES BY 4.00PM

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Deadline date

JUNE

24th May

JULY

21st June

AUGUST

19th July

SEPTEMBER

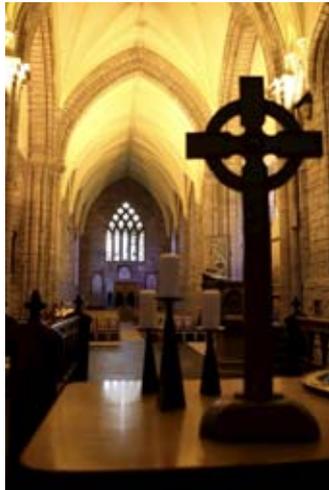
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PHOTOS AROUND DORNOCH

As you are not able to get to the cathedral at present, I am attaching some photos of both the Cathedral and round Dornoch

To follow Susan on Sundays go to:-

www.dornoch-cathedral.com *Worship and click on the link.*



FORTHCOMING EVENTS IN THE CATHEDRAL & WEST CHURCH HALL(WCH)

*All events cancelled or postponed for now.
Will keep this up-to-date as things evolve.
Events below may be cancelled in the future.*

JUNE 14th. TUESDAY

Badenoch Choral

JUNE 15th WEDNESDAY

Musick Fyne

SEPT 6th SUNDAY

Highland Chamber Orchestra

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

The usual Christian Aid collection during CA Week will not be going ahead as usual, however the poor still need supporting.

I have Christian Aid Week envelopes at my home for those of you who still want to support Christian Aid.

If you post me a single stamp (2nd class will be fine) and your address, I will send you back a CA envelope for you to put your donation in.

Alternatively I can send you a CA small change box and take those in when this crisis is all over.

Address is the same as Editor on the front cover.

Jonathan Creed Christian Aid Co-Ordinator



Stay at home, but do clap on Thursday nights 8.00pm

I'll tell you a tale, that's been recently written,
Of a powerful army, so Great it saved Britain.

They didn't have bombs and they didn't have planes.
They fought with their hearts and they fought with their brains.

They didn't have bullets, armed just with a mask.
We sent them to war, with one simple task.

To show us the way, to lead and inspire us.
To protect us from harm and fight off the virus.

It couldn't be stopped by our bullet proof vests.
An invisible enemy, invaded our chests.

So we called on our weapon, our soldiers in Blue.
"All Doctors, All Nurses, Your Country needs you."

We clapped on our streets, hearts bursting with pride.
As they went off to war, while we stayed inside.

They struggled at first, as they searched for supplies.
But they stared down the virus, in the whites of it's eyes.

They leaped from the trenches and didn't think twice.
Some never came back, the ultimate price.

So tired, so weary, yet still they fought on.
As the virus was beaten and the battle was won.

Thge many of us, owe so much, to so few.
The Brave and the Bold, our heros in Blue.

So let's line the streets and remember our debt.
We love you, our heros, Least we forget.

LIFE AND WORK

MAY 2020

In this Issue:-

FEEDING THE HUNGRY

Reflection on foodbanks and Impact of Covid-19

GOD HAS NOT FINISHED WITH SCOTLAND

The Moderator-Designate, the Rev Dr Martin Fair

ASSEMBLY CANCELLATION

Churches business meeting cancelled for the first time in 300 years.

WAR'S END

The role of churches in peacebuilding across Europe on the 75th Anniversary of VE Day. (8th May)

Plus all the regular columnists, news, reviews, letters, registers and cross-words

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VE DAY 8th MAY 2020

75th Anniversary

Seventy five years ago, on the 8th May the War in Europe ended but the War was to continue in the Far East until the dropping of the two atomic bombs on Japan lead to the surrender of the Japan.

In 2019 the UK Government declared that the usual May Day Bank Holiday in 2020 would be moved for one year only to Friday 8th May to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of VE Day. No doubt that many events had been planned, but with the current crisis, they probably have been cancelled.

At the time of last years announcement, I wrote to the Prime Minister to ask if the VJ (Victory in Japan) marking the real end of WW11 would be marked at the same level as VE Day was being planned to be. I was assured that it would be, but I doubt if we will find out now.

Royal Mail have recently announced that a new set of stamps to celebrate *the end of WW11* will be launched on the, (yes you guessed it) 8th May.

Now my History teacher told me, many years ago, governments tend to forget the ending of the Far East War,(VJ Day) and tend to concentrate the celebrations on VE day instead.

Can I suggest then, that we all stop and remember VE day this year, and then on September 2nd, also remember the actual end of the War with the signing of surrender by Japan some six years and one day after World War 2 had started.

In remembering on both days, also lets think of the huge sacrifice of all people both in the armed forces and the civilians on the ground that paid a huge price.

Jonathan