

THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
Crosshouse Parish Church

'Walking together in faith'

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Greetings to all members and friends of Crosshouse Parish Church.

We are pleased to attach the June issue of our quarterly magazine, '*Walking Together in Faith*'.

As you will be aware, while we do not have a full time minister, we continue our activities under the guidance of Interim Moderator, Rev. John Urquhart. The Kirk Session and Congregational Board, on your behalf, extend to John our heartfelt thanks for giving his time to Crosshouse Church, particularly in assisting with the many business formalities of the Church of Scotland.

On a Sunday by Sunday basis, our weekly services are being conducted by a number of people who are again giving of their time and effort. In particular, Rev. Scott Rae is leading many of the services, while Rev. Eddie Marshall has returned several times since we reopened on a regular basis. Mrs Catherine Mills is now able to join us once per month, being much involved helping out other churches in the area. Again, our grateful thanks go to them all. Without their generosity we would find it very difficult to continue.

These difficulties are a result of a national shortage of ministers in the Church of Scotland, such that numbers available falls far short of the number of churches seeking ministers. The Church has reluctantly been forced to take drastic action to address the problem and rationalise demand versus supply.

In the case of Crosshouse, as noted by Rev. Urquhart, this means that Presbytery has had to come to the decision that we will unite with Kilmaurs and Fenwick Parishes.

This will not happen immediately, as Rev. Urquhart is incumbent in Kilmaurs. At whatever time he either retires or moves on, then the Union process will be triggered.

The congregations will then get together and appoint one minister to look after all three.

The three churches will remain in each village.

Meantime, we will continue 'business as usual' as we recover from the set backs of two years of the Covid Pandemic. This recovery needs **everyone** to '**muck in**' and **get involved**. Without everyone of us pulling together, the recovery will be more prolonged and may even fail. It is vital that we have people able and willing to give some time to help with the day to day activities to keep the cogs turning and make our church a more attractive place for more people to join us and inject new impetus.

As I have said before – **Your Church Needs YOU** – please do come along, come back, and get involved.

Robert Pollock, Session Clerk

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