

The Messenger

2021 (June)

SAUGHTONHALL UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

Registered Charity No. SCO 14175

Sunday Worship in Church
11.30am

and on [Facebook](#)



or Duke Street URC at 10am on [Facebook](#)

You don't need to be on Facebook to access them, just go to Saughtonhall URC web site and log on to the one you want. There is also "Telephone Reflection" on 0131 322 1474 (Local Rates)

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2. Dear Friends

Since our last edition of *The Messenger* there has been some major progress in how we have been operating as the COVID-19 dust begins to settle. Most importantly of course, from Pentecost on the 23rd of May, our building has been open again for Sunday Worship after a period of 60 weeks. Broadcasting the service from the building and continuing our telephone service ensures there are options that allow everyone the opportunity to participate in a way that suits best.

Following my letter of 6th May and the feedback received, the IT equipment that was proposed has been purchased and will be installed soon. This will greatly enhance the quality of the broadcast that comes from the Church, improve the sound quality in the Church and create opportunities to develop the use of the building. It could also potentially enable us to share worship resources with congregations across the wider URC.

As organisations and groups look to restart in accordance with Government Guidelines, there is much excitement in The Murrayfield Club. I continue as acting chair of the Trustees and have been delighted to see that as part of our response to being unable to meet in person, the take up of our weekly Activity Packs has been well received by many members of Saughtonhall. Lesley and her staff team continue to do a great job. The development that is causing the excitement is that hopefully from September the Club will be opening a cafe in Saughtonhall on a Friday morning. Initially this will be open to Club members and members and friends from our three Murrayfield Churches Together congregations.

In my letter of 6th May I suggested that we took this opportunity of reopening to remind our neighbours of our presence. What can we as a local church offer our community in 2021 as we emerge in to a new way of being Church? A key part of this should be feelings of belonging and togetherness through a sense of God's presence and grace with family, friends, neighbours and strangers. Something many are seeking given the COVID 19 experience. This will only work if it is embraced and driven by you. I am happy to lead a strategy team in a process of discernment however, members and friends of all ages and stages need to be on board as we can all do something, no matter how small. If you would like to know more and perhaps even join the strategy team, please let me know - it's never too late. To get this moving we need a team, so please give this some prayerful consideration as we build on the spiritual and numerical growth we have witnessed in Saughtonhall since March 2020.

Shoebox Appeal 2021

Last year we managed to fill 21 boxes. This year, with your help, we hope to fill many more. Here's what is needed:



Essential Items:

Toothbrush and toothpaste
Hat, Scarf, Gloves, Soap
Underwear
Small Toy (Please only include new shop-bought toys)
Sweets (No chocolate or any other food) 'Best before' date no earlier than March 2022 . No loose sweets, lollies or undated bags of sweets.

Toiletries: (No Talcum Powder) Shampoo; Soap/Shower Gel;
Face Cloth/Moist Wipes; Deodorant; Moisturising Cream; Comb/Brush;
Sanitary Products; Shaving Foam/Razors; Socks/Tights

Miscellaneous: New Make-up; Sewing Equipment; Household Candles;
Screwdrivers/Pliers; Kitchen Utensils

Stationery: Pens/Pencils/Sharpener; Notepads/Colouring Books;
Rulers/Rubbers

Clothes and other items: T Shirts/Pyjamas/Jumpers/Shirts etc

We are looking for unwanted shoe boxes with detachable lids.

WHY NOT SPREAD THE COST BY ADDING SOMETHING TO YOUR SHOPPING TROLLEY EACH WEEK?

Edith, Irene and Hazel can provide further details of the Appeal

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Good news!

Fresh Start are now accepting donations for the starter packs
Please see current list of household items (Back Page) that can help make a house a home.If you wish to donate items, please contact Hazel Pryde about collecting your items and delivering them to Ferry Road Drive.

FreshStart

helping people make a home for themselves

For those who have been homeless, they have no belongings. When they move into a flat, they cannot make a cup of tea, light a lamp, shut their curtains or snuggle up under their duvet. **YOU** can help.

Below is a list of household items that can help make a house a home.



Dishes and Cutlery • Dinner Plates • Side Plates • Bowls • Cutlery
• Glass Tumblers • Mugs • Tea-Towels



Cleaning Items • Washing Up Liquid • Toilet Cleaner • Toothbrushes
• Toothpaste • Hand Soap • Toilet Rolls • Bin Bags & Liners
• Dustpan & Brushes • All Purpose Cleaners • Laundry Tablets • J-Cloths



Pots and Pans • Soup Pots • Frying Pans • Milk Pans • Cooking Utensils
• Can Openers • Potato Peelers • Wooden Spoons



Bed Linen and Towels • Single, Double & King • Sheets •
• Duvet Covers • Pillow Cases • Blankets • Towels • Curtains • Face Cloths



Small Household Electric Items • Kettles • Toasters • Lamps • Irons
• Vacuum Cleaners • Radios • DVD Player • Microwaves • Music Systems



Long Lasting Food Products • Tins & Jars of: Beans / Spaghetti / Soup /
Vegetables / Meat / Fish • Cooking Sauces • Packets of Pasta • Rice • Cereal
• Porridge • Biscuits • Sugar • Tea Bags • Instant Coffee • UHT Milk

We are an accredited Revoke organisation, meaning that the goods that we re-use must meet the required standard set out by Zero Waste Scotland. In order to reduce waste, please can all donated items be in a clean, reusable condition as we do not have the facilities available to wash items. We are charged for the disposal of all items that we are unable to use, which impacts on the services we are able to provide. Please can you also avoid hard plastics, such as buckets, as they cannot be used in our packs and end up in landfill.



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