



CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

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Dear Friends,

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During these weeks and months our lives are changed in many ways and great sacrifices are asked of us all. Even when the Covid-19 epidemic is past, the economic impact will be more long-standing. For many it will mean loss of job and income, and businesses large and small will feel profound effects.

The church will be no different. As long as congregations are not meeting on a Sunday, our weekly offerings cannot be collected. As the churches all across Scotland (and the world) have been temporarily closed to contain the spread of this contagious and deadly virus, a great financial burden will continue to grow in an already strained budget. A prolonged suspension of Sunday gathering may end up being too much for many of our churches. Therefore we hope in this time you will pray for your local churches and the church universal; second, consider how you might continue making your offering to the church financially during this time.

I have been asked to offer you some guidance as to how our church might continue to receive an income to help us survive the time of crisis:

Four options of ways to contribute to our church's income:

1) Set up a Standing Order. This can be done through Online Banking or by contacting your bank over the phone.

2) By making a fast payment through the App on your mobile phone. This can be for a one off transfer from your account, or you can set a frequency of weekly or monthly repeats. You select the amount and frequency of the payments whichever method you use.

Here are the details you will require...

Bank of Scotland.

Payee: Blawarthill Parish Church, Glasgow

Sort Code: 80 07 75

Bank Account Number: 06000829

Ref: ("FWO, YOUR Name")

3) Continue to donate weekly to your WFO envelopes and keep them in safe place so you can drop them off once church has resumed.

4) If you prefer not to save up your envelopes at home, drop them off at a suitable time to any of the Elders, myself, or at the Manse (46 Earlbank Avenue) with your name and "Church Offering" clearly marked on the sealed envelope. Just drop them through their letterbox on maybe a daily walk in the fresh air to limit physical contact.

Thank you for your assistance with this. Any method of giving would be much appreciated at this time. However if you have been putting off the day of installing your Bank's App on your phone because your preference was to visit your local branch, now may be a good time to familiarise yourself with the new technology.

If anyone feels they need help with this, do get in touch. I will assist you. The Minister can pass on my phone number or email address.

God Bless and Stay Safe

Liz Glen

Church Treasurer