

1st August 2021

Greetings from Lindsay and David,

There is quite a bit of information to share with you this week, some applying to one or other of the congregations and some to both.

First then the information that is relevant to both congregations: The two-metre distancing rule for Sunday services has recently been changed to one metre. Before we are able to reduce the social distancing restriction kirk sessions need to give their approval and then various forms need to be submitted to Presbytery which also has to give its approval. The process for this is already underway for South Uist while the Barra Kirk session still has to meet to make its decision. We ask for your forbearance with all this and to continue for the time being with the two-metre distancing rule in church.

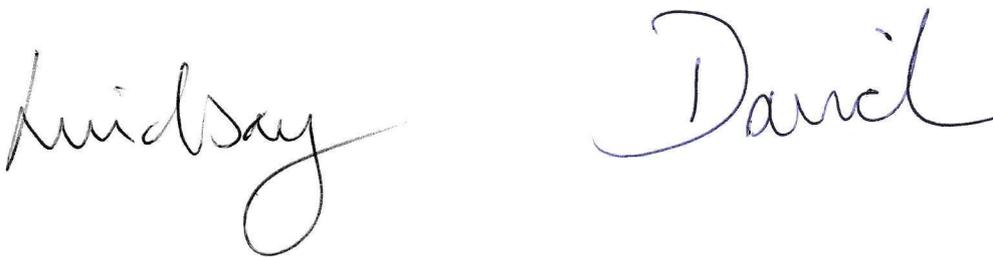
- Significant decisions regarding work to church-owned building were taken at the recent meeting of the General Assembly and they will have an impact on us, especially for the ongoing deliberations about the Daliburgh buildings complex, but potentially also for Barra. With that in mind these meetings have been arranged: for the congregational Board of Barra on 19th August at 2pm in the Annexe.
- for elders and Board members of South Uist on Saturday 21st August at 1.30pm in Daliburgh Church.

The following is information especially for South Uist. Between the annual Christian Aid week collection and the recent donations made at Rosemary Lewis' funeral a total of £1280 was raised for Christian Aid. Taking into account that Gift Aid can be claimed on £360 of this the total will increase to £1640. Thank you to everybody who made this happen.

I, Lindsay, will be away visiting my parents in Germany from 2nd August till 15th August. Please contact your session clerk should you require information on pastoral cover during that time.

Our churches are now open again for Sunday worship as long as we observe the restrictions we live under. The numbers for each Sunday continue to have to be limited. If you would like to attend worship; for South Uist please contact Susan on 01878 700493 or 07935 131949 or susanjanesand@aol.com; and for Barra, Sheila on 01871-810672, to ensure there is a space available for you. Should there be a greater demand than we are able to accommodate on any given Sunday, then they will ensure that over a number of weeks everybody will have the opportunity to attend.

As always, we continue to hold you each and all in our prayer and ask God's blessing upon you.

The image shows two handwritten signatures in blue ink. The signature on the left is 'Lindsay' and the signature on the right is 'David'. Both are written in a cursive, flowing style.

As on previous Sundays, worship is available through the South Uist website (www.southuistchurchofscotland.com) and the dedicated telephone number of 01871- 200336.

Lindsay – telephone 01871-810230 or 07835-913963 or email lschluter@churchofscotland.org.uk

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Sort Code: 832426, Account no 00125873
Account name: South Uist Parish Church

Barra bank details: Royal Bank of Scotland, Castlebay,
Sort Code: 831703, Account no 00110068
Account name: Barra Parish Church