

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER 2021

RE-OPENING OF HOLBURN WEST SANCTUARY

Dear Members and Friends of Holburn West Church

Let me share with you part of a message that was sent to me, following the recent loss of my Dad.

“life has changed so much recently, but there is one Who never changes, Who is our Life, our Health and our Cure...” With the Covid pandemic and the lockdown introduced about this time last year, we have come through a year which has been unsettling, bewildering, and challenging. The impact and long-term effects we are still to discover. Yet, God who is constant, sustains us through all the changes we experience. The Lord is our Shepherd, who in his love and care, was willing to lay down his life for the sheep. The Easter Story confronts us with the realities of life and death, love and hate. The powers of evil, expressed through the religious leaders, the political figures, the military might, the fickleness of the crowd, did their utmost to silence the voice of love and justice. Collectively, they nailed Jesus to a Cross. Yet, the presence of Life and Love, could not be crushed. Three days later, Jesus was raised from the dead. He lives and moves and breathes in people’s lives today.

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia, Amen!

Please read through this Easter leaflet to be informed about what Holy Week and Easter services will be available in the Holburn West sanctuary and those which will be available online.

Wishing you a joyful Easter, celebrating the Resurrection of our Saviour and Lord Jesus Christ!

Rev Duncan C. Eddie and the congregation of Holburn West Church

Following recent announcements by the Scottish Government, of the easing of some of the Covid-19 restrictions, the Holburn West sanctuary will be open for Sunday morning worship, beginning at 10.30 am, from Palm Sunday 28th March 2021. The seating capacity will be restricted to fifty in total. The present requirements of physical distancing, cleaning of hands, face coverings, giving of contact numbers, being guided to and away from seating locations, remain in place. We would encourage people to attend the church in good time for an orderly admission into the sanctuary, so that we can start on time. The services will also be recorded and be made available on YouTube via the Holburn West Church web site and the Facebook page.

BOOKING TO ATTEND HOLBURN WEST ON EASTER SUNDAY

Regarding Easter Sunday 4th April 2021, a booking system has been set up for attending this service. NB you will need to make a reservation to be assured a seat in the sanctuary. You can book by email or telephone.

Reservations can be made by submitting names and a contact number for the household, by sending to holburnwestsessionclerks@gmail.com

or by telephone to the church office tel. no. 01224 571120 leaving a message on the answering machine, giving name, household and tel.no.

Email and phone bookings are to be submitted by, at the latest, 5.00 pm on Wednesday 31st March 2021. A reply will be given to confirm that your reservation has been successful. If there is a considerable demand to attend the Easter Sunday service, a second service may be offered at 12noon.

Also, throughout Holy Week, there will be online services provided by the City Centre and West End churches Hub group. See below.

On Good Friday, there will be reflections on the Seven Words from the Cross. 12.00 – 2.00 pm <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89871070794>

We hope you can join us for these shared times of worship on this most special time of Remembering and Celebration.

