

WELCOME BACK ALL ARE WELCOME

MINISTER'S LETTER SEPTEMBER 2021

Dear Members and Friends of Holburn West Church. We are pleased to announce that the sanctuary and halls of Holburn West Church can now be used to full capacity. Teas and coffees will be served again in the Large Hall, following Morning Worship. Jubilee Café and Worship will be resuming in the sanctuary on the first and third Sundays of the month, and on the second and fourth Sundays online via Zoom. The halls are now open for the use of a variety of community groups.

The Covid-19 pandemic and the ensuing restrictions have led to us all having an experience of the "wilderness". That was a valuable learning time for the people of Israel, for Paul and for Jesus. Hopefully, it has been that for us too. Now, we look forward to entering a new stage in our journey. The Kirk Session and I warmly welcome you back to Holburn West Church. We look forward to meeting with many of you again. This would also be a good time to invite a friend or neighbour to join with you.

Holburn West Church has much to offer. Our regular Sunday morning worship, accompanied by a skilled organist and featuring the Choir. Over the coming weeks we will be looking at themes which relate to sins and redeeming graces. Within each of us there is a saint and a sinner, and we bring our whole selves to Christ the Healer and Redeemer in our worship. Harvest Thanksgiving will be celebrated on Sunday 10th October, when offerings to Christian Aid and Instant Neighbour, will be invited. Donations to Instant Neighbour, can also be made on a weekly basis at the Sunday morning and Jubilee services. Details of the forthcoming services for morning worship and evening worship are on the accompanying sheet. At Jubilee Evening Worship, we will be exploring the Psalms. Children and young people, as well as all ages will be very welcome to our worship.

There will continue to be an online reflection for the City Centre and West End Church Grouping, released each Sunday. The Monthly House Fellowship Group will be meeting. The Guild will meet for a one-off meeting on Wednesday 6th October at 7.30 pm, to catch up with one another, and to discuss what will take place over the Winter and the coming Spring.

RESPONSES FROM YOU

This letter is accompanied by two communications, which ask for a response from you:

PASTORAL CARE Please read and return a response by the end of September) This will enable us to plan and offer the pastoral support most appropriate and helpful for you.

BASIS OF UNION Please read and (1) communicate back if you have any questions (2) Be ready to vote in support or not of the City Centre and West End Grouping with the ballot paper to be issued later.

God bless you, from Rev. Duncan C. Eddie