

DATE	Skirling	Stobo	Online Reading	Online	Prayers: Opening	For Others
1.11.20	Pamela Communion	Calum	Matt 5: 1-12	Pamela	Linda	Peter
8.11.20	Calum Remembrance	Pamela Remembrance	Matt 5: 38-48	Calum	Peter	Andrew
15.11.20	Isobel	Peter	Matt 25: 14-30	Isobel	Fiona	Julian
22.11.20	Peter	Isobel	Matt 25:31-46	Peter	Pamela	Linda
29.11.20	Fiona	Julian	Mark 13:24 - 37	Julian	Lesley	Anne
6.12.20	Julian	Fiona	Mark 1: 1-8	Fiona	Calum	Peter
13.12.20	Linda	Andrew	John 1:6-8, 19-28	Linda	Julian	Isobel
20.12.20	Andrew	Isobel	Luke 1:26-38	Andrew	Fiona	Linda
27.12.20	Calum	Peter	Luke 2:22-40	Calum	Anne	Lesley
3.01.21	Peter	Calum Communion	John 1(1-9) 10-18	Peter	Isobel	Pamela
10.01.21	Fiona	Andrew	Mark 1:4-11	Barrie	Barrie	Barrie
17.01.21	Linda	Fiona	John 1:43-51	Linda	Peter	Calum
24.01.21	Isobel	Pamela	Mark 1:14-20	Isobel	Andrew	Lesley
31.01.21	Pamela	Julian	Mark 1:21-28	Pamela	Fiona	Anne

Worship Leader in orange is using the online reading that week and in their church services.

In black I am assuming that people will use the same service between Stobo and Skirling although the readings will not conform to the lectionary week. If you want to use something different then just make sure you avoid repetition. ie in Advent you could always use the reading from A or C if you felt the one you have didn't feel right.

I have allocated people to prayers I hope fairly but please juggle with others if the dates don't suit.

Please use other people from outwith worship workshop to do readings for you or to say prayers if you like...the more variety the better.

On the next page I have set out the current procedure needed for preaching in the 2 churches currently open, Skirling and Stobo

Procedure for preachers in Skirling in a time of Coronavirus

Preparation: It is important that individual orders of service if they are to be used are in the church and placed at sitting positions 72 hours before the service. So they need to be emailed to Isobel Hunter isobel@skirlinghouse.com by Wednesday latest. These should either include the words of the hymn verses you are to use or ask to photocopy the words from CH4 or elsewhere as Skirling is not using hymn books at present. Hymn choices should be with Lesley Craise lesleycraise@btinternet.com on Tuesday if possible. Check in case Lesley is on holiday. Hymns can be read on their own by the congregation, read by the congregation with organ accompaniment (need a reasonably strong voice to lead, also need to check if the tune works for the spoken word, many do some just don't.) It can be a good idea to cut out a verse or two. Alternatively there is an amplifier and speakers in Skirling which are set up to connect by Bluetooth to an iPhone or iPad, so you can use recorded music. General humming along is always allowed. Please discuss with your organist what plans you have for dealing with hymns at an early stage to give time for practice and to see if what you suggest can work. Linda makes an excellent Cantor for spoken hymns if you are not keen to lead them yourself. We have found that including the reading and the words of a prayer to be spoken together and/or responses in the order of service is a good way to keep the congregation involved in worship. Meditations are tending to be 5 to 10 minutes maximum with possibly a second bit of commentary elsewhere, number and length of readings vary but overall a 30 to 35 minute service seems to work at the moment so that people are not sitting in masks too long and do not begin to feel anxious.

At the church: As with anywhere else 2 metre distancing and hand-sanitising rules need to be followed. There is hand-sanitizer at the door and more notices than you can shake a stick at. An Elder will be at the door noting the names of those present as required. The collection plate is also at the door, it will be brought into the church and placed on the communion table when the service starts. In half decent weather we are leaving the church door open. You must be masked inside before and after leading worship, the lesson reader can remove their mask for reading; it helps if they sit in one of the front pews. Let us know if you have arranged for someone to read or if I need to. The vestry is being used for storage and is out of bounds...although should someone take ill (heaven forbid) there is a cotton bag hanging just inside the vestry door with gloves, masks and plastic pinnies. When leaving the church it is lovely to chat outside the door but again it is important to maintain social distancing as we have a lot of members in the vulnerable category.

Who can attend: There are 10 suitably distanced 'positions' in Skirling Kirk that can be occupied by a single individual or by the members of a household. There have been 3 a couple of times and up to 4 is probably fine. At the moment I phone or email around each week to see who would like to attend from the regular congregation, if you would like someone to attend with you let me know and it will be fine...but as you can see seating is limited and I would hate to have to turn someone away at the door because they were not expected.

Finally it is not as onerous as it sounds and I am sure you will find great pleasure in being back taking services among friends.

Procedure for preachers in Stobo in a time of Coronavirus

Preparation: It is important that individual orders of service if they are to be used are in the church and placed at sitting positions 72 hours before the service. So they need to be emailed to Andrew Campbell fandac@btinternet.com and Jane Gillham jane_gillham@hotmail.com by Wednesday latest. These do not need to include the words of the hymn verses you are to use as Stobo is using hymn books. Hymn choices should be with Anne Dawson tweedmuir@yahoo.com on Tuesday if possible. Check in case Anne is on holiday. Hymns can be read on their own by the congregation, read by the congregation with organ accompaniment (need a reasonably strong voice to lead, also need to check if the tune works for the spoken word, many do some just don't.) Or given time to practice Anne will sing solo and play the organ. It can be a good idea to cut out a verse or two. General humming along is always allowed. Please discuss with your organist what plans you have for dealing with hymns at an early stage to give time for practice and to see if what you suggest can work. Anne makes an excellent Cantor for spoken hymns if you are not keen to lead them yourself. We have found that including the reading and the words of a prayer to be spoken together and/or responses in the order of service is a good way to keep the congregation involved in worship. Meditations are tending to be 5 to 10 minutes maximum with possibly a second bit of commentary elsewhere, number and length of readings vary but overall a 30 to 35 minute service seems to work at the moment so that people are not sitting in masks too long and do not begin to feel anxious.

At the church: As with anywhere else 2 metre distancing and hand-sanitising rules need to be followed. There is hand-sanitizer at the door and more notices than you can shake a stick at. An Elder will be at the door noting the names of those present as required. The collection is taken during the service with an old wooden collection 'ladle'. You must be masked inside before and after leading worship, the lesson reader can remove their mask for reading; it helps if they sit in one of the front pews. Let Jane know if you have arranged for someone to read or if she needs to. When leaving the church it is lovely to chat outside the door but again it is important to maintain social distancing as we have a lot of members in the vulnerable category.

Who can attend: There are 20 socially distanced 'positions' in Stobo Kirk that can be occupied by a single individual or by the members of a household. There have been 3 a couple of times and up to 4 is probably fine. This is sufficient to allow people just to turn up.

Procedure for on-line worship in a time of Coronavirus.

Record the meditation and send the recording to be with Neil Robinson neil@glenholm.co.uk by Friday at the latest. If you wish to do the reading yourself or can arrange for someone else to read that recording should also be with Neil by Friday at the latest; or let Fiona Burnett fiona@glenholm.co.uk know a bit ahead that you need someone else to read. In order to reduce the amount of work involved it is intended that the prayers produced for the equivalent church service should also be used on-line. These should be sent to the relevant name on the schedule by the Thursday at the latest so that they have