

Encouraging YOU to know JESUS

*Because he lives, I can face tomorrow*

Please note that our Interim Moderator and Locum, Rev. Rona Young, will return from holiday this Tuesday. If in need of urgent pastoral care until then, please contact Gary McCleary by telephone on 07931 952497.

Please remember in your prayers this week all of the people below in hospital, care homes or in their own homes:-

Mrs Irene Gibson	Mrs Jean Allardyce (in Ayr Hospital)
Mrs Anne McRonald ( now home)	Mrs Maude Smillie
Mrs Margaret Burgess (Berelands Care Home)	Mrs Heather McLeod
Mrs Rae Beattie	Mrs May Wilkinson
Mrs Betty McPherson	Mrs Anna Irving
Mrs Maie Dickie	Mrs Catherine MacDonald
Mrs Isa Lawrie	Mr Alasdair Wham
Mrs Jean McCamily	Mrs Patricia Fraser

Please let the Session Clerk know of any member/relative who goes in to hospital or is ill at home. For those in hospital, please ensure you have their given Christian name which may not necessarily be the name by which s/he is usually known.

**Prayer Chain** Anyone having a request for prayer may contact Sheena Hunter on 01292 570200 or e-mail her at [sheenachunter@hotmail.com](mailto:sheenachunter@hotmail.com)

**Reopening of NWC for worship** As many of you are aware already, the church will reopen with a service at 11.00am next Sunday ie. 20<sup>th</sup> September. To comply with Scottish Government and Church of Scotland Guidelines for the safe reopening of churches, places available in the church building will be limited therefore a telephone booking system is in place. Before booking, please consider carefully the content of Rona's letter and list of rules/procedures sent out this past week to all members and regular worshippers. Also please be aware that, depending on demand, it may not be possible for you to worship in church every week so that we can be fair to all members of the church family. To book a seat, please phone Sheila on **(01292) 269705** between **9.30am** and **12.00 noon** on **Thursday**.

Our streamed service online will continue as normal at 11.00am on Sundays.

**Difficult times** While these are times of worry and hardship for many people, the Church is also struggling financially. If you are able, we would be most grateful if you would consider making an extra donation (according to means) to help cover ongoing bills etc.. Please contact Janis Meredith whose details are on page 5. Anyone wishing to donate to Ayr: Newton Wallacetown Church online can use this link:- <https://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/news-and-events/news/2020/support-your-local-church-with-our-new-online-donations-system> Thank you.

*John Bell*

**Salvation Army Foodbank** A big thank you to all who have donated in the past few months. Please note that donations will be accepted today in the church drive between **2.00** and **3.00pm**. Only leave your car when the person before you has gone and, if possible, please place your contribution directly into the boot of the receiving car.

**Online Donations** Do you shop online? If you do please remember that you can raise donations for the church at no extra cost to yourself. All you have to do is go to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/> and register Newton Wallacetown Church of Scotland as your charity, then shop at the many different retailers who donate through the site. Remember though, that you have to go to the retailer through easyfundraising.

You can also raise donations when you shop at Amazon. Instead of shopping at the usual site go to <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/> and register Ayr: Newton Wallacetown Church of Scotland as your charity and the business will make a donation to the church on qualifying purchases.

**Can YOU help?** We are looking for someone to be NWC's contact with Nkhata Bay Church in Malawi. This is open to all members of the congregation. If you are interested, please speak to Rev. Rona Young or John Bell in the first instance.

**Birthdays** Happy Birthday wishes go this week to each of the following:-

15<sup>th</sup> September Alistair Shaw

16<sup>th</sup> September Annabel McCrone (70 years!!)



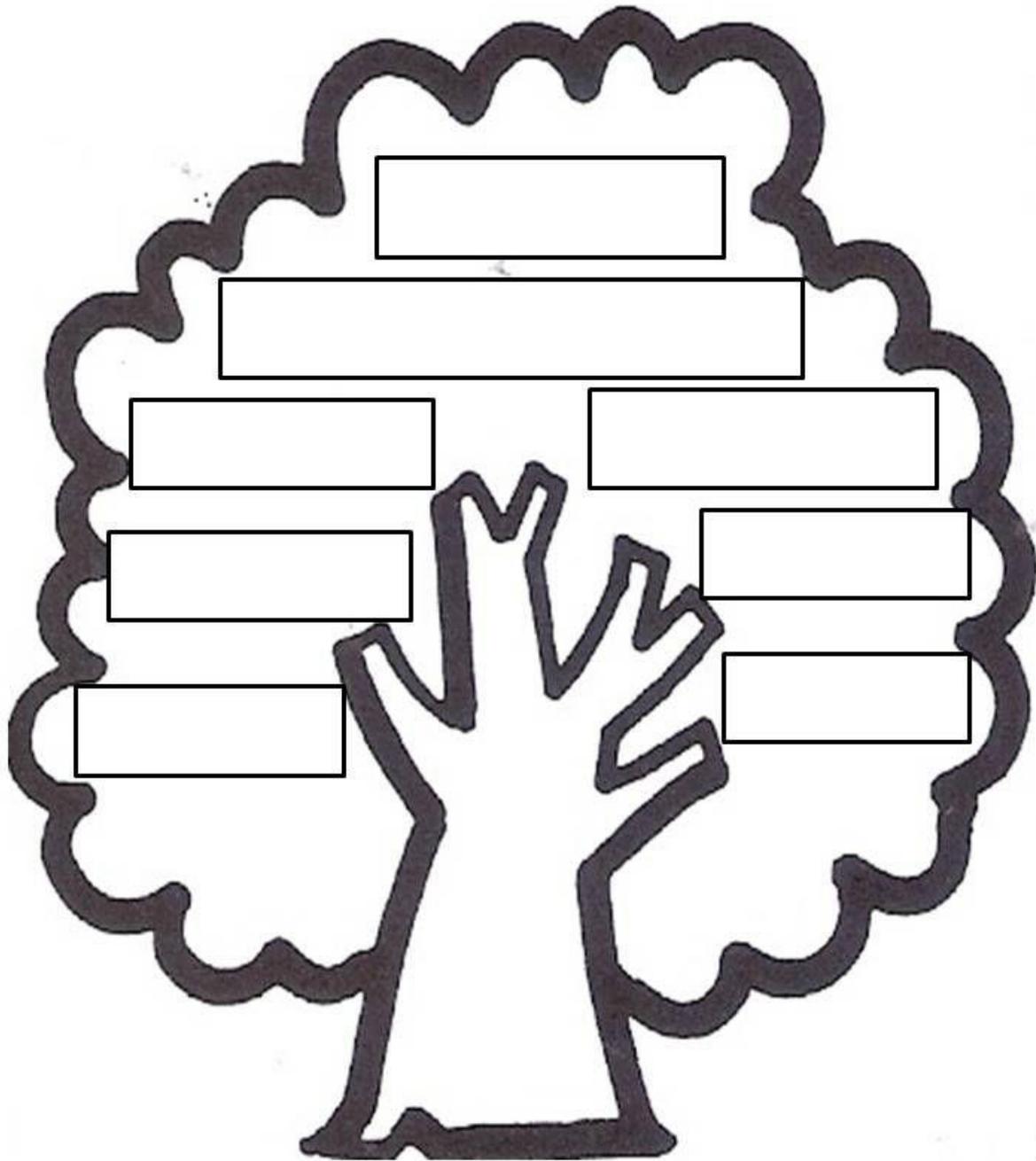
#### **Puzzle for adults and older children**

Dear Sir/Madam,

The Bible is a remarkable book. Within this letter there are 26 books of the Bible hidden. Can you find them all? Have a go at it using a pen or pencil highlight the ones you find or click with a mouse. The Bible was written by God, using many authors from all sorts of backgrounds, having many different jobs. God tells us the story of his nation Israel and His son, Jesus Christ, making sure it has been preserved for us through the ages for us to read today. The Bible outlines the right way to lead our lives, as well as containing many historical accounts. Moses led Israel through the Red Sea, at the battle of Jericho trumpeters marched round the walls for seven days, Judea saw great wars and captivity, Abishag gained David as a husband, the Pharisees would act superior to everyone else, perhaps almsgiving for example, but Jesus kept giving them a most stern rebuke. Jesus also performed many miracles, after receiving the Holy Spirit upon his baptismal achievement, with his first miracle being turning the water into wine for the groom at the wedding - maybe it was a nice Spanish Rioja? Mesopotamia was an important region in Biblical history, with Ur and Babylon in that area, as was Sudan I elsewhere read. When studying the Bible it is helpful to look out for any Bible echo. Search for them whenever you read as you will see some fascinating things, particularly when reading the letters to the various churches, or ecclesias. Testing what you hear against the Bible is also very important to show if it is true, for example if someone suggests Jesus was born in Suez rather than Bethlehem, you would use the Bible to check its accuracy. The same applies if you think Paul ate locusts, David played a banjo eloquently for Saul, Barnabas went on missionary work to Dijon, a horse carried Jesus into Jerusalem or Lazarus died of swine flu, keep going back to the Bible as you can learn a lot from answers to your questions. There is no need to put being academic ahead of everything else though as Jesus said it is most important to love one another, in a humble spirit. Jesus gave his life for us and, when we are in a spiritual rut, his love will give us the comfort we need.

Sincerely, the Rev. E. Lation

Younger children can complete this tree then add even more answers in the space below:-



**Thank You JESUS Tree**

*GOD created seed/fruit bearing plants and trees on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day.*

- Write down what you like to **thank JESUS for** in the boxes eg. food

**Request** As we are in a period of social distancing in which we have to learn new ways of connecting with each other, we also have to bring to you the financial needs of the church. As you know we rely on the offerings of our members as our main source of income. We have to ask therefore, if you can, you change from using weekly freewill offering envelopes to setting up a Standing Order with your bank. I have included a standing order form below which you can complete and send to your bank or, if you internet or phone bank, you can use the bank details to set up your own payment.

We are very grateful for all you give and thank you for your support. Wishing you God's blessing in these times and please stay safe.

*Janis Meredith*

**Newton Wallacetown Church of Scotland**  
Scottish Charity Number SC001994  
*Bank Standing Order*

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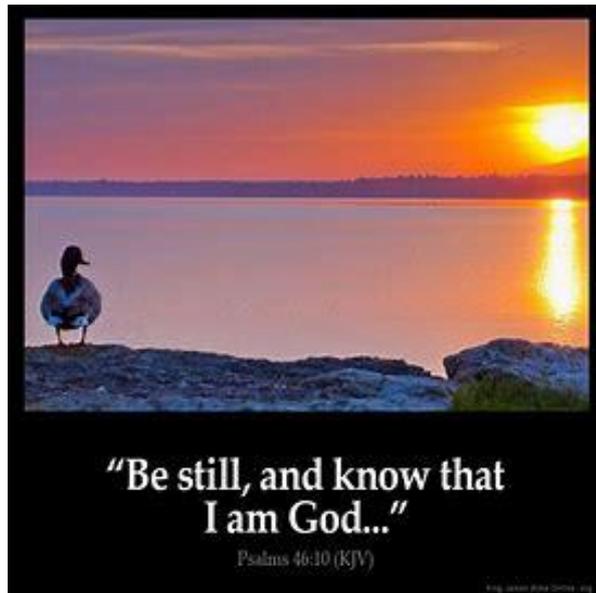
Please pay to the Treasurer of Newton Wallacetown Church  
The sum of £..... Monthly  Quarterly  Annually   
Starting Date: .....  
Reference:.....  
Name (Print): .....  
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Signature: .....  
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*Payable until further notice to: The Bank of Scotland, 123 High Street, Ayr, Branch Sorting Code: 80-12-39 and to the account of Newton Wallacetown Church – Account No. 00 79 67 70.*

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**IMPORTANT:**  
This Bank Standing Order is **in addition** to any existing standing order in favour of Newton Wallacetown Church.

**Remember** Streaming of our morning service conducted this week by Gary McCleary and next week by Rev. Rona Young will commence at **11.00am** then our **prayer time** starts at **12.30pm** with the Lord's Prayer followed by personal prayers. This helps bring us together to reach out to him in prayer while we are distancing physically.



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