



St Giles' Cathedral

An Update from the Minister

Dear member of the St. Giles' community,

First of all Missy and I send you our best wishes for a good New Year. I hope you and yours were able to enjoy the festive season despite the pandemic restrictions.

As you know, we are in a major lockdown once again and the Cathedral is closed to visitors and, since December 27, we have moved all our worship offerings online.

Morning Prayer on Sunday is available in audio format from 11.30 a.m. on the website as is our midweek devotion on Thursdays.

These continue to be uncertain times but the leadership of the Cathedral is endeavouring to find creative ways to ensure our financial infrastructure is viable into the future when we are able once again to welcome visitors and conduct in-person worship services. I give thanks daily that we have such strong lay leadership in St. Giles'.

My thanks also to those staff who are not furloughed and are helping with caring for the building, looking after the finances, recording music for worship and preparing for the return of visitors.

News has just reached us that the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland in May will be conducted virtually. No decision has yet been made as to whether St. Giles' will host some kind of Assembly Service.

I know these are difficult days for us all but it is good to reflect on the fact that St. Giles' has weathered many setbacks in its nearly 900 years and still stands as a beacon of light and love for our city and our nation.

I look forward to seeing you back in the Cathedral once restrictions are lifted.

With my best wishes,

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