

THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND NEW MONKLAND L/W GREENGAIRS

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Dear Friends,

Both Kirk Sessions of Airdrie: New Monkland l/w Airdrie: Greengairs fully understand that this is a time of worry, anxiety and potential hardship for many of us and that so many unforeseen difficulties have arisen. Our churches are not exempt from this and so the Kirk Session of Airdrie: New Monkland and the Congregational Board of Airdrie: Greengairs have been considering what steps we must take to mitigate potential difficulties which we may encounter.

Although we will not be worshipping on Sundays for the foreseeable future, we still have bills to pay and commitments which we must fulfil: gas and electricity will still be required to keep the fabric of the church in a sound condition, insurance will still have to be paid, rates for the manse, telephones in the church and hall and payment of our Presbytery Dues which for this year for Airdrie: New Monkland is £44,508 and Greengairs £13,727 both paid in 10 monthly instalments.

Many of us are used to handing in weekly offering envelopes. You may be aware that there are teams on duty each Sunday who open the envelopes after worship, record the offerings in a book against the envelope numbers so that Gift Aid can be claimed from HMRC where appropriate, and make sure that the totals in the book reconcile to the cash which has been counted. This cash is then banked each Monday morning. Due to “social distancing” restrictions, the “Count Teams” will no longer be able to operate, which clearly presents a serious problem for our churches finances.

One of the options which we hope that you may consider is to change your method of offering to payment by standing order, arranged through your bank, whereby you would ask your bank to make a regular weekly or monthly payment to New Monkland Parish Church or Greengairs Parish Church.

We can provide a form for this purpose, although many of us are now able to set this up ourselves online. Sort codes and account numbers for both of our churches are detailed below.

We fully understand that this may not be possible for everyone and should this be the case then we would ask that you contact either of the Treasurers (dependent on where you worship) and we will arrange to have your envelope uplifted when permissible.

Please know that you and yours are in our thoughts and prayers at this very uncertain time.

Yours sincerely,

Rev. William Jackson:

Moderator. Airdrie: New Monkland I/w Airdrie: Greengairs.

Mrs. Helen Laird: Treasurer: Greengairs Parish Church

Mr. Derek Croall: Treasurer: New Monkland Parish Church

Airdrie New Monkland Parish Church.

RBS

Sort Code: 83-15-11

Account Number: 10698418

Greengairs Parish Church Fund.

Bank of Scotland

Sort Code: 80-05-26

Account Number: 00395145