



Ardoch Church of Scotland Guild

Whose we are, and Whom we serve

One Journey, Many Roads - 'The Extra Mile'

Keeping You in the Loop

February 21

Hi Folks,

It does not seem like a month since I last wrote to you between Christmas and New Year. But time goes on.... and the combination of Braco and the month of January has brought our fair share of snow! Up here in our Ardoch Way/Grove enclave the snow has never really left us. However, I am so thankful that someone comes with a wee snowplough and regularly goes around the pavements - not only pushing the snow into the gutters, but also gritting the pavements to make them safe to walk on.

These things make our life easier, makes us more confident about getting out for a walk and a breath of fresh air and, I'm sure, prevents accidents. We have so much to be grateful for in this small community of ours. I personally feel so privileged to be living in such a caring community.

Pat Duncan,

Ardoch Parish Guild Secretary.

February Zoom Guild Meeting!

The Guild Committee are aware of the fact that not all Guild members are able to access devices or computers that would allow them to join an online Guild meeting.

However, we think that for the time being that is the only option available to us. Many session meetings, bible studies etc are taking place via Zoom and some of us are getting used to meeting up online using Skype or Facetime with friends and family.

Christine Souter is to host our Guild meeting on Thursday 4th February with people gathering at 1.45 pm for a 2pm start.

If you are a first time 'Zoomer' then it always helps to do a practice run.

Details of the meeting are:

Ardoch Church of Scotland Guild is inviting you to their first ever Guild Zoom meeting.

Topic: Malawi Fruits – Growing for the Future

Speaker: CEO of Malawi Fruits Kevin Simpson

Time: Feb 4, 2021 02:00 pm

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9205380068>

Meeting ID: 920 538 0068

By clicking the Meeting ID the Zoom app should open and you will be admitted to the meeting.

You can also join us by phone to hear all that is going on.

- 1 When you phone the number 0131 460 1196, you will be asked to enter the meeting ID (920 538 0068) followed by the hash key (#).
- 2 Next you will be asked for a participant ID, but you can bypass this by hitting the hash key (#) again.
- 3 Finally, you are asked to enter the password followed by the hash key again. Our meetings have no password. So, press the hash key if required.



If you prefer not to be seen on the screen you can easily turn off your camera. This is the symbol with the words “**stop video**” under it. Click on this and it will then have a line through it, meaning it has been turned off. Click again to reverse the process.



The same can be done to the speaker/microphone and it has the word “**mute**” under it. Once clicked, it too will have a line through it showing it has been turned off. Click on it again to reverse the process.

However, part of the fun is to see and speak to everyone and after the first time you see yourself it is not so scary. Just remember when you listen to all the Guild members who are Readers on a Sunday, how they felt the first time they were recorded!

Please note that during the meeting all microphones will be turned off by the Host to reduce any background noise.

If all else fails this is a way to get into the meeting:

Simply copy and paste the Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9205380068> into your search engine

and when the page opens then click ‘Launch Meeting’ and be patient until your host Christine welcomes you.

Malawi Fruits and the Guild



MalawiFruits
Growing the Future

We at Malawi Fruits have a strong affinity with the Guild because of our strong Christian ethos, our commitment to practical Christian care and our shared relationship with the CCAP Synod of Livingstonia in Malawi.

Our project – Growing the Future – brings together these existing relationships but is a new approach to supporting young farmers and bringing Good News.

WE look forward to working with the Guild from 2018 – 2021 and together we will:

Work with CCAP Youth Groups to train and support the young people to grow cash crops using modern methods.

Provide **Futurepumps** (an innovative solar powered irrigation pump which can provide water for one acre of farmland) to enable young people to grow crops using irrigation.

Provide access to a tractor and plough as a part of the “**Green Revolution**” for these young farmers

Connect young people with processing facilities and good markets to ensure that they are not exploited in any way.

Throughout all this, we will work with Youth Groups to help young people recognise this help as a blessing from God and as a connection with the Global Church through the Guild and Malawi Fruits.

Donating to Malawi Fruits

We have had few fundraising opportunities this year and many of you may want to know how you can donate to the Malawi Fruits Guild Project. The Guild has its own online donations facility at <https://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/serve/the-guild/donate> The Guild reassures us that this is a safe and secure way of donating to Guild Projects with confidence.

Otherwise you can drop a donation cash or cheque into Pat Duncan at 3 Ardoch Way and Dorothy our treasurer will acknowledge the donation when it is collected.

