



## Ardoch Church of Scotland Guild

**Whose we are, and Whom we serve**

**One Journey, Many Roads - 'The Extra Mile'**

**Keeping You in the Loop**

**March 21**

Hi Folks,

I know some of our Guild members were unable to attend our zoom meeting online on 4<sup>th</sup> February. These are strange times and we are all trying to make changes to our usual way of doing things in order to meet up in whatever way is possible. This inevitably means that not all are able to attend, but we do have hope that with the vaccination programme in full flow it is only a matter of time until we can get together again safely - albeit with continued mask wearing and safe distancing procedures.

We gathered online to hear Kevin Simpson from 'Malawi Fruits' talk about the charity and all it is doing with young farmers in the northern part of Malawi. It was a very informative and interesting talk, and what I liked about it most was the fact that the help these young people are being given is not a temporary fix, but something sustainable that would mean that they have a future with enhanced living conditions. The Guild Committee agreed that Ardoch Guild would donate £100 to this project, but donations from individuals have come in, and some members donated directly via the Guild office. So, I am sure our giving will be more, when Dorothy has totalled it all up.

We are now in the season of Lent. Lent is a journey towards the Joy of Easter. It is a time when we remember all He gave up for us as He went through His journey to the cross.

It is a season where we are asked to put others before ourselves and walk in Jesus' footsteps as He calls us to 'love our neighbours.'

We too have been on a journey that has tested us over the past year. We have had to give up so much..... However, during this time, as individuals and as a Guild we have managed to give support and encouragement to each other, to serve our community and to think of ways to help people in need in Uganda (Edith's Hope), in India (Seema's Project) and Malawi Fruits. We have also given to Christian Aid.

Even in lockdown we have found time and resources to reach out to others in a variety of ways.

All good wishes,

Pat Duncan,

Secretary, Ardoch Church of Scotland Guild.

Normally, we have a collection at the WDP event, and both Sally Young (22 Millhall Drive, Greenloaning) and Pat Duncan (3 Ardoch Way, Braco) are happy to receive donations, which will be forwarded to our Treasurer, Dorothy, for remittance to WDP.

Since the Guild zoom meeting of 4<sup>th</sup> February went so well, the Guild Committee have decided to go ahead with Guild zoom meetings during the next two months:

**At 2pm on April 1<sup>st</sup> Liz Paterson will give a presentation about her visit to India.**

**At 2pm on May 6<sup>th</sup> our minister Mairi Perkins will give a talk about her visit to Israel entitled “ Come See – Go Tell”.**

During the Summer months this year it is intended, if possible, to continue to hold Guild meetings. It is hoped by then that we may be able to get together in a socially distanced setting. **Watch this space!**