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NCYA Exhibition

Carolyn Kennion reports:

Please find an additional PDF document containing the entries for this year's NCYA Exhibition on the theme of charity for download here (it's a large file so please be patient while it loads):

<https://www.generalconference.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/2020exib.pdf>

As the NCYA aren't able to host a physical exhibition this year due to Covid-19, we hope you will enjoy browsing the exhibition virtually.



Congratulations to all entrants (who were each sent a gift card prize).

Paisley - One Year On

Our Sunday 'POP UP' Paisley Society Church

Winnie Laing, Paisley Secretary reports:

On selling our 17 George Street, Paisley, Church building last March we had our first service in our new rented premises at 5 King Street, Paisley on Sunday 28th April 2019. On this first morning our Minister, Jack Dunion, said that the set up for our service and the hall had such a peaceful ambience. Our existing small congregation who regularly attend our service on

a Sunday morning were in agreement that we would use a local hall to enable us to keep our congregation together. Our move to King Street, Paisley, has proved very successful and has enabled us to do this with no more overhead or maintenance concerns. The owner of the hall has been very obliging allowing us the use of two filing cabinets for storage for bibles, hymn books etc. and other essentials for our service which has been very much appreciated.



The King Street hall consists of a small hall, kitchen and office and is run as a local Care

Organisation and we rent the hall for 4 hours on a Sunday morning. The owner is very flexible should we require an extra hour for a meeting but so far this has not been required. The rental is very reasonable and allows us to have our service without any worries. During the year since moving to our new premises at 5 King Street we have had several visitors joining us for a Sunday service and they have been made very welcome.



Our members attending on a Sunday morning arrive early and set up the hall for our morning service which takes less than 20 minutes. Everyone has their own task/s to fulfil either setting up tables, selecting CDs for our services, providing fresh flowers and finishing our morning with a welcoming cup of coffee and biscuits. This has brought our Paisley Society members even closer together as a small family. A special thanks to Helen Laidlaw for making the beautiful banner for our services which, on a Sunday morning, has pride of place on the podium wall in the hall. Also in use is our portable lectern which was given to the Paisley Society by the late Jean Craig who was a lifetime member of our Society. This was only used on occasion in our George Street church but now is in use on a weekly basis.

We hope this update may inspire other New Church Societies to consider this option for their services when finding themselves in the same position as we found ourselves.

Our services have been cancelled of course since mid March 2020 due to the pandemic but we look forward to being together again for our Sunday services in a safe, if perhaps, different way.



Update From Online Ministry Team

Revd Becky Jarratt reports:

As you will have seen, we have been very busy learning new skills and working together for Zoom services on Sunday mornings! Thank you, all, for your patience with us as things have developed. It has been a real learning curve, but we have benefitted a lot from spending extra time working closely with each other. We are sure that you will all appreciate that this team work is on top of the other responsibilities we have as individuals.

We have been looking at how to sustain what we have got going during the lockdown. We have been considering how best to continue this work over the summer when there will be annual leave to take, even if it is taken in our own homes, so that we can rest and recharge our batteries. We have also been in discussion with others about the possibility of keeping a

Zoom service going on a less frequent basis once churches have opened for worship again. This is still under development - we will keep you informed.

Another area that we have been looking at is the possibility of having a time of “Together Online” during Conference week, in the eventuality that we cannot all meet in person. This is something none of us have experience of, other than the Sunday services and various meetings, so we have been seeking assistance from others. Again, watch this space for more information in the coming weeks.

If you have something you would like to feed back about working online in these ways, please feel free to email me and I will communicate it with the others: becky.jarratt@gcnc.org.uk

Hoping you are all well and surviving this unusual time.

On behalf of the team - **Jack, Christine, Alison and Becky**

Famous People Quiz

Jenny Jones hosted a famous people quiz using Zoom last week and has shared the quiz (as an extra PDF) with E-News for those that didn't take part. You can download the quiz here:

<https://www.generalconference.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/famousquiz.pdf>

Answers will be revealed in the next E-News.