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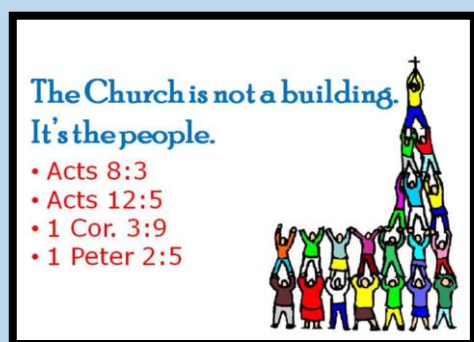
E-NEWS

The replacement for our Pews News over the coming weeks, at Bellshill Central Parish Church

Welcome to our weekly **E-NEWS** our replacement for our Pews News, we hope that you find this a useful accompaniment to our online services. To access our Sunday services online please visit www.bellshillcentral.church/watch-live

Please sign up to subscribe to our Website to regularly receive the **E-NEWS**, although it will be available online, Facebook and Twitter

Our Church Building may be closed for the time-being but we are still the Church – the People of God. Elspeth shared a very appropriate picture on Facebook which is shared below (and is on our church posters outside the building):



In these challenging times it is important that we stay in close contact with our church family, please let Kevin or Stanley know ASAP about anyone unwell, needing the support of the church or any regular pastoral care.

We've set up a WhatsApp group and are enjoying keeping in touch each day, sharing some much needed humour and just staying connected. If you have a smartphone and the WhatsApp "app" and would like to be part of this group let us know.

Remember to phone those who aren't online, share some news, ask them how they are, it really will make all the difference.

The hymn that ended our online worship today was Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven. A well-loved hymn. Famously sung at the wedding of the Queen & the Duke of Edinburgh in 1947. Verse 4 of that hymn is particularly relevant:

*Frail as summer's flower we flourish;
blows the wind and it is gone;
but, while mortals rise and perish,
God endures unchanging on.
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise the high eternal One.*

Kevin prepared a lovely online message for us, inspiring us in these difficult and challenging times. We reflected on the 4th Sunday of Lent. Kevin then reminded us of the following readings: the 23rd Psalm, 1 Sam 16:1-13, John 9 (selected vs.) & Ephesians 5:8-14, that Jesus is the Light of the World. We prayed for ourselves and for others.

Next Sunday we will again meet together online, which is remarkable comforting for folks. We have deliberately used things that are familiar in our worship such as the choir, organ and images around our church. The stained glass windows will feature!

Next week's **E-NEWS** will be issued ahead of the online service, with the words to the hymn included, and a prayer to use as we settle ourselves, in our homes, to come together and worship.

Keep safe throughout the week, follow the Government's advice, keep in touch with each other and pray without ceasing.

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