

**ST. NINIAN'S SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH
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Dear Members of the congregation,

We write at this critical point in the life of our nation and in our own lives. Please do everything you can to keep yourself safe. We will, with great rejoicing, return to our beloved St Ninian's to worship God. Whilst we await that wonderful day, we need to discuss the practical issue of continued giving.

In the same way as all commercial premises, St Ninian's is facing a major loss of income throughout the period in which the church and halls must remain closed during the coronavirus crisis. In particular, there will be a loss of £1000 a month from hall lets and £400 a month from coffee mornings and other fund-raising events. Meanwhile the great majority of the daily costs of maintaining the building and the ministry of St Ninian's will continue and the only significant saving in expenses will be from the reduction in heating.

In these circumstances we would appeal to all members of the congregation to try to maintain their giving to the church by way of collections. We very much appreciate that during this crisis some members will be in the difficult position of a reduced income or be uncertain now of what their incomes might be.

If at all possible, however, please give consideration as to how you can maintain what you normally give in the collections.

A steady flow of income to the church will continue from those members who use a standing order through their bank, if, of course, their future income will allow them to maintain the standing order. In the case of those members who contribute through the weekly envelope scheme or put cash in the collection plate, we would ask you to consider one of these three options:-

- * to continue to set aside each week the amount you can give so that it will become available to the church when we resume services.
- * to set-up a monthly standing order with your bank (the St Ninian's bank details are: Sort Code 83-44-00, Account No. 00279670)
- * to send a cheque, made payable to "St Ninian's Episcopal Church", each month to Vivian Davey, the Treasurer, (2 Sutherland Court, 15 Bruce Road, Pollokshields, Glasgow G41 5EN) along with the relative envelopes where appropriate.

The second method has the big advantage of maintaining a steady income to meet expenses.

We thank you for considering these matters in these hard times and wish you and your loved-ones every blessing and continued good health.

Yours sincerely,

Paul Romano

Rector

Vivian Davey

Treasurer