

Church News

Thanks to everyone who contributed to Catherine's farewell gift, which was greatly appreciated by her.

Her departure has left a big gap to fill, and whilst we were adjusting to that, news came that as part of their review the Church of Scotland are looking to cut ministry posts and for now no church can call a minister. It was time for a few deep breaths, but as my mum always said when one door closes another opens, and we have been blessed by having Rev. Mary Ellen Thomson as our locum minister. So life goes on! There is a service each Sunday in Laggan at 9.30am (Newtonmore 11.30am), our online service continues, and on the last Sunday of every month there will be a joint service at 10.30 am, the next one is in Laggan on 26th September, followed by Newtonmore on 31st October. Thanks to everyone who has helped pull this all together.

Sadly there will be no church and community picnic this year, the situation is still too uncertain to plan properly – but just imagine how great next year's is going to be.

Ending on a positive note, we are hoping to have the popular Laggan Church Venison sale outside on Saturday September 25th at the Village hall with a table service for teas, coffees and bought bakes inside to comply with present CoS guidance and to start up Helping Hands meet ups, probably a drop in coffee morning to begin with. More details to follow!

Alison Armstrong

Session Clerk

Roads Update from Transport Scotland

The day after we published the Newsletter, Transport Scotland advised us of the following changes to the planned scheme roadworks and maintenance in our area.

A889 – Site 3 – Allt an t-Slugain will now take place over 3 nights from **12-14th September** inclusive with the A889 closed and signed diversions via the A9 and A86 in place.

A86 – Site 6 – Creagdubh – start now POSTPONED from the end of September until the end of OCTOBER – very likely to start **31st October for up to 10 nights** with overnight road closure and diversions in place via A9.

A86 – w/b **13th September** – soft verge repairs between Laggan and Gaskbeg Farm

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