

Preparation Days

Come and hear our plans for 2022 and share in worship together using the EWNl service. We also want to listen to your ideas, plans and hopes for your local services next year, but the Committee also want to hear your concerns and to support you as we hopefully embrace new opportunities trusting in God's promise for the future

In the autumn I will be sending all organisers and distributors an invitation to join a Zoom Preparation Session. These will be arranged in regions so that we can gradually build a supportive network and have better communication between the Committee and our splendid team of volunteers. Covid regulations allowing, some city groupings may meet face to face as usual, but to give greater access, without travel, we hope to build on the successful meetings we had this year and use Zoom. The meetings will last around 90 minutes and will be a mixture of presentation and fellowship followed up by a news bulletin so we can all share our wisdom and plans.

Please note, you will not need to have a Zoom app on your computer/ipad - internet connection is all that is required, and **people without internet can listen in and take part in the sharing on a normal telephone line.** However, it will be an enormous help if you can keep your communication links up to date and let us know immediately if there is a change of personnel.

Please contact me if you have any questions or need help accessing the Preparation Day online. I am always happy to help in any way I * can. Committee Members are joining me and are looking forward to seeing you.

With my prayers,

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Autumn 2021 Newsletter



EWNl – “I Know the Plans I Have For You”

People have often found it difficult to accept new things – new ideas, new technology, the new ‘normal’! I remember when what we called ‘Twentieth Century’ hymns came out and only a few enjoyed the new tunes! One of these ‘Oh for a 1000 tongues to sing’ was on today’s Daily Service and I can still enjoy the toe-tapping music and will hopefully soon be able to sing it in Church!

Through the Pandemic WDP has continued and grown with the new technology and holding to the words ‘I know the plans I have for you’. Material for the 2022 services (be they virtual or face to face) are ready and preparation will begin and plans be made.

May you ‘*Look forward in faith, all time is in God’s hand*’. God bless you in your support of WDP and all your Christian witness.

Margaret Broster Convener

FINANCE

This year has been a difficult one for everyone, but as long as we remain positive anything is possible. Although a lot of services have been held online we are most grateful for the donations that we have received from groups and individuals.

Although this is a finance report it shows that people have enjoyed some kind of fellowship remotely, but I think we will look forward to the time when we can meet together in person.

The priority for the Scottish Committee WDP is to ensure that we have finance to supply Orders of Service including Shortened version, Braille, Children's Service and many other documents that enable us to reach every corner of Scotland for those do not have internet access or the ability to use that wonderful technology - Zoom.

After we make sure that we are able to cover all these costs and have a reserve for which OSCR, the charity commission, asks - we can disperse monies to charities. The accounts for this year carry a special reserve to cover the cost of the International Meeting in 2022.

Suzanne Foster Treasurer

A Message from the International Sub-Group

The past year has been challenging, faced with the uncertainty of how long we would be in lockdown due to the pandemic. During the year the sub-group met by Zoom to

continue planning for the International Meeting in 2022. We also met with Laurence Gangloff, Rosangela Oliveira and Susan Jackson-Dowd, members of the International Executive Committee, as there were concerns over whether we could host the International Meeting in Pollok Halls as originally planned. We did hope that by 2022 the current pandemic would have improved and the meeting would go ahead in Edinburgh. However, with the worldwide rise in various strains of the virus and delegates being reluctant to travel, the International Executive reached the decision that on this occasion, in the interests of safety, it would be wise to hold a Virtual meeting by Zoom. Although disappointed that we can no longer welcome our Sisters in Christ from around the world to Scotland, the WDP Scottish Committee unanimously agreed that we were willing to continue with our commitment as hosts, albeit in a virtual setting.

Many gifts have been purchased and donated. These will be sent to delegates.

Please continue to pray for the International Executive and Scottish Committee as we look forward in faith, remembering the verse in Jeremiah, "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

Ann Bowie Convener, international Group