

What a strange year 2020 has rapidly turned into with the arrival of a contagious virus that has interrupted and turn upside down the social fabric of many communities and institutions. Where we once freely gathered and enjoyed each other's company can no longer happens for obvious health reasons.

Covid 19 has forced a stop to, not only worship at St. Margaret's but has also seen the cancellation of all of the various groups and organisations that make use of our Halls.

In basic terms, although we are not meeting for Sunday worship, the work of the church continues and each week we are in "Lockdown" we cannot collect around £600 through the offering plate, Hall Lets and fundraising activities. So far, after 9 weeks in Lockdown, we have lost the equivalent of nearly £6,000 in income. Should this situation continue to the end of the year as the worst estimates project, we will have lost nearly £25,000 in income.

This is a huge sum to lose and we desperately need to maintain our cash flow to meet our overheads for St. Margaret's is to be able to reopen it's doors when we are able to gather again.

How can you help?

Anyone who wishes to make a donation can do so by visiting the donation page on the Church of Scotland's website <https://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/donate> and by clicking on the donate button. All donations made to an individual congregation will be given to that congregation, this means members and friends can continue to make their regular offering or to make a special donation to enable St Margaret's work to continue at this difficult time.

Many thanks for your support and generosity.