

## COVID UPDATE

- At the time of writing (early January 2024) there are over 1.8m people with Covid in the UK; 147,000 in Scotland (which is about 1 in 36)
- These numbers are still very high but the vaccination programme means that those who are most at risk, including older and less able, can be protected from very serious illness.
- Improved ventilation is a key factor in reducing transmission of Covid and 'flu
- Here's what measures our branch of u3a is doing to supplement these measures:
  - we have a monitor to measure the air quality in St Joseph's (where our biggest gatherings are) and can respond effectively if the alarm sound (we have 2 monitors and groups are welcome to borrow one, especially if meeting in smaller, enclosed spaces)
  - in the small room (for tea) we have an air purifier
  - we provide masks at the sign in desk at St Joseph's
  - members can join monthly meetings by zoom. If you have any symptoms please don't come along