JOHNSTONE KIRK

Sunday, 13th April, 2025 - Palm Sunday

Morning Worship
At 11.00 a.m.

Welcome to Johnstone Kirk

A special welcome to you if you are a visitor. We are very pleased to have you with us. We have a visitors' book that you are welcome to sign and the Minister would be pleased to meet you before you leave church today.

Worshipers are kindly requested to switch off mobile phones before the service commences.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Call to worship

Hymn 364
All glory laud and honour

Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Hymn 167 (MP)
Give me oil

Readings:
Psalm 118:1–2, 19–29
Luke 19:28–40

Hymn 367
Hosanna loud hosanna

SERMON

Hymn 531
My Jesus, my Saviour
(Offering uplifted during hymn. Remain seated)

Prayers of Dedication Thanksgiving and Intercession

Hymn 365
Ride on

Benediction and Threefold Choral Amen

We worship today at 11.00 a.m.

Our worship this morning will be led by Very Rev Dr Lorna Hood OBE.

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Holy Week Services

This week there will be joint Holy Week Services as follows:

- Monday, 14th April: Invitation to All - Elderslie Kirk;
- Tuesday 15th April: All Churches share worship together at Elderslie Kirk;
- Wednesday 16th April: All Churches share worship together at Johnstone High Parish Church;
- Thursday 17th April: All Churches celebrate Holy Communion at Johnstone Kirk;
- Good Friday 18th: Each church celebrates individually.

Services will begin at 7pm.

Graham Martin and Elizabeth Alexander, Session Clerks

Prayer Promoter

The Way of the Cross Leads to God

He carried the cross to Calvary,
Carried its burden for you and me,
There on the cross He was crucified
And, because He suffered and bled and died,
We know that whatever 'OUR CROSS' may be,
It leads to GOD and ETERNITY ...
For who can hope for a 'crown of stars'
Unless it is earned with suffering and scars,
For how could we face 'the living Lord
And rightfully claim His promised reward
If we have not carried our cross of care
And tasted the cup of bitter despair ...
Let those who yearn for the pleasures of life,
And long to escape all suffering and strife,
Rush recklessly on to an 'empty goal'
With never a thought of the spirit and soul ...
But if you are searching to find the way
To life everlasting and eternal day-
With Faith in your heart take the path He trod,
For the WAY OF THE CROSS is the WAY TO GOD.

Helen Steiner Rice

Sunday Morning Refreshments

Tea and coffee will be served in the Keanie Hall after this mornings service.
A small donation to cover running costs would be very much appreciated.
Thank you everyone for your continued support and help.

Aileen McColl



Tickets are now on sale. There are also booking forms in the vestibule.

Kirk News participants (formerly The Herald)

As you know we have had a very busy few months since our last magazine and we cannot wait to hear all about what you have been up to and see your pictures.
We know as Editors we want to continue with all the lovely events you kindly send us but feedback has suggested each magazine always looks the same…… so, let's give the people what they want VARIETY.
It's time for a shake up. Each quarterly magazine appears to come around more quickly. It's too easy to write what you have done using the same words and content. Let's get creative.
Think of different ways to write your article. We are always looking to incorporate lovely family occasions and pictures. We would love to see your walks on the wild side, gardens blooming, favourite holiday snaps, there are lots of people who are no longer able to get out and about so easily and it would be lovely to let us all see where you have been.
Do you have a favourite poem you want to share or pictures from the past that would spark a memory? Don't be afraid to send them to us. We would love to be able to have so many items that we have a bank of material to use each year.
The deadline for your articles, pictures, poems etc. - MUST be in the hands of the Editors NO LATER than Sunday 27th April. You don't want to be left out of this bumper edition.
Email articles to:
valeriechambers29@gmail.com or hand to either Valerie, Janice or Gail at the Church up to and including the deadline date.

Many thanks

From the Editors

To All Organisations and Groups - Fire Doors

The Kirk Session requests that fire doors are used only as fire doors and not to gain entry or exit the building.

There have been a couple of incidents recently when a fire door has not been closed properly and has blown open in the wind when everyone has left the building. This leaves our buildings insecure. The alarm has gone off (during the night) when the door has blown open, causing our property convener to have to attend to secure the building.

Thank you for your cooperation.
Elizabeth Alexander and Graham Martin, Session Clerks

March Communion - Retiral Offering

The March Communion retiral offering was £287.00. A you know we planned to use this money to replace the memorial bench for the late Mary Condie, which was stolen.

The family are concerned that a new bench outside may be at risk of damage or theft and have requested this money be donated in Mary's name to Alzheimer Scotland instead, with the possibility of an internal memorial for Mary, such as a plaque.

The Kirk Session have approved the donation to Alzheimer Scotland and will discuss further, possibilities for an internal memorial.

Thank you for your kindness.

Elizabeth Alexander and Graham Martin, Session Clerks

Loft Access

Please note, currently there is no access to the loft. While having the tank overflow repaired last week, the loft ladder collapsed.

Thank you.

Property Committee

Afternoon Tea

The Afternoon Tea this month is Tuesday 22nd of April
at 1.30pm.

Come and enjoy home baking, a little entertainment and lots of chat in a lovely friendly atmosphere.

All are welcome.

Mission Group

FLOWER LIST FOR 2025

The Flower List for 2025 is on the wall in the vestibule. Please ask any office-bearer for details.

CHURCH WEBSITE – www.johnstonekirk.org
WiFi setting - select Church. A password is required, which is stpauls50.

Media Committee

If any organization or individual would like anything added to the church web site or the Facebook page please email media@johnstonestpauls.org
The Facebook page can be found at
https://www.facebook.com/johnstonestpauls/

PROPERTY REPAIR BOOK

A book is available in the vestibule for reporting repairs. If you see anything which requires attention, please enter the details in the book.

Easter Sunday Club

Join us for a fun-filled Easter Sunday Club on Sunday 20th, hosted by GB!
All school-aged children are invited to come along for exciting games and creative Easter crafts.

Meeting in the Keanie Hall from 10:30am.

Laura-Jane Easter (Captain)