JOHNSTONE KIRK

Sunday, 5th October, 2025.

Morning Worship
At 11.30 am

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 189
Be still

Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Readings:
Isaiah 40:25-31
1 Corinthians 12:12-27

Hymn 356
Meekness and Majesty

SERMON

Hymn 505
All that I am
(Seated. Offering uplifted)

Prayers of Dedication, Thanksgiving and Intercession

Hymn 664 (Tune St. Agnes)
Here o my Lord (versus 1-4)

HOLY COMMUNION

Hymn 664
Too soon we rise (versus 5-7)

Benediction and Threefold Choral Amen

We worship today at 11.30 a.m.
Our worship this morning will be led by the Very Rev Dr Lorna Hood.

This week -

Quest Group
Every Sunday 11.30am (Young people of Secondary school age)

Ladies Friendship Group (Commences 8th September)
Second and fourth Monday of each month at 2pm. All ladies welcome.

1st/3rd Johnstone Girls' Brigade - Tuesday
Explorers (P1-3) - 7-8pm
Juniors (P4-7) - 7-8.30pm
Brigaders (S1+) - 7-8.30pm

St. Paul's Junior Drama
Wednesday 7-9pm

Game and chat group (Commences 11th September)
Thursday 2-4pm
All are welcome. Come and enjoy a cup of tea and fellowship.

3rd Johnstone Boys' Brigade - Friday
Anchor Section (P1–P3) 6:30pm - 7:30pm
Junior Section (P4–P6) 7:00pm - 8:30pm
Company/Snr Section (P7–S6) 7:45pm - 10pm

Get up and Go with Kirsty Galt, KG Fitness
Saturday 10.00 a.m. till 11.00 a.m. Please come along and join us. All fitness levels welcome.

Prayer Promoter

From Pray Now, Year 2007

Walking on Water

Our holiness is found in routine, in well worked out creeds,
And in fine constructed buildings, and we call it faith,
Yet find you in the unpredictable.

We build sanctuaries that beautify symmetry,
Creating a space that restrains the unfamiliar, and call it your realm,
Yet you are found outside the boat.

May our fear of the unexplored,
Be tempered by your voice through the confusion.
May our longing for solid ground,
Be balanced by your call amid the waves.
May our need for a boat,
Be lessened by your presence on the water,
That we dare to step into the unknown,
And find where the adventures are made.

Blessing
When you step out of the boat, may God be holding you.
When you walk into darkness, may you walk into God.
When you find yourself in the unknown, may you find God beside you and hand in hand may you walk into the adventure of life together.

Amen

Retiral Offering

There will be a retiral offering today in aid of Renfrewshire Foodbank.

Thank you
Elizabeth Alexander and Graham Martin (Session Clerks)

Sunday tea and coffee

Please note there will be no tea/coffee served this morning as this is our communion service today.

Taylor's Fashions Clothes Sale

We have now sold 80 tickets for this event which means we have reached full capacity for seating people for an event like this, as you know the centre of the hall is completely taken up with tables for clothes plus rails around the hall. Apologies to anyone who did not manage to get a ticket. We are happy to take your name and contact you if anyone drops out.

Please give your name and contact number to either Betty Usher or Aileen McColl.

Thank you from
Ways & Means Committee.

Croissant Sunday - Sunday 12th October

The famous GB Croissant Sunday returns for another year. This year GB are fundraising for the Blythswood Shoebox Appeal that they are supporting as part of their badge work.

This event will be held following the morning service. Entry is a donation at the door.

Thank you in advance for your support and kindness.

Many thanks

Laura-Jane Easter (Captain)

Kirk News

Can you believe that it's time to think about our winter newsletter. I mentioned that the autumn newsletter can be quite sparse due to the summer holidays, but not this time. Wonderful articles and pictures adorned our bumper magazine. Thank you.

We are such a busy congregation and Church with varied events and we are delighted to share every one with you.

In our winter newsletter we shall continue to hear from our resident feature writer John Muir, this time focusing on the Clydebank blitz and please continue to send in your articles, pictures and personal celebrations from your organisations and interesting life events, we so love sharing your wonderful news.
Remember to include your events on our 'what's on' page up to the beginning of December.

Closing date for all articles and pictures is Sunday 2nd November sent to valeriechambers29@gmail.com or can be handed to Janice, Gail or Valerie personally.

We look forward to hearing from you.

The Editors

Rev. Mae Bell - 'Moderator in Waiting and Still Waiting'

Former minister of St Andrew's Trinity, Rev. Mae Bell has written a book 'Moderator in Waiting and Still Waiting'. Mae will be joining us on Sunday 12th October and bringing copies of her book along. These books will be available for sale (£6), at the end of the service. All proceeds will go to MND.

Harvest

This year's Harvest Service will take place on Sunday 26th October. If you wish you can bring donations of food or money for Renfrewshire Foodbank.

Thank you

Elizabeth Alexander and Graham Martin (Session Clerks)

Jigsaw Challenge

Presbytery Mission is encouraging churches to take up the 'jigsaw challenge'. This is to provide a lorry for Mwandi, a town in Zambia. To complete the challenge we must complete the jigsaw. Jigsaw pieces will be available (at a cost of £1 a piece) from Sunday 12th October. Christine McCormack and Aiden Henderson will be organising this.

Thank you

Elizabeth Alexander and Graham Martin (Session Clerks)

Anti poverty March - 25th October - Free Bus

The General Assembly and The Right Rev. Rosie Frew (Moderator) are encouraging churches to participate in the Poverty Action March being held in Edinburgh on the 25th October.

Inchinnan Parish Church has secured a free bus to take people to Edinburgh for this march, should anyone wish to participate. The bus will leave around 8:30am from the Inchinnan Car Park and leave Edinburgh at 2pm. The march is from the Scottish Parliament Building to The Meadows.

If you would like to attend, please email Ann Knox our Mission Committee Convenor directly to reserve a space. (AKnox@churchofscotland.org.uk).

To date only four seats for the bus have been reserved. If there is no further uptake by Mon 13th October then the bus will be cancelled. So if you wish to go to the march on the bus please reserve your place soon.

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

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.