JOHNSTONE KIRK

Sunday, 28th September, 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 198
Let us build a house where love can dwell

Prayer & Lord's Prayer

'Quest' (All age talk)

Hymn 502
Take my life, Lord let it be

Reading
John 13:1-17 then 34:35

Hymn 374
From heaven you came, helpless babe

SERMON ***This is where love stoops***

Hymn 694
Brother, sister, let me serve you
(Please stay seated while singing this hymn as the offering will be collected)

Dedication of the Offering / Intercession

Hymn
In Christ Alone

Benediction and Threefold Choral Amen

We worship today at 11.30 a.m.
Our worship this morning will be led by Charlene Mitchell.

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

Relationship Sarah and Hagar

Power for us is such a tricky business.
God of power and might, instantly you challenge us.
Revealed in the flux of worldly power, as a powerless crucified God.

It is Sarah's house; she writes the rules, sets the emotional thermostat.
That is power to make life hell, albeit from sheer insecurity.
Hers is the present, and hers is the past with Abraham.

But pregnant Hagar is tomorrow,
And Hagar has the power of the weak,
And knowledge of the secret hurting spot.
She knows where to press.

Abraham the man, pathetic, is formal power.
He cannot placate or console Sarah. He cannot protect Hagar.
He simply abdicates.

The ebb and flow of power shapes our relationships.
We need faith to be able to entrust you those we love but cannot protect.
We need love, enough to love those who can absorb all the love we give, and still want more.
We need strength, to be able to stand gently, against power.
We need courage, to absorb hurt and break the cycle.

God make us strong to stand for the right, to speak the truth, to lay aside power, to embrace weakness.
To break the cycle in the freedom love gives.

Amen

Kirk Session Meeting - Tuesday 30th September, 2025

The next ordinary meeting of Johnstone Kirk, Kirk Session will take place on Tuesday 30th of September at 7pm in the Sanctuary.

Elizabeth Alexander and Graham Martin
Session Clerks

Sunday Morning Tea and Coffee

As our morning services are now starting at 11.30, we hope you will still come through to the church hall and enjoy a cuppa and a blether.
The volunteers who make and serve the refreshments appreciate your support.

Thank you.

Aileen and The Ways and Means Committee

Taylor's Fashions Clothes Show

Ways & Means are having a return visit from Brian Taylor with his clothes sale on Friday 17th October in the Church hall starting at 7pm.
As always we anticipate a good selection of clothing and just as many bargains.
Please come along and enjoy Brian's cheeky chat and a browse.
Tickets are now on sale, priced £5, from Betty Usher or speak to any member of the Way & Means Committee.

Thank you for your continued support.

Aileen & Ways & Means Committee.

Stained Glass

You will have noticed the beautiful stained glass at the front of our Sanctuary. These are from St Andrew's, and there is a plaque but we thought you may like a bit more information about them.

Top Left: St Columba's Boat. This represents the bringing of Christianity to Scotland in 563 AD by St Columba who died in Iona in 597 AD.

Top Right: The Caduceus to represent the Medical Profession.

Bottom: The Icthus (Greek for Fish) the early symbol of Christianity. Early Christians drew this simple shape in the soil to indicate to each other they were Christian. They could then remove the symbol by scraping the soil with their feet to prevent being discovered.

Mary's Meals
Unwanted Currency = School Meals

Mary's Meals serves nutritious school meals to children living in some of the world's poorest countries. The promise of a good meal attracts these hungry children into the classroom, giving them the energy to learn and hope for a better future.

Mary's Meals can turn your foreign coins and notes into meals for hungry children. They can also take British coins and notes that are no longer legal tender.

There is a donation box in the vestibule this summer should anyone wish to donate foreign currency.

Thank you.

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.