JOHNSTONE KIRK

Sunday, 23rd November, 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 127
O Worship The King

Prayer and Lord's Prayer

QUEST

Hymn 443
He Is Lord

Readings
Jeremiah 23 vs 1-6
Luke 23 vs 33-43

Hymn 462
The King Of Love My Shepherd Is

SERMON

Hymn 392
When I Survey The Wondrous Cross
(seated---offering uplifted)

Prayers of dedication, thanksgiving and intercession

Hymn 449
Rejoice! The Lord Is King

Benediction and Threefold Choral Amen

We worship today at 11.30 a.m.
Our worship this morning will be led by Rev Maureen Leitch.

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

Johnstone Kirk Junior Drama
Wednesday 7-9pm

Games 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

As we are about to enter the season of Advent, we see extremes. The rich can spend in excess, while the poor flirt with debt as cards give instant credit, street beggars ask for pennies.
The lead up to Christmas can be stressful with so many deadlines. There are times we really enjoy, with family and friends, also times when relationships are tense and love or the lack of it, gets to all of us at this time of year.

Loving God,
As we enter this season of Advent, help us to remember the birth of Your Son.
Let kindness come with every gift and good be our desire.
Help us look closely at the events that lead up to the coming of our Lord.
Help us see that You sent Your Son not to the wealthy, the religious leaders, but ordinary humble folk.
Help us to grasp the grace of this in all its fullness.

Amen

Sunday Morning Tea and Coffee

Tea and coffee will be served after this morning's service. We hope you will 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

Covered Chocolate Oranges For Christmas

Irene and Ishbel have been extremely busy once again knitting their amazing coverings for chocolate oranges. If anyone wishes to donate either chocolate oranges or money to purchase them, this will be very gratefully received.

These will be on sale after the morning service today, 23rd November in the Keanie hall priced at £3.50. These are a great and novel idea for stocking fillers.

Christmas Coffee Morning & Fayre

Our Christmas coffee morning and fayre will be on Saturday 6th December in the Masonic Hall, Collier Street, Johnstone from 10am 'til 12pm.

We will have a variety of goods for sale: home baking, covered chocolate oranges, homemade sweeties, toiletries, tombola and lots more.
We appeal for donations for all of the above, especially homebaking and tombola. These can be brought to Church or brought to the hall. If anyone wants anything picked up please phone Aileen McColl on: 07757 266794

The Masonic hall will be open on Friday 5th from 11.00am until 1.00pm for any donations and again from 6pm until 7.30pm for people to set up sales tables and drop off any donations.

We look forward to seeing you all there, we truly appreciate your support.

Aileen & Ways & Means Committee

Games and Chat Club - Great News!

We are pleased to let you know we now have our folding Badminton net and several games were played using it last Thursday.
Our Christmas break begins next Thursday when we are going out for Christmas lunch. We will start back on the 8th January .
We would be delighted to welcome anyone who wants to join us for an afternoon of assorted games to suit different abilities, followed by tea/coffee, chat and fun and laughter.
All are welcome, not just from the Kirk, we have a mixed membership.
We look forward to seeing new faces

Lyn Thom and the gang.

Big Christmas Card

The Mission Group are giving you the chance to take part in the BIG CHRISTMAS CARD.

This means that instead of giving individual cards to friends in Johnstone Kirk you can write a Christmas wish to all and make a donation to St Vincent's Hospice.

Your message will appear on screen before the services leading up to Christmas.

The card and donation box will be in the Keanie hall today and the next few Sundays.

Mission Group

Kirk Choir Christmas Sing Along

The choir would like to invite everyone after the morning service on Sunday 14th December to join us in the Keanie Hall for a Christmas Sing Along while you enjoy your tea and coffee with Christmas treats.
We will be giving out free tickets for catering purposes. If you enjoy yourself and you wish to make a donation, any money raised will go to St. Vincent's Hospice.
Please come and join in the fun.

Kirk choir

Meeting of Elders - Today, 23rd November, 2025
Communion Cards

A meeting of elders will take place in the small hall immediately following today's service.

Elders can collect their communion cards and church magazines from the small hall.

Thank you

Elizabeth Alexander and Graham Martin
Session Clerks

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.