JOHNSTONE KIRK

Sunday, 30th 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 273
O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Quest

Lighting Of Advent Candle

Hymn 282
Christmas Is Coming (Chorus And Verse 1)

Readings
Isaiah Ch 2 Vs 1-5
Matthew Ch 24 Vs 36-44

Hymn 601
Look Upon Us, Blessed Lord

SERMON

Hymn 472
Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus
(Seated---Offering Uplifted)

Prayers Of Dedication, Thanksgiving and Intercession

Hymn 477
Lo! He Comes With Clouds Descending

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 11.00am (Young people of Secondary school age)

Ladies Friendship Group
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 8th January)
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

The Angel Gabriel visited Zachariah with the news that God had chosen Elizabeth and himself to be parents, they were to call the baby John.
In time John would prepare the way for Jesus to start His ministry. His response to this was disbelief, the fact he was struck dumb, is strange to us. That would be our response also.

Father God, You place us in families, expectations stand at every corner of family life, the outside world tells them how to be perfect, but family life is laced with the unexpected.
Families see joy and disaster, every family walks into their future as blind as Zachariah was dumb.
Help us not to be afraid to stand up, when we see things no longer serve us.
Help us to speak up for each other as Elizabeth did among her neighbours.
Let us stand both alone and together for what we know is right and true this Christmas time.
As we move forward, may we see you at work in the unexpected things, unlock our tongues to speak up for how we feel and not doubt ourselves.

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

Service Times for December, 2025 - 11 am

The Kirk Session met last week to discuss our service start times for December, 2025.

It was agreed that from next Sunday, 7th December until Sunday, 28th December (inclusive) our Sunday morning services will begin at 11 am.

Notice will be given shortly about the start times of our services in 2026.

Thank you

Elizabeth Alexander and Graham Martin
Session Clerks

Celebration of Communion

Our celebration of Holy Communion will take place next Sunday, 7th December, 2025 at 11am.

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Kirk Session Meeting - Today, 30th November, 2025
Communion Cards

A Kirk Session meeting will take place in the Sanctuary following worship today.

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

Thank you

Elizabeth Alexander and Graham Martin
Session Clerks

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

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

Message from Rev. May Bell

It was lovely being with you all on the recent Sunday morning.

I would like to thank you all for buying my book, and because of that I have sent to the charity MND a cheque for £1,365.

I am so grateful for your support.

Thank you All

May Bell

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.