JOHNSTONE KIRK

Sunday, 21st December, 2025.

Morning Worship

At 11.00 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 301
Hark! the herald

Prayer and Lord's Prayer

ADVENT CANDLE - LOVE

Hymn
A candle is burning (Tune Cradle Song)

JUNIOR DRAMA NATIVITY

Hymn 321
Come and join the celebration

CHRISTMAS ADVERTS

Hymn 302
It was on a starry night

Reading:
John 1:1-5,14.

Hymn 314
Child in the manger

REFLECTION

Hymn 309
Still the night
(Seated as offering uplifted)

Prayers of Dedication, Thanksgiving and Intercession

Hymn 306
O come all ye faithful (omit v4)

Benediction and Threefold Choral Amen

We worship today at 11 a.m.
Our worship this morning will be led by the Very Rev Dr Lorna Hood.

Prayer Promoter

Love came down at Christmas.
Wise men listened in palaces, Shepherds in pastures, and into a lowly stable God's Son was born, because there was no room anywhere.
As a boy He increased in wisdom and favour, became a man, and became our Saviour.
And the word is with us.
Looking at the events that led up to the coming of the Christ Child, God was telling the people I am nothing like what you think.

Jesus turned everything upside down. The most wonderful thing of all.
Grace in all its fullness came down at Christmas.

Prayer

Right from the start the word was love. You risked all, You gave all. It blinks in the first wakening stars, it hums in the glare of the desert heat, it sings beside the seashore.
May we be wise enough to hear you, to see the signs that You put in place, at the coming of Your Son.
That in every place, and generation, this great story will be forever told.

Amen

Tea and Coffee

Tea and Coffee will be served in the Keanie Hall following this morning's service. Join us for refreshments and fellowship.

St Vincents Hospice

The totals raised for St Vincent's Hospice over the last few weeks are:

The Big Christmas Card - £200
Choir Christmas Sing Along - £322

Thank you so much to everyone once again for your very generous support.

Quest Group

The Quest Group is now off for the Christmas period. We will resume again on Sunday 11th January 2026.

Stewart Digney
Quest Leader

Covered Chocolate Oranges - Last Chance to Get Yours!

Irene and Ishbel will have covered chocolate oranges on sale in the hall today. Please don't miss your chance to get one.

Thank you.

Christmas Services

Unfortunately again this year, there will be no Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Services in Johnstone Kirk.

The following services will be held locally, should you wish to attend:

Christmas Eve:
Howwood Parish Church - 4pm
Elderslie - 7pm (Family Service) and 11.30pm (Watch Night Service - with tea and coffee being served in the hall from 10.30pm)

Christmas Day:
Kilbarchan Parish Church - 10.30am
Elderslie Kirk - 10.30am

FLOWER LIST FOR 2026

The Flower List for 2026 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.

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