# JOHNSTONE KIRK

***Sunday 22nd March, 2026.***

***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 96
You are before me Lord (Highland Cathedral)

Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Readings:
Ezekiel 37:1-14,
Romans 6:6-11

Hymn 596
Breathe on me

SERMON

Hymn 600
Spirit of God
(Please remain seated as the offering is uplifted)

Prayers of Dedication,Thanksgiving and Intercession

Hymn 352
O for a thousand tongues

Benediction and Threefold Choral Amen

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We worship today at 11 a.m.
Our worship this morning will be led by the Very Rev Dr Lorna Hood and again next Sunday, 29th March.

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**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**
Thursday 2-4pm
All are welcome. We have a choice of games from badminton to dominoes. Also time for a chat and 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.

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**Prayer Promoter**

Rt Rev Rosie Frew, Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland wrote this prayer. Sometimes it is hard to know how to pray. I am always very thankful for the prayers of others.

Loving God
We come before You in sorrow
For once again we are a world affected by war
So many lives disrupted
So much destruction
So much needless loss
So much fear and uncertainty
So much grief and pain
Forgive our inability to live at peace
We pray for peace and unity
Not just the cessation of hostilities
And the laying down of the weapons of war
But the costly, just peace that transforms hearts, structures, and lives
We pray for those in power
For wisdom and courage for world leaders
A willingness to negotiate
For blessed are the peace makers
We pray for one another
That we would be true to Christ
Who calls us to be peacemakers
Who calls us to pursue justice
Who calls us to love both neighbour and enemy
We pray for safety and security
For residents and visitors across the Middle East
For our Church Staff and students in the Holy Land
We pray for comfort and compassion
For those who are grieving
For all those who are afraid

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called the children of God.

In Jesus' name we pray,

Amen

**Tea and Coffee / Stated Annual Meeting**

There will be no tea and coffee served today as our Stated Annual Meeting will be held immediately following the service.

Thank you

Elizabeth Alexander and Graham Martin (Session Clerks)

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**Holy Week Services**

This year we are joining again with Elderslie Kirk and Johnstone High Parish for our Holy Week services. They are as follows:

Monday and Tuesday, 7pm – Elderslie Kirk
Wednesday, 7pm – Johnstone High Parish
Thursday, 7pm – Johnstone Kirk (Celebration of Holy Communion)
Friday, 7pm – Return to our own Churches

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**Light Bite Lunch**
**Sunday 29th March - after the morning service**

Please join us in the Keanie Hall for a light lunch of sausage rolls sandwiches and home baking, while enjoying some good company and fellowship.

Tickets are on sale from Betty Usher at £5.

Thank you all for your continued support.

Aileen and
The Ways and Means Committee

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**Renfrewshire Foodbank**

Renfrewshire Foodbank meets in the halls of Johnstone Kirk each Wednesday from 10am – 12noon to provide food and additional items such as toiletries and pet food to those in Renfrewshire who are struggling to feed themselves and their families. This is alongside support to help put more money in people's pockets.

Things are very difficult for some in our community at the moment and in 2024/25 Renfrewshire Foodbank provided 10,587 people with food, including 3,468 children.

If you would like to donate to Renfrewshire Foodbank you can do so by putting items into the box marked Foodbank which sits in the vestibule. Alternatively, donations of Money can be given to Mrs Jean Shanks and they will be forwarded to Renfrewshire Foodbank.

Items the Foodbank provide:

- Cereal
- Tinned/packet Soup
- Pasta
- Rice
- Tinned tomatoes/pasta sauce
- Lentils, beans and pulses
- Tinned meat
- Tinned vegetables
- Tea/coffee
- Tinned fruit
- Biscuits
- UHT milk
- Fruit juice
- Pet food
- Toiletries

They also need any good carrier bags you can spare for people to get their food home.

Thank you, Mission Committee

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.