JOHNSTONE KIRK

Sunday 18th October, 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 - HARVEST

Call to worship

Hymn 132
Immortal invisible

Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Hymn MP133
Father I place into your hands

Readings:
Psalm 96:1-9
Matthew 22:15-22

Hymn MP 296
I stand amazed

SERMON

Hymn 356
Meekness and majesty
(Please remain seated as the offering is uplifted).

Prayers of Dedication, Thanksgiving and Intercession

Hymn 457
All hail the power

Benediction and Threefold Choral Amen

We worship today at 11 a.m.
Our worship this morning and next week, 25th of October will be led by the Very Rev. Dr. Lorna Hood.

This week –

Quest
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 and 3rd Johnstone Girls' Brigade
New times this session:
Explorers (P1-3) 6.45 pm - 7.45 pm
Juniors (P4-7) 6.45 pm – 8.15 pm
Brigaders (S1-6) 6.45 pm – 8.15 pm

Johnstone Kirk Junior Drama
Wednesday 7-9pm

Games and Chat
Thursday 2 pm. Please come along and enjoy fun and chat.

3rd Johnstone Boys' Brigade
Anchors (P1-3) 6.30p pm – 7.30 pm
Juniors (P4-6) 7 pm – 8.30 pm
Company (P7-S6) 7.45 pm – 10 pm

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

This came up on my page written by an 11-year-old girl from Afghanistan for National Poetry Day. Such innocence and hope from one so young.

What I Truly Believe

I believe some books are so cleaver, that they read you back,
I believe that teapots have feelings and spoons remember what they stir,
I believe dreams have wings but only fly when you whisper them secrets,
I believe that being small doesn't mean your powerless it means you are still growing,
I believe the moon tucks in lovely children, when no one else remembers,
I believe some people shine, even when the lights are off.

I read some lovely poems on National Poetry Day, but this one written by a child, who sees so much suffering in her country. Spoke to me.

Betty Usher

Youth Dedication Service – Next Sunday, 25th October

Our service on Sunday, 25th October will include the Dedication of our youth organisations.

Tea and Coffee

Tea/coffee and biscuits will be served in the Keanie Hall following this morning's service. Please join us for refreshments and fellowship.

We kindly ask that a donation be given to cover running costs.

Kirk News

Can you believe that it's time to think about our winter newsletter.
Thank you for your wonderful articles and pictures in the autumn magazine.
We are such a busy congregation and Church with varied events and we are delighted to share every one with you.

Remember to include your events on our 'what's on' page up to the beginning of March, yes into 2027, we can scarcely believe it.
Closing date for all articles and pictures is Sunday 1st November sent to valeriechambers29@gmail.com or can be handed to Janice, Gail or Valerie personally.

We look forward to hearing from you.
The Editors

Girls' Brigade

The Girls' Brigade are collecting milk bottle lids between now and mid-November.

If you have any spare lids, please pass them on to any of the GB leaders or leave them on top of the cupboard in the small hall.

Thank you for your support!

Many thanks
Laura-Jane

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Afternoon Tea

We invite all to our Afternoon Tea on Tuesday 20th October at 1.30pm.

Come along and enjoy the home baking in a very friendly atmosphere with a little entertainment.

We look forward to welcoming all, no one too young and no one too old.

Mission Group.

Rock Choir
Friday 30th October – Get your tickets

We are delighted to announce that on Friday 30th October we will be hosting the fantastic Rock Choir. The Rock Choir has been described as the world's largest contemporary choir and sings well known songs such as 'Hallelujah'.

Doors open at 7 pm for a 7.30 pm start.

Tickets are on sale at a cost of £5 from Betty Usher and Aileen McColl. Tea/coffee/refreshments are included.

Please support this venture. This is the first time we have had the Rock Choir with us, let's show them our well-known warm welcome.

Thank you

Aileen and the Ways and Means Committee

Mission Plan – We Would Love to Hear from You

As part of a national Church of Scotland initiative, all congregations are being encouraged to develop an action plan for the future. We would value your input.

Please answer the following question and hand the completed form to a member of the door duty team no later than Sunday 25th October.
There will be an opportunity to discuss any ideas at the tea following the service on the 25th of October.

1. What does Johnstone Kirk do well? (Please share specific activities, qualities or experiences that should be continued, i.e. communication with Congregants and the wider community, Pastoral Care, Church activities).

2. What could Johnstone Kirk improve? (Please describe practical changes that would make a positive difference, i.e. more youth activities, better communication).

3. What should Johnstone Kirk start, stop or do differently? (Something you've seen work well in other churches? Something you have come up with? Your ideas will help shape priorities for the three-year mission plan).

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.