JOHNSTONE KIRK

Sunday 15th November, 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.

Youth Dedication Service and Celebration of Baptism

Today is our Youth Dedication Service. This is a special service to celebrate our young people. We will be joined by our Girls' and Boys' Brigade companies.

During our worship, we celebrate the baptism of Lewis Jackson, the infant son of Wioletta and Darren Jackson.

We worship today at 11 a.m.
Our worship this morning will be led by the Very Rev. Dr. Lorna Hood and next Sunday 22nd November by Rev. Dr. Christine Goldie.

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

We have all experienced real acts of kindness, encouragement that we will never forget.
We have also experienced real hurt through many relationships in family and Church life, that we can't make sense of.
Lots have left the life of the Church through deep hurts. Those of us who are still here can testify to times of holding on with just our fingertips.
We can say like Peter, "We come to You Lord for we have nowhere else to go, we are truly amazed at what You can do".
Your healing really works, we know what it is to be made whole.
We can forgive bearing no hate or bitterness. Yes, we are set free.

There are times when God removes people from our lives for our good. God asks us to set them free with love in our hearts. It is the act of letting go with love that sets us free.

Erskine and Poppy Scotland Collection

We collected £356 at our retiral offering for Erskine last week and also £114.72 in our collection tin for Poppy Scotland.

Thank you.

Kirk Session Meeting – Tuesday, 17th November

The next ordinary meeting of Johnstone Kirk, Kirk Session, will take place this coming Tuesday, 17th November at 7pm in the Sanctuary.

Elizabeth Alexander and Graham Martin, Session Clerks

Accordion Evening
Friday 20th November
In the church hall
Starting at 7 pm

Today is the last day to get tickets for this ever-popular event, and there are now only a few left.

Please see Aileen McColl after the service today in the hall.

Cost £5, includes light supper.

Thank you everyone

Aileen & the Ways & Means Committee

Girls' Brigade - Snowman Drive & Craft Fayre

Join us on Tuesday 24th November at 7pm for an evening of festive fun!

Our girls have been busy crafting, and we can't wait to share their creations.

Entry is £3 per adult and £2 per child. This includes a drink and cake.

We're also looking for new girls to join our company, particularly aged 5–7 (Explorers), please help us spread the word.

Everyone welcome!

Laura-Jane Easter

Afternoon Tea

The next Afternoon Tea will meet on Tuesday 17th November at the usual time of 1.30pm.

Come along and enjoy home bakes lots of chat and a little entertainment in a very friendly atmosphere.

This invitation is extended to all.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Mission Group

Kirk Choir Christmas Sing Along – Sunday 13th December Date for Your Diary

The choir would like to invite everyone to their Christmas Sing Along which will take place after the morning service on Sunday 13th December.

Please join us in the Keanie Hall for a Christmas Sing Along while you enjoy your tea and coffee with Christmas treats.

Kirk choir

Direct Giving by Gift Aid and WFO

During previous Kirk Session meetings, I have highlighted that the direct giving, kindly received from all members, has been static for a number of years, with little or no change to the amounts given by those who pay by either standing order or envelopes. Majority show no increase in over 10 years.
Since COVID in 2020, we have made an operational loss in 4 of the 5 years, which shows a net deficit of over £11,000. This year to date we are currently 5% below last year's figure for direct giving.
Whilst I appreciate that this a very trying time for us all due to the increased costs of living, please bear in mind that this also affects the Church too. If each of us were able to increase our giving by only £5 per month for example, (just over £1 per week) based on current direct giving participants, we could increase income by just over £4,000.
Please can I ask that each of you consider reviewing your level of giving, where possible.

Many thanks

Ian Macphee – Treasurer

Position of Treasurer

Many of you will all be aware that I intimated my intention to resign as Treasurer and have been in the position of seeking a replacement for over 4 years. I have been honoured to have held this position for almost 20 years and feel the time is right to take a back seat.
May I take this opportunity to request if any member of the Congregation is aware of a suitable replacement, or willing to volunteer, for this position.
A financial background would be preferable for this position, due to many changes in standards and guidelines which have been introduced over the past few years.
I have no intention of moving on from Johnstone Kirk and would still be available to offer assistance and support in the early part of their appointment.

Ian Macphee - Treasurer

Christmas Fayre and Coffee Morning

We are holding our annual Coffee morning & Christmas Fayre on Saturday, 5th December, in the Masonic Hall, Collier Street, Johnstone, from 10 am until 12 noon.

This is our biggest event of the year, and we hope everyone will support it.

We are appealing for the immensely popular home baking from anyone who can bake, both for serving and selling. We also welcome homemade jams, marmalade, and lemon curd etc.

We will have the following stalls: handmade sweets, toiletries, home baking, jewellery, tombola, and we appeal for donations large or small for all of these. Donations can be brought to the Church any Sunday, or to the hall on the morning of Friday 4th between 11am and 1.30pm and again from 6pm and 7.30pm donation and people to set up their stalls

Irene and her band of knitters also have the fantastic festive covered chocolate oranges which always sell extremely well.

We will be joined at some point by the children from our Junior Drama to entertain us with a few festive songs, which is always a treat.

Please come along and enjoy a cuppa with home baking and the fellowship on the day.

Aileen &
Ways & Means 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.