

CALTON OLD PARISH CHURCH

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Sunday Services: 11.30am in the Church, Helenvale Street. Followed by tea/ coffee and cakes.

Tuesday Services: 7.00pm, Includes Sacrament of Communion (at Gorbals).

Thursday Services: 7.00pm, Includes Sacrament of Communion.

Easter Services

- **Palm Sunday (29th March): 11.30am.**
- **Maundy Thursday (2nd April): 7.00pm (includes Communion).**
- **Good Friday (3rd April): 7.00pm at Gorbals Parish Church**
- **Easter Sunday (5th April): 11.30am.**

EASTER: Why not come along to one or more of our Easter services and embrace the true meaning of Holy Week. Details are on the front page information box.



New Elders: Congratulations to Lorraine McEwan and Brian McGuire who were ordained as Elders in February.

FRIENDSHIP CLUB: The Phoenix Friendship Club is a Christian organisation which originally met in Glasgow Cathedral but now meets in Calton Old Church. It meets on the first and third Thursday in the month, usually the first Thursday for trips of interest, and the third Thursday for an invited speaker or to have games or a party. If this appeals to you, please come along to the Friendship Club. You will be made very welcome.

March 5th: Glasgow Cathedral and The Story for light bite. Bus leaving at 11.15 and returning at 15.30.

April 16th: Trip to Helensburgh. Bus

leaving at 11.00, returning at 15.00.
May 21st: Trip to Largs with lunch at
The Room. Bus leaving at 10.30,
returning at 16.00. June 4th:
Kirkintilloch Canal Basin trip. Fish
and chips on board. Bus leaving at
12.15, returning at 15.30.

CUSHIONS: We are pleased to
announce that we have a set of
new pew cushions. If you are not a
regular you must come along and
marvel at them. Thanks to Graeme
and Kirstine for doing the cushion
research and the ordering.

GLASSES SHOCK!: Peter scared
us all at a recent mid-week service
by arriving wearing a pair of
spectacles. We have occasionally
seen him with snazzy sunglasses,
but these were mainstream
glasses. He concedes that his
eyesight has deteriorated and he
has had to bow to the inevitable.
As Peter commented, all the better
for giving us long Bible readings.

FOOD BANK: The Food Bank has
put out a request for Easter Eggs.
This is in addition to the usual
appeal for non-perishable goods
and all other items

MINISTER'S REFLECTION:
Spring has sprung finally, for which
we are all no doubt, as every year,
truly grateful. Thank God, indeed,
for milder weather, daffodils, buds
on trees, and all the normal signs of
the turn of the year. And soon the
return of the clocks to their
summertime status.
Even without much snow (so far!),
the winters can still seem endless,
and their dreariness all-

pervading. But winter gives us
glimpses that sustain us for the
whole year through: the miracle of
Christ's Incarnation, the sense and
the full force of the Light coming
into the world. The "bleak
midwinter" allows us to sing again
that most beautiful of Christmas
carols. We realise again the angels
above the hills of Bethlehem and
the warmth and wonder of that
stable scene.

And we are reminded of our part in
it all, and indeed that it was all for
us. And we are directed again to
what we must do: we must seek to
'give our hearts'. That is the only
gift that we can offer back to God
for all that He has given us. But it is
as we seek to offer that gift, that we
discover all that He still wants to
give us: the healing, transformation,
and help that we need to become
what we have always wanted to be:
free and fully-fledged children of
God, preparing for the Heaven that
will one day be our home, when the
greatest Spring of all follows on the
long winter of this world.

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