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Gorbals Church Chat

Dear Friend,

Easter seems a distant memory after another busy month. We enjoyed marking Holy Week with Gallowgate and Calton Parkhead congregations. We went across the river for Maundy Thursday and they came to us on Good Friday where we shared tea and hot cross buns after the service. Easter Sunday was a glorious, joyful celebration with 72 people in the church and the children helping guess the spices in our garden themed worship.

The other highlight of April has been the admission of six new members into the congregation and the ordination of an elder. Mo, Stella and Imelda joined by Profession of Faith while Kate, Andy and Jo joined by Resolution of the Kirk Session. Valerie our roll-keeper was ordained as an elder.

May means the General Assembly in Edinburgh and Christian Aid Week. We are being represented at the Assembly by Judith and Iain. Judith came to us from the Church of England so it will be interesting to hear her impressions of our way of making decisions. We want to open Christian Aid Week wider this year. Fraser will organise our usual lunch after church on 14 May and on Saturday 20 May we are having a coffee morning. Please come along and support us at either or both events.

Until next time...

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Our Blessings Box is now in place at the front door and being used by people as they leave the building. Take one for yourself next time you're in.

EVERY WEEK

Sunday

11-12 Morning Worship

Monday

11-1 Men's Group No meeting 1, 8, 29 May

1-3.30 Zest for Life relaxation with gentle movement.

Tuesday

10-3 Make, Do and Mend Drop-in and crafts.

Wednesday

10-2 Cooking and baking.

Community lunch served c. 12.30

2-3 Bible study

Thursday

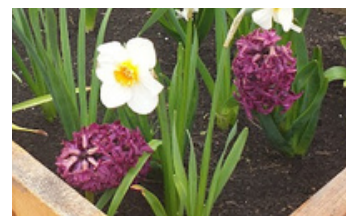
12-1 All for 1 Yoga Lunch

afterwards. No meeting 4 May



Welcome to our new members Imelda, Mo, new elder Valerie, Kate, Andy and Stella. Jo missed the photo. They were admitted by Peter Davidge our interim moderator on 23 April.

Spring colour in our outside planters





Coffee Morning
Saturday 20 May
10am-12pm

home baking

quiz sheets and
 children's activities

everyone welcome

no admission charge
 All donations to Christian Aid



Conflict in Sudan

We count it a privilege to have people with their roots in Sudan among our friends in the wider community. We have been hearing their distress as they worry for the safety of their relatives. One person said 'Today my family is under barrage of fire, from early morning until the present moment, in Omdurman, next to the Corps of Engineers, and behind the radio station, the two worst areas for incidents. Please pray for my family'. The news has drawn very near.

WHAT WOULD JESUS DRINK?

Starbucks are planning to build a drive-thru on the Co-op car park despite Glasgow City Council stating in November 2022 that no more would be built except in retail parks. There are two up the road at Crown Street. There has been little local consultation and as no-one with any real interest was informed on time, the plans are likely to be approved on the nod.

Gorbals Parish Church have submitted their objection as we believe that the resulting pollution, litter and increase in traffic are of detriment to the community. Round the corner G5 Cafe are locally run, serve freshly-made food, coffee and home-baking. They know their customers and are an asset to our community.

If Jesus was meeting with people in Gorbals today, we think you'd find him round the corner at G5 and not driving thru Starbucks with a disposable cup in His hand. If you would like to add your objection please email our four local councillors. Their addresses can be found via this QR code. If you would like help to do this, please come into the church and we'll be happy to assist. Thank you.



The above poster in our church window has helped to start a campaign to prevent the building of this drive-thru. We even made the Glasgow Times!

A prayer for Sudan

Father God, we lift up Sudan and pray for stability in the region.
 May those who covet power and those who seek to fight choose to walk the path of peace.
 Bring justice and healing to this divided land, we pray.
 Out of this darkness, we pray that light will come.
 We pray for a government that respects equality and religious freedom.
 May Your church in this land reflect Your humility, forgiveness and love,
 And so act as a signpost to the possibility of a different way of life.
 Bring hope for those who feel helpless,
 Healing for those who have been wounded,
 And safety for all those who feel afraid.

Amen

Prayer from Open Doors website

