



Gorbals Church Chat

EVERY WEEK

- Sunday 11-12 Morning Worship
- Monday 10-12 Men's Group
- Monday 1-3.30 Zest for Life Shiatsu and relaxation
- Wednesday 10-2 Cooking and baking with our new neighbours
- Thursday 12-1 All for 1 Yoga Lunch afterwards

Dear friends,

The world is a very small place at times and in this month's chat you'll see a thread connecting us at a family, church, community and world level, with Pakistan.

This has been a time of huge change in our congregation. It's hard to believe that it's already nearly a year since our former minister, Ian Galloway, retired. We know that good communication is at the heart of strong relationships and so we've started experimenting with a more structured coffee and chat after the service on the first Sunday of the month. This first time, almost everybody stayed. We spent time listening, sharing, and asking questions about our families, our church, our community and our world. We hope this will help us to pray more deeply, draw us closer together as a congregation, and help us be better able to serve our neighbours.

We are in the church season of Creation and as part of this we will be hosting a Harvest Supper bringing together the congregation, volunteers who have helped to create the community kitchen, fridge and garden, and people who attend our activities through the week. We are thankful for all the goodness that God's earth provides and pray that good food in good company would be freely available to everyone.

As this letter was being written we received the sad news of the death of Queen Elizabeth II. We give thanks for a long life of service underpinned by a strong Christian faith. Well done, good and faithful servant.

The Church of Scotland will be observing ten days of national mourning with special prayers and services and the suspension of Kirk Session and Presbytery business. We remember the Royal Family at a time of personal loss, and King Charles III as he takes on his new responsibilities.

Until next time...

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Loaves baked in our kitchen using wheat which comes straight from a farm & mill in Fife.



Queen Elizabeth II visits the Gorbals, 1972.

A prayer from Christian Aid for the floods in Pakistan

Two of our members, Hilda and Paul, have relatives who live in Balochistan, one of the worst flooded areas in Pakistan. Their niece's house has been inundated but thankfully there's no lasting damage. With a large Pakistani community in our city this disaster is very personal to many.

Compassionate God, source of all comfort,
We pray for the people whose lives have been
devastated by rain and flood.
Bring them comfort, we pray.
Protect the vulnerable.
Strengthen the weak.
Keep at bay the spread of disease.
Have mercy on all those working to rescue the
stranded and to feed the hungry.
And may our response to their suffering be
generous and bring you praise.
For we ask it in Jesus name,
Amen.



Neighbours

No, not the recently cancelled soap opera! We're very excited that our new neighbours are beginning to move into Northgate on Crown Street at the back of the church. We hope each one will be very happy in their new home, and we look forward to getting to know each other.



Community Kitchen Inspection

Our kitchen was recently visited by Environmental Health and we passed our inspection! Ten volunteers also passed their food hygiene exams. It's very important to us that our welcome includes caring for everyone's wellbeing.



Flower-arranging

We love meeting new people and were privileged to have the company of Rabia over the summer while she visited her son who lives in Gorbals. Rabia loves flower-arranging and generously offered to run a workshop to share her skills. It was great fun and everyone went home with a beautiful pot of flowers for their home.



Stepping Out

One of our young people set off on a big adventure this month. Calum has gone to Bahawalpur in Pakistan as a volunteer teaching English pronunciation. He's hoping to instil his pupils with good Glasgow accents! He was met at the airport by Rabia, who has been with us all summer, and her son, Ali. They took Calum home for breakfast and set him on his way to his accommodation. He has a new Pakistani family. All the best for the next two months, Calum!

