



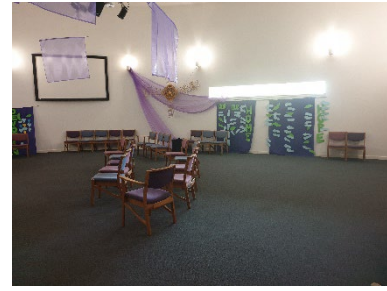
# Gorbals Parish Church Chat

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Dear Friend,

Easter is coming and we've had a moving and inspiring journey on our way through Lent. As you can see the church is showing the steps along the way. For this Holy Week we have the following services:

- ❖ **Maundy Thursday** 14 April 7pm. Invitation to share communion at Calton Parkhead Church, 142 Helenvale Street, Glasgow G31 4NA. The service will be led by Rev. Peter Davidge our Interim Moderator
- ❖ **Good Friday** 15 April 6.30pm Service in our own church
- ❖ **Easter Sunday** 17 April 9.30am to decorate the church and share breakfast for our Easter celebration at 11am.

As always *everyone is welcome*, and we look forward to celebrating with as many as possible.

## Walk around Gorbals Sunday 20 March

The sun shone and, after a soup lunch and a quiz about old Gorbals, we set off for a walk around the area looking at places connected with the life of the church. We really enjoyed having Tommy, Jean, Ann and Liz with us to share their memories of growing up in the area and we found some hidden spots the rest of us didn't know.



## Ian's Party Saturday 23 April

Ian's belated farewell get-together is fast approaching on **Saturday 23 April in the church 2-4pm**. Ian wants a chance to chat to people properly so this will be a drop-in affair with sparkling drinks and nibbles. We'll re-show the slides we put together of his long ministry with us. We hope as many as possible will make it for what should be a happy afternoon. If anyone is available to help with setting up and clearing away, please be in touch with Maggie Lunan or Catriona by WhatsApp or phone. Please also be in touch if you need help with transport to come along and/or get home.



## Presbytery Mission Plan

In the last letter we mentioned that there are big changes coming for congregations throughout Scotland within a very tight deadline. Kirk Session discussed some possibilities for connecting with other congregations at their last meeting which Douglas and Catriona are pursuing. As soon as we know anything definite, we'll offer the congregation an opportunity to learn more and comment on what is happening. We would appreciate everyone's prayers for wise conversations and decision-making, always remembering that God is bigger than any of our human structures and continues to be at work in the world whatever happens.

## Church Community Worker Activities

Having been in post for almost two months now things are starting to happen. This Thursday a wee group of us will be making hot cross buns ready for Good Friday. We're waiting to hear if the funding we received from Awards for All for the café can be redirected to develop a community fridge and kitchen where anyone can come no matter what their income. Once that's confirmed we can start running some new activities from the kitchen/café area and also outside. There will be lots of opportunities to share or learn skills in cooking, baking, and offering a warm welcome to anyone coming through the door. In the meantime, here is what we're able to start now:

### Men's Group

A Men's Group will start meeting on **Mondays 10-12** in the café area from **Monday 25 April**. Please come along to get to know other men in the church and please feel free to bring a friend. There are lots of ideas around for activities starting with dominoes and a time to make plans.



### Mid-week Service



We are hoping to offer a short monthly mid-week service for anyone who cannot manage on a Sunday beginning on **Thursday 28 April at 12.30**. This first service will be led by David Lunan. There will be an opportunity to share a simple lunch afterwards. If you need help to get here, please contact me (Catriona) on **07933789819**.

Other things that are on my mind just now are how we can develop the prayer life of the church and also what we can do to recognise and encourage our children and young people as fellow disciples. I'd be interested to hear from anyone who would like to explore either of these ideas further

Until next time...

Warm wishes for a joyful Easter,

*Catriona*

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