

February 2024

Dear Friend,

We thought we might have eased into the year during January and that folk might stay away because of the dark and the dreich. Not at all.

The church has been buzzing with people coming and going. Almost every time we serve a meal, we squeeze in extra chairs to ensure that everyone has a seat at the table. The clatter of cutlery, the chat, and the laughter come together as a joyful noise.

January is the month when Presbytery asks us to submit our statistics for the year. When we counted everyone up, we were pleased to learn that our membership has increased from 96 to 104 over the past year with almost thirty others who come to worship but are not members. We enjoy having new people among us so if you haven't been, come along and give us a try. If you're not used to being in church, someone will show you what to expect and there's no pressure to sign up to anything.

Easter is early this year and Lent starts on 14 February. This period as a good opportunity to learn more about the Bible or to deepen your prayer life. You are welcome to join our Bible Study every Wednesday 2-3pm. Come early to share in lunch beforehand.

As the days lengthen, it's good to be reminded that the light always follows the darkness.

Until next time...

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Andrew has invented a new way of transporting the laundry!

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What's on Every Week

Sunday

11-12 Morning Worship Sunday Club - fun for all school-age children (first Sunday of the month)

Monday

11-1 Men's Group
1-3.30 Zest for Life
relaxation with gentle
movement.
7-9 Singing for Everyone
dates as advertised

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

10-2 Cooking and baking.Community lunch served c.12.302-3 Bible study

Thursday

10-2 Cooking and baking 12-1 All for 1 Yoga then lunch

Singing for Everyone

Did you know that Gorbals Parish Church has its own community choir? We meet about 15 times throughout the year on a Monday night at 7pm.

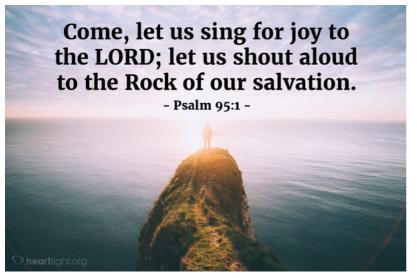
We sing songs that make us feel joyful and uplifted, with a community feel. Shelly runs the choir and teaches everything by ear, so you don't need to read music. We are a very friendly group and always welcome new singers.

If you want to know any more, you can contact Judith, the Church Treasurer on 07762 503970/gorbalstreasurer@gmail.com

Our next choir gatherings are:



Monday 4th March Monday 25th March







Kaltouma volunteering in the kitchen

Rejoice!- and pray

Kaltouma's family have had their visas issued, and her lawyer is convinced that the intervention of the church locally and nationally, is what convinced the Home Office to act. Her husband and two surviving children still face a dangerous journey to Port Sudan to collect their papers before they make their onward journey to Glasgow. They continue to need our prayers and support. We hope to meet them very soon.





This year as we move towards Easter, Sanctuary First The Church of Scotland's online worship resource is Leaping with God.

On the website and social media accounts you can find daily prayer, daily worship and Bible Study resources. You can also download the app.

Sanctuary First can be found at https://www.sanctuaryfirst.org.uk/home

We offer all our activities for free so everyone can be included. If you would like to donate to their running costs or to general church funds please use one of these QR codes to online giving.

Otherwise contact Judith, our treasurer on 07762503970 for more information on giving regularly or as a one-off. There is also a card machine and a money box on the counter. Every gift makes a difference. Thank you.



Sunday Offering

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Weekday activities

If you would like to support our weekday activities please use this QR code