

CALTON OLD PARISH CHURCH

MARCH/ APRIL 2025

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

Tuesday Prayer Meetings: 7.00pm for revival prayers, reflection and chit-chat.

Thursday Mid-Week Services: 7.00pm, Includes Sacrament of Communion

Easter Services

- **Palm Sunday (13th April): 11.30am.**
- **Maundy Thursday (17th April): 7.00pm (includes Communion).**
- **Good Friday (18th April): 7.00pm at Gorbals Parish Church**
- **Easter Sunday (20th April): 11.30am.**

NEW BEGINNING: Gallowgate and Calton Parkhead Parish Churches were formally united (under the name Calton Old) at a Glasgow Presbytery run service on

Thursday 6th February. It was a lovely and appropriately formal service led by the Presbytery Moderator Reverend Janet Mathieson, with the sermon given by the Reverend Mark Johnstone of Glasgow Cathedral. There was a special mention of thanks to the late



Change – But No Change.
We all continue to worship as normal in the Helenvale Street church building.

Reverend Alison Davidge who helped guide us through the many union ups and downs. The service also formally linked the new church with Gorbals Church and ordained Peter as the Minister of Calton Old and Gorbals Parish Churches. We now press on with renewed commitment to serve our massive parish.

SUNDAY PARKHEAD OLD FIRM

GAMES: Our Sunday Service on 16th March is an evening service starting at 6.30pm.

Where Sunday church services clash with Celtic v Rangers football matches it has been agreed by our new Kirk Session that we trial holding evening services. Anyone who has had the misfortune to attend such a church service will know the severe resulting inconvenience. Even walking to the church rather than being caught up in a traffic jam is not always the answer. The police often cannot be persuaded that you are not attending the match and try to direct you into the stadium. Let us see if evening services solve the problem.

TEA CONVENOR: Thanks to Angela Elmslie for putting herself forward as the new Tea Convenor. This is a position that is not only vitally important but also involves a lot of hard work.

It is appropriate to also thank all who have previously helped with the tea, coffee and cakes at our after-service gatherings.

THANKS: Thanks to all the generous congregation members and others who contributed to our Church Christmas appeals.

MINISTER'S REFLECTION:

As we enter March this year, we enter into the season of Lent. Lent is our time as Christians for recalibration: for reviewing and where necessary resetting our lives. It is our time for spiritual Spring-cleaning.

Every year in the United States, the President gives a State of the Union address ('SOTU' in Capitol Hill parlance) to a joint session of Congress, reviewing the year past and surveying the year ahead. Last year, it was delivered by President Biden on March 7th, but it can be held at any time from early January. Each of us can benefit from a SOTU-style review of ourselves from time to time, an update on how we're doing, a taking of our temperatures, which can extend to our whole life situation: where we've got to, where we're going, and so on. It's a chance to take stock and to see what could or should be amended or changed. Lent, coming as it does each year in the Spring, lends itself to the spiritual side of this equivalent of an MOT. And of course, as Christians we are taught that this 'spiritual side' affects and impacts everything else. Lent presents us therefore with a precious six week opportunity – an opportunity to embrace again this year and to make the most of.

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