



# Gorbals Church Chat

Dear Friend,  
Belated Happy New Year! The first days of 2023 have been unexpectedly busy and so this is either the late-running January newsletter or the early February one! We really enjoyed our Christmas services and being able to worship together without having to think too much about Covid. We are grateful for a warm building which is easy to heat, and hopefully a space where people feel comfortable as they come through the door.

We have now put the manse out for rent and were delighted when the letting agent contacted us almost immediately to say that they had a family who wanted to take on the house. We hope they will be in residence by the end of January. We are pleased to have a home to offer when affordable housing is so scarce, and to generate income to support our work here.

Our groups are back up and running and a good way to meet new people. We are extending the time of Make, Do, and Mend into a more general drop-in as not everyone who wants to come can make it on Tuesday mornings. What we do together is open for discussion, so come along with your knitting, that pair of trousers that needs hemmed, or just your chat. We'd love to see you.

Our next mid-week worship services are on Wednesday 25 January and Wednesday 22 February 2-3pm. All are welcome especially if Sunday mornings don't work for you.

Finally, we're delighted to be hosting an event for Glasgow Presbytery on 29 January. Jamal Shehade from House of Grace in Haifa, Israel will be in conversation with Muriel Pearson, our friend and Mission Partner. It should be an interesting evening.

Until next time...

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## EVERY WEEK

- Sunday 11-12 Morning Worship
- Monday 10-12 Men's Group
- Monday 1-3.30 Zest for Life relaxation with gentle movement
- Tuesday 10-3 Drop-in and crafts
- Wednesday 10-2 Cooking and baking with our new neighbours
- Last Wednesday Worship 2-3pm
- Thursday 12-1 All for 1 Yoga Lunch afterwards

A time to talk

A time to listen

A time to pray

Wednesday 25 January 2-3pm

Wednesday 22 February 2-3pm

Free lunch served at 1pm

Come and join us with whatever is on  
your mind



# A green heart

Into a dark world  
a snowdrop comes,  
a benison\*  
of hope and peace,  
carrying within it  
a green heart,  
symbol of God's renewing love.

Come to inhabit our darkness  
Lord Christ,  
for dark and light  
are alike to you.

May nature's white candles of hope  
remind us of your birth  
and light our journey  
through Lent and beyond.



from *The Green Heart of the Snowdrop* by Kate McIlhagga,  
published by Wild Goose Publications ([www.ionabooks.com](http://www.ionabooks.com))

\*A benison is a blessing or a gift



Presbytery of Glasgow  
An evening with  
Jamal Shehade  
House of Grace Haifa, Israel  
and  
Muriel Pearson,  
Mission Partner  
Sunday 27 January 7-9pm

Stella comes to church on Sunday and volunteers in the kitchen on Wednesdays. She was remarking that she had felt sad over Christmas to go past the church building and see it closed during the week.

She told me that in Nigeria when you open a new church building, you throw a big party to celebrate, and at the end you throw away the key because it won't be needed again. It sounds like something for us to aim for!



We had a last-minute pot luck lunch just before Christmas where Paul from Ukraine entertained us with magic tricks!

