



# Gorbals Church Chat

January 2024

Dear friend,

Happy New Year from all at Gorbals Church!

We hope you have enjoyed the festive season. Christmas here was lots of fun, and rich in reflection on the meaning of the birth of Jesus. Carols by Candlelight was a great success and looks set to become a new Gorbals tradition. The outdoor carol-singing was brought inside due to stormy weather and led nicely into our DIY Nativity on Christmas Eve.

The theme of each week of Advent was written in huge painted cardboard letters which were painted by Jo, and volunteers who come in during the week. These were then placed in the sanctuary for worship. This helped to bring a feeling that Christmas is for everyone and not just those who come on Sundays.

13th January is the feast day of St Mungo or St Kentigern, patron saint of Glasgow. We explored his legacy in Sunday worship and were reminded that his words which appear in Glasgow's motto are in full, 'Let Glasgow flourish by the preaching of His word and the praising of His name'. This led onto a reflection on Jesus' manifesto for his ministry and then onto what we see as our congregation's manifesto at the beginning of 2024. May, aged 4, summed it up as 'Do what God tells you, and be friends'. It was an inspiring service.

We're ready to see what 2024 brings for the life of Gorbals Church and hope that you will join us as we explore what lies ahead.

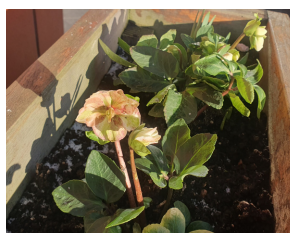
Until next time...

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These little Christmas roses have been adding some welcome green to the planter at our front door

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## What's on Every Week

### Sunday

11-12 Morning Worship

### Monday

11-1 Men's Group

1-3.30 Zest for Life

relaxation with gentle movement.

### Tuesday

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

### Wednesday

10-2 Cooking and baking.  
Community lunch served c.  
12.30

2-3 Bible study

### Thursday

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

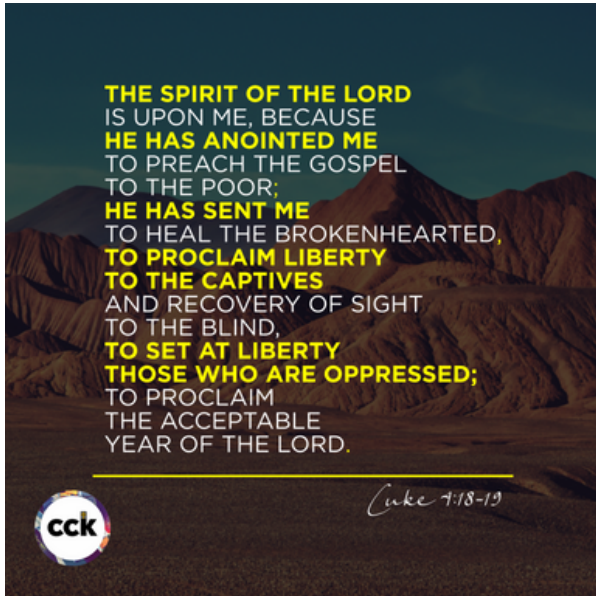
## FIRST SUNDAY

Sunday Club 11-12

Fun for all school-age  
children



**Christmas 2023**



**Jesus' manifesto**



**The Community Coat Rail has been busy. We are very grateful to all those who take the time to bring in their donations. Sometimes coats hardly touch the rail before they're away again.**

It is a privilege to welcome so many different people into our church and to hear their stories. Kaltouma volunteers every week in our Community Kitchen. Recently we have been supporting her to be reunited with her family who are caught in the conflict in Sudan. The Church of Scotland Press Office have helped us to bring her case to a wider public and to the floor of the Scottish parliament. We hope she receives good news soon.



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.



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Weekday activities

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