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Gorbals Church Chat

Dear friend,
As the days shorten it's good to have a bright, cosy church into which we can welcome people.

We have been overwhelmed by donations for our community coat rail and made some new friends as a result. People are very kind and the coats really appreciated by those taking them. We've had several 'How do I look?' moments.

Our former minister Ian Galloway visited to take a service during November. It was good to see him looking relaxed and to catch up on his news. We added two members to the congregation this month. Welcome to Kirsty and Iain McLarty, not forgetting Molly their dog.

There's something slightly odd about singing 'Silent Night' with an awareness of all that is happening in Palestine/Israel. It was an honour to be able to offer space to a ShalomSalaam singing event where people of all faiths and none gathered to express their sorrow at the conflict, and their hopes for peace.

We are gearing up for a series of Christmas celebrations which we hope will give a pause to remember the hope that comes with the birth of Jesus and the joy we find in that hope. Please invite your friends and neighbours to join us at any of our services or carol-singing.

We hope to see as many as possible during Advent and Christmas and to visit those unable to get out. Wishing you the joy of the new-born Saviour and the hope for peace of the Christmas angels.

Until next time...

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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

MAYBE

Maybe it is in the waiting for God,
not in the wandering from store to store,
that we find our way.

Maybe it is in the friendship of God,
not in the frenzy of the crowds,
that we are led to the manger.

Maybe it is in the steadfast love of God,
and not in the pile of stuff under the tree,
that we find what we have been searching for
all our lives.

Maybe, just maybe, God of Advent,
this year will be different.

Maybe, just maybe,
we will let you lead us to Bethlehem.

Thom M Shuman



JOY TO THE WORLD!

We've lots of extra things going on in the lead up to Christmas. Come and join in any or all of our special events.

Sunday 10 December

3-3.45pm **Carols by Candlelight**

Come and sing your favourite carols in a relaxed setting. Refreshments served afterwards

Sunday 24 December (Christmas Eve)

11-12noon **Morning Worship**

4-4.30pm **Carol-singing at the Piazza by the Christmas tree.** Wrap up warm and come and join us. (In the church if the weather is bad)

5-6pm **DIY Nativity** Come dressed as your favourite character from the Christmas story. Angels, shepherds and wise people especially welcome. Costumes available at church. Play a part or watch the action as you choose.

Monday 25 December (Christmas Day)

10.30-11.15am **Christmas Day worship** Bring along a present to show

All ages welcome. There is space in the church with cushions and toys for small children. We also have changing facilities

Getting to know you...

The elders of Gorbals, Gallowgate and Calton Parkhead congregations got together over fish suppers here in the church. It was a relaxed evening with plenty of laughter, and a good start to a future of working together.



Lost Property



The Lost Property basket at the door of the church is spilling over with water bottles, gloves, hats and other items.

Please come and collect them before the end of the year. Come January we will re-home or dispose of anything unclaimed.

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

If you would like to make a Sunday Offering using your credit or debit card please use this QR code



Weekday activities

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

