

# Giffnock: Park Church

SC0 No. 02965

Minister : Rev Calum D. Macdonald Organist: Miss Hebba Benyaghla Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2019

Order of Service

11am

Welcome & Call to Worship

## MP 393 Joy to the world, the Lord is come

Prayer/Lord's Prayer Reading: Psalm 98: 1 – 9 (page 603)

## MP 89 Come down O love Divine

Offering & Dedication

## MP 200 Love Divine, all loves excelling

Sermon: A Promise made – A Promise kept

## MP 988 How deep the Father's love for us

Sacrament of Communion

## **CH3 227** I love to hear the Story

#### Benediction

A warm welcome to you this morning as we gather for worship. Whoever you are please feel free to come through for tea and coffee after the service. If you have to race away we wish you God's blessing for the week ahead and hope you have enjoyed your time with us in Church this morning.

## Welcome to our Communion Service this morning The Greatest Gift of Love

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." (John 3:16)

Adrian Roger, a well known American Preacher & Evangelist spoke of how John 3: 16 described Christmas as being best spelled L-O-V-E. This sits at the heart of the story of the Christian Message. God gave us the gift of his love on Christmas Day in that precious bundle of Joy born to Mary and who we know better as Jesus Christ. It is a remarkable moment in the timeline of History where God's solution for Humanity's ails arrived on the scene. Hal David is a name not on everyone's lips these days but he worked with Burt Bacharah and Dionne Warwick many years ago in the 1960's to produce a timeless song, the first line of which begins, "What the world needs now is love sweet love. It's the only thing that there's

just too little of." He was so right. Adrian Rogers in his devotional said, "I need it. You need it. Your spouse needs it. Your child needs it. An elderly man or woman sitting alone in a nursing home today needs it. A child abandoned and alone in a children's home needs it, too." The four weeks building up to Christmas, is of course Advent, where we remember the long awaited promise of God and celebrate the arrival of Jesus in this world, a baby born uniquely, sent by God to be the one and only Saviour the world needs. How will you celebrate Christmas this year? Maybe you can spare a few minutes with your family and friends to share His gift of love with someone who is all alone today. I believe that's what Jesus would do.

Calum D. Macdonald



## Weekly Diary

#### Monday

Monday Club...... 1.45 - 3.45pm

Chess Club...... 7pm

Eastwood Choral...... 7.30pm

#### **Tuesday**

Church Office..... 9-12noon

Powerhouse of Prayer .... 10am

Mother & Toddlers ... 9.30- 11.30am

Rainbows & Guides ...\*

Bible Study...... 7.30pm

(1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the Month)

#### Wednesday

Mother & Toddlers ... 9.30- 11.30am

Brownies ..... \*

#### **Thursday**

Indoor Bowling ...... 10-12 noon

Guitar Class ...... 6.30pm

Park Ladies Keep Fit .... 7.15pm

#### **Friday**

Church Office ...... 9 - 12 noon

McCarthy School of Dance ... 5pm - 9pm

#### Saturday

Allison's Aerobics...... 9.30am





#### **PRAYER GROUP**

"More things are wrought by prayer than this world ever dreamed " (Alfred Lord Tennyson)

"O Let the place of secret prayer become to me the most beloved spot on earth" (Andrew Murray Scottish Preacher)

We meet on Tuesday mornings from 10-10.45am Everyone is welcome

# 2019



The next Bible Study night will be on
Tuesday 3rd December at 7.30pm.
In the Session house.
All are welcome.

# Thornliebank Parish Church Guild

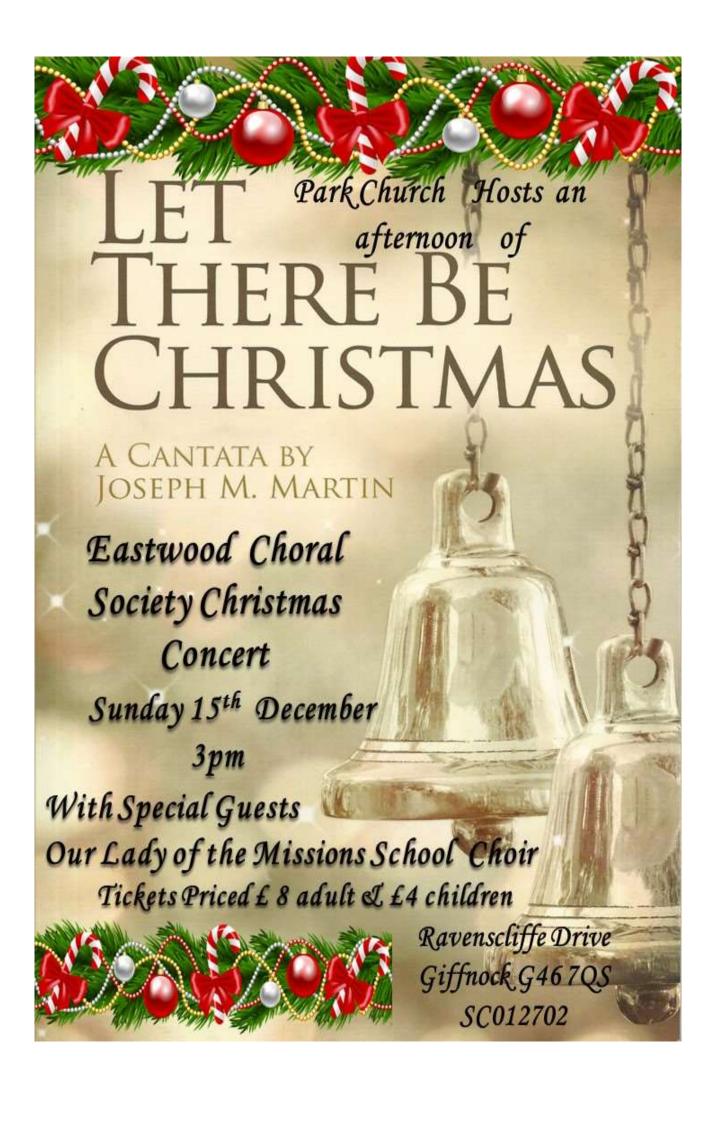
the guild are hosting a Guest Afternoon on the 2nd December 2019 when they will be entertained by the Woodfarm School Choir. Should you wish to attend this event, please speak with Mrs Senga MacIntosh before the 18th November. Many thanks





## **Today's Flowers**

The flowers today are Donated by Mrs Margaret Young in fond memory of her husband Ronnie and sons Craig and Allan



## Park Church: SC002965 Please Note our New Office Hours:

Tuesday Wednesday& Thursday mornings

9.30 - 12noon

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Freewill offering envelopes will available from Sunday 1st December. All enquiries regarding TW Offering Envelopes, please speak with Mrs Margaret Loudon

## Sunday Preaching Diary

1st December Advent Sunday Communion Service 11am Retiral Offering for Scottish Bible Society (Evensong Fellowship Evening 6.30pm)

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> Bible Sunday at 11am Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> Carols and Lessons Service Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday School Nativity Service

Christmas Eve Services Family Service at 7pm Carols By Candle Watchnight service 11.30pm

### 2019 **GENERAL ELECTION**

**HUSTINGS MEETING** Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December 7.30pm - 9.30 pm

### Clarkston Hall

Chair: Rev. Grant Barclay Meet the candidate and get their views on issues such as: **Taxation** Climate Change Arms Trade Health & Social Care Food Poverty / Housing

Moral Principles Refugees, Migrants & Asylum Seekers





Many thanks to my diners for their generous donations on Saturday evening. As this was the final Supper, I would like to thank all who have given so generously over the last 3 1/2 years and raised the amazing sum of £3337

Thanks Grace Aitkenhead

# What's On in other Churches



The Sunshine Café: Giffnock
United Reformed Church
Dementia respite lunch club
11.30-3.30 on Thursdays
A joint churches venture by
local Giffnock Churches
For more information speak
with the minister

Giffnock United Reformed Church

Every Wednesday:

Lunchtime service at

11.15am followed by

Lunchbite at 12.15pm

Every Saturday: Coffee morning at 10.30am



SAT 07 DEC FINDLAY CHURCH GLASGOW

In Association with Tearfund

Guest Speaker: Mr Dick Dowsett

An Evening of Carols & Christmas Music

Usher Hall: Edinburgh

FindlaY Church: 56 Clarendon Place

Glasgow G20 7PZ

For Tickets please Phone: Origin Scotland on 0131 541 0117 or book online at www.originscotland.org.



## Psalm 98: 1 – 9 New International Version (NIV)

I Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvellous things; his right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

2 The Lord has made his salvation known and revealed his righteousness to the nations.

3 He has remembered his love and his faithfulness to Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

4 Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth, burst into jubilant song with music;

5 make music to the Lord with the harp, with the harp and the sound of singing,

6 with trumpets and the blast of the ram's horn—shout for joy before the Lord, the King.

7 Let the sea resound, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it.

8 Let the rivers clap their hands, let the mountains sing together for joy;

9 let them sing before the Lord, for he comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples with equity.