

The Parish Messenger

5th January 2020



Giffnock: The Park Church

SC0 No. 02965

*Service conducted by Mrs Ann Smith
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*Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
9.30-12.00*

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Sunday 5th of January 2020

11am

Order of Service

Welcome and Intimations

Call to worship

Hymn: MP 251 *How sweet the Name of Jesus sounds in a Believer's ear*

Prayer/Lord's Prayer

Children's Address:

Hymn: MP 467 *Morning has broken*

Scripture: Psalm 147:12-20

Offering and Dedication

Hymn: MP 872 *Jesus, Jesus, Holy and anointed One Jesus (x 2)*

Scripture: John 1: 1-18

Prayers of Intercession

Hymn: MP 1201 *Longing for light, we wait in darkness*

Sermon: The Word dwelt among us

Hymn: MP428 *Lord for the Years your love has kept and guided*

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 must 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.



Good Morning Everyone,

I hope you have enjoyed the festivities of the New Year but not overly so (everything in moderation is a good maxim). I am grateful to all who have expressed concern over my struggle with the current bug going around laying everyone low and leaving me with virtually no voice. I am particularly grateful to Ann Smith who after a conversation with Wilma ganged up on me and instructed me to take next Sunday off and so for our first Sunday of the Year, Mrs Ann Smith will conduct Worship as we enter into the year 2020 allowing me some time to charge batteries and recover a bit from this bug.

As we enter a new year and leave an old year behind, I want to take a moment to thank a number of people who have helped us through the months of 2019. As has been the case consistently each year, those serving on the Congregational Board and Kirk Session have been at the backbone of the work of the congregation, overseeing the finances of the Church and maintenance of its properties. The Treasurer's role has always been one of the heavier roles to take on and Peter Watson has followed that exemplary standard of his predecessors in keeping us on track with things, quite apart from the myriad of other things he is seen doing on or around the premises. Our sound and vision team on Sunday mornings who look after the sound and prepare the PowerPoint slides for everyone to read the hymns have remained faithful in their service to the church Sunday by Sunday and I want to thank Frazer and Jackie for all they have done and continue to do here in Park Church. The addition to our Ranks of Hebba Benyaghla as our organist and Elvira Sanza as our newly appointed secretary is beginning to make its impact in a very positive way. There are others in the life of our congregation who have tirelessly worked behind the scenes, serving teas and coffees working behind stalls at fairs or other events – all who have ensured the work of the church continues. And lastly for the support of my good lady Wilma who at times doesn't get the recognition she deserves keeping me right and assisting and enriching the life of the congregation in a myriad of ways. Paul the Apostle summed it up beautifully in **1 Corinthians 12: 27** when he said ***“Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it”***

Thank you for all that was done in 2019. I hope that God will continue to bless us here in Park Church as we enter the 80th year of being a presence in the Giffnock Community.

Calum D. Macdonald

Big THANK YOU for your recent donations to the Schiehallion Appeal. **£227.10** was sent to The Glasgow Children's Hospital by Peter Watson.

Your contribution to The Mallard is also hugely appreciated as more than four full black sacks filled with our gifts were taken by Anne Hamilton and gratefully accepted by them. Almost £35,000 out of £55,000 was raised by the church members, staff and family hosting events to help to fund their new spa facility, which is currently awaiting to be installed.

THANK YOU to Jenny for taking hundreds of socks to Stock a Sock Appeal to help homeless through the winter.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all for the lovely Christmas cards and the many kind words in my address. I have been fortunate and blessed to be a part of this community. I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and I wish you all a very Happy New Year!

Elvira Sanza

FLOWER CALENDAR 2020



A Flower Calendar 2020 and a Flower Arranging & Delivery Rota 2020 will be out in the Vestibule for anyone wishing to add their names to donate, arrange or deliver the flowers as there are about 12 dates still available. Thank you.