

The Parish Messenger

12th January 2020

80th Anniversary



Giffnock: The Park Church

SC0 No. 02965

*Service conducted by Rev. Catherine Beattie
of Giffnock South Parish Church*

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*Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
9.30-12.00*

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Sunday 12th of January 2020

11am

First Sunday after Epiphany

Order of Service

Welcome and Intimations

Call to worship

CH3 296 Rejoice the Lord is King

Prayer/Lord's Prayer

Children's Address:

CH4 619 & 620 Spirit of the living God

Reading : Isaiah 43:1-7;

Offering and Dedication

CH4 97 O' God you search me and you know me

Scripture: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Prayers of Intercession

CH3 79 Just as I am, without one plea

Sermon:

CH3 420 The Church's one foundation

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.

Sunday 12th January 2020

Good morning everyone and a warm welcome to you here in Park Church this Sunday morning and an especially warm welcome to my colleague Rev. Catherine

Beattie who will conduct worship today as I will be visiting one of our neighbouring congregations, Giffnock's United Reformed Church, as part of a switcheroo of ministers across the Giffnock Churches. This comes at the time of year where the Christian calendar denotes the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

We have had pulpit swaps in past years and we thought to reinstate the practice again to encourage each other's congregations in our faith journey as congregations and as individuals.

Our devotional for this week centres on the words of Paul's letter to the Romans chap.11 vs 33 & 36. ***“Oh the depth of the riches of the Wisdom and knowledge of God!.... for from Him and through Him and for Him are all things. To Him be the Glory forever! Amen.”***

As we gather to worship and give thanks to God for a week gone by and a new week to come, it is important for us to always remember who it is that goes before us, walks alongside us, dwells within us and who comes behind us. The great prayer of St Patrick echoes that strong sentiment of God's ever abiding presence, a presence that can sustain us through the darkest of challenges and the richest of blessings. John Michalak in his devotional for this week suggests that *“As you look forward into the new year, open your mind to believing that God has great things in store. Do your part in following His will for your life, knowing that he will surprise you with new and exciting things”*

This week and indeed this year, it is my hope that we all discover something of the deep things of God found there in the depth and the riches of his Wisdom, and Knowledge and above all his Grace, that grace that sits at the centre of all that binds us together in Christian unity superceding anything that matters about denomination and/or theology. Have a great week praying that Christ would indeed draw us closer together through the unity of His Spirit.

Calum D. Macdonald

WEEKLY DIARY

Monday	Monday Club.....1.45 - 3.45pm Chess Club.....7pm Eastwood Choral.....7.30pm
Tuesday	Church Office.....9.30-12noon Powerhouse of Prayer10am Mother & Toddlers9.30- 11.30am Rainbows&Guides6pm & 7.15pm Bible Study.....7.30pm
Wednesday	Church Office.....9.30-12noon Mother & Toddlers.....9.30- 11.30am Brownies6.30-8pm
Thursday	Church Office.....9.30-12noon Indoor Bowling10-12 noon Guitar Class6.30pm Park Ladies Keep Fit7.15pm
Friday	McCarthy School of Dance....5pm-9pm
Saturday	Allison's Aerobics.....9.30am



The next **Bible Study** will be

On Tuesday 21st of January

from 7.30 pm

All are welcome.

WHAT'S ON IN OTHER CHURCHES

GIFFNOCK UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

- Our weekly **lunchtime service** is every Wednesday at 11.30am and **Lunchbite** is at 12.15pm on the same day.
- **The Sunshine Café (Dementia Club)** meets on a Thursday at 11.30am.
- See Maureen Stewart if you would like further details.
- If you are interested in a Friday afternoon walk in Rouken Glen, **meet at the car park** beside the vets' practice at 2pm.
- **Our Saturday Coffee Mornings** are every Saturday at 10.30am.

GIFFNOCK SOUTH PARISH CHURCH

- The next recital of the **Giffnock South Concert Series** will take place on **Saturday 1st February at 1pm**, featuring The Turadh String Quartet. The quartet officially formed in February 2019 when they successfully auditioned at Wigmore Hall to become young artists of The Musician's Company. Between them, the members of the quartet have worked extensively throughout Scotland and the UK with leading orchestras and ensembles, and are all members of The Broen Ensemble, a young string ensemble committed to exploring chamber music. Tickets £5, includes tea and coffee after the recital.
- **Giffnock South Family Ceilidh, Saturday 1st February at 7pm.** Tickets £8, includes a light supper BYOB soft drinks/crisps & glasses will be provided. Contact Elaine Clarke on 07590439808 or elaine.clarke@uk.nestle.com

Bible Readings

Isaiah 43:1-7 (International Version - UK (NIVUK)) (Page 728)

Israel's only Saviour

- 43 But now, this is what the LORD says – he who created you, Jacob, he who formed you, Israel: ‘Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine.*
- 2 When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze*
- .3 For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour; I give Egypt for your ransom, Cush^[a] and Seba in your stead.*
- 4 Since you are precious and honoured in my sight, and because I love you, I will give people in exchange for you, nations in exchange for your life.*
- 5 Do not be afraid, for I am with you; I will bring your children from the east and gather you from the west.*
- 6 I will say to the north, “Give them up!” and to the south, “Do not hold them back.” Bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the ends of the earth –*
- 7 everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.’*

Luke 3:15-17 New International Version - UK (NIVUK) (Page 1029)

- 15 The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Messiah. 16 John answered them all, ‘I baptise you with^[a] water. But one who is more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptise you with^[b] the Holy Spirit and fire. 17 His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.’*

Luke 3:21-22 New International Version - UK (NIVUK) (Page 1030)

The baptism and genealogy of Jesus

- 21 When all the people were being baptised, Jesus was baptised too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened 22 and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: ‘You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.’*

CH4 619

*Spirit of the living God,
Fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God,
Fall afresh on me.
Break me, melt me,
Mould me, fill me,
Spirit of the living God,
Fall afresh on me.*

Daniel Iverson (1890 – 1977)

CH4 620

*Spirit of the living God,
Move among us all.
Make us one in heart and mind,
Make us one in Love.
Humble, caring,
Selfless, Sharing,
Spirit of the living God,
Fill our lives with love.*

Michael Baughen (1930)

CH4 97 O God, you search me

*O God you search me and you know me,
All my thoughts lie open to your gaze.
When I walk or lie down you are before me:
Ever the maker and keeper of my days.*

*You know my resting and my rising.
You discern my purpose from afar,
And with love everlasting you besiege me:
In every moment of life and death, you are.*

*Before a word is on my tongue, Lord,
You know it's meaning all the way through,
You are with me beyond my understanding:
God of my present, past and future, too.*

*Although your spirit is upon me,
Still I search for shelter from your light.
There is nowhere on earth I can escape you:
Even the darkness is radiant in your light.*

*For you created me and shaped me,
Gave me life within my mother's womb.
For the wonder of who I am I praise you:
Safe in your hands, all creation is made
new.*

Bernadette Farrell. Based on Psalm 139



*Kirk Session Meeting
Wednesday 15th January 2019
7.30pm
in the Fergusson Hall*