



**Minister:**

**Rev Calum D. Macdonald**

**Guest Organist:**

**Mr Derek Boyd**

***Advent Sunday Communion Service***

***Order of proceedings***

***Welcome & Intimations***

**CH3 320 Come thou Long expected Jesus**

Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Reading: 2 Corinthians 8: 1-9

**MP 179 Go tell it on the mountain**

Reading: John 10: 1-10

*Offering & dedication*

**MP 465 Meekness and majesty, manhood and deity**

Sermon: A Season of Active Waiting

**MP 393 Joy to the world the Lord is come**

Sacrament of Communion

**MP 457 Make way, Make way for Christ the King**

*Benediction*

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## **A Word of Welcome**

Welcome to the season of Advent 2023 as we come together for Worship at Giffnock: Park Church. This, as of today, sees us beginning a Season of Preparation where Advent is the time where we focus our attention to the truth at the heart of Christmas as we look forward to celebrating Christmas Day - a time that is spent so often happily in the company of Family and Friends but let us also remember that this time of year can be a struggle for many too.

Perhaps because of stresses and strains financially or bereavement or homelessness, Christmas is not such a happy time for some. **The hope we have in Christmas is that Christ came for us all**, even though we may be struggling while others enjoy all the trappings of Christmas.

*Calum D. Macdonald*

*N.B. Tea and coffee is available after the service –  
please join us*

### **Giffnock United Reformed Church Annual “Cake and Carols**

You are warmly invited to Giffnock United Reformed Church, 163 Fenwick Road, on Wednesday 13th December at 2pm for the annual “Cake and Carols” afternoon.

Please enter by the ramp door.

Come and enjoy singing and refreshments.

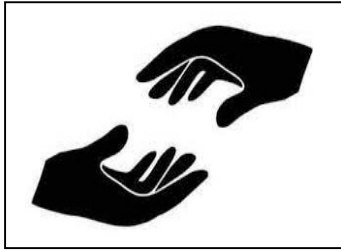
You will meet made very welcome!

**TRUST  
IN THE  
LORD  
WITH ALL  
YOUR ♥**  
*(proverbs 3:5)*

## WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK AT THE PARK

Sunday	11.00am	Morning Worship
Monday	1.45pm	The Monday Club
	4.30pm	<u>The McCarthy</u> School of Dance
	6.15pm	Cathcart Junior Chess Club
	7.15pm	Cathcart Chess Club
	7.15pm	Eastwood Choir
Tuesday:	9.30am	The Park Church Toddlers
	6.00pm	The 4 <sup>th</sup> Giffnock & Rainbows
	7.00pm	The 4 <sup>th</sup> Giffnock Guides
Wednesday:	9.30am	The Park Church Toddlers
	10.00am	Church Office open until 12 noon
	6.30pm	The 4 <sup>th</sup> Giffnock Brownies
Thursday:	10.00am	Church Office open until 12pm
	10.00am	Baby Yoga
	1.30pm	Eastwood Art Club
	6.30pm	Joe Wilson Guitar Class
	7.15pm	Park Ladies Keep Fit
Friday:	4.30pm	The McCarthy School of Dance
Saturday:	9.30am	Alison's Aerobics
Sunday :	11.00am	Sunday Service & Sunday School

For more details please refer to our web page on  
[www.parkchurch.org.uk](http://www.parkchurch.org.uk)



It has been a real privilege to have been able to be part of this important ministry established at Carnwadric Church. Each week a table length of groceries goes faithfully from here to assist a practical program of outreach to a community where many struggle to make ends meet in these financially difficult times.

### **Reverse Advent Calendar**

Additionally, the Sunday School are preparing Christmas boxes over what may be a difficult time for many. The reverse Advent is where, for 12 days of Christmas, you put something in (suggested items below). You can either complete a box, share a box with others or donate any of the items below. As we want to ensure these items are with the Foodbank before Christmas, please feel free to start anytime. Please note, below items do not replace the essential items that everyone generously donates each week, are intended to make Christmas special.

Day 1: Mince Pies/Christmas cake; Day 2: Tinned Ham/Chicken

Day 3: Tinned Potatoes; Day 4: Tinned vegetables

Day 5: Christmas Pudding/individual desserts;

Day 6: Custard/Long life cream; Day 7: Orange/Apple Juice;

Day 8: Biscuits/shortbread;

Day 9: Savoury snacks(nuts/crisps); Day 10: Chocolate Treats;

Day 11: Tinned soup; Day 12: Cereal





Anne and Val would like to thank everyone who has generously donated flowers throughout the year. The calendar for 2024 is in the vestibule for people to add their names to dates they wish to donate flowers on.

We would also like to thank all the ladies who have arranged and or delivered the flowers to parishioners throughout the year. These flowers are very much appreciated by the recipients.

We would welcome new volunteers (male and female) with buying/arranging and or delivering flowers to add to the rota.

To Get in touch Please contact :-

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***In the Past, Park church has been generous in donating toys to a Children's Charity at Christmas. This year we are looking to support this work again. If you would like to contribute the Helping hands Christmas Appeal directly you could do so by making a gift of a Toy for any age or a Toiletries set which would be most appreciated.***

***Only two conditions***

- a) Please ensure they are new toys***
- b) Please leave them unwrapped as they can decide which gift is then dispensed and to whom depending on their age, etc.***

# GIFFNOCK: PARK CHURCH

## Christmas & the Season of Advent

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### Events in the Season of Advent 2023



#### Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December

Celebrating the Lord's Supper together .... 11am

#### Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December

Morning Worship led Mr Andrew Dunn

#### Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December

Carols & Lessons Service.

#### Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December

11 am Family Carol Service

11.30pm Watchnight Carols by Candle

#### Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> December

Hogmanay Sunday 11am

### **Church Mice**

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