Giffnock: Park Church Welcome to Worship



Order of Service

Welcome and Intimations

MP 20 All people that on earth do dwell

Prayer and Lord's Prayer Children's Address

Medley

MP 307 I will enter His gates with thanksgiving in my heart MP 151 For I'm building people of power MP 307 I will enter His gates with thanksgiving in my heart

Reading: Matthew 25:31 - 46
Dedication of the offering

MP 806 Beauty for Brokenness

Prayer of Intercession

MP 629 Tell me the stories of Jesus

Sermon: The Prime Directive

MP 77 Christ Triumphant, ever reigning Benediction

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A Word of Welcome

Good morning – If you are a newcomer among us - Welcome to Worship here in Giffnock: Park Church.

Every Sunday morning as we come to church, we look to celebrate God's Love for us and give him our Thanks, it is always our desire that whether a regular attendee or newcomer in the midst, that you will find worship to be enriching and enjoyable and even challenging at times. This Sunday has been declared to be Street Pastors Sunday and we will centre our reflections on that this morning. Our prayer, as always, is that you leave Church today that you would know God's Blessing upon you in the week that lies ahead.

Calum D. Macdonald

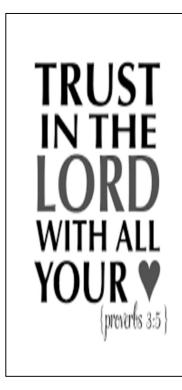
N.B. Tea and coffee is available after the service - please join us



Church Mice

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WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK AT THE PARK

Sunday 11.00am Morning Worship

Monday 1.45pm The Monday Club

4.30pm The McCarthy 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 4th Giffnock Rainbows

7.00pm The 4th Giffnock Guides

Wednesday: 9.30am The Park Church Toddlers

10.00am Church Office open until 12pm

6.30pm The 4th 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 and Sunday School

For more details please refer to our web page on

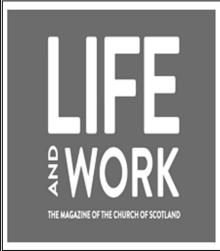
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Since the time of opening up <u>form</u> the Covid Lockdown period the Helping hands food bank has grown increasingly busy and we as a neighbouring congregation and now as part of the same Cluster have sought to assist with donations of food and Finance, all of which has been most appreciated and well used so thank You for rising to the challenge in these times of where many are struggling to feed their families and heat their homes in the winter.

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"The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.' (Matthew 25: 40)



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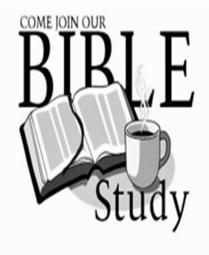


Sunday 1st October 2023



Wednesday Ladies Evening Wednesday 30th August 2023 Tea Coffee Available from 7pm

The Last evening of the Wednesday Ladies is to be an open evening allowing any and all to come along and meet some of the Folk working with and in the Helping Hands Community Foodbank as they join us for our final night of the year where we can look forward to hearing a wee bit more about this Vital work being supported by ourselves and our fellow church members in the ARC Cluster. We look forward to seeing you there.



The first of our Bible Study Sessions in the new session will take place on Tuesday 3rd October at 7pm in the Session House. We look forward to what God's Word has to teach us afresh and would be delighted to see you there.







An Adapted Extract from an Article for inews.co.uk by Ian Marland (Dec 8th 2017) called: Spending a night out in Glasgow with the city's Street Pastors

It is 2.10am on a cold Saturday morning in December in the centre of Glasgow, and a young man clearly in need of help is leaning against the shop front of a branch of Waterstones.

Dressed only in boots and a pair of black sports shorts, the rest of him is bare and exposed to the elements. He is flanked by two police officers waiting anxiously for an ambulance to arrive.

In the run-up to Christmas heavy drinking and cold weather go hand in hand and this man has no-one and nothing else with him other than his police guardians. Nobody knows where he has been, but he appears to have walked out of one of the nearby nightclubs, oblivious to his semi-nakedness.

The man is in need of a Good Samaritan, and luckily one is at hand in the form of one of Glasgow's small army of Street Pastors – volunteers who give up their Friday and Saturday nights to look out for and help people in need.

The biblical parable is often apt in situations they come across on a nightly basis in the city, particularly in the run-up to Christmas when heavy drinking and cold weather go hand in hand.

The Street Pastors team rummages in a bag they are carrying and produce a foil parcel containing a silver space blanket of the type usually given to marathon runners. He drapes it around the man to keep him warm.

Minutes later an ambulance backs down Argyle Street and the man is placed carefully inside. The episode is over.

"That's as much as we could do in that situation. It was clearly a case where that man needed hospital attention." Concluded one of the team.

Matthew 25:31-46

The Sheep and the Goats

- ³¹ "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. ³² All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. ³³ He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.
- ³⁴ "Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. ³⁵ For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, ³⁶ I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'
- ³⁷ "Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? ³⁸ When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? ³⁹ When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?'
- ⁴⁰ "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'
- ⁴¹ "Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. ⁴² For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³ I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.'
- ⁴⁴ "They also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?'
- ⁴⁵ "He will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.'
- ⁴⁶ "Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life."

MP 629 Tell me the stories of Jesus

Tell me the stories of Jesus I love to hear; things I would ask him to tell me if he were here: scenes by the wayside, tales of the sea, stories of Jesus, tell them to me.

First let me hear how the children stood round his knee,
That I should know of his Blessing resting on me;
words full of kindness, deeds full of grace,
all in the lovelight of Jesus' face.

Tell me in words full of Wonder
How rolled the sea
Tossing the boat on a tempest on Galilee.
Jesus then going His Father's will
Ended the Storm, saying
"Peace be still!"

Into the city I'd follow the children's band, waving a branch of the palm tree high in my hand; one of his heralds, yes, I would sing loudest hosannas, "For He is King!"

Show me that scene in the garden of bitter pain

And of the Cross where my Saviour for me was slain;

And through the Sadness,

Helped me to see

How Jesus suffered

For love of me

Gladly I'd hear of his rising
Out of the grave,
Living and strong and triumphant,

mighty to Save:

And how He sends us

All men to bring

Stories of Jesus , Jesus , their King

William Henry Parker (1845 - 1929)