

GRANTON PARISH CHURCH

Weekly Bulletin

Sunday 28th April 2019
Second Sunday of Easter



Welcome

Are you new?

Whether you are just visiting or looking for a church home, you'll be assured of a warm welcome here at Granton. If you'd like to find out more about us and get connected into the community please pick up a copy of our blue information sheet from the back of the church, or speak to any of the welcome team.

What to expect

The only thing we ask you to do is to relax. You are with people just like you. Whether you have been here many times or never been to Church before, you can anticipate an encouraging and enlightening experience.

A bit about us

Our style of worship includes both contemporary and traditional hymns and songs. Words are projected on the big screen so you won't need any hymn books.

Feel free to sit anywhere within the congregation as there are no personalised seats. Toilets are located in the vestibule at the back of the church and also just through the door on the pulpit side of the church.

Children at the service

Children and babies are more than welcome to stay with their parents throughout the service. However there is a creche and there are activities for school age children. Parents are also welcome to use the sofas in the coffee area during the service.

No strings attached

If you are a guest with us today, please don't feel you need to give any money in the offering. This service is our gift to you.

Find out more and Get Connected

Visit grantonchurch.org.uk or have a chat with any of the Welcome Team at the back of the church

Sunday 10:30 am

Welcome and Introduction

Hymn: How deep the Father's love for us CH4 549

Bible Reading: Psalm 1, verses 1 & 2, 1 Kings Chapter 19

Introduction to the Message

Blessing of Finn Joseph Macintosh

Prayer including the Lord's Prayer

Hymn: May the peace of God (Townend) (children gather in Session Room)

The Bible Speaks Today

Hymn: As the deer pants for the water CH4 550

The Bible Speaks Today

Hymn: My Jesus My Saviour CH4 531 (children return)

Offering

We give out of a sense of thanks to God, recognising his love for us is beyond measure. If you are a guest with us today, please do not feel you have to give.

Prayer for Others

Hymn: Be still for the presence of the Lord CH4 189

THE BLESSING

Welcome - Get Connected

Here at Granton we offer a range of social and spiritual groups, covering all ages, where you can mix, enjoy fellowship and grow within our community. You can find information about them on the website or pick up an information leaflet from any of the Welcome Team.

Join our email list to get weekly news.

Visit www.grantonchurch.org.uk






Join us in the coffee area at the back of the church after the service

Join our Facebook Group, or visit our Facebook page (just search for Granton Church)

Visit www.grantonchurch.org.uk/new for a welcome from our Minister, Rev Norman Smith.



Call to Action - this week's checklist

-  **Pot Luck Lunch** today has been **POSTPONED** - the Nurture Group will rearrange another date soon.
-  **The Clothes and Rescue Bread Swap Shop** continues, opening on Wed, Thurs and Friday. Or why not have a rummage after today's service?
-  **St Andrews and St George's West Book Sale** is on Saturday, 11 May - Friday 17 May. This is a massive fundraising event for Christian Aid
-  **Church meeting for Prayer** next on Thursday 9th May at 6 - 7pm. More details later in the bulletin
-  The next **Welcome Ministry update session** is next Sunday for 30 minutes after church. For everyone on welcome ministries.

COMING UP

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| MAY
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<small>Wed</small> | Wednesday Home Group @ home of Barbra Gordon,
May 1 @ 19:30 – 20:30 |
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<small>Thu</small> | Thursday Home Group @ home of Linda & Derek Young
May 2 @ 19:30 – 20:30 |
| MAY
5
<small>Sun</small> | Sunday Service
May 5 @ 10:30 – 12:00 |
| | Welcome Ministry session
May 5 @ 11:45 – 12:15 |
| MAY
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<small>Thu</small> | Church Prayer Meeting @ Church
May 9 @ 18:00 – 19:00 |
| MAY
11
<small>Sat</small> | Men's Breakfast @ Session Room
May 11 @ 09:00 – 10:00 |
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12
<small>Sun</small> | Sunday Service
May 12 @ 10:30 – 12:00 |
| MAY
14
<small>Tue</small> | Outreach Group meeting
May 14 @ 19:30 |



We aim to introduce people to Jesus so that they will:

KNOW God intimately

FOLLOW God passionately

SHARE God relevantly

We try to live up to these values:

EQUALITY is based on who you are and not what you have

EVERYONE is valued and everyone has gifts that can be offered to God

True **COMMUNITY** brings with it respect across the generations and cultures

Everything we do is rooted in **JESUS CHRIST**

If this vision and these values appeal to you, please speak to any of the welcome team.

Next on - Regular Church Events

Next on...	What?	Where?	Contact
TUESDAY 7th May at 2pm	LADIES FELLOWSHIP	West Hall	Elizabeth Hansen 336 3048
ON SUMMER BREAK TUES & THURS Resumes in October	INDOOR BOWLS Good fun with friends over a game of bowls and a cup of tea	East Hall	Chris Hansen 336 3048
WEDNESDAY 1st May at 7.30pm	WEDNESDAY HOME GROUP	2 Granton Place	Ian 0131 332 2748
WEDNESDAY 1st May at 12 noon	LUNCH CLUB Every week good quality food is available at a reasonable price.	West Hall	Olive 552 5837 Irene 552 4543
WEDNESDAY 1st May from 6.30pm	BOYS' BRIGADE Boys aged 5 to 18	East Hall	Malky Burton
THURSDAY 2nd May at 10.00am	KIRSTY'S COFFEE MORNING All welcome to have a coffee amongst friends. If you have a spare moment, why not come along for a cuppa?	West Hall	Liz Tait 0738 8404592
THURSDAY 2nd May at 7.30pm	THURSDAY HOME GROUP	110 Silverknowes Road	Linda 0750 6965684
THURSDAY 9th May 6pm - 7pm	CHURCH PRAYER MEETING Life never goes in a straight line - ups and downs are part of everyday experience	Church	Norman 0131 551 2158
FRIDAY 3rd May at 11am	MAGIC CARPET CLUB Play group for preschool children.	East Hall	David Moodie
SATURDAY 11th May at 9am	MONTHLY MEN'S BREAKFAST A hearty breakfast with a good helping of fellowship and banter for men in the congregation	Session Room	Chas Macintosh 0779532 3889

There is a whole range of other groups active in our church, including community meals, clothes swap, rescued bread and cakes, Guides, Rainbows, Brownies, Keep Fit, Dads Rock, and Egyptian Dancers.

For a full up to date list of what is on and where go to.

www.grantonchurch.org.uk/diary/

In Brief - more on the website

read more at www.grantonchurch.org.uk



Pot Luck Lunch

Postponed

The Nurture Group have decided to postpone the POT LUCK LUNCH planned for after church today and will re-arrange for another Sunday soon. (This is due to quite a few of our folk not being around this Sunday)

Save the date – Spiritual Refresher Day

Saturday 22nd June

For as long as the Christian church has existed people have taken time out of the daily grind to reflect and refresh their relationship with God.

To do this properly means going somewhere outside your normal routine whilst focusing yourself on God. Historically the church developed spiritual practices (exercises) to help for these times.

We are going to go to Tynninghame beach in East Lothian where we will spend the day together doing some of those exercises with the aim of refreshing our faith.

Bring your own packed lunch, if you need transport let us know.

SAT 22nd JUNE

Changes to our musical arrangements!

Starting today, we are going to experiment with relocating the band and singers into the seated area of the church. This will mean taking away the outside part of some of the rows of chairs on the pulpit side to allow space for instruments etc.

Our thinking behind this move is partly prompted by the services that were held in the

West Hall, where having instruments in close proximity to the congregation really boosted the singing. It will also minimise movement of musicians and speed up the start of hymns.

Please bear with us while we give this a try – and, once you've got used to it, do let us know what you think.

St Andrews and St George's West Book Sale

Saturday, 11 May 2019 – 10.00am to Friday, 17 May 2019 – 3.30pm

St Andrew's & St George's West Church

Since it started in 1974 the Sale at St Andrew's and St George's West has raised over £2m for Christian Aid's work to end poverty.

During Christian Aid Week, over 500 volunteers from Edinburgh and beyond work together to create the UK's biggest fundraising event.

Over 100,000 books of every kind fill the sanctuary and both courtyards. But there's much more than books. Upstairs in the gallery you'll find sheet music (and more books!). Downstairs in the Undercroft Café you'll find a gallery of pictures and delicious homebaking. In the Davidson Room, hidden, at the back of the church and you'll find a treasure trove of antiques and collectables. And did we mention the toys, records, stamps and postcards?

>>> speak to Ian Moir for more information

IN THE LOOP

In Brief - more on the website

read more at www.grantonchurch.org.uk



Life and Work

May 2019 issue

Life and Work is now available as a digital edition for computer, tablet and smartphone. Subscribe from £11.99 for six months or buy a single issue for £1.99 from www.lifeandwork.org

See Anne Macintosh or any of the welcome team for a copy of the magazine.

Church meeting for Prayer

2nd Thursday of each month

Life never goes in a straight line with ups and downs being part of everyday experience.

When you add faith into that mix it means life is complicated; there are days when believing comes easier than others. How in the midst of all this do you keep your relationship with God alive?

The answer is prayer. With prayer your faith is being nurtured, without prayer starved. We have in our church prayer triplets where 3-4 people gather to pray together.

Alongside that we are starting a monthly meeting open to anyone and everyone to pray. This will be a low key hour where most of it is spent sitting quietly, speaking to God.

On the second Thursday of the month from 6-7pm in the church there is a chance to gather with others to pray.

Put it in your diary and hope to see you there!



Missed Lent?

If you missed any of our series of thoughts for Lent, or just want to go back over them, they are still available online.

Evening of musical musings

Friday 24th May at 7.30 pm.

Come along and be part of what we hope will become a regular group.

Part social and part sharing of music and musical thoughts – this will be a chance to relax with others who simply enjoy music, either in a church context or just in life generally. We might sing a bit; we might listen a bit; we will chat a lot and you'll have a chance to shape what this group will look like going forward. There will be some wine and soft drinks available too.

The first meeting will be held at Anne Macintosh's home. Please speak to Anne or to Karen Docwra, if you would like to come along – or email karen@granton.org.uk.

Ever wondered what it's like to volunteer with us at the Bethany Night Shelter?

If you've ever volunteered with our church team at one of our Bethany Night Shelter slots, you'll know that it's a busy experience – busy, humbling, rewarding and satisfying.

The Scotsman (19th April 2019) has a really good article in its features section, written from the perspective of a volunteer. If you've been there you'll recognise the story – if not it will give you an insight into what happens.

Read the article online - there's a link on our website.

Blessing

Of Finn Joseph Macintosh

We are pleased that Cameron and Dani have brought Finn to church today and are seeking God's blessings on him.

Finn is going to be baptised sometime in the near future at Dani's home church in Silsden, Yorkshire, where her parents, Maria and Joe, are active members.

As he is due to be Baptised in Yorkshire, Cameron and Dani have decided to have a Blessing for Finn here today in Edinburgh, before they move south to a new life as a family in Staffordshire. The Laughlins and the Macintoshes give thanks for the amazing gift of Finn in their lives.

Welcome Ministry update sessions

Every so often we offer refreshers for people involved in our welcome ministries. This is a chance to share with others good practice and to develop what we do.

Even if you think you might not learn anything from it, you may have things others can learn!

If you are involved with Front Welcome, Inner Welcome, Outer Welcome or Welcome Lead you are invited to take part in these refresher sessions.

We will meet as a group for 30 mins after church on the following Sundays.

SUNDAY 5TH MAY
SUNDAY 9th JUNE

When is a club not a club?

.....when it's our Lunch Club!

You don't have to be a member, you don't have to be 'mature', you don't have to leave the kids at home! The group has been providing a meeting place and a simple meal since 1994 - at an amazingly low price! "The Lunch" now gets a lot of its food from Cyrenian's FareShare, which not only fits in with our efforts to be greener and reduce waste, but also means that the meals are no longer always 'simple'. The Lunch Team would

love to welcome more customers - no need to book, just turn up at noon on Weds.



Twitter but don't Tweet?

If you want to keep up with our Twitter feed but don't use Twitter very much, then you can now keep up with our Tweeting activity directly from the church website. Just go to the home page at grantonchurch.org.uk.

Life Events

The Church of Scotland plays an essential role in providing worship and spiritual guidance for key life events – baptisms, weddings and funerals. Find out more on the website.

Children & Families

At Granton we believe that children are valued individuals, and that families are a central part of the church and the community.

Find out what's on for families on the website.

Joining the church

If you have reached a place where you want to formally join the church please speak to Norman. >>> more at granton.org.uk

Welcome Ministries

Sunday 28th April

Beadle	Stuart Mitchell
Welcome lead	Linda Young (s)
Outer welcome	Barbara Gordon, Rose Patterson
Inner welcome	Stewart Greig
Front Welcome	Norman Smith
Reader	Gillian Macintosh
Count Leader	Neil MacDonald
Offering	Anne Macintosh, Derek Young
Sound Desk	Alan Summers
Teas and Coffees	Charlotte Dove, Elizabeth Hansen
Creche	Brenda Herriot, Stuart Mitchell
Kids' Activities	Alan Summers (s)

(s) notes a swap from the original schedules

Sunday 5th May

Beadle	Neil MacDonald
Welcome lead	Sandra Cumming
Outer welcome	Irene McPherson, Linda Young
Inner welcome	Gillian Macintosh
Front Welcome	Sandra Summers
Reader	Pauline Smith
Count Leader	Neil MacDonald
Offering	Gillian Macintosh, Jim Lyall
Sound Desk	Ian McLaughlan
Teas and Coffees	Olive Lyall, Sandra Summers
Creche	Jo Davidson, Susan Leslie
Kids' activities	Riitta Valkama

Welcome to our service this morning. It is nice to have you worshipping with us and we hope you will enjoy your time here.

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