

GRANTON PARISH CHURCH

Weekly Bulletin

Sunday 5th May 2019



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

Matthew 6:5-15 Good News Translation (GNT)

"When you pray, do not be like the hypocrites! They love to stand up and pray in the houses of worship and on the street corners, so that everyone will see them. I assure you, they have already been paid in full. But when you pray, go to your room, close the door, and pray to your Father, who is unseen. And your Father, who sees what you do in private, will reward you.

Sunday 10:30 am

Welcome and Introduction

Hymn: Amazing Grace CH4 555

Bible Reading: Matthew 6 : 5 – 15

Introduction to the Message

Prayer including the Lord's Prayer

Hymn: Spirit of the living God CH4 619

(children gather in Session Room)

The Bible Speaks Today

Hymn of the Month: Fill thou my life

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Hymn: Make me a channel of your peace CH4 528 (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: Your love is amazing

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



The next **Welcome Ministry update session** is after church today for 30 minutes after church. For everyone on welcome ministries.



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 this Thursday 9th May at 6 - 7pm. More details later in the bulletin



Invite someone to church and make the invitation count. We have an **Invitation Jar in church**, so drop in a marble for each invitation.



Granton STILL Goes Greener

Granton Parish Church Climate Change Project

Climate Challenge Fund

The first year of our Climate Challenge Project has now ended, and we are no longer being funded by the Scottish Government. However, the good news is that the project goes on.

Granton STILL Goes Greener, will continue as long as there is a need and we can get enough volunteers to keep it going. Anna will be with us for the next few months, and we are seeking funding to secure the paid part-time post in the longer term. Grantongoesgreener.org.uk

Clothing Swap Shop

We are always looking for more volunteers from the congregation to help us checking and arranging donated goods. If you can help in any way speak to Anna or any of the Blue Skies Group (Norman, Dan, Neil, Sandra C, Linda, Anne, Chas)

Water & Light

As part of the Granton Goes Greener project, we have installed automatic taps and lights in the toilets. We hope that you like the changes!



VISION & VALUES

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 5th June at 7.30pm	WEDNESDAY HOME GROUP	2 Granton Place	Ian 0131 332 2748
WEDNESDAY 8th 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 8th May from 6.30pm	BOYS' BRIGADE Boys aged 5 to 18	East Hall	Malky Burton
THURSDAY 9th 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 6th June 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 10th 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



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 spent 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 last week, 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

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.

IN THE LOOP

In Brief - more on the website

read more at www.grantonchurch.org.uk



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.

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

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Our Pastoral Visiting Team

Tell your family and friends : We have a group of people in church who try to get out to visit folk who are housebound or in hospital. However they don't always get to know who needs a visit.

It's a good idea to mention to your family that, should you perhaps go into hospital or fall ill, they can contact us and we'll arrange a visit. Otherwise we may not know. Contact Gillian Macintosh Gillian@granton.org.uk tel 0788 581 5629

Prayer After The Service

There are times when people need specific prayer for specific situations and do not wish to ask in the 'prayers for others'. Members of the Ministry Team are available for anyone who wishes prayer after the service. Please sit down at the front if you would like this.

Acts of Random Kindness

Pick up an ARK card from the back of the church and record your Acts of Kindness.

Using your ARK Card, we can all demonstrate Christian love for others through a single random act of kindness. When you have done it, please write on the back what you did and pin it to the tree on the noticeboard.

(s) swap

5th May

12th May

Beadle
Welcome lead
Outer welcome

Neil
Sandra C
Irene
Linda
Gillian
Sandra S
Pauline

Jim
Gillian
Sandra C
Sandra S
Stuart
Anne
Anne
Neil
Sandra C
Sandra S
Ian McL (s)
Margaret R
Margaret M
Liz T
Mandy
Stuart

Inner welcome
Front Welcome
Reader
Count Leader
Offering

Sound Desk
Teas and Coffees

Creche

Kids' Activities

A LARGE PRINT VERSION OF THE BULLETIN IS AVAILABLE

ask any of the Welcome Team

MAY 5 Sun	Sunday Service + May 5 @ 10:30 – 12:00
	Welcome Ministry session + May 5 @ 11:45 – 12:15
MAY 9 Thu	Church Prayer Meeting @ Church + May 9 @ 18:00 – 19:00
MAY 11 Sat	Men's Breakfast @ Session Room + May 11 @ 09:00 – 10:00
MAY 12 Sun	Sunday Service + May 12 @ 10:30 – 12:00
MAY 14 Tue	Outreach Group meeting + May 14 @ 19:30
MAY 19 Sun	Sunday Service + May 19 @ 10:30 – 12:00

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Coming Up.... and check the full diary at grantonchurch.org.uk/diary