

WEEKLY BULLETIN

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The Church of Scotland

Thanksgiving and Memorial Service

Hope as we look back on 2019

New Year message from Norman

Looking back on 2019, our country has faced many decisions which shape not only who we are but who we will be.

We had elections that led to joy and despair for different people with celebration and mourning depending on the outcome for you.

We had terror attacks in London and Manchester.

There was flooding in Northern England.

Some of the highest temperatures ever recorded in the British Isles were seen.

More people used foodbanks than ever before.

All in all, the year was not without its events.

As we pass into 2020 it's important to remember that behind each of these events lies their impact on people. Each headline translates into lives lost, families affected, and people struggling.

Amongst all of this we have the birth of a baby boy to a poor family in Bethlehem who would go on and change the world. Emmanuel, God with us.

We may put the trees and the nativities away.

We need to make sure we don't put the baby away for another 11 months.

It was for these very situations that Jesus came into the world; that he might redeem his people whilst demonstrating God's love to his creation.

Remember that as you look back, hold onto that as you look forward!

"For God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not die but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to be its judge, but to be its saviour."

John 3:16-17



For more information about anything in the Bulletin, snap the QR code or visit grantonchurch.org.uk

Today's Order of Service

Thanksgiving & Memorial Service

Today is a chance to remember loved ones as well as give thanks for other things that have happened in our lives this past year.

This service is particularly geared to those who have suffered a bereavement, so although children are always welcome at our services of worship, today we would ask parents to respect that people will be looking for quiet.

Hymn: Dear Lord and Father of mankind CH4 485

Prayer

Reading

Hymn: All I once held dear CH4 506

Footprints

Reflection

Hymn: My Jesus, My Saviour CH4 531

Lighting of Tea Light Candles

Reading

Reflection

Hymn: To God be the glory CH4 512

Hope – Spring Bulbs

Prayer

Offering

Hymn: Lord for the years CH4 159

Close

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

If you'd like to find out about the groups that meet in our church pick up a copy of our life@Granton leaflet - there should be some at the end of each row of seats.
- or ask any of the Welcome Team for one.



In Brief - more on the website

more details at grantonchurch.org.uk - mobile friendly - snap the QR code



Group & Organisations

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. Most of the groups and organisations around the church restart this week or next after the Christmas break. *Find out more about our groups and organisations on the website.*

Family Film Nights

During the winter months, when the nights are darker, we run monthly family film nights. These take place in the main church, and films are shown on the big screen. Film Nights are open to all, but children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult over 18. We really encourage families to come out to this together – a family trip to the movies could cost over £20 so this free event is a great way of getting a family night out on a budget, and meeting other families.

Next on - Friday 17th January

Bethany Winter Care Shelter

Over £400 was raised by the generosity of people who attended our Christmas services last week!

That money will pay for food for our two meals, which we are providing this winter on Sunday 9th February and Sunday 15th March.

If you would like to find out more about this, or make a donation, please speak to Sandra or

Alan Summers, or speak directly to Bethany on 0131 561 8930. You can also donate in the box in the coffee area or put your donation in an envelope marked 'Bethany' and place it in the offering plate.

If you don't have access to the web, speak to any of the welcome team and we'll get a printed version for you.. If there is a name that you don't recognise, just ask any of the Welcome Team

Call to Action - this week's checklist



Tickets are on sale now for the **Burns Supper** on Saturday 25th January. See any of the Social Group or Welcome Team, or reserve them online.



Thanks to everyone who gave to the **Christmas Retiral Offering**. Over £400 was raised to enable us to cover 2 nights at the Bethany Winter Shelter.



The next winter **Family Film Night** is on Friday 17th January at 6.30pm. More details and offers of help to David



The **Daily Thought for the Day** continues and is sent out every morning to start the day. Sign up on the website or speak to Chas to add your email address



What better way to start the new year than carrying out an **Act of Random Kindness** - pick up a couple of cards from the coffee area

(s) swap	5 January	12 January
Beadle	Stuart	Jim
Welcome lead	Sandra C	Chas
Outer welcome	Ruth	Barbara
	Sandra S	Sylvia
Inner welcome	Stewart	Elizabeth J
Front Welcome	Kirsty (s)	Gillian
Reader	Ian M	Asif
Count Leader	Chas	David D
Offering	Norrie	Derek
	Sandra S	Malky
Sound Desk	Pauline	Alan
Teas and Coffees	Barbara	tbc
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Need a printed copy of the hymn words?

Speak to any of the Welcome Team and we can get that organised for you.

Not getting the weekly email? Read on.....

We send out a weekly email at 7am every Thursday with a link to the weekly Bulletin and all the new posts for the website for the week. It goes to all the email addresses that we have so if it doesn't arrive in your inbox there are a few things to check. Pop over to the website and read some hints and tips.

Coming Up....all the details at grantonchurch.org.uk

Jan 09 - Thursday	Church Meeting for Prayer
Jan 14 - Tuesday	Outreach Group meeting
Jan 17 - Friday	Family Film Night
Jan 25 - Saturday	Church Burns Supper
Feb 13 - Thursday	Kirk Session meeting
Mar 26 - Thursday	Kirk Session meeting