

# Cardonald Parish Church

## Contact

Autumn 2021

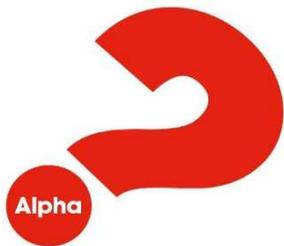


[www.cardonaldparishchurch.org.uk](http://www.cardonaldparishchurch.org.uk)

Scottish Charity Number SC010265

## Harvest Thanksgiving & Communion – Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October

Our 11 am Service on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October will this year be both Harvest Thanksgiving and Holy Communion. For Communion, as in June, on entry, each person will receive a container with a small piece of bread and a red grape, to be taken during the service, when invited to do so by the Minister. Those who prefer to bring their own elements are welcome to do so. And those who will be joining live or later online or by phone are invited to have their own bread and grape juice or equivalent ready before the service begins.



Ever wanted to explore questions of life and faith? Is there more to life than this? Who is Jesus? What's prayer all about? These are the kind of questions we explore on Alpha.

**Our online Alpha course begins on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October at 7.30 pm via Zoom.** Each weekly session includes a talk from the Alpha Film series and will finish by around 9.00 pm.

If you would like to take part, please phone us or email us at [alpha@cardonaldparishchurch.org.uk](mailto:alpha@cardonaldparishchurch.org.uk) or register via the Alpha website at <https://alpha.org.uk/tryalpha> (search in 'Glasgow, UK').

## Monthly Bible Study – from 2<sup>nd</sup> November

On the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month at 7.30 pm, from 2<sup>nd</sup> November, we will be starting a Bible Study following 'The Prayer Course'.

This looks at The Lord's Prayer and is based around the book 'How to pray' by Pete Greg.

This will begin online, using the same Zoom details as for the weekly Prayer Meeting. (The Prayer Meeting continues online at 7.30 pm on the other Tuesdays of the month.)

If you would like to find out details about this, including how to purchase a book, please contact the church office.



the  
**prayer**  
course

prayercourse.org  
#prayercourse

## Pastoral Letter

Dear Friends,

At our online Church Conference in June, we reflected on how our emergence from the lockdowns was a bit like Lazarus emerging from the tomb. In John 11:38-44 we read how Lazarus still had his grave clothes on when Jesus called him to come out. So he would have found it difficult to walk at first by being restricted in this way. For us too, we still are working out how best to emerge from an extended period when lots of our familiar ways of 'being church' were not possible.

While some of our church activities begin to resume, other things may take longer or may be done differently, not least because some are still uncertain about getting involved again with 'in-person' activities.

On a larger scale our world is a changed and changing place. Everyone has been affected to varying degrees by the pandemic and we are all having to readjust. And as well as recovery from the pandemic, the world's attention is also focused on the climate crisis, with the upcoming COP26 conference in from 1<sup>st</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> November in Glasgow. The Church of Scotland is also undergoing a period of change with ministry posts being reduced by a third over the next few years. Each Presbytery will be producing a new Mission Plan by the end of 2022.

In this time of transition and readjustment, it is therefore especially important that we listen to our Lord's leading, and that we pray and act to show the love of Jesus to those near and far by the way we live.

Just as Jesus' voice brought life and freedom to Lazarus, so our Risen Lord Jesus invites us to focus on Him and listen for His voice. For, as it says in John 1:3-5, 'Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.'

Yours in Christ,

**Gavin McFadyen, Minister**

## Finance Article Autumn 2021

This is just a short article to let you know how our finances are coping during 2021.

I am pleased to say that the offerings are all doing well, keeping up to the budget figures. It is very gratifying knowing that church members are happy to keep their weekly offerings up to date during this ongoing difficult time for all of us and for the church, in particular. The pandemic has had a quite serious effect on our income, losing out on commercial let income and also on the generous donations we normally receive from the church organisations.

Fortunately, our biggest hall let, the dance class on a Saturday, is back again, but the others have either advised us that they won't be back or haven't felt that it was safe enough yet to return.

We are very pleased to report a donation of £200 from the various Guide sections.

These income streams are small compared to the £8000 or £9000 per year we were receiving pre-pandemic.

On the expenditure side we have had a few sizeable property bills during the year and these have meant that our spend to date is well over the budgeted figure.

Despite the welcome progress on the offerings side, we fear that we shall end the year with a sizeable deficit. Unfortunately, this inevitably leads to a drain on our reserves, particularly worrying because of the very expensive repairs to the church building pending, but required to keep it wind and water-tight into the future.

### The Finance Team

Our **Harvest Thanksgiving** donations this year will include a special opportunity to support the work of the church and other charities. Please see the next article for more details.

## Harvest Thanksgiving & National Giving Day

Congregations have been encouraged by the General Assembly to participate in a church-wide National Giving Day at a time of their choosing over the season of Harvest.

This will provide an opportunity to reflect on God's presence with us through these challenging times and to offer gifts of thanksgiving back to God. Money received through this initiative will remain with participating congregations, who will choose how to use these gifts.

**We are participating through our Harvest Thanksgiving gifts from Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October until Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October.**

The Kirk Session has approved that Harvest gifts will this year be allocated as follows:

For the first £1,000 of Harvest gifts donated, 25% will be given equally to the following:

- Lodging House Mission ([www.lhm-glasgow.org.uk](http://www.lhm-glasgow.org.uk))
- Church House Bridgeton ([churchhousebridgeton.org.uk](http://churchhousebridgeton.org.uk))
- The Well ([thewell.org.uk](http://thewell.org.uk))
- Cardonald Parish Church

The remainder will be given to Cardonald Parish Church.

### **Harvest Thanksgiving Gifts may be donated in two ways:**

1. Using a special Harvest gift envelope available at our Sunday services, or any envelope marked 'Harvest Gift'. For those who Gift Aid, please write your name on it.
2. By bank transfer to the church account. Please include the word 'Harvest' in the donation reference. For those who Gift Aid, please also include your name as part of the reference.

## **Thank You**

Over the past few months some very faithful members of our Session and Board, as well as others, have had to step down from their duties for health reasons. Without naming all the names, I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the congregation to thank you all for your service for our Lord here. May you know God's continuing strength and presence with you in the days ahead.

**Gavin McFadyen, Minister**

## **Adoption of the Unitary Constitution (Update)**

The Committee looking at adopting the Unitary Constitution has resumed its work after a break of over 18 months. It will be reporting to the Kirk Session and Congregational Board in the Autumn. If the proposals are agreeable to both courts, the Congregation will be invited to approve the adoption of the Unitary Constitution at a special meeting after Sunday worship on the 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2022.

What are the reasons for moving to a Unitary Constitution? In 2019 our Local Church Review identified a number of positive outcomes which it has included in the Action Plan.

- A realignment and refocusing of committees/teams to meet current and future needs.
- A clearer, simpler decision making structure.
- Flexibility to engage the gifts of a wider group of people from the congregation.
- Potential to develop Kirk Session meetings to be more devotional and strategic.

But in the meantime, please prayerfully consider how you might use your gifts and talents in the life of the congregation, as we seek to move forward as our Lord leads us. **Gavin McFadyen, Minister**

## **Congregational Register**

**Joined by Transfer:** Mr James Airns (12/06/21)

## Friendship Circle News

Our project for 2021 came to a very successful end on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> September when a representative from Age Scotland came to collect all the little hats you have been knitting. A grand total of 1,934 little hats were handed over to an astonished and very appreciative gentleman!



A huge thankyou to all who contributed to, and supported the project and make it such a success. Keep thinking of new ideas for the next one !!

Thankyou, from **Eileen Mirtle**.

## Men's Club

The Men's Club hope to restart on **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> October** at **7.30pm**. We are an informal club with the following activities: carpet bowls, putting & dominos or if you just fancy a cup of tea and a chat, then come along and join us.

Norrie and myself look forward to catching up with you all again.

**Angus McKay**

# Pray for all situations, great and small

Many of us today are facing tough times, some times that seem to have been going on for ages and we don't see the end in sight, and perhaps some days we just feel done.

- The Lord wants to hear from us. Always speak with him first.
- Then share with a trusted praying friend and you will be upheld in the prayers of another, which the Bible tells us should be unceasing, and we are comforted by that.
- If you are praying for someone, I encourage you to tell them you have them in your prayers.
- I'm always amazed by the reassurance I get when I know my praying friends are on my case.

I have just been re-reading what the great evangelist Billy Graham says on prayer in his book "Nearing Home". He says "some people look on prayer as a burden or obligation, but in reality, it is one of our greatest privileges as God's children."

He quotes from *Philippians 4:6-7 (NIV)*:

***<sup>6</sup> Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. <sup>7</sup> And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.***

Mr Graham says "Prayer is really a place, a place where you meet God in genuine conversation" and "God forbid that we should ever retire from prayer, the sweetest work of the soul."

We who are retired, and maybe not so able to be as active as we were in the church, are in a prime position to become Prayer Warriors.

When you are in a hard place and you say "all I can do is pray", rejoice, that is you glorifying God, trusting him with your most precious thoughts, and he's surely listening and he will answer.

This is how you get to know your God better, speaking with him, spending time with him and reading his Word. He loves to hear from his children.

Speak with him now, he's waiting for you.

**Margaret Gunn**

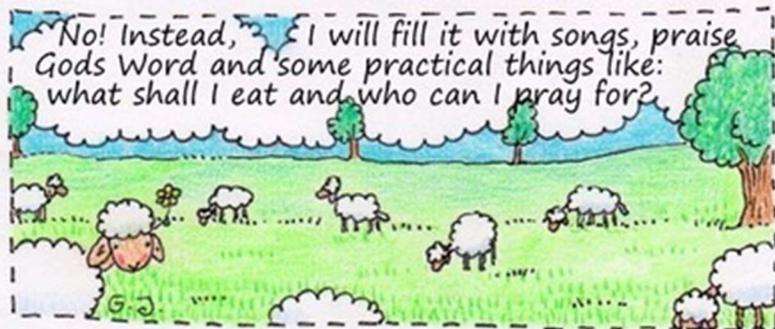
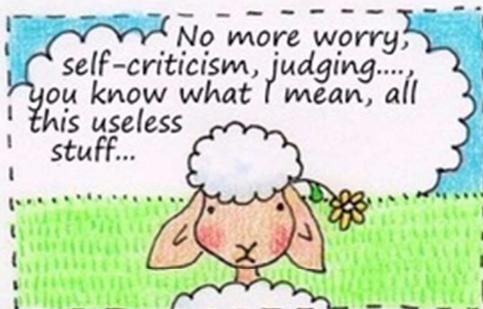
**.....STRIKE.....**

It's just a good thing GOD above has never gone on strike  
Because He wasn't treated fair on things He didn't like.  
If He had ever once sat down and said, "That's it, I'm through -  
I've had enough of those on earth so this is what I'll do ——  
I'll give My orders to the sun 🌞 - cut off your heat supply. And  
to the 🌙 moon —— give no more light and run the oceans dry.  
Then, just to make it really tough and put the pressure on ——  
turn off the air and oxygen till every breath is gone. "

Do you know, He'd be justified if fairness was the game — for  
no one has been more abused or treated with disdain than GOD.  
And yet..... He carries on .... supplying you and me  
With all the favours of His grace and everything for free.  
Men say they want a better deal and so on strike they go....  
But what a deal we've given GOD to whom everything we owe.  
We don't much care who we hurt or harm to gain the things we  
like,  
But what a mess we'd all be in if GOD should go on strike.

**( Author Unknown ) Submitted by Gail Monteith**

# Hannah



## Service of Remembrance for the Bereaved

Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October at 4pm in the Church

This is an opportunity to remember and give thanks to God for our loved ones, whether our bereavement is recent or not.

The service is 'in person' and also available via live stream at: <https://youtu.be/eYgZ-ZW-Lec>

Ecumenical Service, Sunday 3rd October 2021  
6.30pm, Sherbrooke Mosspark Church

GLASGOW

# COP26

An evening of worship, information & inspiration,  
hosted by Presbytery of Glasgow. All welcome!

[#ClimateJustice](#) [🌍#COP26Glasgow](#) [#Resouces](#)

**The Presbytery of Glasgow COP26 working group** have produced a resource available to all. This resource is called a Padlet. It is filled with information and resources relating to COP26 and climate justice. These resources can be used within many areas of your congregational life including worship, youth groups and house groups. This Padlet will be updated regularly with new resources as they are released. So keep checking!

<https://padlet.com/glasgowyouth/tjo2fo33vbq20asn>

[Glasgow Churches COP26 Group Church of Scotland](#)

## **Services of Worship (In-person/online/by phone)**

We are open for regular worship in our church building for:

- 11 am Sunday services
- 10 am Tuesday informal services.

Special services to note:

- 3<sup>rd</sup> October: 11 am Harvest Thanksgiving & Communion Service
- 31<sup>st</sup> October: 4 pm Service of Remembrance for the Bereaved
- 14<sup>th</sup> November: 10.50 am Remembrance Sunday Service
- 28<sup>th</sup> November: 11 am First Sunday in Advent
- 5<sup>th</sup> December: 11 am Holy Communion Sunday Service.

Safety guidelines for attending are on the church website.

The Sunday morning services are available to view live or later via YouTube. An audio recording of the Sunday morning service will usually be available to listen to online and by phone by around 5pm on the same day.

**Service live stream / video recording link details are available at:**

[www.cardonaldparishchurch.org.uk/online-services-watch-a-service](http://www.cardonaldparishchurch.org.uk/online-services-watch-a-service)

**Service audio recordings are available at:**

[www.cardonaldparishchurch.org.uk/online-services-listen-to-a-service](http://www.cardonaldparishchurch.org.uk/online-services-listen-to-a-service)

**and by phone at: 0141 465 5553 (Glasgow phone charges apply).**

## **Church Office**

Our Church Secretary, Carol, is working from home and can be contacted via the church office email. Phone messages can also be left on the church office phone and will be picked up remotely by her.

**Church Office Email:** [office@cardonaldparishchurch.org.uk](mailto:office@cardonaldparishchurch.org.uk)

**Church Office Phone:** 0141 882 6264