

Order of Service and Intimations

Sunday 25th March 2018



Opening Voluntaries:

The Holy City – Stephen Adams

The Entry into Jerusalem – Arthur Godfrey

Welcome and Intimations

Call to Worship

Hymn 367: Hosanna, loud hosanna

Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Guest speakers from CHANA

(Churches Homeless Action for North Ayrshire)

Hymn 466: Before the throne of God above

Reading: James 5: 13-20 (page 292)

Sermon and Prayer Wall

Hymn 547: What a friend we have in Jesus

Offering (*Intermezzo – Mascagni*)

Prayers of Dedication and Intercession

Hymn 392: When I survey the wondrous cross

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Hymn 365: Ride on! ride on in majesty!

The Blessing and Choral Amen

Doxology: Majesty

Closing Voluntary:

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna – arr. James Pethel



DISMISSAL:

Majesty, worship His Majesty;

*Unto Jesus, be glory,
honour and praise.*

*Majesty, kingdom authority
Flows from His throne,
unto His own, His anthem raise.*

*So exalt, lift up on high
The Name of Jesus,
Magnify, come glorify,
Christ Jesus the King Majesty,
worship His Majesty,
Jesus who died, now glorified,
King of all Kings.*

Preacher: Rev Mandy Hickman **Organist:** Stuart McMahon **Reading:** Mima McSwan

*We extend a warm welcome to any visitors joining our service this morning.
You are invited to join us for tea and coffee in the Large Hall after the service.*

Intimations

REGULAR MEETINGS AND EVENTS:

Monday	10am: Keep Fit Group; 7.30pm: The Guild
Tuesday	2pm: KA Leisure Chair Aerobics; 4pm: Craft Group
Wednesday	6.30pm: 1st Saltcoats Girl Guides
Thursday	10.30am: 30 minute Midweek Service; Country Dancing Group 2.30pm / 7.30pm alternating weeks

1. Due to Dorothy's continued absence, we have appointed Rev Mandy Hickman as a locum minister to assist with pastoral support and preaching. Rev James McNay is continuing as our Interim Moderator. If you require the services of a minister, please contact Mandy on 01475 675347 or email Mandy at MHickman@churchofscotland.org.uk. Please continue to remember Dorothy in your prayers and we wish her voice a speedy recovery.
2. Please keep the **Pastoral Care Team** up to date with information about people who need pastoral care or support, or visited at home or in hospital. Please don't assume that they already know – they would rather hear several times over than not at all. The main contacts for pastoral care are Miss Alison Buick (01294 464531) and Mrs Morag Forsyth (01294 463762).
3. There will be a retiring offering in aid of CHANA (Churches Homeless Action for North Ayrshire) at the close of this morning's service.
4. This week in the **Presbytery Prayer Diary** we are asked to pray for our own congregation and minister.
5. **Prayer Wall:** Today, as part of our 40 acts challenge, we are constructing a prayer wall for our community. Prayer request cards are still available if you wish to put in a prayer request which will go on our community wall of prayer during the service.
6. The **Kirk Session** will meet at the close of this morning's service for a short piece of business.
7. Details of all the Ardrossan Churches Group **Holy Week Services** can be found on the back page of this sheet. In Kirkgate, we will be holding the Holy Week Service tomorrow night, Monday 26th, at 7pm in the church.
8. The **short midweek service** this week at 10.30am on Maundy Thursday will incorporate a time of communion.

9. Donations of daffodils can be brought to the church anytime this week – our **Daffodil Cross for Easter** will be getting assembled after the Maundy Thursday service.
10. There will be a **Good Friday Service** in South Beach House at 2pm. Members of the congregation are invited to come along and share in this service of reflection and worship.
11. **Next Sunday – Easter Sunday:** we are looking for donations of Easter Eggs to be brought to our morning service which will be passed on to the Food Bank, as one of our final 40acts of generosity for this Lent.
12. The funeral service for Mrs Evelyn Lockie will take place on Thursday 29th March at 1pm in Kirkgate. This will be followed immediately by refreshments in the church hall. A private cremation will be held for the family only at a future date.
13. The funeral of Mr Willie Hay will take place on Wednesday 4th April at 2pm in Kirkgate and thereafter to Holmsford Bridge Crematorium.
14. Articles for the April edition of the **Kirkgate Messenger** should be given to Elizabeth McMahon by today please.
15. The **Country Dancing** group won't be meeting this week.
16. Ray Mckay is proposing to arrange an **outing on Wednesday 9th May** leaving at 10.30am, returning approx 8.00 pm to Charles Rennie Mackintosh's famous Hill House in Helensburgh. There will be a comfort stop at Lomond Shores on the way there and afterwards a trip into Helensburgh or a Garden Centre to be arranged, followed by a meal on the way home at the Loch House Hotel, Lochwinnoch. Cost will depend on numbers, and concession admission to Hill House & grounds £7.50 or free if you are a member of the National Trust for Scotland. If interested please speak to Ray as soon as possible as numbers are still low. Tel: 467140
17. November 2018 will mark the end of the centenary of the first world war. It is proposed that we have a wall of **knitted poppies** to mark the occasion. If you are able to assist in the knitting of the poppies then patterns are available on the hall vestibule table. See Fiona Liddell for more information.

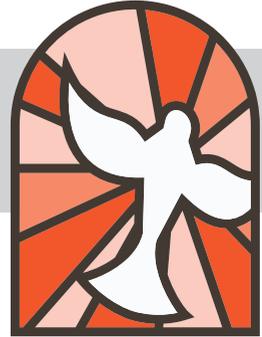
18. Anyone wishing to give donations for the **North Ayrshire Foodbank** should either leave them at a local supermarket or hand them in directly to the Church of the Nazarene, Glasgow Street, Ardrossan. Tel: 01294 601312 (Mon-Fri, 10am-2pm) for more details. Other collection points can be found at: *www.northayrshire.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food*
19. **Sponsored Skydive for Crossreach.** David McLeod is taking on the exhilarating challenge of soaring from 10,000ft in a Tandem Skydive at Auchterarder on Saturday 23 June 2018. David's sponsor sheet is in the hallway if you wish to support him and Crossreach.
20. **Safeguarding training:** Fiona Blair (safeguarding trainer for Ardrossan Presbytery) has organised safeguarding training for Kirk Sessions. Unfortunately we have been given little notice, but the next event is taking place in Kirkgate on Sunday 8th April at 2pm. Elders who have not undertaken any safeguarding training in the past are encouraged to attend. There is a sheet in the vestibule for you to indicate whether or not you can attend. Please do so by Sunday 1st April at the latest so that numbers can be given to Fiona. The same session will be repeated in Beith Parish Church on Tuesday 18th September at 7pm. Please speak to Vivien if this session would be more suitable.

Volunteer training will be held in Kirkgate on Thursday 10th May at 7pm. The Volunteer Course is for new volunteers, and also for existing volunteers who did their previous training 5 years ago or more. There is a sheet in the vestibule which you should sign if you wish to attend.

21. **Mission Research Project:** At the Kirk Session meeting on 8th March we agreed to take part in the above project with Mandy. It involves three meetings, each lasting between an hour and an hour and a half. Mandy has suggested possible dates and times in April for these meetings. Basically the choice is Sunday evenings, Tuesday evenings or Tuesday afternoons. There is a sheet in the vestibule for you to show which suits you best.

- 22. Coffee Morning:** The outreach to the Poor Group of the Catholic Churches are having a coffee morning in aid of the Scottish Refugee Council in St Mary's Hall, Saltcoats on Saturday 7th April from 10.30 am till 12.30 pm. We are being helped by some of the Syrian Families. Entry by donation.
- 23. Magic Show:** There will be a Magic Show for children on Wednesday 4th April at 1.30 pm in St John's Church Hall, Stevenston. The Magician will be David Ennis who is President of the Magic Circle - families £2.00.
24. If you, or anyone you know, would like to receive **recordings of our services**, then please drop a note to either Mima or Stuart and they'll add you on to the distribution list. We will also supply the playing equipment. Our services are also available to listen to again via the church website: www.kirkgatechurch.org.uk

Prayer points and thought for the week



Please pray for:

- *The work of CHANA and all who give support to the homeless across Scotland*
- *Meaningful worship, warm fellowship and good attendance at services this Holy Week*
- *All the people, situations, concerns, celebrations and prayers of thanks, posted on our Community Wall of Prayer*
- *Continued acts of generosity in this last week of Lent*
- *Opportunities to reflect on our own faith lives and share the gospel message as we walk with Christ to the Cross*
- *The Persecuted church, those who will not be able to openly and safely worship this Holy Week*

As we enter Holy Week with crowds full of jubilation Jesus enters Jerusalem, palms waving, cloaks strewn, and we are reminded what a difference a week can make. Journeying together with Jesus through the jubilation into despair and darkness and finally rejoicing in the resurrection and assurance of the Easter message. We are reassured that in the good times and the bad we have a powerful tool at our disposal, prayer. This Easter let's make prayer a natural reflex and an enjoyable habit, strengthening our connection with God and recognising the splendour of the King.



HOLY WEEK SERVICES

ARDROSSAN CHURCHES GROUP

Mon 26th - Fri 30th at 10am

Daily Meditation in Park Church, Ardrossan

Evening Services at 7.00pm

Mon 26th: Kirkgate Church, Saltcoats

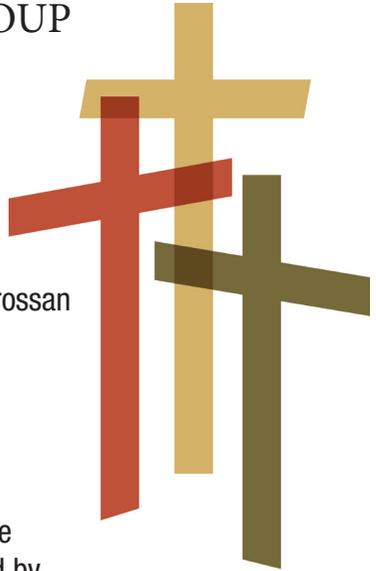
Tues 27th: EU Congregational Church, Ardrossan

Wed 28th: St Peter's Church, Ardrossan

Thur 29th: St Andrew's Church, Ardrossan
(*Holy Communion*)

Fri 30th: Park Church, Ardrossan

Sun 1st April: Easter Morning Open Air Service
on Cannon Hill at 8am, followed by
breakfast in the EU Church (TBC)



**Follow the daily messages and challenges from 40acts
throughout Lent on our Facebook page:**

<https://www.facebook.com/Kirkgatechurch>

Find us on 

Anyone wishing to include a notice in the weekly intimations should give details to Stuart McMahon, stuart@md93.co.uk, Tel: 01294 603848 **no later than a Wednesday evening.**

Fire Safety – in the event of a Fire:

- Remain calm and leave the building by the nearest exit.
- Do not wait to uplift belongings.
- Do not attempt to go back into the building until instructed it is safe to do so.
- Please gather outside the Royal Bank of Scotland, Chapelwell Street.

A loop system is installed for people who may have hearing difficulties.

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