

GILCOMSTON

23 February 2020

Today's preacher is:
Rev Jerry Middleton

..as each one was able,....
Acts 11:29 (NIV)

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CALENDAR FOR MARCH

Sundays 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th

Woodend Hospital Service at 9.30am
Morning Service 11am
Prayer at 6pm in the Upper Hall
Evening Service 6.30pm

Tuesdays 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st

Lunchtime Service 12.45pm

Wednesdays 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th

mainly music at 10am in the Hall

Thursdays 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th

Coffee and Chat Outreach at 12.30pm

Fridays 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th

Babies and Toddlers at 10am in the Hall

Saturdays 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th

Prayer Meeting at 7pm in the Hall

Also

- 1st Service at 10.15am at Rosewell House
- 3rd Leadership Team Meeting at 7pm in the Hall
- 6th Youth Group at 7pm at David and Rosie Strudwick's house
Young Adults Social (bowling) at 7.30pm
- 8th Congregational Lunch and Meeting after the morning service
Service at 3pm at Short Loanings
- 10th Elders' Meeting at 7.30pm in the Hall
- 14th Kitchen Spring Clean from 9am
- 15th Youth Group at 4pm at Matt and Sara Kirkwood's house
- 17th Deacons' Meeting at 7.30pm in the Hall
- 20th Youth Group at 7pm at David and Rosie Strudwick's house
City-Wide Prayer Gathering at 7.30pm in the Hall
- 28th Sunday School Easter Event at 2pm in the Hall
- 29th Service at 2.45pm at Strachan Mill Court
Youth Group at 4pm at Jerry and Susan Middleton's house

INFORMATION FOR VISITORS TO GILCOMSTON

Please put your **mobile phones on silent** and keep your belongings with you at all times.

Cups and jugs of water are available on the tables at the back of the church. If you or someone in your row is struggling with a cough, please don't be shy about helping yourself!

We don't want anyone, especially women, standing at bus stops on Union Street in the dark or having to walk alone to their home/car. Please ask at the Welcome Desk if you're in any doubt about getting home this evening or from any of our other evening meetings.

The Offering is collected during the service as part of the church family's worship to God. If you're visiting today, please don't feel embarrassed about letting the baskets pass along the row. Many Gilcomston regulars will do the same because they give through their bank. If you are a UK taxpayer and would like tax to be reclaimed by the church on your offering, please fill out a Gift Aid form which you will find at the Welcome Desk and place this in the offering basket in the red envelope provided. For further information about the Gift Aid scheme, please speak to Alan Cordiner.

Today's hymns will be displayed on the screen. If you would prefer to use a hymn sheet, please ask the door stewards. Large print hymn sheets are available from the stewards at the back of the Church.

If you're new to Gilcomston, we invite you to fill out one of the welcome cards at the Welcome Desk.

We have an induction loop fitted for the hard of hearing. Please set your hearing aid to position "T" and sit near the centre of the Church.

Sermons are available for purchase in CD format from the Welcome Desk.

NOTICES

Prayer Meeting

Please note that the prayer meeting this week will take place on Friday 28 February at 7pm, rather than Saturday 29 February.

Congregational Meeting and Lunch

There will be a Congregational Lunch in the church after the morning service on 8 March, after which there will be a Congregational Meeting where the next step for Gilcomston will be outlined by the Leadership Team.

Church Kitchen Spring Clean

Saturday 14 March 09.30am. If anyone is free and willing to donate an hour or two to give the kitchen its annual make-over please let Heather Dougall or Rosie McKie know. Many hands make light work and even small donations of time make a big difference. If Saturday is a problem but Friday afternoon is a possibility Heather will be in the kitchen from 1pm and would always welcome company.

Woodend Hospital Service

Would you like to help with the church service at Woodend Hospital on Sunday mornings? It involves wheeling the patients who want to go to the service from their ward to the room in which the service is held, and back again after the service. We meet in the hospital between 8:50 and 9am. The service lasts half-an-hour (9:30 to 10am). We usually arrive at Gilcomston about 10:30am in time for a coffee. If you would like to help, speak to Tom Scott or John Linn. Transport can be provided.

Hebrew at Hebron

Iain Hepburn is teaching some Hebrew at Hebron from 13 February for 5 weeks, based on the 50 words lecture he's done previously. Each lecture is stand-alone so you don't have to go every week. Fliers with more info are at the Welcome Desk.

Becoming an Autism-friendly church:

Kings Community Church will be running a seminar, led by J John, Craig Johnson and the Philo Trust, for church leaders and their teams on Saturday 29 February, 9.30-12 at KCC. Craig Johnson is the father of a child with

autism and, as the executive pastor of a church in Texas, launched a developmental centre for children, teens and adults. He now works worldwide to increase awareness and help churches better serve those with additional needs. The session is free of charge but places must be booked here: www.kingscommunitychurch.org/autism

City Wide Prayer Gathering

The next City Wide Prayer Gathering takes place in our church hall at 7.30pm on Friday 20 March. All welcome.

His Word in My Hands Training Day

The above Bible-handling Training Day will take place at Charlotte Chapel Baptist Church, Edinburgh, on Saturday 21 March.

The day is intended for those who teach Sunday school, lead small group Bible studies, give talks at camps or holiday clubs, lead student work, or are thinking of doing a ministry apprenticeship, etc., and who feel they would benefit from some training. The aim is to provide an introduction to the basic principles of how to understand the Bible correctly and to teach it. While on this particular training day there will be a focus on teaching the Psalms, the general principles covered will equally apply to all genres of Scripture.

Details of how to register can be found here: <https://www.cornhillscotland.org.uk/conferences/>

Faith At The Musicals

Deeside Christian Fellowship Church in partnership with Tearfund will be bringing the excitement and wonder of some of the most well-loved West End musicals at a performance at DCFC on Saturday 4 April at 7.30pm. Get ready to be transported by this talented group of performers and singers to the theatre stages of Les Misérables, Phantom of the Opera and many more of your favourites.

West End Has Faith is a group of Christian professional singers working in musical theatre. As well as the magnificent music, they'll be sharing their own stories, and speaking about the work of Tearfund's partners in Uganda. Tickets cost £6 and family tickets for 4 are available at £18. Book here: <https://www.facebook.com/events/197240471670074/>

MORNING

1. **Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;**
to His feet your tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored,
forgiven,
who like me His praise should sing?
Praise Him, praise Him!
Praise Him, praise Him!
Praise the everlasting King.
2. Praise Him for His grace and favour
to our fathers in distress;
praise Him, still the same for ever,
slow to anger, swift to bless:
Praise Him, praise Him!
Praise Him, praise Him!
Glorious in His faithfulness.
3. Father-like He tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame He knows:
in His hands He gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes:
Praise Him, praise Him!
Praise Him, praise Him!
Widely as His mercy flows.
4. Frail as summer's flower we flourish;
blows the wind and it is gone;
but, while mortals rise and perish,
God endures unchanging on:
Praise Him, praise Him!
Praise Him, praise Him!
Praise the high eternal One.
5. Angels, help us to adore Him;
you behold Him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down before Him;
all who dwell in time and space.
Praise Him, praise Him!
Praise Him, praise Him!
Praise with us the God of grace.

Henry Francis Lyte, 1793-1847

Jesus wants me to be a bright light shining
in the darkness so people can see.
Jesus wants me to be a brave flame burning
with His love as He wants me to be.
Though it's hard, I know when the feelings go
and the darkness is pressing me in,
but I'll carry on for His love is strong,
it's His light that will make me shine,
it's His light that will make me shine.

Crawford Mackenzie © 1992 Tollcross Songs

1. **Amazing Grace! How sweet the sound**
that saved a wretch like me;
I once was lost, but now I'm found;
was blind, but now I see.
2. 'Twas Grace that taught my heart
to fear,
and Grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that Grace
appear,
the hour I first believed!
*My chains are gone. I've been set
free,
my God, my Saviour has ransomed
me.
And like a flood His mercy reigns,
unending love, amazing Grace.*
3. The Lord has promised good to
me,
His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.
My chains are gone....
4. The earth shall soon dissolve like
snow,
the sun forbear to shine.
But God who called me here
below,
will be forever mine, will be
forever mine,
You are forever mine.

*John P Rees, John Newton, Edwin Othello Excell
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1. **Lord, You were rich beyond all splendour,**
yet, for love's sake, became so
poor;
leaving Your throne in glad
surrender,
sapphire paved courts for stable
floor:
Lord, You were rich beyond all
splendour,
yet, for love's sake, became so
poor.
 2. You are our God beyond all
praising,
yet, for love's sake, became a man
stooping so low, but sinners
raising
heavenwards, by Your eternal
plan:
You are our God beyond all
praising,
yet for love's sake, became a man.
 3. Lord, You are love beyond all telling,
Saviour and King, we worship you;
Emmanuel, within us dwelling,
make us and keep us pure and true:
Lord You are love beyond all telling,
Saviour and King, we worship You.

F. Houghton 1894-1972

1. **Lord of creation, to You be all praise!**
Most mighty Your working, most wondrous Your ways!
Who reigns in great glory that tongue cannot tell,
yet deigns in the heart of the humble to dwell.
2. Lord of all power, I give You my will,
in joyful obedience Your tasks to fulfil.
Your bondage is freedom; Your service is song;
and, held in Your keeping, my weakness is strong.
3. Lord of all wisdom, I give You my mind,
rich truth that surpasses man's knowledge to find.
What eye has not seen and what ear has not heard
is taught by Your Spirit and shines from Your Word.
4. Lord of all bounty, I give You my heart;
I praise and adore You in whole not in part;
Your love to inflame me, Your counsel to guide,
Your presence to shield me, Your strength at my side.
5. Lord of all being, I give You my all,
for if I disown You, I stumble and fall;
but, sworn in glad service Your word to obey,
I walk in Your freedom to the end of the way.

Jack Copley Winslow 1882-1974© John Barnard/Jubilate Hymns

EVENING

1. **Come, let us to the Lord our God**
with contrite hearts return;
our God is gracious, nor will leave the desolate to mourn.
2. His voice commands the tempest forth,
and stills the stormy wave;
and though His arm be strong to smite,
'tis also strong to save.
3. Long hath the night of sorrow reigned,
the dawn shall bring us light:
God shall appear, and we shall rise
with gladness in His sight.
4. Our hearts, if God we seek to know,
shall know Him, and rejoice;
His coming like the morn shall be,
like morning songs His voice.
5. As dew upon the tender herb,
diffusing fragrance round;
as showers that usher in the spring,
and cheer the thirsty ground;
6. So shall His presence bless our souls,
and shed a joyful light;
that hallowed morn shall chase away
the sorrows of the night.

John Morison 1750-98

1. **Come, people of the Risen King,** who delight to bring Him praise;
come all and tune your hearts
to sing
to the Morning Star of grace.
From the shifting shadows
of the earth
we will lift our eyes to Him,
where steady arms of mercy reach
to gather children in.
Rejoice, Rejoice!
Let every tongue rejoice!
One heart, one voice;
O Church of Christ, rejoice!
2. Come, those whose joy
is morning sun,
and those weeping
through the night;
come, those who tell
of battles won,
and those struggling in the fight.
For His perfect love
will never change,
and His mercies never cease,
but follow us through all our days
with the certain hope of peace.
Rejoice, Rejoice...

3. Come, young and old from every land -
men and women of the faith;
come, those with full or empty hands -
find the riches of His grace.
Over all the world, His people sing -
shore to shore we hear them call
the Truth that cries through every age:
"Our God is all in all!"
Rejoice, Rejoice...

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1. **Men of faith rise up and sing**
of the great and glorious King.
You are strong when you feel weak
in your brokenness complete.
Shout to the North and the South,
sing to the East and the West,
Jesus is saviour to all,
Lord of heaven and earth.
 2. Rise up women of the truth,
stand and sing to broken hearts,
who can know the healing power
of our awesome King of love.
Shout to the North...
 3. We've been through fire,
we've been through rain,
we've been refined
by the power of his name,
we've fallen deeper
in love with you,
you've burned the truth
on our lips.
Shout to the North...
 4. Rise up church with broken wings,
fill this place with songs again
of our God who reigns on high,
by His grace again we'll fly.
Shout to the North...