

GILCOMSTON

8 March 2020

Today's preacher is:
Rev Jerry Middleton

..The God of heaven will give us success..
Nehemiah 2:20 (NIV)

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The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God and the fellowship
of the Holy Spirit be with us all. Amen

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 2.30pm 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

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.

Smile.amazon.co.uk

We have recently joined AmazonSmile. AmazonSmile is a website operated by Amazon with the same products, prices, and shopping features as Amazon.co.uk. The difference is that when you shop on AmazonSmile, the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products to the charitable organization of your choice. Every item available for purchase on www.amazon.co.uk is also available on AmazonSmile (smile.amazon.co.uk) at the same price. You will see eligible products marked "Eligible for AmazonSmile donation" on their product detail pages.

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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.

Memorial Service

A memorial service for Rev Dr Henry Sefton, who served as Interim Moderator at Gilc during the vacancy period after Mr Still retired, will take place at 12 noon on Saturday 21 March in the Kirk of St Nicholas Uniting.

'His Word in My Hands' Training Day

The above Bible-handling Training Day will take place at Charlotte Chapel Baptist Church, Edinburgh, on Saturday 21st 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. We aim 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/>

Ben Nevis Challenge

Saturday 13 June. Registration £35, aim to raise £200. A great opportunity to see the majesty of God's creation, climbing Britain's highest mountain, whilst raising funds for Blythswood Care's life changing work, both here in the UK and abroad. For a registration pack and training schedule contact Elma MacKay on 07876 831175, or elma.mackay@blythswood.org.

MORNING

1. **Christ is made the sure foundation,**
Christ the head and cornerstone
chosen of the Lord and precious,
binding all the church in one;
holy Zion's help for ever,
and her confidence alone.
2. All within that holy city
dearly loved by God on high,
in exultant jubilation
sing, in perfect harmony;
God the One-in-Three adoring
in glad hymns eternally.
3. We as living stones implore You:
come among us, Lord, today!
With Your promised loving-
kindness
hear Your people as we pray;
and the fullness of Your blessing
in our fellowship display.
4. Here entrust to all Your servants
what we long from You to gain —
that on earth and in the heavens
we Your people shall remain,
till united in your glory
evermore with You we reign.
5. Praise and honour to the Father,
praise and honour to the Son,
praise and honour to the Spirit,
ever Three and ever One:
one in power and one in glory
while eternal ages run.

Latin 7th Century

Tr. John Mason Neale 1818-66

Be bold, be strong

for the Lord your God is with you.
Be bold, be strong
for the Lord your God is with you.
I am not afraid, no, no, no.
I am not dismayed, not me,
for I'm walking in faith and victory.
Come on and walk in faith and victory
for the Lord your God is with you.

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1. **Thou shalt arise, and mercy yet**
Thou to mount Sion shalt extend:
her time for favour which was set,
behold, is now come to an end.
2. Thy saints take pleasure in her
stones,
her very dust to them is dear.
All heathen lands and kingly
thrones
on earth Thy glorious name shall
fear.
3. God in His glory shall appear,
when Sion He builds and repairs.
He shall regard and lend His ear
unto the needy's humble pray'rs:
4. Th'afflicted pray'r He will not
scorn,
all times this shall be on record:
and generations yet unborn
shall praise and magnify the Lord.

Psalm 102 vv 13-18

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1. **Lord, who in Thy perfect
wisdom**
times and seasons dost arrange,
working out Thy changeless
purpose
in a world of ceaseless change;
Thou didst form our ancient
nation,
guiding it through all the days,
to unfold in it Thy purpose
to Thy glory and Thy praise.
 2. To our shores remote, benighted,
barrier of the western waves,
tidings in Thy love thou sentest
tidings of the cross that saves.
Saints and heroes strove and
suffered
here Thy gospel to proclaim;
we, the heirs of their endeavour,
tell the honour of their name.
 3. Still Thine ancient purpose standeth
every change and chance above;
still Thine ancient Church remaineth,
witness to Thy changeless love.
Grant us vision, Lord, and courage
to fulfil Thy work begun;
in the Church and in the nation,
King of kings, Thy will be done.

Timothy Rees, 1874-1939 (altered)

1. **O church arise, and put your armour on;**
hear the call of Christ our captain.
For now the weak can say that they
are strong
in the strength that God has given.
With shield of faith and belt of truth,
we'll stand against the devil's lies;
an army bold, whose battle-cry is
love,
reaching out to those in darkness.
2. Our call to war, to love the captive
soul,
but to rage against the captor;
and with the sword that makes the
wounded whole,
we will fight with faith and valour.
When faced with trials on ev'ry side
we know the outcome is secure,
and Christ will have the prize for
which He died,
an inheritance of nations.
3. Come see the cross, where love and
mercy meet,
as the Son of God is stricken;
then see His foes lie crushed
beneath His feet,
for the Conqueror has risen!
And as the stone is rolled away,
and Christ emerges from the grave,
this vict'ry march continues
till the day ev'ry eye and heart shall
see Him.
4. So Spirit, come, put strength in
ev'ry stride,
give grace for ev'ry hurdle,
that we may run with faith to win
the prize
of a servant good and faithful.
As saints of old still line the way,
retelling triumphs of his grace,
we hear their calls, and hunger for
the day
when with Christ we stand in glory.

Stuart Townend and Keith Getty
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EVENING

1. **Bring to the Lord a glad new song,**
children of grace, extol your king;
your love and praise to God belong -
to instruments of music, sing!
Let those be warned who spurn
God's name;
let rulers all obey God's word:
for justice shall bring tyrants shame:
let every creature praise the Lord!
2. Sing praise within these hallowed
walls,
worship beneath the dome of
heaven;
by cymbals' sounds and trumpets'
calls
let praises fit for God be given:
with strings and brass and wind
rejoice -
then, join our song in full accord;
all living things with breath and
voice,
let every creature praise the Lord!

*Michael Perry 1942-96 © Mrs B Perry/Jubilate
Hymns*

1. **There is a hope that burns within my heart,**
 that gives me strength for ev'ry passing day;
 a glimpse of glory now revealed in meagre part,
 yet drives all doubt away:
 I stand in Christ, with sins forgiv'n;
 and Christ in me, the hope of heav'n!
 My highest calling and my deepest joy,
 to make His will my home.
2. There is a hope that lifts my weary head,
 a consolation strong against despair,
 that when the world has plunged me in its deepest pit,
 I find the Saviour there!
 Through present sufferings, future's fear,
 He whispers 'courage' in my ear.
 For I am safe in everlasting arms,
 and they will lead me home.
3. There is a hope that stands the test of time,
 that lifts my eyes beyond the beckoning grave,
 to see the matchless beauty of a day divine,
 when I behold His face!
 When sufferings cease and sorrows die,
 and every longing satisfied,
 then joy unspeakable will flood my soul,
 for I am truly home.

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1. **The sands of time are sinking;**
 the dawn of heaven breaks;
 the summer morn I've sighed for,
 the fair, sweet morn, awakes.
 Dark, dark hath been the midnight,
 but dayspring is at hand,
 and glory, glory dwelleth
 in Immanuel's land.
2. O Christ! He is the fountain,
 the deep, sweet well of love;
 the streams on earth I've tasted
 more deep I'll drink above:
 there to an ocean fullness
 His mercy doth expand,
 and glory, glory dwelleth
 in Immanuel's land.
3. With mercy and with judgment
 my web of time He wove,
 and aye the dews of sorrow
 were lusted by His love;
 I'll bless the hand that guided,
 I'll bless the heart that planned,
 when throned where glory
 dwelleth
 in Immanuel's land.
4. I've wrestled on towards heaven
 'gainst storm and wind and tide;
 now, like a weary traveller
 that leaneth on his guide,
 amid the shades of evening,
 while sinks life's lingering sand,
 I hail the glory dawning
 in Immanuel's land.