



Giffnock: Park Church

Sunday 3rd May 2026

11am

Minister:

Organist:

Rev Calum D. Macdonald

Miss Hebba Benyaghla

Order of Service

Welcome and Intimations

MP 486 *Now thank we all our God*

Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Children's Address

Chorus **I'd like to teach the world to sing**

Reading Ephesians 2: 1-13

Dedication of our Offerings

MP 784 *Ye servants of God your master proclaim*

Prayer of Intercession

MP 37 *As the deer pants for the water*

Ephesians 2: 14 - 22

Sermon: The Ripple Effect of God's Love

MP 445 *Lord the light of your love is shining*

Benediction

(Scottish Charity Number: SC002965)

Good morning,

Welcome to Worship on the first Sunday of the fifth month of the calendar year. The year of 2026 is certainly moving on. I will be heading out to the General Assembly this year and this will be the first time I will have attended in what is the new shorter format, lasting only over a long weekend from Friday 15 May to Monday 18 May. I was particularly delighted to see that an old friend from university and beyond has been appointed as Moderator of the General Assembly this year, Rev. Gordon Kennedy currently serving as Parish Minister in Craiglockhart Parish Church in Edinburgh.

The privilege of attending the General Assembly as a commissioner is something that comes around only once every four years and there are a couple of things that that I am always impressed with. Firstly there is the joy of attending the Communion Service which always a moving occasion, the unaccompanied singing of the psalms that makes the hair stand on and along with the seamless formal way that elders from every walk of Scotland and beyond dispense the elements of bread and wine led by the moderator as he/she leads the service.

The other things that I am always impressed with is the manner in which debate is conducted. The House of Commons especially along with our own Scottish Parliament at times could learn a great deal from the Church of Scotland about how to chair Debate and allow debate to occur. At the General Assembly, those who present a report or who raise question or comment or propose amendments addendums or a new proposition are able to do so without being harassed or shouted down. The dignified manner of our debate in that chamber is a master class to all politicians of every coloured rosette that is worn.

At the heart is a simple principle to live and conduct business by - to agree to disagree without being disagreeable. A principle that was very much embedded by my mentor during my Probation at Broomhill Church with the late Rev. Bill Fergusson. I have always sought to apply that principle throughout my time as a Parish Minister and I hope that this General Assembly will follow in that fine tradition again this year.

Have a great week.

Calum D. Macdonald

Park Church Weekly Calendar						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday

Sunday:

11am Morning worship with Tea & Coffee

Monday:

1.45pm The Monday club
 6.15pm Cathcart Junior Chess Club
 7pm Eastwood Choir
 7.15pm Cathcart Chess Club

Tuesday:

9.30am The Park Church Toddlers
 6pm 4th Giffnock Rainbows
 7pm 4th Giffnock Guides

Wednesday:

9.30am The Park Church Toddlers
 10am Church Office (till 12 noon)
 4.30pm McCarthy School of Dance

Thursday:

10am Church Office (till 12 noon)
 1.30pm Eastwood Art Club
 6.30pm Joe Wilson's Guitar Class
 7.15pm Park Ladies Keep Fit

Friday:

4.30pm McCarthy School of Dance

Saturday:

9.30am Alison's Aerobics
 11am – 3pm Ukrainian Hub



Glasgow's Royal Concert Hall
Sunday 21st June : 4pm
Tickets: £33 - £39



Tuesday 5th May 2026

1.30pm - 3.30pm

All Welcome

Door Duty Roster April 2026 – June 2026

3rd May David Mackie, Fiona Mackie, Dan McPhail
10th May Peter Watson, Sally Hamilton, Jenny Cameron
17th May Bert Dickov, Sandra Dickov, Isobel Cochrane
24th May Fiona Gilbert, Alex Gilbert, Val Richmond
31st May Sheila Dorrens, Allan Steele, Anne Hamilton

*Church
Flowers*



Our Flowers in Church this morning
have been kindly donated by Mrs.
Margaret McCamley in loving
memory of her husband William.



**Saturday
23rd May
2026
2-4 pm**

All donations will be gratefully received. We appreciate your support for this very popular Community event.

Strawberry dip - any gifts/items. They don't have to be strawberry themed.

Bottle stall, Preserves, Home Baking

Peter will have his plant stall. Please speak to him if you wish to donate for this stall.

All volunteers welcome.

Please contact Anne if you require your donations collected. 07710 449941

Thank you
Strawberry Fair Team