

## **“Rejoicing in hope” Romans 12 v 12**

Greetings from Boghall Parish Church. We hope you are all well and looking forward to Spring. The weather over Winter has not been very kind to us with so many storms taking place; hopefully this will improve! Easter is not far away now and we wanted to take the opportunity to advise you of events happening over Easter with Bathgate Churches together.

<b><i>Palm Sunday</i></b>	<b><i>24<sup>th</sup> March</i></b>	<b><i>Boghall Church</i></b>	<b><i>10.30 a.m.</i></b>
<b><i>Palm Sunday</i></b>	<b><i>24<sup>th</sup> March</i></b>	<b><i>Boghall Church</i></b>	<b><i>6.30 p.m.</i></b>
<b><i>Maundy Thursday</i></b>	<b><i>28<sup>th</sup> March</i></b>	<b><i>Boghall Church</i></b>	<b><i>9.30 a.m.(led by Boghall primary)</i></b>
<b><i>Maundy Thursday</i></b>	<b><i>28<sup>th</sup> March</i></b>	<b><i>EU/UR Church</i></b>	<b><i>6.30 p.m (communion served)</i></b>
<b><i>Good Friday</i></b>	<b><i>29<sup>th</sup> March</i></b>	<b><i>St. Columba’s Ch.</i></b>	<b><i>2.00 p.m.</i></b>
<b><i>Good Friday</i></b>	<b><i>29<sup>th</sup> March</i></b>	<b><i>St Johns Church</i></b>	<b><i>6.30 p.m.</i></b>
<b><i>Easter Sunday</i></b>	<b><i>31<sup>st</sup> March</i></b>	<b><i>Boghall Church</i></b>	<b><i>10.30 a.m.</i></b>

All are welcome to the above.

### **Easter Bake Sale**

Please also note that St Columba's Primary School is holding an Easter Bake event on the 28 March at 2pm (home baking or donation of eggs appreciated).

### **Parish Grouping & Calling a Minister**

We wanted to also let you know that things are progressing nicely with the Bathgate Parish groupings and in Boghall we are preparing to call a minister as soon as possible. We first need to get certain administrative things in order including the update of our Parish Profile. We then need the Congregation to agree to a 9 people nominating committee. Exciting times and with any hope we may have a minister in post by the end of the year all being well.

### **Unitary Constitution**

Another change we are making is to bring about a Unitary Constitution with regards to how we run our Kirk Session meetings. In simple terms this means joining the Board Meeting and the Session meeting into one. A paper giving more details about this is attached and Session see only positives to moving to this approach. We will need our Congregation to vote on this and the date to hold this vote will be arranged within the next few weeks. when we will also be taking the opportunity to serve Communion. We hope you can attend to vote.

### **Christian Aid 2024**

Christian Aid this week takes place 12<sup>th</sup> May - 18<sup>th</sup> May. Envelopes will be available in the

Church from the beginning of May and will be given out to anyone attending Church. If you would like to donate to this worthy cause and cannot make it to Church then please just ask your elder for an envelope. The Treasurer will not be sending any monies away until the end of May so there is plenty time for this activity to take place anytime during May. Thank you in advance for your help here.

### **Church Gardens**

There are lots of exciting things happening within Boghall Church and a new Garden Project will be taking place at the back of the Church grounds, where we hope to plant various products. This will be open to the Boghall Community as a whole and we can see many benefits to people through tending to this area as well as reaping the rewards in what is grown and produced.

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