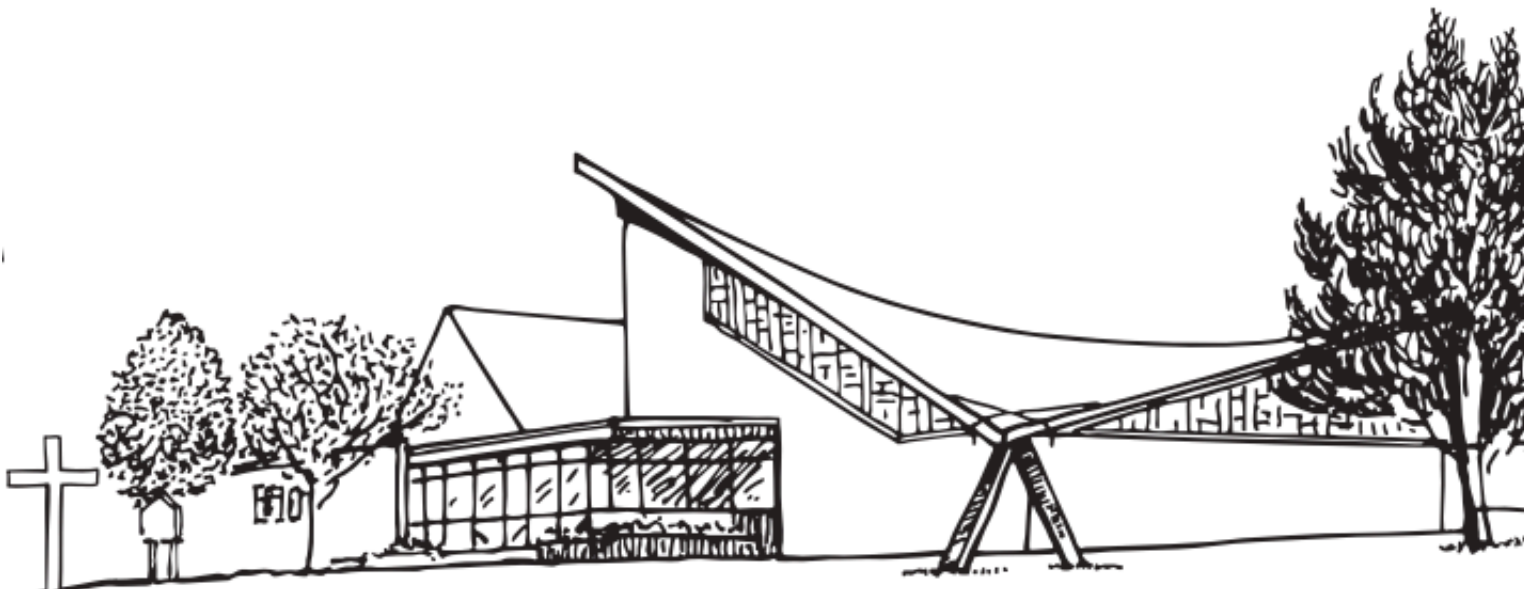


# Church Magazine

Spring Edition 2026

**What's happening in Boghall?**



## A word from our Minister...

Dear Friends,

As I sit to write this, the church calendar is beginning to turn towards spring, and with it comes that gentle sense of anticipation we often feel before something new begins.

The words from Isaiah have been on my mind: "See, I am doing a new thing!

Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?" Sometimes new things arrive with great fanfare, but more often they appear quietly, like the first lighter mornings or the small signs of life returning to the trees around Boghall.

Over these past months the life of our congregation has been full in ways both visible and unseen. We have inducted and welcome new Elders to our Kirk Session and welcomed families into our church family through Baptism.

There have been conversations over tea, moments of prayer shared in passing, laughter at community events, and steady acts of care for one another and our neighbours. Church life is never only what happens at 10.30 on a Sunday morning. It is found in midweek gatherings, in listening, in support, in music, in learning together, and in the many ordinary interactions that slowly shape a community of faith.

As we look ahead, we begin the journey towards Holy Week and then Easter the heart of our story. It is a journey that takes us through reflection, honesty, hope and ultimately joy. You would be warmly welcome at any or all of the services during this time.

Whether you come often, occasionally, or simply feel curious, there is space for you to walk alongside us, these services we hope will be online too, so if you are part of our online worshipping community you are very welcome.

We also look forward to welcoming Boghall Primary School as they join us for their Easter service. It is always a privilege to share the building and the story with the young people of our community. Their questions, energy and honesty remind us that faith is always lived in the present, never just remembered from the past.

The church continues to worship in many different ways in quiet prayer and in conversation, in music and creativity, in service and friendship. Our hope is simple: that anyone who encounters this community might find a place to belong, a moment of peace, and perhaps a glimpse that God is still at work, still doing new things among us.

As the season unfolds, may you notice those small signs of new life in your own days too. If you wish to get in touch with me please do I am always delighted to hear from

you.

Grace and peace,

Dawn

# What's happening at Boghall Church?



## GIRLS BRIGADE

Day - Thursday

Time - 6:30pm to 7:30pm

Explorers P1-3

Juniors P4-7

Time - 7:45pm to 9pm

Brigaders S1-S4

Come along for some fun, worship and friendship.



## FRIENDSHIP CAFE

Day - Wednesday

Time - 11am to 12 noon

Join us for tea and coffee served by the children of Boghall Primary



## YOUTH GROUP

Day - Sunday

Time - 6.30 - 8pm



## PRAYER GROUP

Day - Wednesday

Time - 7pm-8pm



## HOUSE GROUP

Day - Tuesday

Time - 2:30pm

## YOGA CLASS

Day - Tuesday

Time - 7pm

Cost - £9



## ART LINK

Day - Tuesday

Time - 11am to 2pm



## FLOWER CALENDAR

The flowers which are arranged in the church on a Sunday are then given to people after a service. To mark a date which is special to you or someone you know please write this in the flower calendar in the hall of fellowship

## CHILD LOSS PEER SUPPORT GROUP

Day - Last Friday of the month

Time: 10:15 - 11:15

# Rotas

## Prayer

### March:

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Frank
- 8<sup>th</sup> – Margaret S
- 15<sup>th</sup> – Diane
- 22<sup>nd</sup> – Marie
- 29<sup>th</sup> – Margaret H

### April:

- 5<sup>th</sup> – Frank
- 12<sup>th</sup> – Margaret S
- 19<sup>th</sup> – Diane
- 26<sup>th</sup> – Marie

### May:

- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Margaret H
- 10<sup>th</sup> – Frank
- 17<sup>th</sup> – Margaret S
- 24<sup>th</sup> – Diane
- 31<sup>st</sup> – Marie

## Door Duty

### March:

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Tara, Rachel & Islay
- 8<sup>th</sup> – Barbara, Alistair & Ashley
- 15<sup>th</sup> – Susan, Margaret S & Margaret H
- 22<sup>nd</sup> – Karen, Ann & Mary
- 29<sup>th</sup> – Diane, Mairi & Christine

### April:

- 5<sup>th</sup> – Beth, Susie & Lynn
- 12<sup>th</sup> – Tara, Rachel & Islay
- 19<sup>th</sup> – Barbara, Alistair & Ashley
- 26<sup>th</sup> – Susan, Margaret S & Margaret H

### May:

- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Karen, Ann & Mary
- 10<sup>th</sup> – Diane, Mairi & Christine
- 17<sup>th</sup> – Beth, Susie & Lynn
- 24<sup>th</sup> – Tara, Rachel & Islay
- 31<sup>st</sup> – Barbara, Alistair & Ashley

## Coffee

### March:

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Brenda
- 8<sup>th</sup> – Mairi & Craig
- 15<sup>th</sup> – Barbara & Annette
- 22<sup>nd</sup> – John
- 29<sup>th</sup> – Susie & Morag

### April:

- 5<sup>th</sup> – Islay & Susie
- 12<sup>th</sup> – Barbara & Annette
- 19<sup>th</sup> – John & Mairi
- 26<sup>th</sup> – Islay & Susie

### May:

- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Margaret S & Moira
- 10<sup>th</sup> – Morag & Brenda
- 17<sup>th</sup> – John & Mairi
- 24<sup>th</sup> – Barbara & Annette
- 31<sup>st</sup> – Islay & Susie

# Upcoming events

## Sunday Services

### March:

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Service @ 10:30am with Communion
- 8<sup>th</sup> - Service @ 10:30am
- 15<sup>th</sup> - Service @ 10:30am
- 22<sup>nd</sup> - Service @ 10:30am
- 29<sup>th</sup> - Cafe Church Service @ 10:30am

### April:

- 5<sup>th</sup> - Communion in the Garden @ 09:00 with breakfast and Easter Worship @ 10:30
- 12<sup>th</sup> - Service @ 10:30am
- 19<sup>th</sup> - Service @ 10:30am
- 26<sup>th</sup> - Cafe Church Service @ 10:30am

### May:

- 3<sup>rd</sup> - Service @ 10:30am
- 10<sup>th</sup> - Service @ 10:30am
- 17<sup>th</sup> - Service @ 10:30am
- 24<sup>th</sup> - Service @ 10:30am with Lunch after worship
- 31<sup>st</sup> - Cafe Church Service @ 10:30am

## Events

### March:

- Saturday 21st March @ 10am -  
Spring Craft Fayre

### April:

- Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> April @ 10am - 11:30 -  
Cake, Coffee & Games morning

## Recent Events

Recently we were delighted to welcome Darren Phillips, and to congratulate him on becoming Moderator of Edinburgh and West Lothian Presbytery.

Darren serves within the stewardship team of the Church of Scotland, and he encouraged us to reflect on what stewardship really means. It's not just about money, it's about how we give our time, our talents, and our finances in response to God's generosity to us.

He reminded us that regular giving by standing order is one of the most helpful and sustainable ways to support the ongoing work of the church. It allows us to plan wisely and steward our resources well. If you are a UK taxpayer, signing a Gift Aid form also makes a real difference, enabling the church to reclaim tax at no extra cost to you.

Of course, there are many ways to give. Serving, volunteering, encouraging, and praying are all vital. Prayer, especially, underpins everything we do. The ministry and mission of the church is sustained not only by financial gifts, but by faithful hearts.

If you would like to talk about financial giving, standing orders, or Gift Aid, please speak to our Treasurer, Annette, or to your elder, who will be very happy to connect you.

Thank you for the many ways you already give to the life and witness of our church family

## Spotlight on Stewardship

Church family,

Stewardship is not something we talk about often because, if we are honest, it can feel uncomfortable. Yet it is part of the life of faith. In the Bible stewardship is about the whole of life. Our time, our talents and our resources.

So many of you already give generously. Some give your time through serving tea, helping with groups, visiting others or supporting events. Others offer talents such as music, practical skills, organisation or simply being there for someone who needs a listening ear. All of that is part of the ministry of this church and it matters more than you might realise.

The reality is that the church also needs financial giving in order to continue its work.

Heating the building, running activities for the community, supporting ministry and keeping the doors open all depend on the faithful giving of those who are part of this church family.

Whether you worship with us in person, online or a bit of both, you are part of this community. If Boghall Parish Church is somewhere that supports your faith or helps you feel connected, we invite you to think about how you might play your part in its life.

That may be through giving time, sharing your talents or through financial giving if you are able. Regular giving, especially by standing order, helps the church plan for the future. If you are a taxpayer, completing a Gift Aid form also allows the church to receive a little extra at no cost to you.

If you would like to speak about giving, please feel free to contact our treasurer Annette or speak to your elder.

Thank you for the many ways you support the life and ministry of this church. Every contribution helps keep the work of the church going in this community.

# Finance Report

Unfortunately, I missed Darren's Service on Stewardship on the 22nd of January but have since caught up with this and what an amazing service this was.

Have you gone away and prayed about your weekly/monthly offerings? Did you know, if you increased your weekly offering by £1, the church would annually be £52 richer, £2 : £104, £3 : £156 and so on. Please feel free to grab me for a chat at any time or give me a phone to discuss further (my number is below).

We are busy getting the annual accounts finalized, but once this is complete, we will let the church know where we stand financially.

On a side note, Banks are now charging us to deposit cheques and cash. We are being charged approximately £15 per month (depending on how much money is banked but this will increase when there are fundraising events). For those paying by Standing Order, thank you, as these monies do not incur any charges.

You may not see me every Sunday due to my work shifts, but I can be contacted via email [financebpc@outlook.com](mailto:financebpc@outlook.com) or 07525779747.

Blessings

Annette



# Holy Week

## SERVICES

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March – Palm Sunday Praise – 3pm**

Boghall Parish Church

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March – Worship Service – 7pm**

Boghall Parish Church

**Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March – Choral Evensong – 7pm**

Boghall Parish Church

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April – Worship Service – 7pm**

Boghall Parish Church

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April – – Maundy Thursday**

7pm Bathgate Parish Church

2pm – St Columba's

7pm – Boghall Parish Church

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April – Stations of the Cross – 2pm St Columba's**

**Tenebrae Service – 7pm Boghall Parish Church**

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April – Holy Saturday Service – 7pm**

Boghall Parish Church

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April – Easter Sunday Worship at Boghall Parish Church**

Communion with Breakfast at 9am

Worship at 10:30am

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