



# Gorbals Church Chat

Dear Friend,

January 2025

A belated Happy New Year from everyone here at Gorbals Church.

We finished the year with a community Christmas Comes Early event where we tried to recreate a family Christmas in the church. We hadn't imagined that 50 people would sign up so it was very busy. However, we kept it authentic by burning and then rescuing the turkey, eating too much and getting the presents mixed up. A big thank you to everyone who stepped in to help when what was imagined as a day together, with a handful of people, turned into something much bigger.

We enjoyed a Christmas Eve DIY Nativity with players taking on multiple roles, Carols by Candlelight and a Christmas Day service where baby Ruairidh gurgled at just the right moment in the story of the birth of Jesus. Jo included some images from Australian cartoonist Michael Leunig who died recently. Many of us liked the angel with the teapot below. His cartoons are often thought-provoking in a gentle way.

The New Year will bring big changes in how our congregation relates to the wider Church of Scotland. We will be linking with Calton Old Parish Church (formerly Gallowgate and Calton Parkhead parishes) on 6 February. After this, the two congregations will be sharing Rev. Peter Davidge as our minister. We have begun getting to know each other over the past two years and hope that will continue to grow in the years to come. Peter has been our Interim Moderator since Ian Galloway retired and is already well-known in Gorbals. We would appreciate your prayers as we go.

Until next month...

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## What's on Every Week

### Sunday

10.15-10.45 Prayer meeting

11-12 Morning Worship

### Monday

11-1 Men's Group

1-3.30 Zest for Life

relaxation with gentle movement.

### Tuesday

10-3 Make, Do and Mend

Drop-in and crafts.

### Wednesday

10-2 Cooking and baking.

Community lunch served c.  
12.30

2-3 Bible study

### Thursday

10-2 Cooking and baking

12-1 All for 1 Yoga then  
lunch

### FIRST SUNDAY

Sunday Club 11-12

Fun for all school-age  
children

**Service of Union**

**between Gallowgate Parish Church and Calton Parkhead Parish Church**

**followed by the Linkage**

**of Gorbals Parish church with the newly formed congregation of Calton Old Parish church.**

**Thursday 6 February at 7pm**

**Calton Parkhead Parish Church  
142 Helenvale Street  
Glasgow G31 4NA**

**Service to be conducted by the Moderator of Glasgow Presbytery, Rev Janet Mathieson**

**All Welcome**



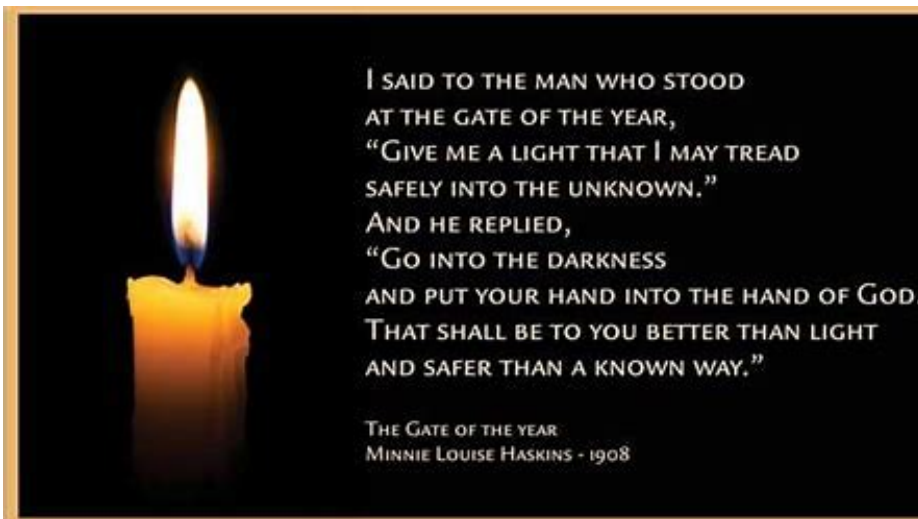
**Christmas Comes Early: the kitchen 'elves' and the After-party**



**Are you trying to end an addiction to drugs?**

**Narcotics Anonymous and Cocaine Anonymous meet every week in the church no matter what. Just turn up and you will be made very welcome.**

**NA Thursdays 7-9  
Saturday Night  
Fever CA  
Saturdays 7-9**



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Weekday activities

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