

March Retiring Offering

This summer, of the 26 spaces at Gowanbank (the camp Julie leads), 19 are filled with pupils from Craighead and 3 others are youngsters from our congregation. The camp was full within 3 weeks of bookings opening! Why this super response? A significant part is to do with the very generous subsidy the congregation offers to families. This not only shows that the congregation is interested in the work of SU Holidays, but also hugely supportive of local children. We can only keep this level of support and subsidy going if the March Retiring Offering is well funded. So, please give as generously as you can.



March

- Sunday 2nd** 11.00 a.m. - Sunday Worship
12.45 p.m. – 1.45 p.m. Taking it Further, in the Eric Liddell. Bring a packed lunch!
- Mon 3rd 9.45 a.m. Baby and Toddler Group
2.00 p.m. Hobbies Club
7.30 p.m. Badminton Club
- Tue 4th 9.30 a.m. Café Connect
- Wed 5th 7.00 p.m. Time to Pray, in The Eric Liddell
7.30 p.m. The Guild have a concert from the Anderson Singers. Funds being raised for the project supporting CrossReach, and titled Playful Beginnings.
- Fri 7th 6.15 p.m. B.B. Anchor and Junior Sections.
6.00 p.m. World Day of Prayer at St Machans in Lennxtown
- Sunday 9th** 11.00 a.m. Sunday Worship, including Communion
2:30 p.m. Family Communion
Last day for submitting items for The Messenger.
- Mon 10th 9.45 a.m. Baby and Toddler Group
2.00 p.m. Hobbies Club
7.30 p.m. Badminton Club
- Tue 11th 9.30 a.m. Café Connect
- Wed 12th 7.00 p.m. Time to Pray, in The Eric Liddell.
7.30 p.m., The Fellowship host Stephen Guidi, talking about the development of medicines
- Fri 14th 6.15 p.m. B.B. Anchor and Junior Sections.
- Sunday 16th** 11.00 a.m. Sunday Worship
2.20 p.m. Meet for Services at the Care Homes.
- Mon 17th 9.45 a.m. Baby and Toddler Group
2.00 p.m. Hobbies Club
7.30 p.m. Badminton Club
- Tue 18th 9.30 a.m. Café Connect
- Wed 19th 2.00 p.m. The Guild have CrossReach to talk about their project Playful Beginnings
7.00 p.m. Time to Pray, in The Eric Liddell.
7.45 p.m. Teams meet.
- Fri 21st 6.15 p.m. B.B. Anchor and Junior Sections.
- Sunday 23rd** 11.00 a.m. Sunday Worship.
- Mon 24th 9.45 a.m. Baby and Toddler Group
2.00 p.m. Hobbies Club
7.30 p.m. Badminton Club

Tue 25th 9.30 a.m. Café Connect
 Wed 26th 7.00 p.m. Time to Pray, in The Eric Liddell.
 7.30 p.m. The Fellowship have a talk from Maureen Gardiner on the GRI museum.
Last day for submitting items for the April Intimations
 Fri 28th 6.15 p.m. B.B. Anchor and Junior Sections.

Sunday 30th 11.00 a.m. Sunday Worship.

Mon 31st 9.45 a.m. Baby and Toddler Group
 2.00 p.m. Hobbies Club
 7.30 p.m. Badminton Club

The Foodbank.

At the time of writing, they were short of UHT Milk, Fruit juice, Instant coffee, Hygiene items. If you want to check for updates go to [East Dunbartonshire Foodbank](#)

Rag Bag Collection

We are having our next Rag Bag collection on the 23rd March. Please collect up all your 'past there best' clothes and home textiles and bringing them to the church on Sunday morning before the service. The rag bag company can take any clothes or home textiles that are stained or torn, have holes or ripped seams, broken zips or missing buttons. All donated textiles are recycled, saving them from landfill. If you have any questions please see Claire, Kat or Joy.

The Messenger

Reminder that articles for The Messenger are to be sent to Philip (pjbunton42@hotmail.com) by the 9th of March. It's to be distributed in the village between 6th and 13th April, ahead of Holy Week.

Items for April Intimations should be sent to the following email address mocpchurch@gmail.com, by **Wednesday 26th March.**

Retiring Offerings 2025

Following a rigorous selection process carried out by the Transform team, where a review of around 30 nominations made by members of the congregation took place, the following charities were chosen to benefit from the monthly retiring offerings in 2025 :

Month	Charity	Month	Charity
January	Compassion	July	Scottish Bible Society
February	Interserve	August	Glasgow City Mission
March	SU Holiday Camps	September	Scripture Union
April	Mission Aviation Fellowship	October	Refuweegee
May	Marys Meals	November	Guide Dogs for the Blind
June	The Beatson Cancer Charity	December	CHAS
		Christmas	Lodging House Mission

Thanks to everyone who nominated charities - the same process will be adopted in late 2025 for the 2026 retiring offerings.

TEAMS

Should you wish to be in touch with any of the TEAMS to make suggestions or flag up a problem the contact details **until Wednesday 19th March are:**

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