

***BROOM PARISH
CHURCH OF SCOTLAND***



***ORDER OF SERVICE
SUNDAY 22ND FEBRUARY 2026***

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN (CH4 515): 'SOLDIERS OF CHRIST, ARISE'

PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

ALL AGE TALK

HYMN (CH3 482): 'YIELD NOT TO TEMPTATION'

***SCRIPTURE READINGS
MATTHEW 4: 1-11
EPHESIANS 6: 10-18
(READ BY ALASTAIR CAMPBELL)***

HYMN (CH4 517): 'FIGHT THE GOOD FIGHT'

SERMON

OFFERING

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

HYMN (CH4 535): 'WHO WOULD TRUE VALOUR SEE'

BENEDICTION

Dear Broom & Williamwood friends,

I've met some of you on Sundays, and on other occasions during the week, but I wanted to introduce myself as your recently appointed Locum Minister.

After a ministry in a linked charge in North Berwick and Dirleton, we moved back in November. I still wanted to be involved in ministry in some capacity, and the Presbytery wasn't slow in suggesting that I make contact with your congregations here, which I was delighted to do. I've already felt a strong rapport with you all.

Being a Locum is a privilege, but it also involves certain challenges, mainly in time management! On a Sunday I have to conduct both services, and it can be a bit of a rush in between them, but so far I'm finding it fine. In fact, there's half an hour more between your services than I used to have and in my previous linkage, so I don't have quite such an unholy dash between the churches! I'll be at Broom early on Sundays to meet and chat with people as they arrive, and I usually have time to speak to people at the door before I leave. I can welcome people arriving at Williamwood, and stay for the coffee there afterwards on most Sundays. So I hope that you'll be able to find me one way or another. Please also feel free to get in touch with me using my mobile number or email address, as below.

The other challenge is that, as well as Sunday mornings, the Locum allocation means I'm with you just two days a week, which the Church of Scotland calculates as 14 hours. So as the old saying goes, it's a bit like trying to pour a quart into a pint pot. Every week is different, but I'll try to be as available as possible, allowing for other personal and family commitments which I may have. I'm getting to know the parish area quite quickly, and I'm also very much enjoying the music on Sundays.

After growing up in Hawick ('rugby country'), as a young boy we moved to Uddingston ('football country', and of course Tunnocks!). I studied geology and divinity in Aberdeen, then did my PhD in Glasgow. In my spare time, I enjoy geology (I was a geologist before I was a minister) and music (our daughter is an opera singer).

I used to enjoy hill walking, but now I enjoy the scenery, and pictures of other people doing the climbing! My wife Mary had a career in nursing, midwifery and health visiting. We recently moved back to Uddingston, where we lived previously, and have family members and old friends there. Although it's on the other side of Glasgow, it's only a 25 minute drive away (all those roundabouts in East Kilbride!).

A vacancy can be a challenging time for congregations, especially in a new linkage. But I know you're all in good heart, as well as in good hands with the interim moderator, your Session Clerks, Elders, and the other office bearers. I'm hopeful for a positive outcome to the vacancy, there are a lot of very positive things. I hope that I can help 'steer the ship' until such time as you have a new Minister: a 'real' one, not just a Locum! Meanwhile, we will keep the Nominating Committee in our prayers.

With thanks, and every blessing,

David

Revd Dr David Graham

DUTY CONVENOR: Graeme Taylor

ON DUTY: Alan Gibson, Patsy Durning, Jane Robertson

BIBLE: Graeme Taylor

READER: Alastair Campbell

ORGANIST: Hugh McAulay

SCREEN OPERATOR: Aileen Arnott

LIVE-STREAM OPERATOR: Cindy Ross

ON DUTY NEXT WEEK: Alastair Campbell, Alison Marshall,
Irene Whyte, Sam McFarlane

NOTICES

A warm welcome to our Family Service which will be followed by tea/coffee in the Columba Hall to which all are invited.

JOINT KIRK SESSION MEETING: There will be a meeting of the Kirk Sessions of Broom and Williamwood at 7pm on Tuesday 3rd March at Williamwood.

WEDNESDAY BREAK: The Wednesday Break meets at 10.30am in the Columba Hall. All welcome to join us for tea/coffee and a chat.

EVENTS COMMITTEE: There will be a meeting of the Events Committee in the Columba Hall following the Service this morning.

COFFEE AFTERNOON: A Coffee Afternoon on behalf of the Mtende Community Project and Christian Aid will be held at Broom on Saturday 11th April from 2pm - 4pm. Tickets, £5, to include tea, coffee and home baking, are available from Joy Ross, Karen Nowak or the Church Office. Any items for the sales table will be gratefully received.

BLYTHSWOOD CARE SHOEBOX APPEAL 2026: Items required for February are toothpaste, toothbrushes and sanitary products and for March, shampoo, soap, razors and shaving foam.. You can either collect at home, or bring to church. There will be a box in the vestibule for donations.

MUSIC IN THE MEARNS: Newton Mearns Parish Church presents Music in the Mearns this afternoon at 3pm. There will be an afternoon of chamber music with internationally recognised musicians. Further information from the poster in the vestibule. Entry £10, payable at the door.