BROOM PARISH
CHURCH OF SCOTLAND



ORDER OF SERVICE
SUNDAY 15TH NOVEMBER 2026

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN (CH4 470): 'JESUS SHALL REIGN'

PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN (CH4 632): 'OUR CHILDREN, LORD, IN FAITH AND PRAYER'

BAPTISM OF ROWAN MACDONALD

SCRIPTURE READINGS:
PSALM 90: 1-6, 12, 15
MATTHEW 25: 14-29
(READ BY PAM SCANDRETT)

HYMN (CH4 536): 'MAY THE MIND OF CHRIST MY SAVIOUR'

SERMON

OFFERING

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

HYMN (CH4 644): 'O JESUS, I HAVE PROMISED'

BENEDICTION

NOTICES

Our Family Service will be followed by tea/coffee in the Columba Hall to which all are invited.

WELCOME: *A warm welcome to our Family Service, conducted by our Locum, Revd Dr David Graham.*

BAPTISM: *Today we welcome Rowan Macdonald into the family of Broom.*

WEDNESDAY BREAK: *The Wednesday Break meets every week from 10.30am - 11.30am in the Columba Hall. All welcome.*

SUNDAY 6TH DECEMBER: *As you will probably know by now our Locum Minister, David, is conducting his last services with us on the 6th December. There will be an opportunity for our linked charge to say farewell at a finger buffet to be held at Williamwood Church at 12.30pm. Please indicate your desire to attend by signing the sheet in the vestibule as soon as possible.*

MTENDE COMMUNITY PROJECT: *Copies of the November Newsletter and suggested Charitable Christmas Gifts are available in the vestibule.*

BLYTHSWOOD CARE SHOEBOX APPEAL NOVEMBER 2026: *Thank you to everyone who has donated throughout the year. During the month of November boxes will be delivered to collection points. Donations towards the cost of transporting the shoeboxes to Eastern Europe will be appreciated. The final day for donations will be next Sunday, 22nd November.*

BROOM CRAFT GROUP: *The next meeting of the group will be on Tuesday 17th November at 2pm in the Columba Hall. All welcome. Maureen Marshall.*

FRIENDS

The Friends Group will meet this coming Tuesday at 7.30pm in the Ninian Hall. All welcome to join us.



Christine Gibson and her daughter, Sheila, have once again been knitting to support the Prince and Princess of Wales Hospice at Christmas. This year's theme is a polar bear. These can be ordered on the sheet in the vestibule - minimum donation £3 each.





TICKETS FOR THESE EVENTS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE

Donations for the Chocolate Tombola and hamper items for the raffle at the Christmas Tree Switch On event would be appreciated.



Lumos Experiences will be presenting a
Christmas Candlelit Concert
in Broom Church
on Friday 11th December at 7pm and 9pm
Tickets can be booked at lumos-experiences.com

DUTY CONVENOR: *Alisdair Gunn*
ON DUTY: *Alison Marshall, Natalie Wallace, Linda Moir*
BIBLE: *Linda Moir*
READER: *Pam Scandrett*
ORGANIST: *Hugh McAulay*
SCREEN OPERATOR: *Stephen Kirk*
LIVE-STREAM OPERATOR: *Cindy Ross*

ON DUTY NEXT WEEK: *Graham Mitchell, Pam Scandrett, Bruce Durning, Christine Hamilton.*

LETTER FROM MINISTER

Dear Friends

November is the month of Remembrance. It starts on the First, which is All Saints Day, an opportunity to remember those who have gone before us in the faith. And on the 11th, and the nearest Sunday to it (this year it's the 8th) we have Remembrance Day, recalling the Armistice and conflicts since then. To the younger generation, this may seem like ancient history. Yet we must never forget.

My Father was at Dunkirk, then the North African and Italian campaigns (where he witnessed the last eruption of Vesuvius in 1944!).

My Grandfather was at the battle of Loos in 1915. That was part of the Ypres offensive, and was the first time that poison gas was used on the battlefield. He went missing, presumed dead, but the fact that I'm writing this tells you that he was later found alive, in a German prison camp, where he spent the rest of the war. He kept a war diary throughout the war (which I now possess). The ink gets more faint with each entry, I think he probably had to water it down. But he was allowed to keep it, and when he returned home to Hawick in 1918, being a printer by profession, he had it beautifully bound in leather, with gilt lettering on the cover! He was one of the lucky ones.

The book of Hebrews in the New Testament says 'we are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses'. We thank God for all of them, whether known to us personally or not: for their faith, their witness, their friendship, and in many cases their sacrifice. Hebrews goes on to encourage us to 'run with perseverance the race before us, fixing our eyes on Jesus'. My running days are over! But my prayer is that we all keep heading towards Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith.

And after November? I don't have to remind you, it will be Advent then Christmas, when we can truly celebrate Jesus.

Your Minister and friend,

David

Revd Dr David Graham