CROWN COURT
CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
COVENT GARDEN

Third Sunday in Lent
The Admission of a New Member

Sunday 8th March 2026 at 11.15am

Minister: The Rev Alistair Cumming

The lessons are read by: Harry Mackrill

Frail morals are filled with the rich plenty of your house, and you give them to drink from the stream of your delights; for with you is the fountain of life. Psalm 36:7,8

Almighty God, you gave the water of eternal life through Jesus Christ your Son. May we always thirst for you, the spring of life and source of goodness; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

** Indicates where those who are able should stand*

VOLUNTARY

WELCOME

A warm welcome to worship at Crown Court Church of Scotland – '*The Kirk of the Crown of Scotland*.' Whether you are visiting for the first time or are with us occasionally or often - we are delighted to be able to welcome you today in person or online.

We regularly stream our services. The camera will mainly be focused on the minister and the front of the sanctuary. However, should you wish to ensure you are not included in the livestream, please may we ask that you sit to the rear of the sanctuary by the stained-glass windows.

CALL TO WORSHIP

*** HYMN 36 God is our refuge and our strength** STROUDWATER

PRAYERS OF APPROACH WITH LORD'S PRAYER

And we pray together:

Our Father,
who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power, and the glory, for ever.
Amen.

*** HYMN 722 Spirit of God come dwell within me** LEAVING LISMORE

SCRIPTURE READING: Exodus 17: 1-7 (p. 75)

ANTHEM

SCRIPTURE READING: John 4: 5-42 (pp. 1066-1068)

*** HYMN 540 I heard the voice of Jesus say** THE ROWAN TREE

SERMON

OFFERING AND DEDICATION

PRAYERS FOR OTHERS AND THE WORLD

***THE APOSTLES' CREED**

Let us affirm our faith together in the words of the Apostles Creed…

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.

*** HYMN 502 Take my life and let it be** NOTTINGHAM

ADMISSION OF NEW MEMBER BY PROFESSION OF FAITH JOHN BROOKS

QUESTIONS TO JOHN:

Do you believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; and do you confess Jesus Christ as your Saviour and Lord?

QUESTIONS OF COMMITMENT:

Do you promise to join regularly with your fellow Christians in worship on the Lord's Day?

Do you promise to be faithful in reading the Bible and in prayer?

Do you promise to give a fitting proportion of your time, talents, and money for the Church's work in the world?

Do you promise, depending on the grace of God, to profess publicly your loyalty to Jesus Christ, to serve him in your daily work, and to walk in his ways all the days of your life?

*** HYMN 796 The Lord Bless you and Keep you**

*DECLARATION AND BLESSING

HANDSHAKE OF WELCOME

*** HYMN 622 We sing a love that sets all people free** WOODLANDS

* THE BLESSING & SENDING

*** SUNG AMEN (Hymn 819)**

POSTLUDE

All are welcome to join us for tea and coffee in the Hall downstairs after the service.

Remember to take your Order of Service with you to stay up to date with all the events taking place at Crown Court Church.

INTIMATIONS:

Saturday 14 March	The Rambling and Social Club meeting at 6.30pm in the hall.
Sunday 15 March	Sunday morning worship service at 11.15am with Rev Canon Professor Paul Middleton.
Sunday 22 March	Sunday morning worship service at 11.15am with Session Clerk Sheena-Jane Clark.

Church Email

If you would like to receive our weekly church email, please contact the church administrator at office@crowncourtchurch.org.uk.

Donations under the Gift Aid Scheme

Visitors who are UK taxpayers are invited to make use of the yellow Gift Aid envelopes which are available both in the pews and at the back of the church. Completed envelopes may be placed in the offering plate.

Prayers & Pastoral Support

If you require pastoral support, please contact your Elder in the first instance. For longer term support, please contact the Pastoral Care Team either by phoning the church office on 020 7836 5643 (Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 9.30am-2.00pm) or by emailing clerk@crowncourtchurch.org.uk. All information is kept completely confidential.

Gaelic Service

Please join us this afternoon for our quarterly Gaelic Service led by Revd Dr Angus Morrison.

Preceding the service, there will also be a special presentation on Gaelic Spiritual Song Tradition at 1.30pm in the hall.

Scotland is home to an incredible wealth and variety of sacred song traditions with unique and varied histories, providing soundtracks to peoples' daily lives for generations. In this combined talk and performance, ethnomusicologist Frances Wilkins, together with Gaelic singer Kristine Kennedy, explores some of these traditions including Gaelic psalmody, hymnody and bàrdachd.

Can you help us fundraise?

In March, the Futures Committee and Stewardship and Finance Committees will begin fundraising to raise the remaining £500,000 we need for our upcoming building project. We have been supported so far by an excellent fundraising consultant, and we're now ready to start preparing grant applications and planning our public fundraising campaign. We are now looking for enthusiastic volunteers to join our fundraising working group

The working group will be responsible for many different tasks, which will be shared out across the group according to availability and skillset. You could get involved in: proof-reading and formatting written materials for trusts; brainstorming and executing fundraising events; networking with Scottish organisations in London and further afield; maintaining accurate financial records of grants/funds received; sharing the fundraising campaign through print and digital marketing - and more!

If you are interested in volunteering, please speak to Mary-Jannet Leith or Valerie Lowe at church on a Sunday, or
email: Fundraisingcrowncourtchurch2026@outlook.com

Annual Business Meeting

The Annual Business Meeting (ABM) is scheduled for Sunday 22 March at 12:45 PM. For more information, please contact the Session Clerk.

Maundy Thursday Service

Bloomsbury Baptist Church (235 Shaftesbury Avenue, London, WC2H 8EP) will host the Maundy Thursday Service on 2 April. More details to follow shortly.

Used Stamps

Please remember that you can bring your used postage stamps to Crown Court as these are useful to some charities as an income source.

There are designated boxes for the stamps on the lower shelf of the bookcase in the church hall. If possible, please separate them into UK and Overseas categories, as this would be greatly appreciated.

In recent months, we have been donating our used stamps to Mercy Ships. For more information, visit their website: **https://www.mercyships.org.uk/**.

Duty Teams

We are looking for people to join the teams.
Duty is once a month, ideally arriving at church for 10:30am, put orders of services into hymn books which you would hand out or standing at the door welcoming people in. Assisting in taking the offering with the other team members. After the service helping to tidy the church before heading to coffee or home. If you think you can help please speak to the Session Clerk.

St Andrew's Book Festival

SAVE THE DATE – Scots in London is delighted to announce that the St Andrew's Book Festival is returning to central London 17 – 22 November 2026. Get ready to engage with some of the biggest names in Scottish literature. Sign up to hear all the latest festival news at www.standrewsbookfestival.org

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