

Dear friends and colleagues,

Celebrating the diversity of the city of Glasgow is a key component in the life of Glasgow Cathedral. The University of Glasgow offers more than educational and social opportunities for those who engage with university life.

A sense of identity for the Cathedral and the University may be found in our joint responsibility to acknowledge the whole life of those we work with.

Glasgow University, since its founding in 1451, has been connected to the life of Glasgow Cathedral. Annually the Cathedral invites the University to attend a morning service within the original building where university classes were first held. Although this is a traditional Christian service, we welcome all who wish to share and celebrate the University's beginnings. The beginnings in the Cathedral Church of Glasgow make Glasgow University the fourth oldest University in the United Kingdom.

Having studied at Glasgow University in the 80s and 90s and now as Minister at Glasgow Cathedral I would like to invite you to attend what, in some sense, is a **founders day service**. I would hope in the coming years to develop this annual opportunity to integrate the history, present and future, of all that contributes to the life of the 'whole person' in the city of Glasgow.

Annually we welcome over 500,000 visitors to the Cathedral. We strive to make a meaningful contribution to the life of the city and those who engage with a city that is ever seeking to flourish.

The service will be held at Glasgow Cathedral, Castle Street, on Sunday 3rd March at 11am. All are welcome!

Yours sincerely

Mark Johnstone DL MA BD, Minister at Glasgow Cathedral.