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Are you looking forward to Christmas? Do you like to count down how many Big Sleeps there are to go?

Why don't you join in with our own Advent Countdown in which we will look at the true meaning of Christmas.

Beginning on **Monday 26 November 2018** we will begin our series of 4 Advent Conversations. Led by our Assistant Minister, Fergus Cook, we will meet between 10:30-11:30 am or 7:30-8:30 pm for four consecutive Mondays.

The morning study will be based on material from the Scottish Bible Society and will be held at the front foyer to the Church allowing for the doors open team to join in. Come early, 10am, for a cup of coffee and a mince pie.

The evening sessions will use the same material but be held in the upstairs flat. Coffee and mince pies will be available from 7pm.

If anyone needs any further information please contact Fergus but otherwise we look forward to seeing as many of you as can manage.





FROM THE MANSE.....

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Dear Friends,

It's About Time.....

So said the poster and the television adverts inviting us to speculate on who the next Dr Who would be: the 13th Doctor and encouraging us to tune in to the first and subsequent episodes in the series.

Of course the phrase held out the prospect of Dr Who being a woman for the very first time – and so it turned out. Dr Who first aired in 1963, five years before women were ordained to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament in the Church of Scotland.

This year, at the General Assembly in May, there was a celebration of the 50th anniversary of women's ordination: a change that took place because many women and men took the view *It's About Time*

Of course, this wasn't just about the spirit of the age when issues of equality were being considered and prompting change. It was about listening and responding to the Spirit of God who, at that time, was doing something new in the Church.

Today our Church, the Church of Christ, is undergoing change once more and this time it can be difficult to discern what God wants us to do and to be. Maybe, once again, *It's About Time....* we listened hard for and to the Spirit of God whispering to us the way we should go.

Our Church now has many women ministers yet it has even more vacancies in congregations up and down the land. In the space of the next five years it's thought that there will be around 300 vacancies and in a very few years after that the number will rise to around 500.

Congregations will need to learn to share their ministers, perhaps as part of a linkage with other congregations or perhaps as ministers of congregations are increasingly called to serve, also, as Interim Moderators in other congregations as well as taking on an increased level of work in presbyteries and the National Church.

Members and elders, too, may be called on more to serve in the work of the Church at presbytery and national level. There is already plenty opportunity to do so and if

you'd like to be nominated to serve on a national Council or Committee please speak to the Minister or Session Clerk who will be pleased to give you a form to fill in.

Maybe you might also consider training to become an OLM (ordained local minister who serves on a part-time, non-stipendary basis within a congregation as directed by presbytery) or training to be a worship leader in your own congregation. The Presbytery of Glasgow intends to introduce such a course in the near future.

I have, however, been delighted to welcome and to begin to work with our Probationer Assistant Minister, Fergus Cook who joined us at the beginning of September. Fergus is at the final stage of his training for full-time Ministry of Word and Sacrament. Full of new enthusiasm and ideas, Fergus is already making a significant contribution to our congregation's life and worship. We are fortunate to have him with us until November next year when he will be able to take up his own charge or appointment.

It's About Time... for Dr Who as each story takes us back into the past or far forward into the future the Doctor regenerating from time to time along the way.

At this season of the Church's year *It's About Time ...* for us too.

In November we enter Remembrance-tide, beginning on 1st November by remembering 'all the saints who from their labours rest'. On All Saints' Day we pause to reflect on the fact that we are the Church which encompasses all time and as we seek to live faithful lives we are joined, by God's grace, with all who have gone before us and with God's people yet to come.

This year on 11th November, Remembrance Sunday, we remember with thanksgiving those who have sacrificed their lives or health in the cause of peace. On this anniversary of the end of the First World War we remember the cost of that conflict. The poppies that will form displays inside and outside our church building are but hints and symbols of the number of lives lost and the amount of blood spilled. *It's About Time...* long ago and more recently when the world was in conflict and so we take time to remember and to pledge ourselves in the cause of peace. We're grateful to all the members of our Youth Organisations who have been making poppies for our outside display and to those who have been knitting and crocheting poppies for inside the sanctuary.

Throughout time and even in the darkest of times God is with us sharing the suffering of the world, caring for us even when our hearts are breaking and all seems dark.

It's About Time... and there never seems to be enough of it as we approach Christmas. You'll see elsewhere in this magazine our congregation has a busy and full programme of services and other events throughout Advent and Christmas-tide. We hope you'll join in as many of these as you can.

When we reach Christmas we see that really *It's About Time*. It is about the time, God changed time for ever, bringing the light of God's love into our world in the birth of a baby who is Christ the Saviour. It is time to rejoice with all our hearts. As we light candles and decorate our homes and Churches; as we put up trees and wrap presents I hope you will find time to know something of the deep peace God gives not only at Christmas time but at all times.

It's About Time... to discover once more in our Church, our congregation and in our lives that God is good: God is good all the time.
Let's do that together in the days and weeks and years to come.

May you know God's blessing in this season of remembrance and of rejoicing

Jan
(Parish Minister)

LEARN about.....

In this edition of our magazine we offer some more to think about from two of the booklets produced by the Church of Scotland as part of the *Learn series*.

Exploring Faith

How does a faith-based account of creation relate to a scientific theory of the world?
How do scientific thinking and Christian thinking relate?
What does it mean to take Jesus's miracles seriously in a scientific world?

Read Genesis 1-3

Read *Creation* by David Fergusson (Michigan: Eerdmans 2014) {Rev Prof David Fergusson teaches at New College, Edinburgh}

Visit www.scientistsincongregations.org

Eldership

Read John 7: 37-39

Where are there sources of 'life-giving water' in the congregation?
In what ways can we better serve each other and our community as part of our life of discipleship together?
What are the key ways in which we grow as disciples?

Try reading *The Life You've Always Wanted*: spiritual disciplines for ordinary people (Grand Rapids: Zondervan Publishing 2002)

WILLIAMWOOD POSADA

The Posada which takes place during the days and weeks leading up to Christmas has become something of a Williamwood tradition.



This year our Posada will begin on Sunday 2nd December when our wooden figures of Mary and Joseph (crafted in Bethlehem) will leave the Church building and travel from house to house throughout our parish and beyond as they spend one night in the home of members of our congregation, or that of a neighbour or friend.

If you can post a picture of Mary and Joseph in your home on social media that would be great (and if you're not sure how to do this just take a picture and Sarah Alexander, our organist, will help you do the rest).

Mary and Joseph will end their journey on Christmas Eve when they come back to the church and the stable there where, on Christmas morning, the baby Jesus will join them.

Come along to Church on one or all of the Sundays in Advent and join in our Posada.

CHURCH ROLL UPDATE

DEATHS:

27 th July	Ella Gibson
3 rd August	Flora Smith
9 th August	Quintin Wylie
19 th August	Douglas McKay

ADDED TO THE ROLL BY TRANSFERENCE:

Maureen Hopkinson
Eileen Montgomery
Lesley Young

BY PROFESSION OF FAITH:

Sarah Alexander

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE



If anyone would like the name of a loved one written in the Book of Remembrance, in the Iona Chapel, please see me or contact me on **571 8849** and I will be happy to do this for you.

Thank you

Sheila McDonald

PRAYER CIRCLE



Keep Praying! ~ ~ Keep Praying! ~ ~ Keep Praying!

A reminder that the "Prayer Circle" is still active and praying for people and situations in need of prayer. If we have a prayer request it is phoned round the group so that praying can begin immediately. If you value the power of prayer and would like to accompany us on our prayer journey, or if you have a prayer request, speak to Lorna on 571 8821 or Anne on 644 4776 and get more information.

"Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God" Philippians Ch.4 v.6

Lorna 571 8821

Anne 644 4776

Prayer Circle Co-ordinators

Vocations Information Day – Saturday 9th February 2019

Following the great success of our launch of the Tomorrow's Calling campaign in 2015, I'd like to commend to you the next Vocations Information Day, which will take place on Saturday 9th February 2019 at St John's Episcopal Church, Princes Street, Edinburgh.

The Vocations Information Day is designed, not only for those with an interest in Ministry of Word and Sacrament, Diaconal Ministry or Readership but as a much wider exploration of the ministry of the whole people of God.

Rev Eleanor McMahon ***Church of Scotland Education and Support Convener***

WILLIAMWOOD CHURCH FAIRTRADE STATUS



Williamwood Church gained Fairtrade status over 20 years ago. This means that at the time, as a Church, we committed to using Fairtrade products where we could. In our case, we have focused on our Fairtrade stall and trying where possible to use Fairtrade products for tea and coffee.

Recently we have felt that the commitment has been waning.

In order to help people to get back on track, we have decided to provide Fairtrade coffee and tea. This will be available in the kitchen and we are asking that if you serve tea and coffee after Church that you use the products provided and donate £3.00 to help cover the cost of the tea and coffee. Individuals are also being encouraged to make themselves a cup of Fairtrade tea or coffee and the cost of this would be 10p per cup. A money box is available beside the products and we hope you will give us our support

The Fairtrade Team

COMING AFTER CHRISTMAS.....

If you think things get a little dull after Christmas, think again!

Here are some things to look forward to in the life of our congregation in the first quarter of the New Year.

Bible Story Time for Under-5s

Beginning on Monday 7th January and on the first Monday of each month after that, we're going to have a Bible Story Time in the Church from 10-11.30am for under 5s and their carers.

There will be Bible Stories for the children and (we hope) a story bag to take home for the month. Next month you exchange it for a different story bag.

There will be refreshments for adults and time to chat.

Open to everyone. Please come along – and bring others with you.

Fairtrade

In early February we have a Fairtrade Wine Tasting Evening hosted by our Assistant Minister. Tickets on sale at the Christmas Fair. Get yours early!

Later in the month we'll have some events to mark Fairtrade Fortnight and promote Fairtrade products. If you remember the Fairtrade breakfasts in previous years you'll want to come along again.

Spring Fashion

Our Events Committee is planning an evening of fun and Spring Fashion in March with Taylor's Fashions. Start saving now and come along to buy some bargains!

Showcase

Following our Stated Annual Meeting in March we hope to have a Showcase of our congregation in the Hall where Groups, Organisations and Committees can present what they do. Find out more – and perhaps volunteer to join or try something new and contribute your time and talents to our congregation in a new way.



I have just received my on line copy of the Life and Work for November and the editor, Lynne McNeil introduced me to a major subject for this month of Remembrance.

This month is not only the month of Remembrance but is particularly significant this year as it marks the 100th anniversary of the end of the First World War.

As the Church gears up to play its part in this special year of memorial, the importance of the lessons learned from the Great War and of the Church's commitment to service – and lasting peace – should not be forgotten.

The Life and Work magazine is interesting, topical and gives the reader "food for thought".

If you would like to receive the magazine please contact Sheena McLean on 638 1686 or by e-mail at ken.mclean@talktalk.net

Joan Black



Sunday School has started again and it has been lovely to have the children back with all their energy and enthusiasm.

At the Harvest Service, we were supporting Farm Africa. I would like to thank the children and their parents for their generous donations.

The annual Sunday School Coffee Morning will take place on Saturday 3rd November from 9.45-11.30am. There will be rolls and sausage and/or potato scones. There will also be a baking stall and a gift stall. If you are able to donate some baking or gifts then these would be gratefully appreciated. There will also be nail painting and transfer tattoos. The entry cost is £2 for an adult and £1 for a child. We would appreciate any donations of baking/gifts to be brought on the Saturday morning.

The children, with the assistance of Deborah Clark, have been involved in this year's design of the Church's Christmas card and we all look forward to seeing the finished card.

The planning of the Christmas festivities is well in hand. The Gift Service has been arranged for Sunday 9th December and the donations will again go to Who Cares? Scotland. The Nativity is on Sunday 23rd December 2018. Full information will be handed out to the children regarding these events.

Maureen McCulloch

Superintendent (639 5939)



**128th Glasgow Company
The Boys' Brigade
Company & Senior Sections**



Dear All,

The new session is well under way, as usual the new session has been a bit of 'stop – start' with September weekend and October school holidays, but classes are up and running and so far this session we have started compass class (for the Primary 7 boys), first aid, cooking, etc.,. Of course, the sports and games are always popular as well, as is the canteen.

Whilst we have a great group of boys, we would like to see our numbers a bit higher than they are currently, so if you know of any boy who might be interested, please encourage them to come along or at least get in touch to find out more. We welcomed five new boys of Primary seven age, and our doors remain open for any other boys in the area, or beyond, in Primary seven or at Secondary school to come along and join the '128'.

At the other end of our age groups, we currently have four progressing towards their Queen's Badge, with three more following them, due to receive their President's Badge at the turn of the year.

We are always looking for new and original ideas in order to keep our programme interesting and attractive to the boys, and have a few different events planned for this session, hopefully with good reports for future Inspires. With this in mind, if you have any sensible suggestions or even offers of assistance, then we would be pleased to hear of them.

This year we have entered the National Competitions of Badminton, Chess, and Masterteam (Quiz), which we have entered for many years with different levels of success.

At the time of typing, plans are taking shape for a Summer Camp, with a site booked, and activities being planned, all we need now is the commitment from the boys to get this once annual event back into the life of the 128.

Our Parents' Association is still to finalise the plans for our fundraising events, but on the agenda is the Christmas Hamper, which has been popular and very well supported for many years. A big thank you to all who have donated items for the hamper, and just as importantly, bought tickets over the years. Your support at this time of year is always appreciated.

We look forward to, and are extremely grateful for, the continued support of the congregation in the work of the Boys' Brigade in Williamwood Church.

Mark Gordon

Company Captain

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THE BOYS' BRIGADE

The good news - the session is now well underway. Although our numbers are low this year at the time of writing this article every boy had been there every week so they must be enjoying themselves. They have also been working hard with their badge work. They also seemed to enjoy our Hallowe'en Party. As with every other year, the costumes showed that there is no lack of imagination or humour amongst the boys.

The bad news - we currently have only 8 boys in the Junior Section. I've been involved in the "128" for a long time and I can't recall our numbers ever being as low so if you know of any boy in primary 4, 5 or 6 who doesn't have a B.B. connection, please encourage him to come to the "128". He will be assured of a warm welcome and will enjoy a variety of activities. I am more than happy to discuss the Section with the parents of any potential member. Thank you.



Ross McGhee 638 4883

Officer-in-Charge, Junior Section



The Church Website is back and can now be edited and updated as required. The website address remains the same and when you click on the address it will automatically re-direct you to the new site. The site is completely new so please take the time to have a look and let me know what you think. If your organisation has a link please get back to me with any updates you would like. I think it is easier to navigate and find things, but both Richard and I are still making little changes.

www.williamwoodparishchurch.org.uk

Joan Black

3rd WILLIAMWOOD BROWNIES



We started back on the first Wednesday in September and welcomed 5 new recruits to our unit. The focus of the first few weeks was to complete part two of the County Butterfly Challenge by the end of September. A few of the girls were able to attend the Church Dedication service in September-unfortunately not the good turn-out we were hoping for but thank you to the girls who attended!

We spent two Brownie meetings, at the end of September and before the October Week Holiday, working very hard to produce hundreds of poppies for the church outdoors Remembrance Display. The cutting was definitely a challenge for the girls! We look forward to seeing this display at the 100th Anniversary Remembrance Service and Parade!

We aren't having a Hallowe'en Party this year as Hallowe'en actually falls on a Wednesday and we have found in the past that the girls prefer to stay at home and go out guising with their families and friends on the 31st!

Girl Guiding has launched a new programme for all the units- Rainbows through to Senior Section, and while the programme looks very exciting for the girls it has left us as Brownie Leaders worried about the (anticipated) increase in workload as we already have very demanding, time-consuming jobs. We will be starting to implement this exciting new programme over the next few months!

We are once again looking forward to our visit, just before Christmas, to the pantomime with the other Church youth organisations. We appreciate the Church covering the transport costs once again this year!

Lorna, Fiona, Karen and Alison (the Owls)

POPPIES

The click of knitting needles could have been heard all over Clarkston, St Andrews, and Italy as members and friends of Williamwood Church knitted poppies for Remembrance Sunday.



Sincere thanks go to all who have worked to create an outstanding and evocative display.

Morag Young

THE GUILD

Although we have started the new session of the Guild, I must mention what a great day out we had on 15th May to Dunfermline Abbey, followed by a wonderful afternoon tea. Our new session started on 16th October. This was a Communion Service followed by a discussion on our theme which is 'Seeking the Way '.

On 23rd October our speaker, Russell Crawford, told us about 'Malawi Fruits' which is one of our projects this year.



Future dates:

6th November. This meeting is about the T. S. Queen Mary and the speaker is Ian Quinn.

20th November. The subject this evening is titled 'For Peat's Sake!' and the speaker is Maureen Potter.

4th December. The speaker is Sylvia Jenks talking about The Whithorn Pilgrimage.

11th December. We will be returning to Cathcart Castle Golf Club for our Christmas Dinner. We are all looking forward to it - it was fabulous last year.

8th January. Speaker - Graham Greenhalgh.

22nd January. The Boys Brigade - project.

On Sunday 18th November we will be celebrating Williamwood Church Guild's 80th anniversary. We will be entertained by the Caledonian Fiddle Orchestra, followed by refreshments in the Church Hall. This sounds like a really good night and we extend a warm welcome to you all to come along and join in the fun.

COFFEE MATES AND THE TEA SETT

We all thoroughly enjoyed meeting twice a month between Tuesday 8th May and the last occasion on Tuesday 18th September. The company varied but was always great fun and the chat never ceased for a minute.

Since the inception of this group three years ago we have raised £430, though this was not the object of the exercise and came from the voluntary donations left by those attending. On our last morning it was suggested and agreed that the money should be divided equally between Christian Aid and Traidcraft.

I am pleased to say that cheques have now been sent in the name of Coffee Mates and the Tea Sett.

Looking forward in hope that we can do it all again in 2019. See you there!

Margo King



A big "thank you" to everyone who took part in the Clarkston Committee's recent Sponsored Swim at Eastwood Baths and to everyone who sponsored them. We were one of six local Churches taking part and had 11 swimmers out of a total of 35. It looks like they will have raised a good amount

between them. The amount they raised and the overall amount raised by all 6 Churches will be mentioned in the next edition of Inspire.

In recent years around half of the money raised at the Sponsored Swim has gone to specific projects supported by Christian Aid. The Committee have still to decide which projects will be supported this year so again this will be mentioned in the next Inspire.

Other forthcoming events planned are as follows:-

Art Exhibition & Sale – Saturday 9 March 2019 in Carmichael Hall

Christian Aid Week – Sunday 12 to Saturday 18 May 2019

Christian Aid Representatives

Anne Clark 644 4776

Ross McGhee 638 4883

KWENDERANA PARTNERSHIP

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At its last meeting, in early September, the Kwenderana Partnership Group, comprising representatives from the congregations of Williamwood, Greenbank, Giffnock South and Busby met again with the Very Rev John Chalmers, Convener of the World Mission Council of the Church of Scotland and Ms Carol Finlay, Local Development Secretary of the World Mission Council.

The Group agreed that our Partnership with the church in Ekwendeni, Malawi has a future but that we also require to renew and reshape the committee and its remit. A small working group (on which each congregation had one representative) had done some thinking about this and, with the agreement of the whole Group, asked Carol to contact each Kirk Session to invite them to continue to support the Kwenderana Partnership going forward.

Our Kirk Session discussed the questions sent to them at its meeting later in September and agreed that here at Williamwood we want to continue to support Kwenderana and that we see it as 'an integral part of mission as a Church'.

The Session also supported a proposal that each congregation should have three members and their Minister on the Partnership Group and a further proposal that the Partnership Group should work more closely with Williamwood High School and Queens Park Football Club (who have both been working in Ekwendeni with considerable success).

There are some areas which the Partnership Group still needs to look at, such as financial reporting to each congregation and the drawing up of a new Covenant, and it was hoped that the small working group with Carol Finlay as Adviser would consider these in more detail after, as it was hoped, each Kirk Session had indicated its support.

In the meantime, our support of children in and into education continues through sponsorship and a (more general) Hardship Fund administered by our partners in Ekwendeni, including the Minister of the congregation there, which helps other families send children to school by providing a level of financial assistance which is appropriate to their needs. If you want to find out more about this please speak to Morag Young who is our representative on the Kwenderana Partnership Group. The Group's Founder member Shena Dougall also continues to come to meetings and give the Group the benefit of her experience and wisdom. She, also, is always happy to speak to people about Kwenderana.

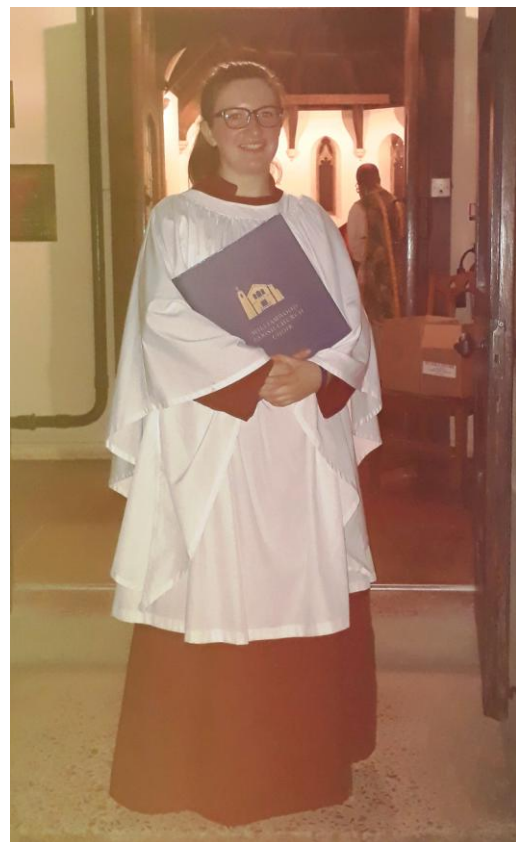
As an initiative supported and resourced by the World Mission Council we can be confident that this on-going relationship with the congregation and people of Ekwendeni will be well-managed, satisfying all the governance requirements of the Church and the Charity Regulator and that activities and projects will be kept under review to make sure our support, both financial and prayerful, affects the lives of others for good.

TRIP TO BATH ABBEY

Back in April, I was successful in gaining an organ scholarship to attend The Royal School of Church Music Summer School, which was held in Bath between August 20th-26th. The course comprised of 80 singers aged 8-23 from all parts of the UK, as well as two organ scholars. In the evenings we were playing or singing for Eucharists, Evensongs and Compline services, so there was a lot of music that needed to be learned! Luckily the organists received most of the music beforehand, so I spent the weeks leading up to the course learning new introits, anthems and voluntaries. During the week we had the opportunity to conduct, accompany rehearsals and receive lessons on our chosen voluntaries from the amazing organist Edmund Aldhouse.

We had the privilege of playing & singing in various venues throughout the week. We started at Kingswood School Chapel, then had Compline at St Stephen's Church, and finished off the week with several services in the magnificent Bath Abbey. Luckily the organ scholars had some practice time in the abbey before services, so it wasn't too daunting! Having been a Church organist in Presbyterian churches for around 6 years, the Anglican services are quite different than anything I've ever done before. I learnt a lot about the different types of services and the music associated with each service. The experience of wearing robes every day for a week was also something I'll never quite forget!

Although I was ready for a break by the end of the week, I was also sad to leave new friends I made in the short amount of time we had together. Many of them knew each other from their own Churches and previous RSCM courses, so it was lovely to be welcomed into their community. Overall the whole week was an amazing experience and it is something I will never forget throughout my musical career.



Sarah

GOOD NEIGHBOURS

If you live within the parish please don't forget that Margaret Munn and I carry out a welcome visit to all new neighbours to our parish.



Please remember to keep letting me know of any newcomers by contacting me by phone on **0141 638 5433** or by e-mail at **blacksabode@googlemail.com**

Walter Black

Recent Awards at Williamwood Church

On Sunday 16th September the following awards were made to the following people in our Church – Congratulations to you all for your time and dedication.

Presbytery Awards	Williamwood Guild Awards
CHOIR	
Norah Gray 60 years	Jean Ferguson 32 years
Anne Hodge 60+years	Lorna Martin 36 years
Jean Reid 55+years	ISA Summers 38 years
Agnes Pearson 48 years	Margaret Craig 48 years
George Robertson 20 years	Catherine Hamilton 48 years
	Shena Dougall 51 years
SESSION	
George Robertson 55 years	
Alastair Denholm 54 years	
Tony Drysdale 53 years	
SUNDAY SCHOOL	
Ann Sherry 22 years	
Ross McGhee 28 years	
Maureen McCulloch 27 years	
THE BOARD	
Margaret Robertson 32 years	



The Church Yearbook

I am at present working on the **2019** Yearbook which should be e-mailed out to Church elders and members of the board sometime in early New Year. There will be some paper copies available at the Vardar Avenue entrance for those who need a paper copy.

I would appreciate it if you have had any changes in details or you have noticed any errors in the previous copy to please let me know.

Thanks

Joan Black

CHURCH FLOWERS

A big **thank you** to those listed below who are providing the flowers in the Church over the next two months. The flower calendar for 2019 will be available in the vestibule sometime during December for those wishing to donate flowers on a particular date.

NOVEMBER

4 th	Margaret Petrie	638 7838
11 th	Sandra and Angus Fraser	639 4376
18 th	Pat Marshall	638 1367
25 th	Liz Taylor	571 9063



DECEMBER

2 nd	Anne Hiddleston	639 3594
9 th	David Liddell	463 6266
16 th	Lorna Martin	571 8821
23 rd	Lorna Goudie	316 0297
30 th		



MONTHLY CAR ROTA (same every month)

1 st Sunday	Christine Kemp	638 2935	Anne Buchanan	639 0020	Mary Montgomery	258 8447
2 nd Sunday	Fiona Gunning	577 5761	VACANT		Anne Hiddleston	639 3594
3 rd Sunday	Elizabeth Purvis	620 3529	Gordon King	638 5425	Anne Reid	638 5267
4 th Sunday	Murdoch Hodge	638 1199	Ross McGhee	638 4883	Jean Simms	638 6764
5 th Sunday	Jennifer Barr	571 2317	Mairi McIntyre	638 1095	VACANT	

HARVEST THANKS



A very big thank you to all who donated goods for the needy people of Glasgow on Harvest Sunday 7 October 2018. Special thanks to our drivers this year, Tony Drysdale and Ross McGhee for helping deliver all our goods.

All three centres who received the goods were very appreciative of your generosity and have asked me to pass on their thanks. Thanks should also go to those who donated via the Farm Africa envelopes, which raised £329. 25.

Finally thanks to the team from the Flower Committee who were as busy as ever, decorating the church and making it look really special for our Harvest Service.

Thank you for choosing to share with those who are less fortunate here in Glasgow.

Helen McKenzie



ISA SUMMERS 90TH BIRTHDAY 24TH JULY 2018

Isa would like to thank her friends, guild members and minister for all their kind thoughts, cards, gifts and flowers on her 90th birthday. She very much appreciated them.

A huge thank you to everyone who visited her at home on her 90th. Isa enjoyed a buffet tea on her birthday with her family, followed by a celebratory lunch at the Eglinton Arms Hotel in Eaglesham on Saturday 28th of July.

Once again everyone a huge thank you

Love
Irene Summers



Norah Gray

The Church choir recently spent a very pleasant evening on the occasion of Norah Gray's retiral. The minister and session clerk were present when the choir said a very reluctant farewell to Norah after 60 years.

Norah's name meant music in Williamwood. She was always there to sing solos, play the organ, and take choir practices when we were without an organist and, if any musical event was to be held, Norah was the first one to be consulted.

The Williamwood Singers was Norah's special baby, and for 60 years, dozens of young teenagers turned up each Sunday evening to rehearse. She encouraged them all to sing solos and take an active part in the Christmas and Spring Concerts when they performed to a packed house.

Norah will be greatly missed by the choir but we know that, Sunday by Sunday, she will be in the Church supporting us.

Jean Reid



Flo Smith, our loved and respected oldest member of our congregation died peacefully on 3rd of August 2018 at the remarkable age of 109.

Alastair has expressed his heartfelt thanks to everyone and has noted that one of the blessings which sustained his mum in later years was the kindness of the good folks at Williamwood.

Alastair has provided me with a wonderful tribute to his mum which can be found on the Church Website page under "People", so please take the time to read this.



We look forward to seeing you on the First Sunday in December
11.00am – 12.00mid day and / or 12.30pm – 1.00pm in the Iona Chapel



SUNDAY SCHOOL COFFEE MORNING

ROLLS AND
SAUSAGES

HOME BAKING

FACE PAINTING AND
TRANSFER TATOOS



SATURDAY 3rd OF NOVEMBER

9.45am – 11.30am



SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE
SUNDAY 11TH OF
NOVEMBER, 2018
AT 10.50AM

FOLLOWING THE SERVICE THERE WILL BE A PARADE OF
THE UNIFORMED ORGANISATIONS

Williamwood Parish Church
Guild's 80th Anniversary Evening of Celebration

With The

CALEDONIAN FIDDLE ORCHESTRA

SUNDAY 18TH NOVEMBER AT 7.00PM

Refreshments will be Provided
And

A Donation Programme will be Available



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GROTTO
£3

Adults - £3
Children £1
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WILLIAMWOOD CHURCH CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Saturday 1st December
10.00am - NOON

HOT FILLED
ROLLS
COFFEE, TEA AND
HOT MINCE PIES

AND LOTS MORE SO.....

HOME
BAKING
CHRISTMAS
STALL
BOOKS AND
TOILETRIES

COME ALONG FOR SOME FESTIVE FUN

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SUNDAY

BB BIBLE CLASS 9.45am
 PUBLIC WORSHIP 11.00am
 SUNDAY SCHOOL ALL DEPARTMENTS 10.50am (Including the Crèche)

MONDAY

OSCARE PRE-SCHOOL 7.00am – 9.00am
 CLARKSTON NURSERY GROUP - 9.00am-1.30pm
 OSCARE AFTER-SCHOOL 3.00pm – 6.00pm
 SHIROKAWA KARATE ACADEMY 5.00pm – 6.00pm
 128th JUNIOR SECTION 6.45pm – 8.30pm
 WILLIAMWOOD PIPE BAND 7.00pm

TUESDAY

OSCARE PRE-SCHOOL 7.00am – 9.00am
 CLARKSTON NURSERY GROUP - 9.00am -1.30pm
 OSCARE AFTER SCHOOL 3.00pm – 6.00am
 THE GUILD 7.30pm ON ALTERNATE TUESDAYS
 MCCARTHY SCHOOL OF DANCE 4.20pm – 9.40pm

WEDNESDAY

OSCARE PRE-SCHOOL 7.00am – 9.00am
 CLARKSTON NURSERY GROUP 9.99am -1.30pm
 OSCARE AFTER SCHOOL 3.00pm – 6.00pm
 3rd BROWNIES 6.30pm -7.45pm
 THE GUIDES 7.30am -9.00pm
 SENIOR GUIDES 7.30am-9.30pm

THURSDAY

OSCARE PRE-SCHOOL 7.00am – 9.00pm
 CLARKSTON NURSERY GROUP 9.00am -3.15pm
 MOTHER AND TODDLERS 9.45am -11.30am
 OSCARE AFTER SCHOOL 3.00pm – 6.00pm
 RAINBOWS 5.30pm -7.30pm (2 sessions)
 CHURCH CHOIR 7.30pm - SESSION HOUSE

FRIDAY

OSCARE PRE-SCHOOL 7.00am – 9.00am
 CLARKSTON NURSERY GROUP 9.00am -3.15pm
 OSCARE AFTER SCHOOL 3.00pm – 6.00pm
 128th BB ANCHOR BOYS 6.30pm -7.30pm
 128th BB SENIOR SECTION 7.40pm
 128th BB COMPANY SECTION 7.40pm
 (OR AS ARRANGED)

SATURDAY

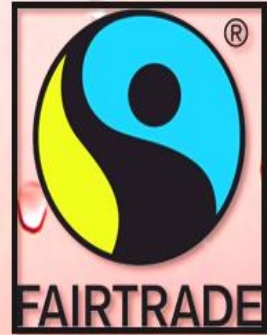
MCCARTHY SCHOOL OF DANCE 9.00am-5.45pm
 (Age 2 ½ - P6)
 (Including NEW Cheer Competition Class)

**DURING THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS OSCARE WILL BE USING THE CHURCH PREMISES EVERY
 MONDAY – FRIDAY FROM 7.00am – 6.00pm**

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**SAVE THE DATE FOR
WILLIAMWOOD CHURCH'S**



FAIRTRADE WINE TASTING EVENT

**On Friday 8th of February 2019
At Giffnock Bowling Club**



FAIRTRADE

TICKETS ON SALE AT THE CHRISTMAS FAYRE

PRICE - £15

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Williamwood Parish Church Christmas and Advent Programme 2018

Monday 26 November - 10.30am - 11.30am or 7.30pm - 8.30pm - We will begin our series of 4 Advent Conversations every Monday through to Christmas (See Separate Poster)

Saturday 1st December - 10am - 12 noon - Williamwood Church Christmas Fayre

Sunday 2nd December - 11am Service for the first Sunday in advent including the lighting of our first Advent Candle; the start of our Posada and a celebration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. **12.30pm** - A short celebration of the Sacrament of the Lords Supper in the Iona Chapel

Thursday 6th December 10.45am - Getting Ready for Christmas service for Clarkston Nursery; Williamwood Toddlers and all under 5s

Sunday 9th Dececeber - 11am - Service for the Second Sunday in Advent. You are invited to bring a gift of toiletries; sanitary products or beauty products which will be passed on the Who Cares? Scotland and local food banks

Sunday 16th December - 11am - Service for the Third Sunday in Advent **7.00pm** -A Festival of Christmas in Words and Music featuring Williamwood Church Choir and musicians from the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland. Followed by seasonal refreshments

Sunday 23rd December - 11am

Service for the Fourth Sunday in Advent with a Nativity Play presented by the Sunday School

Monday 24th December - CHRISTMAS EVE

6.30pm - Christmas Eve Service for the young - and those a little older **10.30pm** - mince pies and hot drinks in the Large Hall **11.15pm** - Carol Singing in the church **11.30pm** - Christmas Eve Watchnight Service

Tuesday 25th December - 10am - CHRISTMAS DAY

Short Service for Christmas Morning: Bring and Show a gift you have received

Sun 30th December -11am - A Short Service for the last Sunday in the Year followed by a short celebration of Holy Communion for those who wish to wait

Sun 6th January - 11am - A Service for the Twelfth Day of Christmas: the First Sunday in the New Year

ALL ARE WELCOME

COME ALONG AND JOIN IN OUR CELEBRATIONS

Unto us is born a Saviour who is Christ, the Lord

