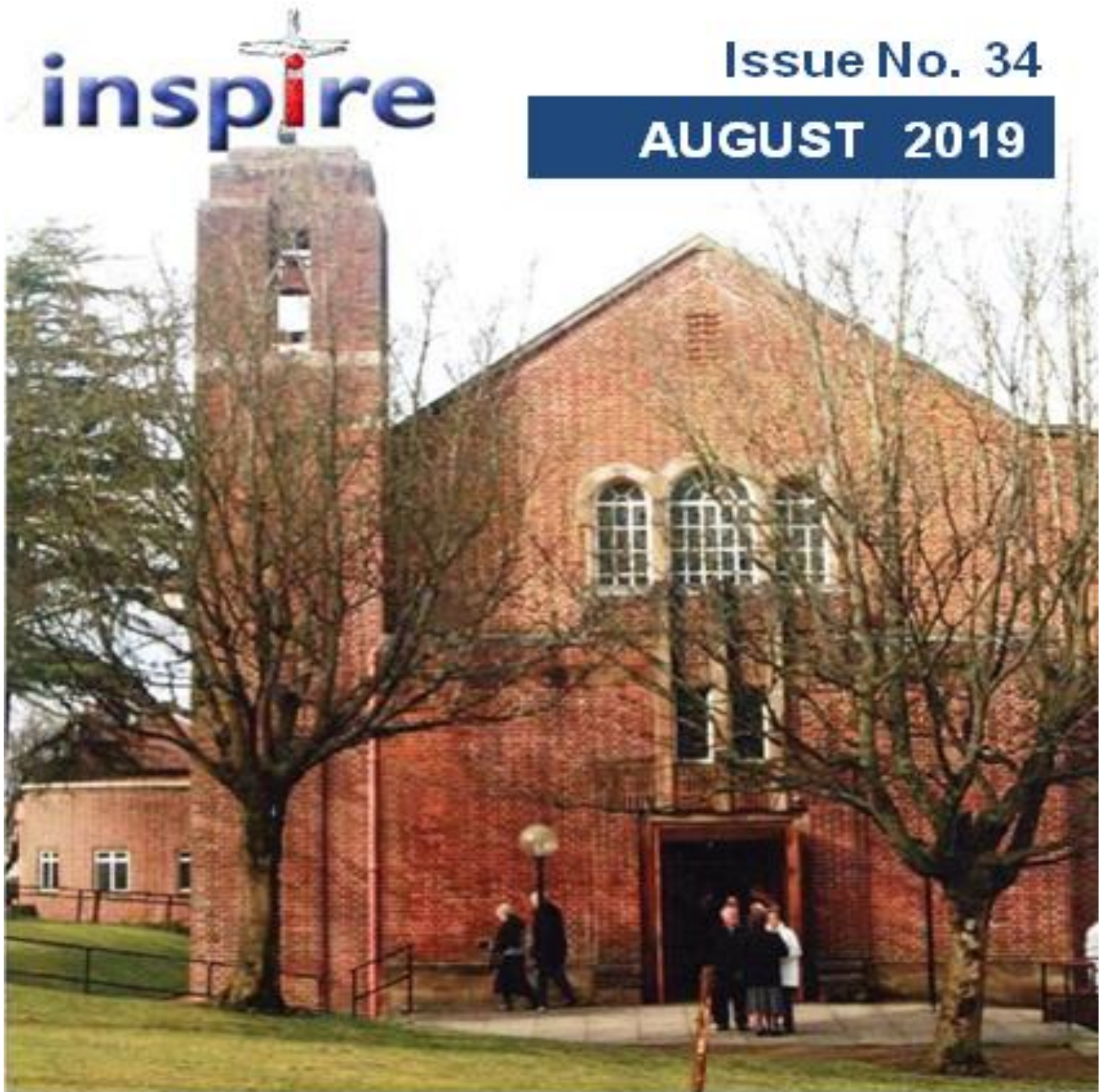


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With Pip McCracken of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland and the Assistant General Secretary of the PCM and some women who are in leadership roles and benefitting from training being supported by the Church of Scotland



**6th Round Table Mission Conference
26th June to 29th June 2019
Myanmar**



FROM THE MANSE.....

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Dear Friends,

Summer suns are glowing begins a well-known and well-loved hymn.

I hope that you have been able to enjoy some summer sunshine and the more relaxed pace of this holiday season.

I know, too, that this is a time when many of you have been away on holiday or have taken the opportunity to enjoy days out or, perhaps, a 'staycation'

I have recently returned from a long-haul trip that took me, first to Myanmar (formerly known as Burma) where I was privileged to represent the Church of Scotland and its World Mission Council at an International Partners' Meeting of the Presbyterian Church of Myanmar. I was also able to visit some of the people and projects we support in that country. In Yangon, at a church service, I met up with one of the students awarded a scholarship by the Church of Scotland to whom he is immensely grateful. Further north in Tahan-Kalay, I met some women involved in the women's leadership programmes we support and I also visited a class who were receiving tailoring training and seemed to be making very intricate garments on their treadle sewing machines while enjoying themselves hugely!

Next I visited Singapore. It was supposed to be a holiday but some of the delegates from the Presbyterian Church in Singapore who were at the meeting in Myanmar invited me to visit some of the projects their Church runs. So I was able to visit *Gladiolus Place*: a home for troubled teenage girls; *Grace Orchard School*: a special school for children with mild learning difficulties and autism and *Sarah's Centre*: a day centre for older people in a poorer part of town.

After Singapore it was time to come home.

I wonder what you most look forward to when returning from time spent away from home. For some, I think it is that first 'proper' cup of tea; for others it is the Scottish breakfast of bacon and eggs (and maybe some black pudding!); for many it is the first night back in their own bed and for others it may be a favourite television programme watched from their favourite armchair.

This time, for me what I most looked forward to as I thought about coming back home was – a breath of fresh air!

How we take for granted the clean, fresh air we enjoy in this part of the world which cools, refreshes and reinvigorates us!

In Myanmar especially, but also in Singapore, I was in high temperatures and high humidity that made being outside exhausting and uncomfortable. Short visits to the Children's Home and Agape Hospital run by the Church and to Tahan Theological College where a new farming venture is taking place despite the heat (and lack of rain expected at this time of year) left the international visitors heading indoors to air-conditioned rooms as quickly as was possible or even better, to a shower and a(nother) change of clothes!

Windows were kept closed to keep the heat outside!

Yet again the effects of climate change were evident and yet again we were reminded of the importance of doing all we can to reduce the negative impact we have on our planet and its weather patterns. In Myanmar, the expected rains had not yet come and this was affecting the growth of crops on which people depend to feed families and communities and to generate income. As temperatures increase the demand for water grows and yet water has become a scarce and precious commodity in some places.

We sometimes feel there is not much we can do to make a difference to this global problem and yet every time we choose a re-useable cup over a single use one; when we cut down our use of plastic; when we use public transport instead of cars (or even get on a bike!); when we choose locally grown food and locally made products then we take small steps which help make a difference and show our concern and care for the planet and for the people, far away, who suffer most due to climate change. The very air we breathe is a gift of God to us and those breaths of fresh air we breathe here should make us grateful to God for all God's goodness.

If there wasn't really a breath of fresh air, I was conscious of the wind of change blowing through Myanmar. Much had changed since my last visit four years ago. The country is beginning to open up and the benefits of trade mean that infrastructure has been developed: a new airport; tar macadam roads; drainage and sewage works bringing running water to homes that until recently had none; the beginnings of a tourism industry; a growing Church. Many challenges still remain, not least for the Church as they grapple with the question of *Who is my neighbour?* in parts of the country still experiencing conflict and the forced exodus of the Rohingya people.

Here, at home, our Church too grapples with challenges yet here; also, perhaps the wind of change is blowing - refreshing and reinvigorating us.

At the General Assembly in May decisions were made that will affect how our Church, at all levels, will be governed and organised for some time to come. A

'slimmed down' central administration is envisaged which will give greater decision-making responsibilities and greater responsibility for mission and Church growth to presbyteries and local congregations. We have much to learn from our partners in other parts of the world about how we carry out our mission of bringing the gospel to people through words and actions. I wonder what we might do here in Williamwood to better serve our community and to better communicate the gospel. I wonder how we might better co-operate with one another; other congregations and other agencies in order to care for our community and the environment.

One thing is sure: we can't leave it to the same small group of people, doing the same things as we've always done if we want the Church and our congregation to flourish. We all have a part to play in the life of the Church now and in demonstrating what it means to live a life that is faith-based, caring, compassionate and conscious of God's goodness.

As we prepare for another season of congregational life, after the summer, what will you do to help bring that breath of fresh air to our Church and to be part of the wind of change that will see our Church adapt and grow, fit to serve our community and faithful to our Lord Jesus who calls us to follow him and who is the same yesterday, today and for ever?

May God bless you all,

Jan
(Parish Minister)

General Assembly 2019: Guide to Key Decisions

Decisions taken at the 2019 General Assembly have the potential to reshape the Church of Scotland at every level.

To help Church members and congregations engage with the reform process, Life and Work has released a FREE four-page guide summarising the key decisions.

To view the guide you can visit www.lifeandwork.org/resources/general-assembly-supplement

You can read the magazine's full coverage of the General Assembly in the July issue of Life and Work, available from the 14th June.

We trust you find this information to be useful.

Best wishes

The *Life and Work* Team

Does God Have A Sense Of Humour?

They say that if you ever want to hear God laugh tell him your plans! That is certainly true for me. Little did I think as I worked my way towards my first retirement that I would find myself training to be a minister. But when God calls its pretty hard not to answer. Just ask Jonah!



A well known and popular reading at both weddings and funerals is from Ecclesiastes. It tells us that there is a time for everything. The passage begins “There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens” and at verse 4 goes on to tell us there is: “a time to weep and a time to laugh”. Let's think about that. We know from the bible that “Jesus wept”, but did Jesus laugh? The Bible does not specifically mention Jesus laughing but there are enough clues and inferences for us to deduce for ourselves. Our reading reminds us that in addition to a time to weep there is a time to laugh. I want to consider the question Does God have a sense of humour?

Jesus is the best reflection of God that we have as human beings. Jesus, who came to earth in fully human form, did so to understand the entire range of the human experience and to show us how we can live up to what God wants for us. We know Jesus experienced the negative side of the human experience. Hunger, sorrow, pain and ultimately death. But he also experienced the happier side of the human experience. Companionship, joy and love.

The picture of Jesus that we find in the Gospels is one of a well-rounded, magnetic personality. He carried children in His arms—and what child wants to be around someone who never laughs. (Mark 10:16) In Luke's gospel Jesus points out how that he was accused of being *too* joyful on occasion. (Luke 7:34). In that vane Jesus told the disciples of John the Baptist that now was not a time for mourning implying that it was a time to be happy whilst he was still with his own disciples. (Matthew 9:15).

Jesus, shared in the full human experience. We cannot imagine life without laughter; even those in dire circumstances have known seasons of joy. Everyone laughs and appreciates good humour. To say that Jesus never expressed joy through laughter is almost like trying to deny His full humanity. Jesus, as the Son of God, shares the Father's attributes, and I think that includes a sense of humour.

I have heard it argued that the existence of penguins, duck-billed-platypuses, and puppies also builds a strong case for God's having a sense of humour!

The very fact that we humans have a sense of humour indicates that God does, too, for we are made in his image. But what does made in the image of God mean. I don't think that anyone now actually considers that God looks like any of the old medieval

depictions. The long white flowing hair with a beard to match. Nowadays, in contemporary culture we will as likely find an image of God being portrayed by Morgan Freeman or as a woman. I think that given our diversity humankind being created in the image of God means more about our personalities and our temperaments. I've always liked the idea that how we share the image of God is where we are capable of demonstrating unconditional self sacrificing love. But part of that personality includes humour and laughter.

The ability to laugh and in particular to laugh at ourselves is a true gift. It is with this in mind that I thought I would share with you some humorous gaffes that have appeared in Church Magazines. As far as I'm aware these are not from Inspire but they could have been:

- Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping. Bring your husbands.
- The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.
- Next weekend's 'Fasting & Prayer Conference' includes all meals.
- Miss Elizabeth Mason sang "I will not pass this way again" giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.
- Eight new choir robes are currently needed due to the addition of several new members and the deterioration of some older ones.

Jesus had a serious God given mission to accomplish in this world, but He was not one to be dour, serious and sombre all the time. There may be no verse in the Bible that says, "Jesus laughed," but we know that Jesus empathized with humankind completely and felt all of our emotions. Laughter is part of life, and Jesus truly lived. In John's gospel Jesus said "I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full." and that includes laughter.

Blessings Fergus

On the same note as above.....



This blooper from the June Life and Work was spotted by Jimmy Craig and he feels that anyone thinking of booking this should perhaps increase their holiday insurance.

Holy Land trip for 16 people with 'fights' from Edinburgh

CHURCH ROLL UPDATE

DEATHS:

On 9th June 2019 - Betty Patrick

On 16th July - Ronnie Gourlay

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

Dear all

Greetings from Malawi

I am writing to let you know that we travelled and arrived safely to Ekwendeni-Malawi from Scotland.

On behalf of Rev. Isaac Malongo, Chrissie and Myself, I would like to give thanks to the Kwenderana Committee in Scotland, Carol Finlay, all families and individuals who made it possible for our visit and stay in Scotland to be a success.

We really enjoyed our visit because of the love and care you shared with us, May the good Lord bless you all.

Once again, we thank you warmly for everything.

With Love

Victoria





Once again the compassion and generosity of the congregation at Williamwood has been shown. Following only one appeal for help for prizes for the Lodging House Mission the next Sunday 30 boxes and packets of sweets turned up. This is excluding the two boxes of chocolates that actually arrived the same day of the appeal.

On behalf of the staff and service users of the Lodging House Mission, who will use these as prizes for summer pool, domino and ping pong competitions a big thank you. When a staff member approached me for ideas on how to get some prizes I was able with confidence to say 'leave it with me'. Although I knew the congregation could be relied upon, the speed and generosity shown has been fantastic.

Well done.

Fergus

New Chairs

One hundred new chairs have been ordered from Alpha Furnishings Ltd with a delivery date currently awaited. The overall cost of this project is £6,840 with an initial deposit of £1,710 falling due and the remaining balance being paid on delivery.

As at the end of June our fund raising stood at £417 from the various initiatives undertaken. Last year was the Guild Centenary and they requested that part of their contribution to Church funds was used for a specific project, specially mentioning replacement chairs. On this basis £500 will be transferred from Congregation Funds to assist with the purchase price.

We are currently exploring grant options to assist with funding the shortfall and fund-raising ventures will continue over the summer.

Many thanks to all who have been involved in organising and contributing to this essential project.

Grant Keys

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



The Sunday School trip to Strathaven Park was enjoyed by everyone attending even though it was wet and cold. Thank goodness for the cafe! The children enjoyed the train and the boats.

Sunday School has been running through the summer holidays. Deborah has been preparing crafts and games for the youngsters who have attended. Thank you to Deborah and everyone who has assisted during the summer and the young people who have attended. **(Photographs are on the back page of Inspire)**

Sunday School starts again on the 1st September and the Sunday School leaders, teachers and helpers are looking forward to seeing the children back with all their usual enthusiasm and energy.

If there is anyone who would like to join the Sunday School team as a teacher/helper then please get in touch with me as you would be made very welcome. Also, if there are any children you know of who may like to join the Sunday School please give their parents my telephone number.

Maureen McCulloch

Superintendent (639 5939)



A very powerful experience

In the July Inspire I found myself reading about Bethany Pringle who reflected on the gifts of the National Youth Assembly ahead of the preparation for this year’s event which takes place next month.

Bethany first attended the National Youth Assembly in 2013 and after a couple of years she had a break of four years.

At the end of NYA 2018 she was one of 18 delegates elected to be a youth rep and on reading through her article about her journey I realised that this was a positive and productive year for her where she had her voice heard and had been listened to in many places.

Bethany’s article is just one way that the Life and Work reaches out to people of all ages.

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



128th Glasgow Company The Boys’ Brigade Company & Senior Sections



Dear All,

As I type this, we are all taking a well-earned rest before preparations begin for the 2019/2020 Session.

Our 81st Annual Display was held in May (which seems a long way back now). A full list of trophy winners is included later in this article. Our Inspecting Officer was Mr James McVean, Secretary of The Glasgow Battalion of The Boys’ Brigade’s Director for Scotland. Jim is no stranger to the ‘128th’ or to Williamwood Church, having spoken to the Guild earlier in the session. The Guild (nationally and locally) are supporting The Boys’ Brigade in Scotland as one of their projects, and we were delighted to welcome some of the Guild to our Display as special guests.

It’s always a privilege to join others from the Battalion at the City Chambers to see the Battalion award the Queen’s Badge Certificates to the Queen’s Men (note the use of the word men, not boys) from across Glasgow (and beyond), and this year was no different.

Our two teams who were entered in the Kilbryde Hike made it to the finish, a great achievement, especially for our younger team who included a Primary 7 boy. (The hike involves approximately 25 miles of walking, many challenges, and carrying a full kit for the weekend – tent, stove, food, etc.,).

We finished the session with a trip to Dalguise outdoor centre in Dunkeld, Perthshire. The boys attending took part in a busy weekend of activities, including Quad Biking, Abseiling, Assault Course, Robot Wars (not quite what we had envisaged?!), Survival, etc., and had a great time.

Annual Award results for session 2019 / 2020;

Trophy		Winner	Runner Up
Drummond Cup	Best All Round Boy	Cpl Callum McKenzie	Sgt Lewis Young
	Merit Awards	Sgt Ian McDonach, Cpl Euan Coyle, Pte's Kai Proctor, Jamie Waddell, Andrew Coyle & Oliver Linich	
Cluness Cup	Endeavour	National Masterteam Team	S/Sgt Cameron Griffiths, Cpl Callum McKenzie, Pte's Craig Cameron & Glen Griffiths
Iona Cross	Bible Class Participation	Pte Andrew Coyle	
Rigg Cup	Best Drilled Senior	Pte Stewart Cheng	Sgt Ian McDonach
Bute Cup	Best Drilled Intermediate	Pte Kai Proctor	Pte Harris McKinven
Leggat Cup	Best Drilled Recruit	Pte Andrew Brown	Pte Harry Ross
Macbeth Cup	Best Piper	Sgt Ian McDonach	
McKay Shield	Most Improved Piper	Pte Angus Stewart	
McPhedran Shield	Most Improved Drummer	No award this year	
Athletics Trophy	Athletic Achievement	Sgt Ian McDonach	Pte Stewart Cheng
Kerr Cup	Best Footballer	No award this year	
Best Squad	Attendance & Inspection	Squad Four: Sgt Lewis Young, L/Cpl Luke Webster, Pte's Jamie Waddell, Michael Hill and Andrew Brown	
Attendance Awards	Perfect Attendance	No award this year	
	Regular Attendance (less than 6 absences)	Sgt's Ian McDonach & Lewis Young, Cpl's Euan Coyle & Callum McKenzie, Privates Stewart Cheng, Andrew Coyle, Glen Griffiths, Oliver Linich, Kai Proctor & Jamie Waddell.	
President's Badges		Cpl's Euan Coyle & Callum McKenzie L/Cpl Keir Hird	
Queen's Badge		Sgt's Ian McDonach & Lewis Young and Pte's Stewart Cheng and Matthew Sproat.	

The display time would see the retirement of two of our officers; Tom Proctor (Company Section) and Donald Young (Junior Section), both gentlemen have served the company for many years, and we are indebted to them both for their time and support for the '128'. We expressed our thanks and appreciation at the respective displays / prizegiving, and trust you will keep in touch. Whilst we are losing two experienced officers, we are delighted to be welcoming two new 'officers' who are joining the Junior Section staff; Miss Rachel Gordon and Miss Lauren Linich, you could say both come from "BB families" and we are delighted that they have accepted the invitation to join the staff.

Looking forward to next Session, all sections will resume (as they normally do) for their formal session in the first week in September, and we will welcome all boys to

any of the sections. For more details please contact myself as below. We will, as always, be delighted to hear from anyone who can help the Boys' Brigade by way of their time or their talents, if you have a talent that you think will be of interest and benefit to our boys, please do not hesitate to get in touch with myself, at the number below.

Whilst we are obviously looking to recruit boys in all age groups, we are particularly keen to bolster the numbers of the boys in our Anchor Boys Section (this is for boys in Primaries 1, 2 and 3) and Junior Section (Primaries 4, 5, and 6) so if you have any sons, grandsons, nephews or neighbours who could come along, please encourage them to do so or get in touch with myself for more details.

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

Mark Gordon

Company Captain

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THE BOYS' BRIGADE



In view of the small number of boys we had last year we didn't have a Display but concluded the session with the annual awards presentation to the boys, where the Guest of Honour was Mr Fergus Cook. The following boys won an award, which was presented by Mr Cook.

Silver Medals for Attendance - James Bryars, Callum MacKinnon, Craig Melvin, Euan Scrimgeour & Hamish Wyper (for attendance on Monday nights and at Church parades)

Gold Medals for Attendance - Alex Dell & Ross Gordon (for attendance on Monday nights, at Church parades but also for attending Sunday School)

Best Group: "Porsche" - Euan Scrimgeour (Leader), Craig Melvin, James Bryars & Ross Gordon

Lomondside Trophy: Winner - Alex Dell (this year the boys had to design a "car for the future" and we were looking for them to be creative with their design)

Linich Cup: Winner - Hamish Wyper (an award based on knowledge of the Christian faith)

Best Junior: Winner - Alex Dell

Best Intermediate: Winner - Hamish Wyper

Best Senior: Winner - Euan Scrimgeour

Best All Round Boy: Winner - Hamish Wyper

Unfortunately, at the end of last session one of our Staff, Mr Donald Young, retired after 15 years of service to the "128", not just as a Junior Section Officer but also serving as the Chair of the Parents' Association for a spell. We thank Donald for all his work for the "128". We have two new members of staff starting in the new session, Rachel Gordon & Lauren Linich, both from families with strong and longstanding BB connections and we welcome them on to our staff.

We are now looking forward to the new session, which starts on Monday 2 September at 6.45pm in the Church Halls. All boys in primaries 4, 5 & 6 are welcome and will enjoy a variety of activities of interest, value and fun whilst in the BB. If you know of any boy who doesn't have a BB connection, why not encourage him to join the "128"? I am more than happy to discuss the Junior Section with the parents of any potential member.

Ross McGhee 638 4883

Officer-in-Charge, Junior Section



Coffee Mates meet the Tea Set



Can you believe it, we are half-way through our 2019 summer session so if you have not yet managed along we would love to see you at our next get together [after you receive this edition of Inspire].

We meet fortnightly between 10am and 11.30am and our August dates are 13th and 27th so now is your chance to catch up on all the chat, enjoy a really good hot cup of coffee or tea with a biscuit or two – all of this for a small donation - and meet up with friends old and new.

We continue until 24th September and we really are missing you.

So, please accept this invitation, come along and bring your friends and neighbours with you.

Margo King



Doors Open starts again at the beginning of September when the Church is open Monday to Friday from 10am until 11.30am.

At present we have a team of 22 people and we must work in pairs. If you, or anyone you know, would like to join us please let me know. It does not matter if there are some days which do not suit you or if you only want to do 2 days a month - I will mark that on your card and you will get a copy every two months with the Rota printed on it.

We really could do with quite a few new helpers and it would be nice to hear from you.

Sheena McLean

E-mail: ken.mclean@talktalk.net

Tel: 0141 638 1686

THE GUILD

Our outing to Burns Cottage and Museum on May 14th was wonderful. We all enjoyed going through the cottage which was very interesting. The museum is fabulous - we could have spent all day there, however our time was limited because of having afternoon tea which was first class. The weather was kind to us, so all in all, a great day out.



On June 22nd we had our afternoon/strawberry tea and again this was greatly enjoyed by all who attended.

Dates for your diary

8th - 15th September - Guild Week

1st October - Opening night and Communion

15th October - Project - Journeying Together

29th October - Fergus Cook

Please come and join us - you will be made very welcome.



In June we welcomed three visitors from our Kwenderana partnership in Malawi. They came to join in the life of the four churches in our half of the partnership. Re. Isaac Molongo, Victoria Queen Nkhata and Crissie Mhango were interested in how we conduct our services and the additional activities that take place in our churches. We in turn learned about their services, the school, and the hospital and were surprised at the numbers attending Church services and school. It seems unlikely that we would adopt the idea of a Sunday service starting at 7.30 am and lasting for 2 hours nor would our teachers like a primary class of 60-70 children.

The Rev. Isaac Molongo was taken to Hampden Park to the international between Scotland and Cyprus and thoroughly enjoyed the football but had never seen so many people gathered in the one place before. The ladies could not believe there could be so many cars on the roads, a not uncommon concern for many living here.

We had many serious conversations with our visitors who were anxious to tell us that they wanted to be self sufficient and not reliant on handouts many of which were not what was required.

The bee hive project is now giving a profit which is going into a fund to help with education where it is required.

The Maize Mill which was built with a legacy from a member of Giffnock South Church is saving time, giving employment and raising money for the community.

The contentious issue of sponsorship was discussed in depth and at length and will now be considered by the Kwenderana Committee here.

The visit finished with time at 121 George Street, Edinburgh, the offices of the Church of Scotland where the 12 days here were considered to have been a great success.

Morag Young, Isobel Pitkethly and Scott Ratcliffe



We welcomed Crissie Mhango and Victoria Queen Nkhata to Williamwood Church on Sunday 16th June. They are visiting here with Rev. Isaac Molongo from Ekwendeni as part of the Kwenderana Partnership.

Pictures also include Rev Jan Mathieson, Rev Alastair Cherry, Morag Young and Sarah Alexander





First of all, a huge thank you to everyone who assisted with the "house-to-house" collection back in May. Thanks also to the members of the congregation who handed in donation envelopes. The total amount raised in our part of the Parish (we cover 65% of it, St Aidan's do the other 35%) was £942 (£914 last year and £1,040 in 2017). We had expected the total to be down again this year

as a few years ago the law on charities collecting from houses displaying "no cold calling" notices changed and we are no longer allowed to collect from them. We also didn't have enough collectors to cover all of our area again this year. It was, therefore, a much better result than we expected so thanks again to everyone who helped.

Forthcoming events planned are as follows:-

Sponsored Swim - Saturday 5 October 2019 (evening) in Eastwood Baths (see below)

Art Exhibition & Sale - Saturday 14 March 2020 in Carmichael Halls

Christian Aid Week - Sunday 10 to Saturday 16 May 2020

The Clarkston Committee's annual Sponsored Swim is on Saturday 5 October in Eastwood Baths. Swimmers may complete up to 20 lengths of the pool at any time convenient to them between 6pm and 7.30pm. Armbands can be worn but children under 8 years of age need to have a competent adult swimmer accompanying them. Sponsor Forms and more information on the event will be available from either Anne or Ross from early September.

Anne Clark 644 4776

Ross McGhee 638 4883

Christian Aid Representatives

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

CHURCH FLOWERS

A big **thank you** to those listed below who are providing the flowers in the Church over the next three months. They are always appreciated by those in the Church and those who receive them after each service on Sunday.

August

4 th	Alastair Denholm	638 2939
11 th	Lillian Broadley	
18 th	Evelyn Wallace	638 3490
25 th	Christine Kemp	638 2935

September

1 st		
8 th	Irene Russell	638 6795
15 th	Grant Keyes	07743 166275
22 nd	Ethel Campbell	639 2199
29 th	Irene Nimmo	638 2079

October

6 th		
13 th	Sandra and Angus Fraser	639 4376
20 th	Anne Hodge	6381199
27 th	Tony Drysdale	638 0438



MONTHLY CAR ROTA (same every month)

1 st Sunday	Anne Buchanan	639 0020	Mary Montgomery	258 8447	VACANT	
2 nd Sunday	Fiona Gunning	577 5761	Anne Hiddleston	639 3594	VACANT	
3 rd Sunday	Elizabeth Purvis	620 3529	Gordon King	638 5425	VACANT	
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	Anne Reid	638 5267



The Events team are holding an open quiz night on Saturday 5th of October and are looking for any donations for the raffle which will be held on that night. If you can help with this we would be very grateful.

Please hand any donations to Jerry Taylor or any other Events team member.

(More Information on the quiz is in the dates to remember)

Many Thanks

GARDENING UPDATE

Well so far this summer season we have had most Tuesdays dry, however the midges have been abundant and hungry. Gardening nights have been productive, fun and very well attended. Everyone has worked hard to maintain and improve our gardens and we hope to continue with this for another few weeks.



Our last gardening dates of the season are 13th and 27th of August and then a final tidy up on 10th of September..... **Weather Permitting! (No rain dancing permitted on these dates!!)**

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who came along on gardening nights for your hard work and enthusiasm. Without your help the gardens would not look as well kept and it would be much more of a chore.

Joan Black



*Williamwood Parish
Church
Invitation to the
Sacrament of the Lords
Supper*

We look forward to seeing you on
Sunday 1st September
11.00am – 12.00md
and / or
12.30pm – 1.00pm
in the Iona Chapel

Williamwood Parish Church Coffee Mates Meet the Tea Set

Alternate Tuesday Mornings in the Session House

The remaining dates this Summer

13th and 27th of August

10th and 24th of September

From 10am until 11.30am

**Come along and bring your
friends and neighbours
to enjoy lots of chat over coffee/tea and
a biscuit or two**

No charge, just a small donation

Enter via the Vardar Avenue door

ALL ARE WELCOME



Williamwood Church's Last Summer Concert Of the 2019 Season is on

Sunday 25th of August

*Featuring Musicians from the
Conservatoire and Glasgow*

*Entry is by Donation, with
Refreshments Being Served
in the Large Hall
after the Concert*

Williamwood Parish Church, 4 Vardar Avenue, Clarkston, Glasgow G76 7QP
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**QUIZ
NIGHT**

At Williamwood Church

On Saturday 5th of October at 7.30pm

JOIN US AS AN INDIVIDUAL OR MAKE UP YOUR OWN TEAM OF FOUR
£5 PER ADULT, £3 FOR SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN
OR £15 PER FAMILY

SUPPER IS INCLUDED
AND A GLASS OF WINE OR BEER CAN BE PURCHASED

The Next Inspire is due out in November
Please submit articles by Sunday 20th October 2019

Inspire Caveat: With the exception of the contact details at the end, the Inspire is published on our website. Please note if you are submitting an article and wish something not to appear online please indicate this on submission.

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)

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**Williamwood
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HARVEST THANKSGIVING

Members of the congregation wishing to donate harvest goods for the benefit of the needy of Glasgow are invited to bring them along to the morning service at 11.00am
They will be gratefully received during the service

**Sunday
6th of
October**

Listed below are items which will be useful in the care of the above.

CANNED

Soup
Meat
Fish
Vegetables
Puddings
Fruit
Custard
Pastas

DRIED

Breakfast Cereal
Soup
Biscuits
Fruit
Rice
Sugar
Pastas
Oats

DRINKS

Tea
Coffee
Fruit Juice

OTHER

Preservatives
Toiletries

NO OUT OF DATE OR HOMEMADE GOODS PLEASE

The proposed centres we are supporting this year are Talbot Association, Wayside Centre and the local Food Bank.

Monetary donations can also be made to support Farm Africa and envelopes will be available at the end of each pew.

Thank you for your continued support.

Helen McKenzie

Sunday School Outing to Strathaven Park



Great fun had by all

