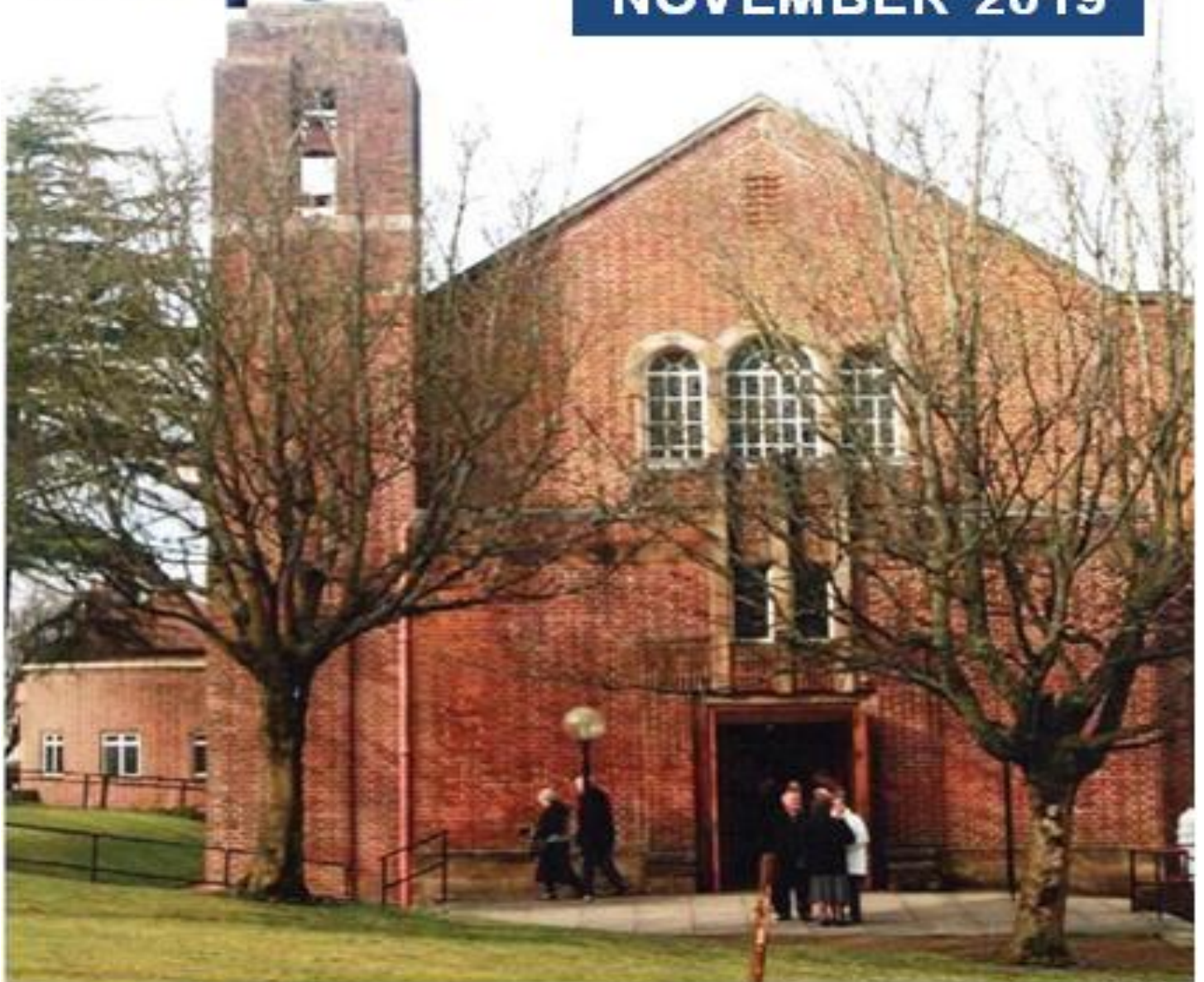


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GETTING READY FOR CHRISTMAS



As the shops seem to pressurise us into thinking about getting ready for Christmas ever earlier, at Williamwood we are offering some suggestions to help us think about what it all means and what it is we are really doing

Approaching Advent - some Mondays & Thursdays in November

Alternativity: Just God, Simply Christmas

Join us at Eastwood Health Centre as we think about getting back to the heart of the Christmas message through discussion of traditions; how we celebrate and more. Tea, coffee and snacks available to purchase

Thursdays 7, 14, 21, 28th November 1.45- 3pm

If you'd prefer 'time out' in the evening, join us at the Overlee where we'll also be discussing the same topics. Food and drinks available to purchase

Mondays 4, 11, 18, 25th November 7.45- 9pm

Both Mondays and Thursdays above will be led by Rev Jan Mathieson and Fergus Cook: Williamwood Parish Church.

Advent Season - as we go through December and days of preparation

Advent Studies at St Aidan's

Come along to St Aidan's on 4 Wednesdays at 11am beginning on 27th November to explore more deeply the little town of Bethlehem through the eyes and experience of 4 Biblical characters : Rachel, Ruth, David and Jesus

Led by David Cameron : St Aidan's Scottish Episcopal Church

Sign Up for Daily Advent Reflections by email

Embrace the Middle East offers you 25 moments of stillness during Advent for personal reflection

Sign up at www.embraceme.org/Advent-emails



ADVENT





From the Manse.....

Dear Friends,

The smallest unit of time ever measured is said to be *100 attoseconds*: a billion, billionths of a second.

It felt as if it took not much longer than that, recently, for me to go from wheeling my bin along the path at the side of the manse to landing in a heap on the ground with the bin on top of me!

I'm hugely grateful that one of our young folk was passing a few seconds later and was able to rescue me – though I did end up spending the night in hospital: a first time for everything!

I have since been learning to walk again insofar as a sprained knee will allow – and now time seems much longer. *It'll just take time* people from health professionals to friends tell me as they watch me trying to use a walking stick.

I'm grateful to everyone for their help and good wishes and I'm pleased to say that I am, literally, getting back on my feet even if I often feel it's not quickly enough.

This enforced time when things have to be done at a slower pace, taking more time than usual, has made me think a bit about how we use time.

Often we are rushing around and we deprive ourselves of time for relaxation and of time spent with other people. Sometimes it is good to reflect on what is important and what other things can wait; good to distinguish between what we need to do and what other things cause unnecessary stress or anxiety.

As we approach Christmas time again, many folk find themselves under pressure – to put together the perfect Christmas; to cook the perfect turkey; to find the perfect presents; to be perfectly prepared and organised and as good or better than everyone else at producing the perfect Christmas 'experience'.

In the weeks leading up to Advent we're offering some relaxed sessions of *Alternativity* – discussions about doing Christmas differently and in a way that doesn't put us under pressure to spend money or to meet unrealistic expectations.

Then in the weeks leading up to Christmas there will be the opportunity to engage in some Bible studies that help us delve into what happened in Bethlehem so long ago.

You can also sign up to receive daily Advent reflections from *Embrace the Middle East*: a time each day to set aside and take time out of the ordinary and of the extraordinary rush that Christmas preparations can become.

Of course, we have all the usual services and events of which you'll find details elsewhere in this magazine. We hope you will come along to as many of them as you can – and that you'll bring others with you.

It was at Christmas that God entered human time – and changed our times for ever. The present and the eternal became one and we begin to understand that we live our lives not just through a span of years but in the context of eternity as yet unfathomable to us.

My times are in thy hand, says a hymn that is less familiar these days than it deserves to be. It reminds us that throughout all time, no matter what may happen in it, we can rely utterly on our eternal and caring God whose Love came down at Christmas and is with us and for us always:

My times are in thy hand:

My God, I wish them there;

My life, my friends, my soul I leave

Entirely to thy care

May you find time to discover the presence and the peace of God in your life now, in the coming weeks and always.

Jan
(Parish Minister)

At this time of year our thoughts turn to many things. Summer has drawn to a close, at least here in Scotland, we have thought about the harvest and all the good things of the earth that sustain us. Every time harvest comes around I think on the expression 'you reap what you sow'. This expression has so many connotations for us as Christians, not just the physical harvest of crops and produce but of souls who have come to discover the joy and comfort of faith in the Lord. With this in mind I thought I would share with you an excerpt from Christian Life Ministry with James Kaiser. It is all about what we sow.....



For the Garden of Your Daily Living

Plant Three Rows of Peas
Peace of Mind
Peace of Heart
Peace of Soul

Plant Four Rows of Squash
Squash Gossip
Squash Indifference
Squash Grumbling
Squash Selfishness

Plant Four Rows of Lettuce
Lettuce be Faithful
Lettuce be Kind
Lettuce be Patient
Lettuce Really Love One Another

No Garden is Complete without Turnip
Turnip for Meetings
Turnip for Services
Turnip to Help One Another

To Conclude Our Garden Must Have Thyme
Thyme for Each Other
Thyme for Family
Thyme for Friends

Water freely with patience and cultivate with love.

There will be as much fruit in our gardens as we decide to sow. The great thing about this type of planting is that we are not confined to a particular season to begin planting but this also means that we are allowed to reap what we have sown all year round.

***God Bless,
Fergus***



Heard on the Radio 4 Sunday morning service by
Jimmy Craig

"For GOD so loved the World that he **didn't** send a COMMITTEE."

Jimmy was not sure if he was brave enough to put this in the Inspire magazine but it was suggested that I got a committee together and we discussed this prior to making the final decision!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Farewell to Fergus

It hardly seems any time at all since Fergus Cook joined us at Williamwood as our Probationer Assistant Minister and yet, at the end of November, he comes to the end of his official fifteen month placement with us.

I'm pleased to say Fergus is going to stay with us for an additional month and so will be here throughout December and all our Advent and Christmas services and activities.

After that, however, we must say farewell for then Fergus will be taking up his own charge (as yet unknown) and will be ordained into the Ministry of Word and Sacrament.

I know that, like me, you will have enjoyed and appreciated all Fergus has done for us and with us during his time at Williamwood. I have enjoyed working with him in preparing services, school assemblies, Bible studies and generally sharing the work of ministry here. I know many of you have appreciated his visits to your homes or when you were in hospital. He has helped us renew our links with Lodging House Mission and has helped us to think about what we do and what we need to do going forward as a congregation.

We have enjoyed seeing him grow into the role of minister and I'm sure no-one can be in any doubt that any congregation will be richly blessed to have him as their minister.

We will all miss his contribution – even if we won't miss his jokes so much!

In thanking him for his commitment and contribution, we wish him – along with his wife and family – every blessing for the future, whatever it may hold.



We will be able to extend to him our good wishes at a Farewell Lunch we are planning for after the service on Sunday 22nd December, starting about 12.15pm and finishing about 2pm. There promises to be sandwiches and cake as well as the usual tea, coffee and juice and we hope lots of you will be able to attend to say farewell to Fergus as he moves to pastures new.

There is no charge for the lunch but it would be helpful to have an idea of numbers attending for catering purposes so it would be good that those intending to come along sign up on sheets which will be available in Church or let your elder know to add you to the list.

We hope Fergus will keep in touch and we look forward to hearing where his new congregation will be. We might even take a Williamwood Supporters' Bus to his ordination service – watch this space!

Jan

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 1st 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)

You might want to spend some time together as you pass the figures on enjoying mince pies and/or conversation and as there are prayers which accompany the figures there's an opportunity to pray together if you wish.

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.

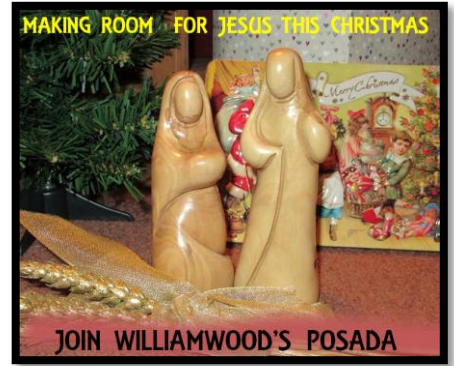
The Posada, or *Las Posadas*, originates from Spain and other Spanish speaking countries such as Mexico.

Posada means stopping place and between 16th and 24th December a procession of people, often led by a child will go to the houses of neighbours or friends asking to be let in. The people in the procession carry candles or lights and a figure of Mary and Joseph. Only at the third house each evening do they gain entry. When they go in there is great rejoicing and a time of worship. It's not difficult to see the echoes of the story of first Christmas in this tradition.

After the last Posada on 24th December everyone goes together to the service in the local Church.

It's a tradition that brings the community together and helps people prepare for and then celebrate Christmas.

Come along to Williamwood Church on one or all of the Sundays in Advent and join in our Posada, helping us to prepare to celebrate the great good news of Christmas: God with us.



Feliz Navidad – Happy Christmas!

CHARITY CHRISTMAS CARDS

Many of us like to support a variety of charities when we buy our Christmas cards and many of us like to have some cards, at least, with images of the Christian story of Christmas : not easy to find in supermarkets!

It can be expensive to buy from a variety of catalogues when you add post & packing charges to each order.

So we're grateful to the Fairtrade Team who, once again, are taking orders for a variety of charities. By collating the orders they can ensure they order sufficient quantity to avoid these charges.

If you'd like to place an order speak to the team in the Large Hall after Sunday services. They will place orders and then let you know when your cards arrive so you can collect them also on Sundays in the Large Hall.

Catalogues and cards are available from Crossreach; Traidcraft; Embrace the Middle East; Lodging House Mission and others.

Jan

And Following on from above.....



Distribution of Christmas cards

I am looking for someone to take over the distribution of Christmas cards. This task is clustered over a short period of time and takes a few evenings. If anyone is interested in taking this on please speak to Moira McGeoch. I will be happy to work with anyone taking over to show them what is involved.

Moira McGeoch 638 5437

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

SARAH ALEXANDER IN SOUTH KOREA

In August, I spent a full week in South Korea attending the Pilgrimage of Justice & Peace, where I spent time travelling with Christians from all around the world exploring areas of Seoul, Gwang-ju, Nogeun-ri & Paju. I had an amazing time learning about the Korean Peninsula, the history between North & South Korea, and why it is important for us to learn about peace issues in different parts of the world. I am very grateful to have had the opportunity to attend this Pilgrimage, as I made many friends along the way and we are still in touch today sharing our stories with one another through social media.

Having only been outside of the U.K once, I was surprised by how little I knew of the history of Korea. I look back now and realise the significance of the places we visited, and I find myself doing more research now to further my knowledge on what I learned on the trip. I went through a rollercoaster of emotions during the week, but every evening we were in small groups to have a reflection on what we visited during the day.

When I think back on the trip, I am glad that mainly happy memories spring to mind. It was difficult at times when learning about various massacres, uprisings & the way people were treated, because of the amount of people that suffered and died during these events. When we came together in worship, it made me think about how a group of people can be brought together through the love of God and prayer.

Our closing worship was a bitter-sweet experience. We all had an amazing last night the night before, and we had a beautiful morning service which closed with communion. In this case, the sharing of peace after taking the sacrament was also where we said our goodbyes to one another. It was definitely the longest communion I have ever experienced, but I was feeling very joyful and blessed to have had the opportunity to spend one week with an amazing group of people.

This photograph was taken at Dorasan Train Station in the DMZ (Demilitarized Zone).

It used to have a train connecting North & South Korea





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 2nd November from 9.45-11.30am. There will be hot filled rolls. 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. 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 Bring a Gift Service has been arranged for Sunday 8th December. The Nativity is on Sunday 22nd December 2019. Full information will be handed out to the children regarding these events.

Maureen McCulloch

Superintendent (639 5939)

Our Doors are Open

Come in and visit us

Monday to Friday from 10am until 11.30am



For information or if you can help out please contact - *Sheena McLean*
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Joan Black



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



Dear All,

Session 19/20 is well under way, and there have been a few changes to how we are operating. With our numbers lower than we want them to be, fifteen boys between the two sections, we have reviewed our programme and made a few adjustments. Our Friday night programme now incorporates a period of 'Reflections', a short period of time when the boys and officers sit together to listen and discuss a Bible passage, with prayer – this is replacing the traditional Sunday morning Bible Class on a trial period. There are only a handful of BB Companies within the Battalion still operating with a Sunday Bible Class, in what is challenging times for many BB Companies. In a positive side we are able to discuss and bring the Word to all of the boys, as we had been struggling to compete for their time on a Sunday morning. Our classes on Friday nights are worked around this, and as I type ahead of a Friday night, I know some boys will be enjoying take away pizza as they watch a film, others will be learning about CPR and others will be attempting to make their own ice cream!

Another change, after 14 years of running a mini bus, we have decided that we can no longer justify the expense of running a bus with all the costs that this incurs, and the big transit mini bus will be passed on to a new owner in the near future. A good number of people helped us financially and practically when we bought this bus, and we are extremely grateful for all the help and support that was shown when we purchased the bus, and in helping us maintain it over the years. Whatever price we are able to sell the bus for will, of course, go back into the 128 BB's funds.

The most important part of our work, is ensuring we are doing all we can to attract, entertain, educate and challenge the boys. We have a great group of boys, and we want the numbers to increase! If you have a chance to encourage a boy (directly, or through his parents) to come along, we are always happy to have them. We need everyone's help to increase our numbers (in all sections, from P1 to Secondary 6).

This session we will be participating in District, Battalion and National events and competitions, last session saw boys play badminton in Dundee and Inverness, and compete in a UK final against boys from Northern Ireland and England, great and memorable experiences. Following a great evening hosted by "Show Racism the Red Card" last session, we are looking at other options for this session as well as activities that will take us out of the Church Halls and see some us undertake new activities.

On the badge front, we will be helping and encouraging the boys to work through the various options, and look forward to (hopefully) presenting three Queen's Badges and two President's Badges later in the session to our older boys, and an array of badges through the younger ages.

Our Parents' Association are 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

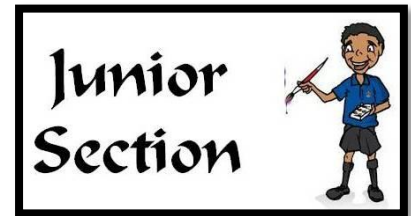
Company Captain

(Tel: 0141 585 4951)

the128.bb@ntlworld.com

THE BOYS' BRIGADE

Some good news and some bad news!



First, 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 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. For the badges that the boys can earn, the B.B. have introduced a new awards programme this year, which is more modern and far better than the one we used to have.

The bad news - we currently have only 6 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 BOYS' BRIGADE ANCHOR BOYS

Back for a new session with 3 new boys joining us from Giffnock South. Whilst it is sad to see any other sections failing, I am glad they came to Williamwood as we could have been in a very similar situation.



We now have 8 boys in the section across Primary 2 and 3 but it would be great to see more from Primary 1,2 and 3 to increase our numbers and ensure the viability of the section going forward.

Our leaders are as enthusiastic as ever and we are looking forward to a fun packed session working through the Anchor Boys award scheme.

If you know of any boys who would like to come along and see what we do then please feel free to encourage them to do so or contact me via email at theanchorboys@hotmail.co.uk

David Ratcliffe (Officer in Charge)

3rd WILLIAMWOOD BROWNIES

We started back on the 4th September and from that date on we have been welcoming new recruits as they turn 7. We are delighted to be, once again, running to full capacity but were very disappointed that less than a quarter of the unit were able to attend the Dedication service on the 15th September.



We have welcomed back an ex Brownie, Eve Ballantyne, who is volunteering with us as part of her Bronze Duke of Edinburgh award work. An extra pair of hands is just what we need as we work each week on the new Unit Meeting Activities and Skills Builders associated with one of the six themes: Know Myself, Express Myself, Be Well, Have Adventures, Take Action and Skills for my Future.

When a Brownie does any activity, badge or award from our programme, she'll be developing her skills in one of the themes. The themes stay the same through every section of guiding. So a girl can start to develop a skill as a Rainbow, build on it as a Brownie and Guide. The longer she stays in guiding the fuller her experience will be.

The Themes we have chosen to concentrate on so far are: **Know Myself** where the Brownies explore emotions and learn about themselves. They'll look at what they enjoy, build confidence and discover how feelings affect behaviour.

Be Well Girls learn how to stay healthy and how to help others when they're hurt.

The Brownies will explore the world through our programme's six themes. Everything they do as part of our new programme will fit into a theme.

As well as our Brownie programme work we have plenty of time for fun and games! We are holding our Hallowe'en Party on 30th October and have Christmas Craft to look forward to, organised by Mrs Morag Young, at the beginning of December. We're finishing off for the Christmas Break with The Pantomime visit, on Sunday the 15th of December. It's a very popular outing with the Brownies and we greatly appreciate the fact that the Church pays for the buses to and from the Panto!

Lorna, Fiona, Karen, Kirsty, Lindsay and Kate (The Owls)

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 GUILD

Our new session commenced on 1st October with a communion service followed by the introduction of our theme 'Companions on the Road'.

On the 15th October Pat Munro spoke to us about the project 'Journeying together' which was about empowering teenage mothers in Zambia.



Dates for your diary:

October 29th - SLA in India - a talk given by Fergus Cook

November 12th - Holmwood House - a talk by Jean McDonald

November 26th - a demonstration, by our very own Maureen Hopkinson, of Christmas Cake decorations

December 11th - Christmas dinner at Cathcart Castle Golf Club

January 7th - a talk by Moira McGeoch about her holiday to Cambodia and Vietnam

January 21st - Scottish dancers and Burns songs

February 4th - exercises with Lorna Preece

Communication Update



As you will have noticed we are trying to reduce the amount of paper we are using and to this end are only including “one liners” in the weekly order of Services Sheet. There will be space in the Monthly Diary Dates for groups and organisations to communicate their information, and Evelyn needs to be given this information by the last Sunday of each month. Diary dates will be added in full on the website too. Let Evelyn Wallace know if you wish her to include you in the email list.

Most of the people in this area receive a copy of the Community Magazine and we are trying to include something from Williamwood Church most months. If you or your organisation wants anything added, either an article or a diary date, please contact Aileen Montgomery or Joan Black. You will need to give at least one calendar months notice to ensure things are included.

The Website and Facebook pages are a great way of advertising what your group or organisation is doing to a much larger audience. If you want anything added to either of these please contact Joan Black.

Take the time to have a look at our notice boards, they are in the Vardar Road and Seres Road entrances and are kept up to date as much as possible. Posters are in place for our own Church as well as the wider Church and Presbytery.

Tea and Coffee Rota 2020

The 2020 rota for tea and coffee after Church will be put up in the kitchen at the beginning of December.

This is an excellent opportunity not only to highlight your organisation or group, but also to raise funds for either yourselves or for a charity of your choice.



It is such an important time of fellowship for those in the congregation who enjoy the tea and coffee so please add your name to the rota in the kitchen and keep this going throughout the year.

Thank you

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



Kwenderana Education

After in depth discussions with the minister of Ekwendeni congregation, the secretary and the treasurer of the Kwenderana Partnership in Malawi, the committee of the local partnership has decided that better use can be made of the goodwill donations we receive from our congregations. We are extremely grateful to the members of our four churches who have generously supported many students through their four years of secondary education and we will continue to sponsor those who are currently being supported till they complete their school years.

However acknowledging the wishes of those in Ekwendeni, and following guidance from Church of Scotland it has been decided that a fund be set up solely for education purposes but administered by the Kirk Session in Ekwendeni. This will give them the opportunity to make their own decisions and because they are on the spot give assistance where and when it is required.

The people in Ekwendeni are very grateful for all our help and this is a step forward to them being more independent which is something they long to be.

We as a committee hope we can call on your support in making this new initiative a success and will keep our congregations up dated on our next steps.

Meanwhile any contributions, however small, will be gratefully received by any member of the Kwenderana committee.

Morag Young, Isobel Pitkethly and Scott Ratcliffe



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 9 swimmers out of a total of 37. 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 amount 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 14th March 2020 in Carmichael Hall

Christian Aid Week - Sunday 10th to Saturday 16th May 2020

The Clarkston Committee are looking for a new Treasurer. It's not a particularly busy role although it can be fairly busy for a short spell following our Art Exhibition. There are only 7 Committee meetings a year and they take place in Williamwood. If you are interested in the role, or know of someone who might be, or even just want to find out a bit more about it in the first place, please speak to Anne or Ross.

Anne Clark 644 4776

Ross McGhee 638 4883

Christian Aid Representatives

The McKay Marathon

To everyone who gave so generously to our Marathon Fund last April in memory of Douglas McKay, a big **'THANK YOU'**

The total raised was just over £8,000 which was donated to the Prince and Princess of Wales Hospice in summer.

Colin, Joanna and myself appreciated your kindness.

Thank you to all.

Aindrea McKay

CHURCH FLOWERS

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

We are always looking for help with flower delivery after the service on Sunday mornings so if you can help with this there is a small rota in the vestibule, just add your name and come along to the choir rooms after the service.

The Flower Calendar for 2020 will be available in the vestibule at the beginning of December. If you wish to provide flowers for the Church, please add your name and phone number or contact Jean Little



November

3rd	Margaret Petrie	638 7838
10th	Lorna Martin	571 8851
17 th	Anne Reid	638 5267
24th	Liz Taylor	571 9063



December

1st	Jean Fergusson	638 0250
8th	Margo and Gordon King	638 5425
15th	Anne Hiddleston	639 3594
22nd	Lorna Goudie	316 0297
29 th		



As the winter draws in it may become more challenging to provide enough drivers to uplift all those requiring lifts.
Please consider joining the team, even one week a month would be incredibly helpful. Thank you

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



**SUNDAY SCHOOL
COFFEE MORNING**

SATURDAY 2nd OF NOVEMBER

9.45am – 11.30am

REMEMBRANCE

THE REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY SERVICE WILL BE ON

SUNDAY 10TH NOVEMBER AT 10.50AM

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

On Monday 11th of November at 10.50am
An Act of Remembrance will be held at the
front of the Church
Doors will be open for refreshments before and after

Williamwood Parish Church Guild

Invite you to a Series of
Four Coffee Mornings
In the Session House



From 10am - 12noon

On Saturdays

26th of October,

9th, 16th and 23rd of November



WILLIAMWOOD PARISH CHURCH

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Saturday 30th November
10am - 12noon

COFFEE, TEA AND
HOT MINCE PIES.

HOME BAKING

BOTTLE
STALL

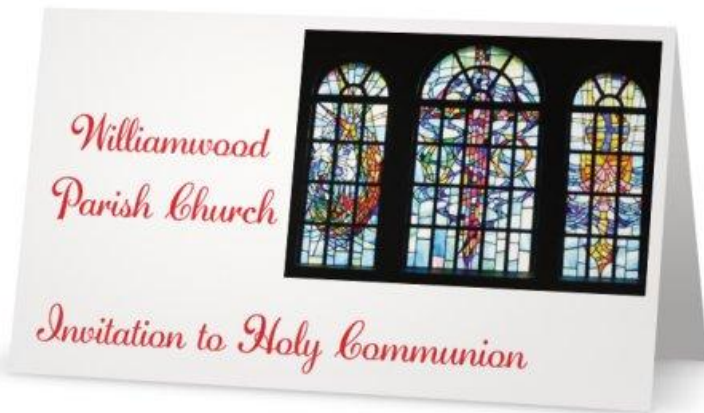
CHRISTMAS
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ADULTS £3
CHILDREN £1
Under 5'S Free

Visit
Santa's Grotto
£3.00



AND THERE'S LOTS MORE SO COME ALONG FOR SOME FESTIVE FUN



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

**The Next Inspire is due out in February
Please submit articles by Sunday 12th January**

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Two wonderful couples celebrated their Diamond Weddings recently. Our congratulations went to both.....



**Stewart and Lorna Martin
who were married on the 18th of August
1959**



**Mathew and Agnes Pearson
who were married on 3rd of September
1959**



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

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 5.20pm -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 Parish Church

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS DATES 2019



Sat 30th November - 10am - 12noon – Williamwood Church Christmas Fayre with Santa's Grotto – Look for the penguin pointing the way!

Sun 1st Dec - 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 Lord's Supper in the Iona Chapel

Week beginning 2nd December – Exploring Advent and Christmas with Carolside Primary
School P2, 384

Thur 5th Dec - 10.45am - Getting Ready for Christmas service for Clarkston Nursery, Williamwood Toddlers and all under 5s

Sun 8th Dec - 11am – Service for the Second Sunday in Advent with a Celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism

You are invited to bring a gift of toiletries, sanitary products or beauty products which will be passed on to the Lodging House Mission and other local charities

Sun 15th Dec - 11am – Service for the Third Sunday in Advent

12 noon – Members of our youth organisations and children's groups depart for a visit to the pantomime at the SEC: Snow White and the 7 Dwarfs

7pm – A Festival of Christmas in Words and Music featuring Williamwood Church Choir and musicians. This will be followed by seasonal refreshments

Sun 22nd Dec 11am – Service for the Fourth Sunday in Advent with a Nativity Play presented by the Sunday School

12.15-2pm A Farewell Lunch for our Probationer Assistant Minister Fergus Cook

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

Christmas Morning

10am – A Short Service for Christmas Morning.

Bring and Show a gift you have received



Sun 29th Dec 11am A Short Service of Favourite Carols on the last Sunday in the Year

Sun 5th Jan 2020 11am – Service for the First Sunday in the New Year followed by a short celebration of Holy Communion for those who wish to wait.



All are welcome

Please come along and join in our celebrations

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



**The wedding of Leanne Bradley to Mathew McBride
took place at Williamwood Parish Church
on Saturday 10th of August**