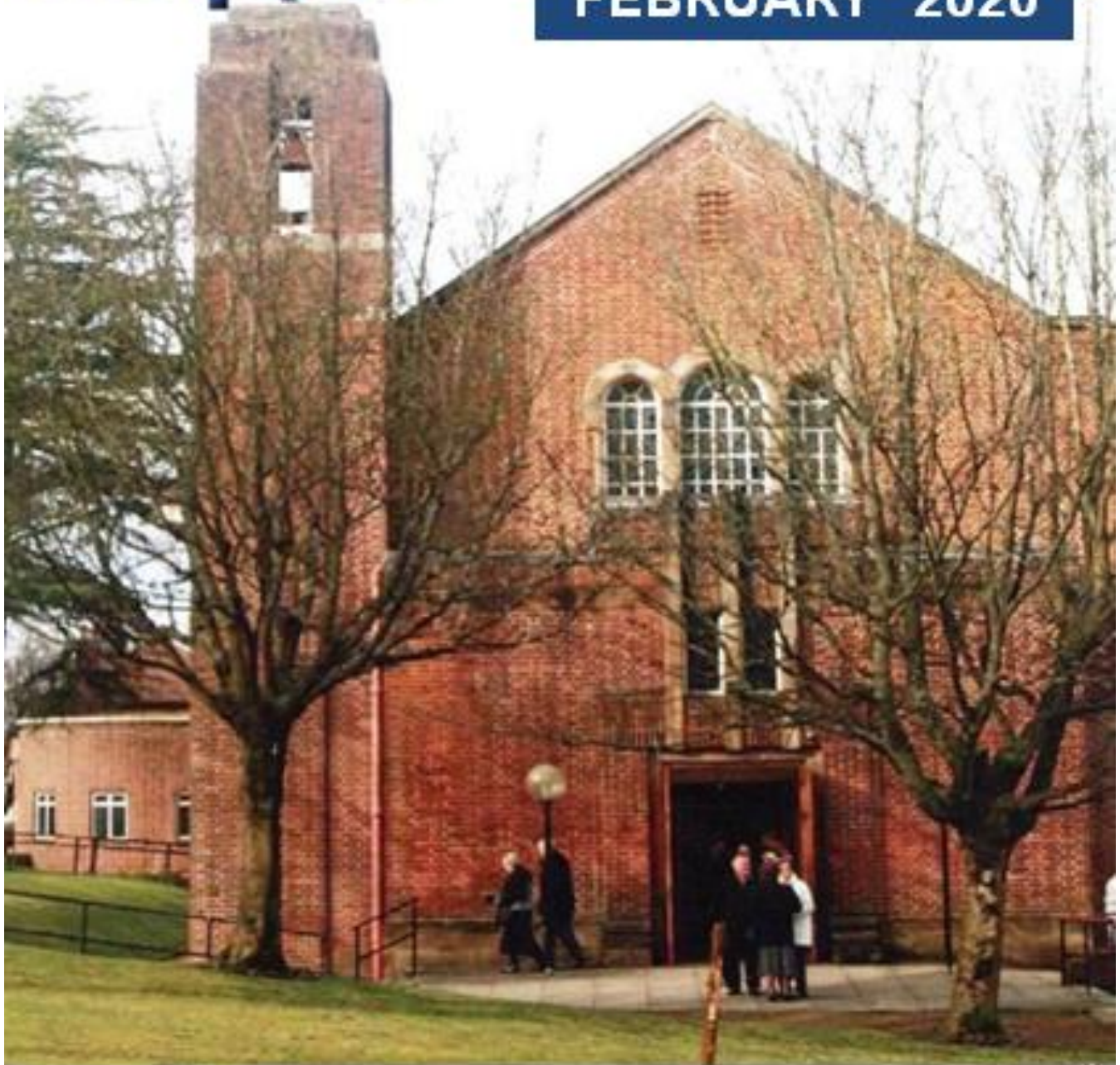


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THE CHILDREN OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL CHALKED THIS CODE AT THE ENTRANCES TO THE CHURCH AND HALLS



*The Code is in Latin and means - **Christus Mansionem Benedicat** and it is derived from an old European Epiphany tradition.*

The Presbytery Moderator, Rev Dan Carmichael asked all congregations to put this on their steps at the New Year

May Christ bless this house in 2020

Dear friends,

I would like to take this opportunity to express my huge thanks to all of you at Williamwood Parish Church who have supported me during the 16 months that I have been there as your Probationary Minister. 16 months! It seems no time at all since I was writing a brief introduction about myself and my family to you. I feel I have been blessed immensely throughout that time by sharing with you our different journeys of faith together.



My experience at Williamwood has been very affirming in my move towards becoming a minister within the Church of Scotland. I have benefited greatly from Jan's experience and she and the Kirk Session could not have done more to support me. There are so many people that are deserving of my thanks that I cannot list them all without this article appearing like Matthew's genealogy list. So instead I shall say thank you to everyone.

The farewell lunch you held for me was a wonderful opportunity to speak to many of you, not to mention to enjoy food, fellowship and a wonderful celebration cake. Everyone has been very kind with their comments of support and encouragement. I would also like to say a huge thank you for the most generous gifts that the congregation has given me. I have already enjoyed a glass of the beautiful malt whisky and will continue to savour it on special occasions. I elected to use the glasses provided rather than the lovely quaich which I now have on a bookshelf in my study, also reminding me of the time I spent with you all. I have not yet decided what to get with your most generous gift of money but I shall think carefully and make sure whatever I get will be something that will last and serve me in my ministerial career.

Everyone continues to be interested in where I shall end up next, (me too). As soon as I have any news that I can share with you I shall tell Jan who I'm sure will pass it on.

I wish all God's blessings on each and everyone of you. Williamwood Church, and by that I mean the people who make up that Church, will always be in my thoughts and prayers and I look forward to being able to come back some time in the future to share worship once again.

All my love, Fergus

(Photographs taken at the farewell lunch are on the back cover)

CHURCH ROLL UPDATE

DEATHS

A person that departs from this earth never truly leaves, for they are still alive in our hearts, through us, they live on.

2 nd November	Alastair Denholm
11 th December	Gordon Brunton
11 th December	Arthur Millar
11 th December	Eleanor Johnstone
30 th December	Bill Johnstone
30 th December	Margaret McIntyre

BAPTISM

On Sunday 8th of December Scott James Armstrong, infant son of Gail and Roy, was baptised during the service.

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



After the excitement of the Christmas season, it's lovely to have the youngsters back with all their energy. I would like to thank all the children and the teachers for making the Nativity very special.

I would also like to thank everyone involved in the production of the Nativity including the putting up of the Nativity scene, Sarah for accompanying our Nativity hymns and Ian for ensuring everyone was heard.

Before Christmas, we had the "Bring a Gift" service where the children's presents were given to Who Cares? Scotland, a charity looking after care experienced young people. The Charity are extremely grateful for our support. I would like to thank the children and their parents/guardians for their generous gifts.

Maureen McCulloch

Superintendent (639 5939)

A HUMEROUS STORY

Six-year-old Angie and her four-year-old brother Joel were sitting together during Church services. Joel giggled, sang, and talked out loud. Finally, his big sister had enough.

'You're not supposed to talk out loud in Church.'

'Why? Who's going to stop me?' Joel asked.

Angie pointed to the back of the Church and said, 'See those two men standing by the door? They're hushers.'



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*
E-mail: ken.mclean@talktalk.net
Tel: 0141638 1686



In the Life and Work in January there are many articles and you will always find something of interest to read. There were two I would like to partly share with you.

The first is by The Moderator The Rt Rev Colin Sinclair who has tried to encourage everyone to play a full part in the life of the Church.

He states that "A NEW Year and change is in the air – in our country and in our Church. Too easily change can paralyse us, making us want to hide under the blankets until it has all passed. That should not be our response. Our God delights to do new things. He is a God who keeps on the move."

The second was By The Very Rev Albert Bogle who's article titled *A Grace Filled Day* reflected on change and New Year's Day which I felt was something we could all think about.

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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,

It was with sadness that we learnt of the passing of our Honorary Captain, Alastair K Denholm. A former boy (was one of the first 'Imps' for those who remember that far back?!, Williamwood's predecessor to the current Anchor Boys Section), Officer and Captain, AKD continued to take an interest in "The 128" while serving as a Reserve Officer at District, Battalion and National Level. On a personal note, he offered support and encouragement to myself, asking about the Company's activities and supporting events. We remembered, with thanks, all of Alastair's service to our movement in our prayers, and it was good to see representatives from BB Scotland and Glasgow Battalion at his Service of Thanksgiving.

In December, we hosted one of the rounds (five rounds took place at the same time across the country) for the National Masterteam with boys from Ayrshire and Lanarkshire travelling to Williamwood to take part and compete for a place in the Scottish Final... I'm delighted and proud to say that our four boys came out on top, and progress to the Final as they endeavour to retain the title of Scottish Champions – this will be the third year in a row that the 128th have reached the Scottish Final, so a major achievement. This year's Scottish Final will be held on the 22nd of February, and we have been '*invited*' to host this event!

In the other National Competitions, a trip to Dunblane saw an end to our participation in the Table Tennis, despite a close game that went down to the final round of matches. We are still involved in the Badminton, next round at home to the 2nd Gourrock, and as I type we are 24 hours away from a trip to the 2nd Polmont for the Chess competition.

Our Friday night classes and activities have re-started for the New Year, and attendance on Friday nights is encouraging. We have three older boys working towards their Queen's Badge, and reaching the final stages of this. Following behind them we have two boys progressing towards their President's Badge. We had a night out in November to Paradise Golf at Intu Braehead, which was enjoyed by all.

In an effort to promote our Company and attract new members, we carried out a leaflet drop to every house in the Parish – a BIG THANK YOU to all the boys, officers, parents and friends who helped with this. As always, we welcome any new members, if you have a new neighbour, nephew, son, grandson, friend who is of age to join any of our sections, please encourage them to come along.

Another BIG THANK YOU goes to everyone who supported our Annual Christmas Hamper Draw, this raised over £600 for Company Funds. We greatly appreciate all the donations for the actual hampers, and just as importantly, everyone who buys a ticket. Well done to all the winners!

We are always open to new ideas / suggestions / offers for classes and activities, and if you feel you can help, or know someone who can / will, then please get in touch.

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)

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THE BOYS' BRIGADE

Just before Christmas we joined the Church's other youth organisations for a trip to the pantomime, "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" at the Clyde Auditorium, which the boys seemed to enjoy.

Between writing this article and Inspire being issued some of the boys will have taken part in the Glasgow Battalion Sports Competition at the Emirates Arena. After that it's the Battalion's Swimming Gala at Castlemilk Baths. I'm sure the boys who were in these events will have done well and will have enjoyed taking part.

Since the start of the year the boys have continued to work hard with their Achievements (Badge Work) and our only Junior this year (1st year boy – Sam Endall) was recently awarded his first badge in the Junior Section. Well done Sam! As you can imagine he had a huge smile on his face when he was given his badge! Once we get towards the end of the session hopefully Sam will earn his second badge and all of the boys in the other two age groups will earn the badges that are available to them.



Finally, as I mentioned in the last edition of Inspire we currently have only a small number of 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". There is no problem with a boy joining mid-way through the session. 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 first and second Rainbows groups are now running together on a Thursday night 6.30-7.30 pm. This change happened at the end of October and is working well for both groups. This change occurred as we have a much smaller 2nd Rainbows group at present and also a difficulty in having enough leaders for a 5.20pm start.

The girls enjoyed a varied programme in the first term with a mix of the new programme for Rainbows and the traditional nights such as our Halloween and Christmas parties.

The term was rounded off nicely with a visit to the pantomime. The girls, leaders and parent helpers, whom we couldn't have done without, all enjoyed it and thank the Church for providing the transport once again.

We are now back for our second term and have interest badges and skill builders unit activities to work on.

Our waiting list is large so if you are looking for a place please put your daughter's name down by visiting the Girl Guide web site.

Carole, Kirstin, Margaret and Jo (The leaders)

3rd WILLIAMWOOD BROWNIES

Our Hallowee'n Party was a great success with splendid costumes from all the Brownies and great fun and games. We even managed to ensure that all the costumes stayed in one piece for Halloween which was the following evening.



Our new recruits from the start of the session made their Promise, in November, in front of their families and friends. Once again we were disappointed by the turn out at the Remembrance Service and Parade; however those who did attend did themselves proud with their excellent behaviour in Church and their very smart marching. We were also very proud of our colour party who did a splendid job! A huge thanks from the Brownie leaders to David Ratcliffe who used poppies (which the Brownies had made out of recycled bottle bottoms) to make a very effective Trefoil poppy display for outside the Church.

At the end of November we had our Christmas craft night organised and run by Mrs Morag Young. This was also the night that our Elders visited - very useful to have two extra pairs of hands. Thanks to all Mrs Young's hard work, the Brownies had a great time making Tunnock's Tea Cake Santas and Snowmen.

We were delighted with the number of volunteers who helped at the Church Christmas Coffee Morning with 'Guess the Teddy bear's Birthday' – the Brownies are very good at persuading folk to part with their money!

We were entertained by the Brownies on the 4th December at our Annual Talent Show (What a confident and clever bunch they are!) and we were off on the 11th December due to the General Election on the 12th. We finished for the Festive Break on the 15th December, with a thoroughly enjoyable trip to the Pantomime- Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs.

We started back on 8th January and after an Owl Drive on the first evening we settled back down to the serious business of the Brownie Programme. We are losing our last Brownie when she turns 10 in February and welcoming in two further new recruits, which will take us up to our maximum of 36 Brownies.

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

‘Keep the home fires burning.....’

Much has been said recently about falling church rolls. The numbers attending on an ordinary Sunday come nothing near the number on any church roll. It is a fact that many folk have just got out the habit of coming to church.

Church-going is a habit. And it is easier to fall out of than to keep going. Miss a Sunday, and before you know it you have missed several. And you may just not come at all.

There is a story of the minister in the 1950’s whose parish was made up mostly of city tenements. One Friday afternoon in winter he had been visiting an elderly lady in his congregation who lived on the top floor, three up. As he came down the stairs he came to the door of Mary Swanson who he realised he hadn’t seen at church for ages.

Mary was married to John Swanson and after he married them, they decided to join his Church. They in time had two daughters who were baptised; John became an elder, Mary was in the Guild. Janice and Fiona, their daughters married, again in Church, and they both moved away to new houses in one of the city’s new housing schemes.

John died suddenly and Mary found it hard to be in Church without him. She missed a Sunday, then another, and the minister realised it was some months since he had seen her.

He called on her and she welcomed him in. He sat by the coal fire and he enjoyed its heat while she made him a cup of tea. They sat together in the gloaming, and as they chatted a piece of coal fell from the fire onto the hearth. The red glow from it lit up their faces.

Mary said she was sorry she hadn’t got back to Church after John’s death and the minister sympathised with her, encouraging her to come along the following Sunday. As he did so, he picked up the piece of coal that had fallen from the fire which had lost its glow and was cold and black. He placed it back in the fire and they watched as it caught light and was soon glowing red again.

The minister said ‘Mary, coming to Church is a habit. When you get there, being with the others helps you to glow again. It may take time; it may be that someone has to take you so that when you become part of the worshipping congregation your fire will alight once more.’

He arranged for someone to bring Mary that next Sunday and the few Sundays after till she felt the glow that comes from being at Church on Sunday,

Perhaps you know someone you could bring to Church. Or perhaps its you who haven’t been for a while. Do come along or contact someone who will bring you along.

It will help us, united in faith, to keep the home fires burning.

A Short story by Alastair Cherry

HARVEST THANKS

A very big thank you to all who donated goods for the needy people of Glasgow on Harvest Sunday 6 October 2019. Special thanks to all who helped with the packing of goods and to our drivers, Tony Drysdale and Ross McGhee for delivering the donations.

All three centres who received the goods were very appreciative of your generosity and have asked me to pass on their grateful thanks.

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 all those who are less fortunate here in Glasgow, it means a lot.

Helen McKenzie

CHURCH GARDENING

I know it is far too early to be thinking of Church gardening again, but the next few months will pass very quickly and we will soon be meeting up again on alternative Tuesday evenings. We will probably start in early May, and I will let everyone know nearer the time, but if you would like to join our small group please don't hesitate to get in touch with me. In the meantime I thought the story below quite apt.



Joan Black

Thank God

Albert took over the old, run-down, abandoned Church garden. The beds were overgrown with weeds, the shed was falling down, and the greenhouse was just a frame with broken glass.

During his first day of work, the minister stopped by to bless Albert's work, saying, "May you and God work together to make this the garden of your dreams!"

A few months later, the vicar stopped by again. Lo and behold, it was completely transformed. The shrubs were all trimmed, the weeds removed and replaced with flowers and the shed had been expertly rebuilt.

Amazing!" exclaimed the minister. "Look what God and you have accomplished together!"

"Yes, reverend," said Albert, "but remember what the place was like when God was working it alone!"



Kwenderana Partnership

We are still actively helping pupils in Ekwendeni and district, Malawi, who would not otherwise get a secondary education, through the Education Fund. The monies raised from coffee after church has been a welcome contribution to the fund.

The other project we have embarked on is in conjunction with Williamwood High School. This year the pupils going to Malawi are planning to build 3 classrooms on to the school at Emazinyini which is in very poor condition. This ambitious, exciting project will be both physically and financially demanding so a share of the retiring collections at the Christmas Services is being given to the school to help with their fundraising.

We are, as always, grateful for your support and will keep you informed of their progress as we consider it important that the young people in Williamwood know that we are interested in what they are doing.

Morag Young, Isobel Pitkethly and Scott Ratcliffe

Tea and Coffee after Church

The rota in the kitchen has lots of vacant dates on it. Can I take this opportunity to ask anyone who is willing and able to please take a date so that the Coffee after Church can continue to operate?



It is such an important time of fellowship and it would be sad to see it stopping. There is no single person responsible for this and perhaps we need to look at this as well as a rota of helpers, but any ideas new would be great.



Many thanks, Joan Black



We said in the last edition of Inspire that we would intimate the totals for the Clarkston Committee's Sponsored Swim at Eastwood Baths last October in this edition. Once again, a "big" thank you to the 9 people from Williamwood who took part. Between them they raised £536 - a brilliant effort! Thank you also to everyone who sponsored them. We were one of 6

local Churches taking part and there were 37 swimmers in total. The overall amount raised was £2,973. Once again, thank you.

Thank you also to everyone who donated to Christian Aid's Christmas Appeal and to Rev Mathieson for promoting the Appeal to the congregation.

The Clarkston Committee's annual Art Exhibition and Sale is on Saturday 14 March in the Carmichael Hall (***please note we are returning there once again this year***). The Exhibition is on from 10am to 4pm and an invitation is extended to everyone to attend. If there is anyone who can help at this event, even for a short time, would they please speak to either Anne Clark or Ross McGhee. Any offer of help would be very much appreciated. Donations for the Home Baking stall would also be gratefully received and these can be handed in to the Carmichael Hall either before 8pm on the Friday night or on the Saturday morning before 10am. Alternatively, they can be handed in to either Anne (37 Ashfield Road) or Ross (4 Fereneze Avenue) during the week leading up to the Exhibition.

This year's Christian Aid Week is from Sunday 10 to Saturday 16 May. As always, assistance will be required with the "house-to-house" collection and further intimation will be made nearer the time.

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. The flower calendar and delivery rota is in the Vestibule and if you would like to provide flowers, or help deliver them, please add your name.



February

2 nd	Sheena McLean	638 1686
9 th	Mr John Sinclair	
16 th	Jean Little	638 1505
23 rd		

March

1 st	Lynn Mitchell	638 4688
8 th	Cathy Craig	638 5007
15 th	Mrs Irene Russell	638 6795
22 nd		
29 th	Margaret Munn	638 0908

April

5 th	Mrs Jean Reid	638 0942
12 th	Lynn Mitchell	638 4688
19 th	Mrs Irene Russell	638 6795
26 th	Mr Murdoch Hodge	638 1199



As the winter continues 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



FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT 2020

24th OF FEBRUARY – 8th OF MARCH

**KEEP AN EYE ON THE ORDER
OF SERVICE FOR INFORMATION**



Back Again by Popular Demand

Taylor's Fashions Fundraising Night

**at
Williamwood Parish Church**

**on
Tuesday 28th of
April At 7.45pm**

**Tickets £5.00
Includes a Glass of
Wine or Soft Drink**



Williamwood Parish Church Beetle Drive



Family Fun on Tuesday
10th of March at
7.30pm

For More Details See the Website

www.williamwoodparishchurch.org.uk

MORE INFORMATION WILL BE AVAILABLE LATER, SO KEEP AN EYE ON THE
WEBSITE, NOTICE BOARDS AND MONTHLY INTIMATIONS



Invitation to The Lords Supper

We look forward to
seeing you on
Sunday 1st March
11.00am – 12.00md

and / or

12.30pm – 1.00pm
in the Iona Chapel

**The Next Inspire is due out in May
Please submit articles by Sunday 19th April**

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**If you would prefer a copy in large print, this
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SUNDAY

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 – 9.00pm

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
LEGO THERAPY 3.30pm – 5.00pm (Ladies Choir Room)
RAINBOWS 6.30pm -7.30pm
CHURCH CHOIR 7.30pm - SESSION HOUSE
WILLIAMWOOD PIPE BAND 7.30pm

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-5.00pm

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FERGUS COOK

**AT
WILLIAMWOOD**



From the Farewell Lunch held on 22nd of December after the Church Service

