



## Williamwood Parish Church News Bulletin 19th March 2020

We hope that everyone reading this is healthy and coping with the repercussions of the current emergency situation.

Elders will be telephoning people in their districts on a weekly basis and if you need help, please let them know.

If you need help more urgently, please feel free to call your elder or the Minister.

### **Latest news:**

Our Sunday services are cancelled until further notice.



The church building will be open this Sunday 22nd March from 10.30am until about 11.15am (or later if necessary) as a place of sanctuary, reflection and prayer. The Minister will be in attendance.



Please only come into our building if you are well. Otherwise stay at home for your own protection and that of others. Please observe hygiene protocols described on posters and sit at a safe distance from others

All of our usual meetings of Choir; Guild; Goalies; uniformed youth organisations; Sunday School are cancelled until further notice as are Dance Classes. Look out for information from other groups too.

We've also had to cancel some events to which we were looking forward -: the East Renfrewshire Schools Choral Evening; Inter-Organisation Quiz; Taylor's Fashion Evening.

We hope these will be able to go ahead at some point in the future. Yippee!!

We were fortunate that our Beetle Drive was able to take place and a fun time was had by all. Just over £240 was raised for church funds. Well done to all who organised and supported this.



Our Organist, Sarah, is posting musical items on our church Facebook page on an (almost) daily basis to provide a focus for a short time of worship at home. The First piece is *My Jesus, My Saviour* played, on piano, by Sarah in Glasgow and, on violin, by her sister Kerry in Aberdeen.



They are accepting requests so please let Sarah know if you have a favourite you want to hear

To access our Facebook page you don't need to open an account or anything like that. Type Williamwood Parish Church into a search engine and you should be able to click on our church website. When you get on to the site, click on the F for Facebook and you're there!



The Minister hopes to post Bible readings; some things to think about and a prayer for Sunday worship at home.



The Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland has asked that we light a candle and put it in our windows at 7pm this Sunday 22nd March as a visible symbol of the light of life, Jesus Christ, our source and hope in prayer.



This Saturday, 21st March, the funeral service for the late Muriel Martin takes place at Linn Crematorium at 12noon. Please think of her brother Stewart, his wife Lorna and their family at this time. The service is a short committal service and it is expected that only family will attend though anyone is welcome. The family hope to have a memorial event later at which Muriel's friends and extended family can share memories, give thanks and enjoy some refreshments together.

Joan Black is working very hard to keep the website right up to date. Please visit it often to find out what's happening!

Sarah Alexander is keeping our Facebook page up to date and has lots of ideas for what might appear there. Keep watching this space!

Evelyn Wallace hopes to be able to issue a News Bulletin at regular intervals as there are things to report or to inform you about. Keep checking you inbox !

Please also pass on information to those who do not have access to digital forms of communication.

We're grateful to all these ladies for their work and we're grateful too to all the others who have been working to ensure we are doing what we can in this emergency and taking all the steps necessary in relation to our building and to our work and witness in this parish.

We may be able to open our building as a sanctuary space on some weekday mornings in the coming weeks. You'll be updated about this and lots of other things in our next bulletin.

***Be of good courage; continue steadfastly in prayer; hold fast the faith trusting always in God's abundant mercy and infinite love.***