



Williamwood Parish Church News Bulletin 3: 22nd April 2020

Happy Easter!

We hope everyone had a blessed Easter and managed to get hold of essential items: chocolate eggs!

We also hope everyone is staying well and coping with all the restrictions on our lives at this difficult and troubling time.

Closures and Cancellations



Our Sunday services remain cancelled and our buildings remained closed in line with instructions from the Scottish and UK Governments and from the Church of Scotland.

The Stated Annual Meeting of the Congregation due to take place on Sunday 26th April has been postponed.

The meeting of the Congregational Board due to take place on 29th April has also been postponed.

We hope that both of these meetings may take place by the end of June but, at the moment, we are not sure. Watch this space.

The Spring Youth parade and Service due to take place on Sunday 3rd May is cancelled.

The meeting of the Kirk Session due to be held on Wednesday 6th May is cancelled.

The May meeting of the Presbytery of Glasgow is cancelled.



The funeral of the late Tom Hannah, late of Park House Manor Care Home and Gloucester Avenue takes place at Linn Crematorium today, 23rd April and will be attended by close family.

We remember Tom fondly as a member of our congregation and remember his family and friends in our prayers at this time.



Things to Look Forward to ...

Guild members enjoyed another **Telephone Coffee Morning** on 14th April. Another one will take place on Tuesday 28th of April from 10.30am - 11.30am. The plan is to have one every two weeks at the same time.

Christian Aid Week takes place from 10th-16th May.

Lots of the usual activities and services have been cancelled this year but in their place you will find daily worship for Christian Aid Week on the Christian Aid website. There will also be a daily quiz on the Christian Aid website.



WORSHIP

Our Church web page has worship each Sunday for personal or household use .It also contains links to our Facebook page where you'll find hymns played by Sarah and others.

Thanks to Maureen McCulloch for continuing to provide material on the website for our Sunday School girls and boys. There is a story and some suggested activities as well as something to think about for older ones.

It was good to see so many folk (50, we think) at our Virtual Easter Breakfast on Easter Day.

We are arranging another Sunday get together for this Sunday 26th April and hope to repeat this every two weeks. This time we're going to try to pause the chat for a short time to listen to Sarah play a hymn and to have a Bible reading and short 'thought for the day' and a prayer from Rev Jan. We'll have time for more chat after that. Bring your coffee and join in! Our *Sunday Screen Short Service* will start at 10.30am. An invitation with a link/password will pop into your inbox soon.



Don't forget that Sarah has a hymn on our Facebook page most days. If you'd like a request just get in touch with Sarah.

Life and Work May Edition

During this challenging period, Life and Work is committed to helping keep our Christian community connected and so we have made the May 2020 issue available on our website. Visit <https://www.lifeandwork.org/resources/free-download-may-2020>.

We have deliberately not provided the full digital experience as enjoyed by our loyal online subscribers and equally to protect our subscribers of the print edition. It has been a challenge for the editorial colleagues to shift direction of their content at the last minute in response to the speed of which the Covid-19 pandemic has impacted daily life. This also includes a change to what would have been coverage of the timetable and fringe diary of the General Assembly, it of course reads rather differently this year. What they have created will become an important historical record for the magazine of the Church of Scotland.

Highlights from this issue includes:

▪FEEDING THE HUNGRY: Reflection on foodbanks and impact of Covid-19▪

GOD HAS NOT FINISHED WITH SCOTLAND': The Moderator-Designate, the Rev Dr Martin Fair

▪ASSEMBLY CANCELLATION: Church's business meeting cancelled for first time in over 300 years

▪WAR'S END: The role of churches in peacebuilding across Europe on the 75th anniversary of VE Day

We trust you and your congregation will enjoy reading this issue.



Each Sunday you'll find a service on BBC1 followed by *Reflections at the Quay* on BBC Scotland which is led by a Church of Scotland Minister and a Roman Catholic priest.

The Moderator of the General Assembly is posting a daily reflection on the Church of Scotland website and there are lots of services and messages available on line and on you tube and Facebook



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!

If you have something you'd like posted on the web site or on Facebook please contact Joan Black or Sarah Alexander

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



Elders are keeping in touch with people in their districts by telephone and we're grateful to all of them for the time and care they are giving to this. If you need help, please let them know. If you need help more urgently, don't wait for a call. Please feel free to call your elder or the Minister.

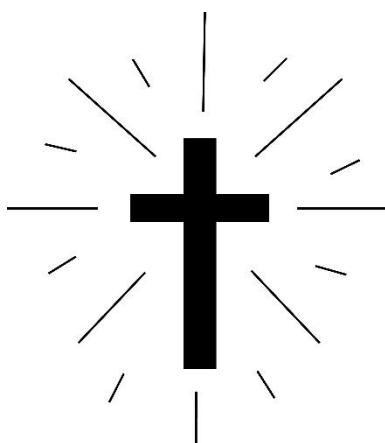
Please find along with this newsletter an attachment with instructions on how to access Zoom. On Friday, you will receive another e-mail with the link for Zoom.

Please find attached on your e-mail also some every day exercises from East Renfrewshire Council / NHS to keep you fit!

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News from Lodging House Mission

At the beginning of April, we were praying for the wellbeing of our manager, Winter Night Shelter Staff and several service users who were being treated for symptoms of the virus. Two tested positive for Covid-19 and received medical attention in hospital, they have recovered well and have been discharged from hospital. Others isolated at home, and after a three-week isolation, Stephen our manager was able to return to the centre. We thank the Lord for all the good news we have to share.

Our day centre remains closed in order to prevent social gathering. Our staff team remain on furlough at this time; however, work continues to meet our mission aim of supporting those who are homeless, vulnerable and socially isolated across Glasgow. Our manager Stephen and Chaplain Claire are seeking new and creative ways to meet the needs of the vulnerable through collaborative work with partner agencies.

On a daily basis, our manager Stephen and a group of volunteers are making up emergency food parcels and men's and women's essential toiletries packs which are being delivered by our partner agencies to the accommodations across the city. To date we have prepared:

Emergency Food parcels x 90 bags
Men's essential toiletries x 160 bags
Women's essential toiletries x 45 bags
Facilitated food supply uplifts x 12 car loads

This has left our storeroom shelves rather bare as you can see....

We are providing a dedicated Chaplaincy hotline 9am -5pm Monday to Friday on the new number 07864 705 668. This number is available for our staff, volunteers and services users to help combat the stress of social isolation. This allows me as Chaplain to maintain social distancing by working from home while still being an available source of support.

We would ask for your continued prayers for,

- our vulnerable client group, who are finding the prolonged restrictions a challenge to their mental wellbeing,
- our staff and volunteers who have been furloughed or are self-isolating due to their high risk status.
- the teams of volunteers and partner agency staff, who continue to put themselves at risk to support clients during lockdown.
- Bed and Breakfast, hotel, and hostel staff, working hard to support the need for self-isolation amongst Glasgow's vulnerable,
- Our Day Centre that it can be made ready to reopen and welcome our community back together as soon as restrictions are lifted.