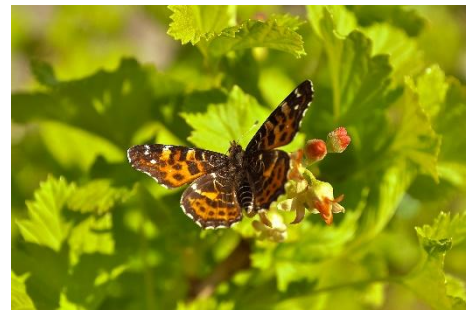


# Williamwood Parish Church

## Newsletter 8

### August 2021



#### Church Services

Good news! With the easing of many restrictions imposed to protect us during the Covid pandemic, we can now get back to church!

We no longer need to book a seat for Sunday services and you can just come along to the church on a Sunday morning. You are allowed to sing during the service!

For the moment we're going to continue with 1 metre spacing but you are able to sit as a couple/family/bubble as well as a single.

We also require to take *Trace and Protect* details and wear face-masks until further notice from the government and Church of Scotland.

#### Forthcoming Sundays

We are looking forward to two infant baptisms as part of our service on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> August.

Sunday School begins on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> August.

We will celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> September.

#### Rev Rebecca Bartocho

Rev Beckie was due to travel from Kenya and join us here at Williamwood on a full-time 12 month placement from the beginning of September.

This has now had to be delayed and we hope to have Rev Beckie with us from January 2022.

#### Welcome Back...

to all our Organisations and Hall Users who will resume activities and meetings from mid-August to early September. Thanks to those elders who will act as Liaison Elders for all the groups throughout this new session.



#### Kwenderana Partnership

At the last meeting of the Kwenderana Partnership we were joined on Zoom by the Rev Timothy Nyirenda, the Minister who is head of the Ekwendeni Mission Station and Presbytery Clerk.

We heard an update about life in and around Ekwendeni. A vaccine programme had begun but there were no further stocks in Malawi. Rev Timothy asked for our prayers that a vaccine programme could resume.

£375 has been sent from the Kwenderana Partnership to allow repairs to the bore hole that gives water to the Ekwendeni School for the Blind.

£1800 has been sent to fund education between August 2021 and July 2022 for youngsters identified by local parties as requiring full funding or part subsidy to allow them to go to school. Anyone wishing to make a donation to the Kwenderana Partnership Group to enable to continue funding such work – or if you simply wish to find out more – please speak to Isabel Pitkethly; Scott Ratcliffe or Morag Young.



**The church choir** will be resuming rehearsals on Thursday 2nd September at 7.30 pm, led by our organist Sarah Alexander. As this will be our first choir rehearsal in 18 months, this is an ideal time for any new or returning members to join. Our rehearsals will consist of some vocal warm-ups, singing through some hymns, and having a cup of tea in the middle! For more information, email Sarah at [sarah1995alexander@gmail.com](mailto:sarah1995alexander@gmail.com)

## COP26

If you'd like to offer accommodation to some of those from charities; NGOs and other groups or those who are visiting Glasgow in the lead up to and during COP26 have a look online at COP26 Homestay Network or [climate.humanhotel.org](http://climate.humanhotel.org) and you will find an easy and safe way to do so.



### Worship Training Course

As the number of Ministers of Word and Sacrament is being drastically reduced throughout the Presbytery of Glasgow and in the Church nationally, it is likely that appropriately trained people will be called on to lead worship, from time to time, in their own congregations and in other congregations if they wish.

The University of Glasgow is running a series of training sessions over ten weeks in the evenings, beginning in September.

Please be encouraged to think about whether you (perhaps with one or two others) might undertake this and to sign up if you decide it's for you. Further information is available from the Minister.

### Meetings

Children's and Youth Leaders – 15-17<sup>th</sup> August

Events Committee – 18<sup>th</sup> August

Book Group – 6<sup>th</sup> September at 2.30pm

Dear Friends,

Williamwood Parish Church has been supporting Lodging House Mission for some time, providing volunteers to prepare and serve meals for their clients, but Covid19 has put a halt to this operation for the time being. Members of the congregation have been donating toiletries and food supplies, which I have delivered to LHM where they have been gratefully received. In the past few months donations have dwindled substantially and I am appealing for more people to support this scheme. Here is the list of suggested items. Donations can be left at the church any Sunday morning, or I can collect them from you if you 'phone me on 0141 620 3529.

Thank you all, Jim Purvis.

Toiletries	Food
Shaving foam	Biscuits
Face cloths	Tinned meat
Men's deodorant	Tinned meals (example: macaroni/cheese, Irish stew, minced beef & onions, etc.)
Shampoo	Jars of pasta sauce ( <b>BUT NOT PASTA</b> )
Disposable face masks	Tinned potatoes or packets of Smash
	Sugar (0.5 kg packs if possible)
	Cereal
	Tinned fruit
	'kettle foods' such as cup-a-soups, pot-noodles, etc.)

### ***Pass it on.***

We'd be grateful if elders would print out and post a copy of this Newsletter to anyone in their district who does not have online access. If you are unable to do this please pass the names of those requiring print copy to Evelyn Wallace or Margaret Robertson. Postage costs will be refunded.

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Moira and David Yeoman celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary with family and friends at Parklands Hotel on Saturday 26th June. It was a lovely occasion and as we didn't want gifts we raised the grand sum of £500 for Cancer Research UK.



*Congratulations*



A BIG THANK YOU FOR SHARING MY BIRTHDAY.

Hello Friends

I take this opportunity to thank all of you who sent cards, Flowers, gifts and of course your recordings which is now on a disc and if you are passing, and when Covid allows, pop in for a cuppa and see yourselves immortalised. It is good to be part of Williamwood Church family. I couldn't have asked for better company.

Margaret



Hi Williamwood Church,

We would like to invite you to join us at our first community information session - The Autistic experience. This is being delivered by Dr Chloe Farahar from Aucademy. It will be delivered in presentation style on Zoom.

This session will cover

- \* What is autism – what it is not (myths and misconceptions)
- \* Autistic strengths
- \* Mind your language
- \* Discussing example practical things you can do, whatever your role may be, to make environments neurodivergent inclusive.

[The Autistic experience registration link](#)

It is open to anyone that works or lives in East Renfrewshire so please do share with your members. It is free to all, whatever their role may be.

Kind regards

The NAS East Renfrewshire team

Our NAS East Renfrewshire branch is run by volunteers and receives no core funding. Any donation to help us continue to run our information sessions and adult social group would be gratefully received

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