

**Williamwood Parish Church
December 2022
Newsletter**



Holy Communion

We will celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper during our service on Sunday 4th December.

We use gluten-free bread and non-alcoholic wine.

At this service you will be invited to pass plates of bread and trays of wine along the pews to your neighbour.

All who love the Lord are welcome at His Table

Thank you to those who will prepare the table cloths, bread and wine for the service



**Farewell
and
Good Luck**

At our service on 27th November, we said farewell to our Organist and Director of Music for the past 7 years, Sarah Alexander. We wish Sarah well as she takes up a new teaching post in Aberdeen and we look forward to keeping in touch with her and welcoming her back (perhaps for concerts!) from time to time.

The choir had a lovely meal with Sarah in Giffnock to say good bye and thank you.

Advent Book and Discussion Group

A small group is meeting with Rev Beckie on the **4 Mondays in Advent** when they will discuss parts of the Advent Book – Sharing the Christmas Story. The first meeting was on Monday 28th November

Anyone is welcome to join in any/all of the meetings on 5th; 12th; 19th December from 10.15-11.30am in the Choir Room. Bring your own tea/coffee



We've just heard the good news the Rev Beckie will remain at Williamwood for another 6 months but in a new capacity as Assistant Minister and with a wider role that will see her serving throughout the Cluster. She is likely to be in Carnwadric one day a week and possibly at Eastwood for an afternoon. She will also take services in other congregations in our cluster as well as at Williamwood. We're likely to see less of her but its good Williamwood remains as her base.



If you – or anyone you know – is not a communicant member of our congregation at Williamwood you or they might want to consider becoming so.

If you have been a member of another denomination or congregation, you simply need to contact the Session Clerk and ask about transferring your membership to Williamwood.

If you have not been a communicant member here or elsewhere, you may wish to speak to the minister. Usually people are 'admitted' during the service where they are asked to profess faith in Jesus Christ by answering a simple question followed by a prayer said by the minister. Sometimes it is possible to become a member by asking the Kirk Session to allow your name to be added to our Roll.

The Minister is happy to discuss these options with anyone who would like to explore communicant membership.



Flower Calendar

The new flower calendar for 2023 will be put up in the vestibule in **Mid-December**. If you wish to donate flowers for the chancel, please put your name at the date of your choice. Many thanks for your continued support



Beckie's Rouken Glen Garden Centre Tea and Coffee circle is back on Tuesday 20th December at 10:30. Everyone is very welcome to pop along!

Book Group

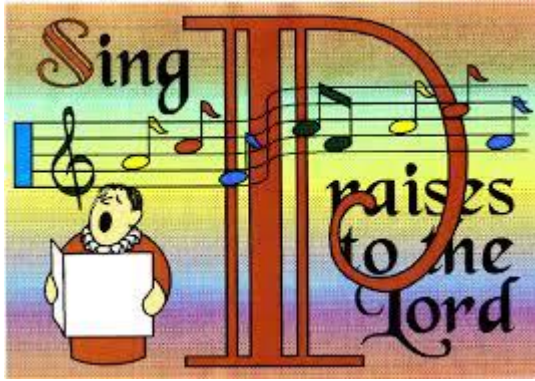
The next meeting of the Book Group is at 2.30pm on Monday 5th December. All are welcome to come along and join the conversation about books which you have read and enjoyed. Bring your own tea/coffee/drinks



This Group has been meeting for some time now and numbers remain small. The Group will want to consider if they continue into the New Year. Please let them know what you think.



Facebook We're grateful to Lorna Barsanti who has agreed to take over the administration of our church Facebook page from Sarah.
- If you have information to post please contact Lorna or see her at church on a Sunday.



**Sunday 11 December @ 2.30pm-
Williamwood House**

**Tuesday 13 December @11.00am -
Clarkston Care Home**

It has been a while since we attended the Care Homes due to the pandemic, but we

are now back on the rota to take the services.

If you can attend either of the above services, simply by being there to swell the numbers, supplement the singing and talking with residents your help would be much appreciated.

We are particularly anxious to hear from pianists or other musicians!

If you are available, please contact Evelyn Wallace
(evelyn.wallace@outlook.com or phone 638 3490) .

GOALIES

The above organisation, **Gentlemen Only at Lunch in Eastwood** [GOALIES] meets regularly once a month at Williamwood Golf Club.

This is an opportunity for men to get together for lunch, have time to chat, and to share fellowship. The club was in abeyance during the pandemic, but it is operational again.



The next meeting will be on Friday 3rd February 2023 at 1pm in the Williamwood Golf Clubhouse. We meet thereafter on the first Friday of each month at the same time.

It would help if you plan to come to let me know by the preceding Wednesday so that I can let the staff at the Club know how many will be present. Anyone requiring transport should also contact me. Thank you.

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Thank
you

On behalf of the Events Committee can we thank everyone who helped make our Christmas Fayre such a successful and well attended event. To those who helped in the background as well as those who helped with the stalls and teas, coffees etc. we could not do it without you all. We also would like to thank everyone who donated for this event and attended it too. Thanks should also go to Santa and his helpers who managed to take time from his busy schedule to stop at our fayre

At the time of writing just over £2000 has been raised for church funds



The Williamwood Church Christmas Fayre 2022 was a great success and Santa even managed to drop in for a while. Amy and Tony pictured here thoroughly enjoyed their visit with Santa

Thank you.....

also to everyone involved in decorating our church and its grounds for the coming Christmas season.

Thank you....

to all involved in setting up for and taking part in our Armistice Day and Remembrance Sunday services. It was a particular delight to have our Youth Organisations with us on Remembrance Sunday. Thank you to leaders and parents/carers for helping to make that happen



Pop Up Stalls

There will be a final chance to make some purchases at our Pop Ups in the Hall while we enjoy refreshments after Sunday services in early December. Please have a look for last minute purchases

Carnwadric Food Bank



Special Collections

During Advent and Christmastide there is an opportunity to make donations to support the work of:

Christian Aid ; Lodging House Mission and Carnwadric Foodbank.

For **Money Donations** please use the Christian Aid envelopes available in church or use an envelope of your own marked LHM or Carnwadric as appropriate

Carnwadric Foodbank and Lodging House Mission

The Foodbank will also welcome donations of Sweets and Chocolates for Christmas in addition to regular items.

Please place items for Lodging House Mission and Foodbank in the appropriate boxes situated in the vestibule.

Lodging House Mission Carol Service (please see attached poster)

.....is on Thursday 15th December at 2:30pm.

The Lodging House Mission as also looking for Prayer Room Volunteers – more details are attached to this newsletter

Presbytery Planning and Cluster Progress

At the time of writing, we are still waiting to receive the response of the relevant '121' Committee to the Presbytery Plan submitted by Glasgow Presbytery which, of course, includes our Cluster and its plan.

On Monday 5th December from 7-9pm our Cluster is having a meeting in Williamwood Hall for up to 10 congregational representatives from each of the 8 cluster congregations. This will continue the process of getting to know one another and will enable us to spend some time together thinking about what ministry and mission and congregational life may look like as the Plan is implemented over a 5–10-year period when the number of Ministers of Word and Sacrament may reduce to 3 to serve the whole cluster.



128th Glasgow Company The Boys' Brigade All Sections



A MASSIVE BIG THANK YOU to everyone who took time to vote for us in the recent Humanitarian Fund, we are delighted to advise you that our project gained enough votes to be SUCCESSFUL.

We are absolutely delighted, and once again are extremely grateful for the support from the members of the congregation.

We will update you later in the session about our weekend away, and hopefully have some pictures to share.

Best wishes to all the Congregation as we begin this period of Advent.

Best regards

Mark Gordon Company Captain (Tel: 0141 585 4952)

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The first half of session 22/23 has disappeared in a flash. We've been so busy.

The whole pack has been working together on skills builders and unit meeting activities connected to the

'Know Myself' theme and they recently received their Network Stage 2 badge and their 'My Rights' interest badge.

We had great fun at our Hallowe'en Party and were delighted by the turn out at the outdoor Act of Remembrance and subsequent church service. The girls were very respectful and sat beautifully during the service! The leaders were so proud of them!

Several volunteers enthusiastically encouraged people to part with their money at the Church Christmas Coffee morning and we were delighted when Maureen McCulloch correctly guessed the teddy bear's birthday!

We had thirteen entries for the County 'Pencil Express' Challenge in October which was a great response from our unit. Such great enthusiasm!!

We welcomed three new recruits at the end of October and they will be working on their Brownie Promise over the next few months. We will be saying

goodbye at the Christmas break to four of our oldest girls and wish them well with whatever they go on to do in the future.

We finish for the Christmas break on Wednesday 14th December with a visit to the pantomime at Eastwood Theatre.

The leaders wish the Brownies, their families and all of the congregation a very Merry Christmas and best wishes for the New Year.

Lorna, Fiona, Karen, Julie, Lindsay and Kirsty



Now that the **79th Scout Group** has been running for a few months at Williamwood Church we would like to take this opportunity to thank the church for the warm welcome that we have received. We have enjoyed getting to know some of you, especially at the Remembrance Sunday Service where we were very pleased to have been asked to take part, as well as meeting Rev Becky and Angus (our assigned elder)

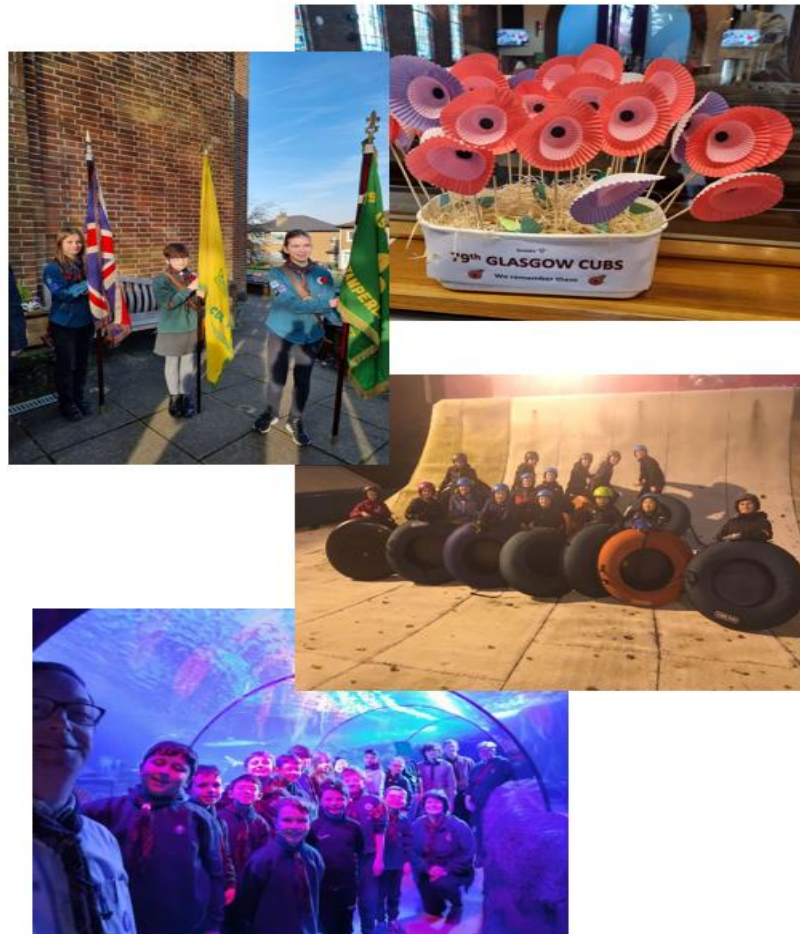
We have been getting to know the quirks of the halls (eg. Where the light switches are and who knew the mops were outside??) and rapidly filling up our storage space with just a portion of our equipment. Our apologies also to the choir who are probably now finding they have to compete with some rather load Cubs & Scouts on a Thursday evening 😊.

All sections of the group (Beavers, Cubs & Scouts) have been running a variety of items over the last few months, from producing poppies to decorate the church and to sewing their own poppies; from visits out to go Tubing and having visitors to us (local community police) and the Cubs have just had their first post covid overnight adventure to the SeaLife Centre at Loch Lomond. We will continue with lots more activities in the New Year. If anyone is interested in joining us (either as a youth member or as a helper), then please get in touch.

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year when it comes.

Philip Moseley, Group Scout Leader

The79thscouts@gmail.com



December Diary Dates

Thursday 1st December (attendance by invitation only) –

10.15am – Toddler Group Getting Ready for Christmas Service in the Church

11am - Nursery Getting Ready for Christmas Service in the Church

Sunday 4th December – service for the second Sunday in Advent with the Sacrament of Holy Communion

Monday 5th December at 7pm – Cluster meeting in Williamwood Hall

Sunday 11th December at 11am – service for the Third Sunday in Advent
at 2.30pm – service at Williamwood House

Tuesday 13th December at 11am – Clarkston Care Home Service

Tuesday 13th December at 6.30 for 7pm – Guild Christmas Dinner

Sunday 18th December at 11 am– service for the Fourth Sunday in Advent

Saturday 24th December at 6.30pm – short outdoor carol service for Christmas Eve



Sunday 25th December at 11am – short service for Christmas Day
Sunday 1st January 2023 at 11am – short service for New Year’s Day

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