

## Williamwood Parish Church May 2023 Newsletter



### Thank you....

To everyone who helped with and took part in our Holy Week and Easter services and events

### Coronation Celebration

Our service on Sunday 7th May, the day after the coronation of King Charles III, will take place at 11am as usual and will be led by the Revd. Tom Pollock.

After the service everyone is invited to the Hall where there will be coronation cup cakes and a glass of fizz

**IN CELEBRATION OF THE  
CORONATION OF  
KING CHARLES III AND CAMILLA  
THE QUEEN CONSORT**

**WE WOULD LIKE TO INVITE YOU JOIN US ON THIS  
SPECIAL OCCASION FOR A GLASS OF  
NON ALCOHOLIC FIZZ AND CAKE IN  
THE LARGE HALL AS PART OF  
TEA AND COFFEE AFTER CHURCH  
ON SUNDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> OF MAY**

### General Assembly of the Church of Scotland

The General Assembly takes place in Edinburgh from 20<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> May. Proceedings can be followed on line via the Church of Scotland website

## **Rev Beckie Bartocho**

Rev Beckie joined us on a year's Familiarisation Placement on 2nd January 2022 and this was extended for six months in January 2023 when, as an Assistant Minister, Beckie continued to be based at Williamwood but also served throughout our Cluster

Her placement comes to an end very soon. She will be on holiday and then at an international conference in Fiji for much of June.

Her last Sunday with us at Williamwood will be Sunday 4th June.

Her new placement begins on 3rd July though she does not know where this will be yet.

We thank Beckie for her contribution to our congregational life and wish her well for the future whatever it may hold.

## **Presbytery Plan Update**

At meetings on 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> April Glasgow Presbytery approved the Presbytery Mission Plan it had devised. (You can see this Plan on the Presbytery of Glasgow website)

The Glasgow Presbytery Plan is now sent to the General Trustees and the Faith Nurture Forum in Edinburgh. These bodies may agree the Plan or may send it back with a request for revision. Only when the Plan is finally agreed by all parties does its implementation begin.

Within the Plan, Williamwood Parish Church is in Zone 4 and we are part of the ARC Churches cluster comprising 8 congregations.

We have said that decisions about the future of all buildings within the Cluster will be taken by December 2024 or one year after the final approval of the Plan. That timescale means discussions will need to begin quite soon.

The Cluster is hoping to arrange a meeting for Ministers and a few office-bearers from each congregation in the Cluster before the summer to start to think about a way forward.

## **Doors open/ warm spaces**

It has been decided to continue this on one day per week throughout May and June. We will operate in the Session House on a Tuesday from 10.00 till 12.00.



The weather has improved and it is felt that folks might want to meet friends at the benches outside the front doors of the church. Obviously if you are doing this you would need to bring your own tea or coffee.



## **Fairtrade**

There will be a Fairtrade stall in the hall after church on 14th May. As we have not had a stall since March we are hoping to see lots of people for a catch up.

## Coffee after Church

This is a very worthwhile and appreciated service enjoyed by everyone who attends, and we very much want to continue this. Unfortunately the teams for the coffee after church have reduced a bit but it is hoped this is a temporary measure. Those who are filling up the gaps are doing this more frequently, and it is becoming a bit of a strain. There will inevitably be more gaps in this service especially over the summer months, again hopefully not too many.



There are at present the beginnings of another team with three people and it would be great if another two can volunteer to join them. Speak to Aileen Montgomery if you would like to volunteer to join this group.

The teams who serve out tea and coffee also donate the biscuits, milk and whatever else is needed on the day. They are there setting up before 10.30am and clearing away until after 1.00pm. They could not do this without the help of the duty teams and younger people who help with the heavy lifting of tables and chairs when they can.

Any donations received for coffee after church are given to several different organizations, including our own church and to cover some of the costs of coffee, tea and heating etc. If you can help out in any way or wish to suggest other recipients for donations please let Aileen Montgomery know.



## Book Exchange

You are all welcome to pick and exchange a book on **Tuesday morning during Doors- Open or when the sanctuary is opened.**

The Book Exchange rack is along the Session Room corridor.



## Girl Guiding - Rainbows in Williamwood

In August 2016 a very successful Rainbows group was setup, and ran, at full capacity, until March of 2020 when Covid 19 restricted all our lives. Unfortunately, due to volunteer changes and a lack of new volunteers the group closed in February 2022.

Running a rainbow group is an extremely rewarding experience and the fun hour at weekly group meetings is a small part of that satisfaction. We are hoping that there is someone out there, no experience required, who would enjoy that challenge and the rewards it brings.

Help in the way of advice, practical help and guidance is available from the previous leader and from Girl Guiding in East Renfrewshire.

(Contact Carole Ferguson at [caroledorothea@me.com](mailto:caroledorothea@me.com))

## Coffee at Rouken Glen with Beckie

Beckie's (Last) Rouken-Glen Tea /Coffee Chat will be on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May at 10.30am. All are welcome to join us.

## Church Gardening

We start up again on Tuesday evenings at 7pm (weather permitting) on the following dates.

9th and 23rd May, 6th and 20th June, 4th and 18th of July and 1st, 15th and 29th of August



If you would like to join us, would like more information or have any suggestions please come along on these dates or contact Joan Black at [blacksabode@googlemail.com](mailto:blacksabode@googlemail.com)



## GOALIES

The Gentleman's lunch club meets on Friday 5 May at 1pm in Williamwood Golf Club. Those wishing to attend should let Alastair Cherry know. 07483221141.

We will decide on that day whether or not we continue to meet during the summer months.

## FLOWER CALENDAR

A big **thank you** to those listed below who are providing the flowers in the Church over the summer months. They are greatly appreciated by those in the Church and those who receive them after the service on Sunday.



| MAY              |                   | JUNE             |                  |
|------------------|-------------------|------------------|------------------|
| 7 <sup>th</sup>  | Irene Heffron     | 4 <sup>th</sup>  | Tony Drysdale    |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> | Eleanor McKenzie  | 11 <sup>th</sup> | Pat Cluness      |
| 21 <sup>st</sup> | Isobel Pitkethly  | 18 <sup>th</sup> | Vacant           |
| 28 <sup>th</sup> | Vacant            | 25 <sup>th</sup> | Vacant           |
| JULY             |                   | AUGUST           |                  |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup>  | The McGhee Family | 6 <sup>th</sup>  | Sheena Skelton   |
| 9 <sup>th</sup>  | Douglas Gray      | 13 <sup>th</sup> | Evelyn Wallace   |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> | Grant Keyes       | 20 <sup>th</sup> | Margo King       |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup> | Lynne Mitchell    | 27 <sup>th</sup> | Catherine Carson |
| 30 <sup>th</sup> | Vacant            |                  |                  |

## Williamwood House Care Home Service (Change of date)

We will lead a service at Williamwood Care Home at 2.30pm on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May. If you are able to come along and sing or otherwise take part please let Rev Beckie or Margaret Robertson know.

### **Summer Sunday Evening Concert Series**

Our Summer Sunday Evening Concert Series begins this year on Sunday 28th May at 7pm and continues on the last Sunday of each month until August. Diego, our Director of Music, has arranged a varied programme which is sure to have something for everyone.

Do come along and tell your friends too!



**WILLIAMWOOD PARISH CHURCH IS DELIGHTED TO  
START THE 1<sup>ST</sup> OF A SERIES OF FOUR  
SUMMER CONCERTS WITH  
TRISKELION**

**Triskelion is a new collaboration between Valerie Barr,  
Richard Scholfield and Cathal Killeen. As a trio they aim to  
present new and reimagined music to communities  
throughout Ireland and Scotland via innovative  
programming, new transcriptions and original compositions.**

**The Concert Starts at 7pm  
On  
Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> of May**

**Refreshments will  
be Served in the halls  
after the Performance  
Entry is by Donation**

Williamwood Parish Church. 4 Vardar Avenue, Clarkston, Glasgow. G76 7QP  
Director of Music – Diego Rodriguez

SCO09939  
Website – [new.williamwoodparish.church](http://new.williamwoodparish.church)



## CHRISTIAN AID NEWS

### **Art Exhibition & Sale**

Once again, thank you to everyone who supported this event back in March which raised just over £4,000.

Adding to this amount various donations which have been received over recent months has meant that a cheque for £5,000 has been sent to Christian Aid from the Clarkston Committee.

### **Lent Offerings**

Thank you as well to everyone who donated to Christian Aid through the offering plates in the vestibule during Lent. A total of over £150 was raised.

### **Coffee Day**

After the success of last year's Coffee Day there will be another one on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May from 10am to 3pm at 37 Ashfield Road (opposite Carolside Nursery). As there will be no "house-to-house" collection again this year during Christian Aid Week this will be an opportunity to raise much needed funds for Christian Aid's work where there is need around the world.

As well as tea, coffee and home baking there will be cards, plants and home baking for sale.

### **Christian Aid Week**

This year's Christian Aid Week is from Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May to Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May. As mentioned above it will again be different this year in that there will be no "house-to-house" collection but there are still ways in which you can donate to the work of Christian Aid.

There will be Christian Aid donation envelopes available in the Church on Sundays 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> May. Alternatively, you can donate online via Christian Aid's website ([www.christianaid.org.uk](http://www.christianaid.org.uk)).

If you would like any more information on any of these events please contact either Anne or Ross. Thank you.

**Anne Clark 644 4776 Ross McGhee 638 4883**

**Christian Aid Representatives**

### **Foodbank at Carnwadrick**

We continue to collect items for Carnwadric Food Bank helping individuals and families in need. Collection boxes are in the front vestibule of the church.

However, just to let you know I cannot take things to the Foodbank at present. (I spent most of Sunday at QEUH) I seem to have bad sciatica. I am hoping that things can be sorted out soon and I can be back in circulation.

It is not an onerous task. I tend to go every couple of weeks on a Thursday morning. Items can be dropped off between 9am and 10.30am. There are always volunteers around to help lifting items into the Church Hall.

I hope that someone might be able to do this depending on the amount in the box in the Vestibule. Thanks, **Margaret McIntyre**

### **Lodging House Mission**

LHM has sent a letter of thanks, via Jim Purvis, to the congregation at Williamwood Church for their generous donation of Easter Eggs and foodstuffs. This was delivered on 21<sup>st</sup> of March in support of the Easter Appeal. A copy of the letter is on the notice board in the Vardar Road corridor.



We continue to collect items for LHM helping individuals and families in need. Collection boxes are in the front vestibule of the church.

The LHM Annual General Meeting takes place on Wednesday, 3rd May 2023 in LHM at 7pm.

Agenda: some formal stuff, then a bit more of what has been happening throughout the year and the plans for 2023. Although only members can vote, everyone is welcome. Tea/coffee will be served after the meeting.

### **Becoming a Communicant member of Williamwood Parish Church**

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.

### **Minister on Study Leave**

During the month of May the Minister will be on Study Leave and, thereafter, on a week's holiday.

As part of the study leave she will be attending a preaching conference in Minneapolis; USA.

On Sundays 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> May our service will be conducted by the Rev Tom Pollock (formerly of Sherbrooke Mossspark Parish Church).

On Sundays 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> May our service will be conducted by the Rev Beckie Bartocho.

During May should you require the services of a minister urgently, please contact Rev Beckie Bartocho (07950 219 695) or Margaret Robertson, Session Clerk (0141 321 8033)

## Dates to Remember

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| 3 May       | Lodging House Mission AGM                      |
| 5 May       | Goalies meets at Williamwood Golf Club         |
| 14 – 20 May | Christian Aid Week                             |
| 15 May      | Rouken Glen Coffee with Beckie                 |
| 20 – 25 May | The General Assembly of the Church of Scotland |
| 28 May      | Williamwood House Care Home Service            |
| 28 May      | First of Four Summer Concerts at 7pm           |



### AND LOOKING AHEAD INTO JUNE AND JULY.....

**Sunday 4th June** – The service is at 11am with a celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Communion. This will be the Rev Beckie's last Sunday with us at Williamwood.

**Summer Concerts** will be held on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June, Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> July and Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> August. Programme Information for each concert will be put out on the Website, Facebook page and Posters in the Church so keep an eye open for this and come along and enjoy the evenings.

**There will be no newsletter over the summer months, our next one being in August.**

**Articles for the August Newsletter should be with Evelyn Wallace by July 28th**



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### Auldhouse Rouken Glen Cluster of Churches

#### **Come and See: ARC Cluster Tour**

This series of Saturday morning visits has been postponed till later dates, to be confirmed.