

# Williamwood Parish Church November 2023 Newsletter



## **WELCOME....**

to Norrie and Kay Bolton who have transferred their church memberships to Williamwood. We're delighted to have you with us!



And to Matilda Gibson, infant daughter of Andrew and Morag, sister of twins Violet and Isobel who will be baptised during our service on 5<sup>th</sup> November.

## **ARMICTICE AND REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**

There will be a short Act of Remembrance in the grounds of the church beginning just before **11am on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November.**

**On Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November** our service will begin at 10.50am. The first part of the service, including an Act of Remembrance, will take place outside our church building. Thereafter we will continue our service indoors.

Members of our Youth Organisations and Groups will be an attendance.

All are welcome at these services

## **Congregational Roll**

### **Deaths**

May Oattes on 2<sup>nd</sup> of October 2023



## Communion Service



We celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper during our service on the First Sunday in Advent:  
**3<sup>rd</sup> December 2023**

All who love the Lord are welcome at his Table

## Christmas Fayre

A warm welcome awaits you at our Christmas Fayre on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> of November, so come along and support this fun and sociable event.

**BOTTLE STALL**  **ALL THINGS CHRISTMAS STALL**  **TOILETRIES ETC**

**Williamwood Parish Church**  
**CHRISTMAS FAYRE**  
**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November**  
**10am – 12noon**  
**Adults - £4 Children £1**  
**Under 5's Free**

**COFFEE, TEA**  
**HOT MINCE PIES**  
**SHORTBREAD**

**Visit Santa**  
**In his**  
**Grotto**  
**£5**

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

**Tickets will be on sale in the large hall after the Sunday Services and also from Events Committee Members or your visiting Elder**



## Goalies

Our gentleman's lunch group, meets for lunch at Williamwood Golf Club at **1pm on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November**  
See Alastair Graham for further information

## TEA SETT at Rouken Glen Garden Centre

Our monthly get-together for morning tea/coffee at Rouken Glen Garden Centre is on **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November at 10.30am.**  
All are welcome to come along, no need to book.



## THE GUILD

We started our winter session very successfully in October and are looking forward to our November meetings and our Christmas lunch in December.

Nov 13 Open Doors UK  
Nov 27 Guild Project – Home for Good  
Dec 11 Christmas Lunch

Chris Greenhaulgh

We now meet on a Monday afternoon in the Session Room at 2pm and hope that as many new people from the congregation and friends, will come along to any of our meetings which interest them. You will be made most welcome. The Guild is open to everyone, and we do have gentlemen who come along, so please come and join the fellowship.

Chris Greenhaulgh and his parents will be known to many of you being local to Williamwood Church. Chris will be speaking about the charity Open Doors which supports Christians throughout the world in countries where they are being persecuted. This will be a very interesting talk.

Our speaker on 27<sup>th</sup> November will be from Home for Good, one of the Guild projects. Home for Good is a charity with a vision to find a home for every vulnerable child who needs one. In Scotland, over 10,000 children are looked after away from home. The charity is working to keep fostering, adoption and supported lodgings on the mainstream of hundreds of churches across Scotland.

Our Christmas lunch is on 11<sup>th</sup> December at the Eglinton Arms Hotel in Eaglesham, lunch being served at 1pm. As previously with our afternoon tea we are hoping that members of the congregation and friends will come and join us. We are having a two-course lunch, tea or coffee with tablet and the total cost is £21.00. This amount includes a tip for the staff. We need to pre order the meals so if you are interested, please speak to Evelyn Graham at church or any Guild member and we will arrange for you to get a copy of the menu choices.

We hope that you will give coming along to the Guild serious consideration.

## WILLIAMWOOD BROWNIES

We've been very busy since the beginning of September teaching the 9 new recruits all the songs, games and routines which are part of our Brownie Programme. They have been learning their Brownie Promise as well as joining the rest of the unit to complete unit meeting activities based on the Theme of 'Know Myself'.

We had a couple of weeks of sunshine at the start of the session when we were able to get outside for fun on the grass at the front of the church however we are now inside until the spring.



We've got lots planned from October to December:

On the first Wednesday back after the October school holiday we are holding our Hallowe'en Party when the girls are invited to dress up, if they wish, dance, play games and have Hallowe'en fun.



On Wednesday the 1st of November we are holding an Open Evening where we will be inviting all parents and carers in to see the new Brownies make their Promise. Due to Covid restrictions the parents of the older Brownies missed out on this opportunity so they are invited to see their daughters re-making their Promise too.

We hope to have a good turn out on Sunday 12th November for the outdoor act of Remembrance, followed by the service in the church.

We are having a Christmas Craft night on the 15th November to complete a Nativity challenge set by the minister for the church organisations. We have to create a Nativity Scene in a box - 'Creches for Christmas'.

On the 6th of December we are going to the pantomime at Eastwood Theatre- Beauty and the Beast.

Our last night before the Christmas holidays will be the 13th of December when we will be having some Festival Fun as part of a Unit Meeting Activity!

Lorna, Fiona, Karen, Lindsay and Kirsty would like to thank Julie and Kirsty for helping out when we were short of staff and also to thank the girls and their families for their enthusiasm and support.

Merry Christmas and best wishes to everyone for the New Year!

## KWENDERANA PARTNERSHIP GROUP

Thanks to those who made donations at Sunday tea/coffee times during the summer. This will enable us to support the education of youngsters in Ekwendeni, Malawi for another year and also to fund a Christmas party for children and the elderly. The Partnership Group meets in Giffnock South Parish Church at 7.30pm on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November.

We thank Isobel Pitkethly who has served as one of our representatives on this group and who is now standing down.

## HARVEST THANKSGIVING

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Harvest Thanksgiving this year, it was another successful year. Carnwadrack Foodbank were delighted to receive all of our food donations as their supplies were running low.

We also collected monetary donations for Farm Africa and will update you on the total amount raised once we have this information.

Your generous donations will go a long way to helping those in our local communities, our city and overseas in Africa.

Thank you  
Helen

And also..... Received from the Lodging House Mission.....

Williamwood Church Harvest donations were delivered courtesy of the very helpful and cheerful Jim.

We are grateful for all the support you give Jim, and our heartfelt thanks to the congregation for their generosity.

Helen English



## HELP NEEDED

The Property Committee will soon be looking for help to put up our outdoor Christmas decorations and Tree; bring out the indoor Christmas decorations from storage; setting up display board and a number of other things.

We will be putting up the external decorations at **1.00pm on 3<sup>rd</sup> December** and would be grateful for any help

## ***CRECHES for CHRISTMAS***

Creches (from the French for 'crib') or nativity scenes have become a familiar sight at Christmas. The Minister is hoping to have a display featuring lots of different nativity scenes in the church during Advent and Christmas.

All out young peoples' organisations and adult groups have been invited to create and contribute one or more such scene from their group. Completed contributions should be brought to the church after the service on 3<sup>rd</sup> December or during the following week by arrangement.





Congratulations to Scott & Kirsty who were married yesterday at our church. On behalf of everyone at Williamwood Parish Church, we wish you both the very best for a healthy and happy life together.

## FLOWER CALENDAR

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

The flower calendar for 2024 will be up in the Church vestibule during November for those wishing to add their names against a date.



NOVEMBER		DECEMBER	
5 <sup>th</sup>	Margaret Petrie	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Ross Johnston
12 <sup>th</sup>	Carole Fergusson	10 <sup>th</sup>	Sandra Fraser
19 <sup>th</sup>	Irene Russell	17 <sup>th</sup>	Lorna Goudie
26 <sup>th</sup>	Liz Taylor	24 <sup>th</sup>	
		31 <sup>st</sup>	

## Used Stamps

We collect used stamps in support of World Mission projects.

This year the project is located in Malawi and provides seeds, plants and training to women in order to increase food sustainability for their families

See Jim Purvis for further information, or just hand in your stamps on a Sunday morning.

## Presbytery Planning

2 representatives from each congregation in our Cluster had a meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> October and will meet again on 22<sup>nd</sup> November. They began to consider what ministry and mission might look like in a cluster which covers a large geographical area and where the number of Ministers of Word and Sacrament will reduce from the current 8 to 3.

Arrangements for the union of Eastwood and Thornliebank congregations are progressing with the Union likely to take place in the very early part of 2024

The Rev Mike Gargrave (of Thornliebank) retired on 31<sup>st</sup> October

The timescale for the implementation of the Plan continues to be by 2027 though before that we must decide on the designations of buildings (by the end of 2024) and expect that ministers in reviewable charges (such as Williamwood) will not be in current posts beyond the end of 2025 (though in some cases they may continue to serve in their current clusters)

## WEBSITE UPDATE

Just letting you know that the website has been off line for the past few weeks. Richard Staniforth is working on this at present and hopes to have it up and running again soon. The Facebook page is accessible and has up to date information on it if you need it.

Joan Black



## **MOVIES TO MUSICALS – Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2024 in the Clyde Auditorium (Armadillo) (Glasgow Philharmonia SCIO SC047789)**

Most of you will know Ross Gunning who spent the first 17 years of his life in the church at creche, Sunday School and Boys Brigade. Ross played percussion in various orchestras and at the Junior Conservatoire every Saturday from the age of 12. In 2012 when he was 17, I asked him if he could put on a concert with a few musician friends to raise money for Kwenderana to build a classroom block at Ekwendeni Primary School. Ross also wanted to be an orchestra conductor so got together an orchestra of 45 young musicians and they put on a concert in Greenbank Church which raised £1500. Ross conducted this concert and went on to study conducting as part of his music degree. The young musicians enjoyed it so much, they asked Ross if he could continue the orchestra so that they could play together. In 2015 he put on a concert with the orchestra and singers in Glasgow City Halls which was called Movies to Musicals and it was a sell-out. He has continued this each year in February and included a Kids Cast, Musical Theatre Cast and Professional Soloists. The concerts have been in the Glasgow Royal Concert Hall, The Alhambra in Dunfermline and in 2023, the Theatre Royal in Glasgow. For the last few years in September, they have played at smaller venues and this year they had sell out performances at Eastwood Theatre and The Beacon in Greenock.

In August this year they put on the under 18's edition of Les Miserable at Greyfriars Kirk and sold out 5 performances.

Next year is the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Concert and Ross has decided to move to a larger venue so has booked The Clyde Auditorium. There will be an orchestra, kids cast and adult cast with a choir. The professional soloists are West End stars Kerry Ellis, Sabrina Carter and Paul Tabone and the show will include some of the highlights of the last 10 years.

If anyone would like to come along, tickets are available from the Clyde Auditorium Box Office or from Fiona Gunning for £30 (no booking fees).

**Fiona Gunning 577-5761, [gunning4@hotmail.com](mailto:gunning4@hotmail.com)**



## 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 Holiday

The Minister will be on leave from 13<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> November

Our service on 19<sup>th</sup> November will be conducted by the Rev Alastair Cherry.

It is likely that the Rev Beckie Bartocho will provide any urgent pastoral cover required.



## From All Saints to Epiphany (November 2023 to January 2024)

Wed 1 <sup>st</sup> November	Congregational Board Meeting at 7.30pm
Sun 5 <sup>th</sup> November	Morning Service with the Sacrament of Baptism at 11am
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> November	Events Meeting at 7pm
Tues 7 <sup>th</sup> November	Tea Sett at Rouken Glen at 10.30am
Sat 11 <sup>th</sup> November	Act of Remembrance for Armistice Day 10.50 – 11.05
Sun 12 <sup>th</sup> November	Service For Remembrance Sunday Service 10.50am
Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Cluster Meeting
Sat 25 <sup>th</sup> November	Christmas Fayre from 10am – 12mid day
Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Service for the First Sunday in Advent with Sacrament of Holy Communion at 11am
Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Nursery Getting Ready for Christmas Service Toddlers Group Getting Ready for Christmas Service

Sun 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Service for the Second Sunday in Advent
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Guild Christmas Lunch
10 <sup>th</sup> Dec – 7 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Display of Nativity Scenes in the Church
Sun 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Service for the Third Sunday in Advent at 11am
Sun 24 <sup>th</sup> December	Service for Christmas Eve (Fourth Sunday in Advent)
Sun 24 <sup>th</sup> December	Service of Carols Around the Tree Outside the Church at 6.30pm
Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> December	Short Service of Carols and Communion for Christmas Day at 10am 
Sun 31 <sup>st</sup> December	Service of Lessons and Carols for the Sunday after Christmas at 11am
Sun 7 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	Service for Epiphany (First Sunday of the Year) at 11am

**Articles for the December Newsletter should be with Evelyn Wallace by November 27th**

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