

Williamwood Parish Church



February 2024 Newsletter

HAPPY NEW YEAR...

to one and all. We hope 2024 will be a good year for you in which you know God's abiding presence and rich blessing.

Holy Communion

We will celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper during our service on Sunday 3rd March.

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

All who love the Lord are welcome at His Table.

Thank you to those who will prepare the tablecloths, bread and wine for the service.



Lent 2024

This year we mark the first Sunday in Lent on 18th February.

Easter Day is on 31st March.

Congregational Roll

Deaths

31st Dec. 2023

Douglas Gray, late of Morven Drive

10th Jan 2024

Isobel Hall, late of Darnley Court Nursing Home

Guild News

The members of the Guild, together with many friends from the congregation, enjoyed Christmas Lunch at the Eglinton Arms Hotel on 11th December.

We have now resumed our Monday afternoon meetings. Our syllabus until March is as follow:

Feb 5th: Holy Beetle Drive

Feb 19TH: Guild Project – The Vine Trust

March:

Fri 1st: World Day of Prayer

Mar 4th: Holiday in Costa Rica Philip Moseley

Mar 18th: AGM & Flower Arranging

We do hope that friends from the congregation will join us for an afternoon of fun on **5th February for our Holy Beetle Drive.** We look forward to you coming along to join in the fun.

On the **19th of February** we have the second of the Guild Projects we are covering during 2023/2024.

The original vision of The Vine Trust was for the Kazunzu Village of Hope in Tanzania to adopt a 'place-based approach' in creating a sustainable village on the shores of Lake Victoria. The proposal included plans to build 40 individual family homes, enabling young guardian parents to foster 4 or 5 orphaned children from the islands or lake zone. What they have achieved is amazing. This will be a very interesting afternoon.

The World Day of Prayer is being hosted this year by **Netherlee and Stamperland Church**. The service is on **Friday 1st March at 10.30am.** Tea, coffee and home baking will be served after the service. All are cordially invited.

Philip Moseley, one of the Scout leaders in Williamwood Church, will tell us about his holiday in Costa Rica on **4th March.** Please join us to hear and see his wonderful holiday.

The Guild year finishes with our AGM on 18th March.

*Thank
you*

to everyone who contributed to our **Christmas celebrations** and services: those who took part in the Christmas Fair; those involved in decorating the church and grounds ; those contributing to services ; our technical support team ; those taking donations to the Foodbank and LHM ; those who organised our congregational lunch and a number of other social events – and more. We're grateful to you all. The Minister thanks everyone who sent greetings and good wishes to the Manse during the Christmas period:

Creches for Christmas

Thank you to all the Groups who made a nativity scene and contributed to our display during Advent and Christmastide. They were all very imaginative and attractive and reminded us of the nativity story.

Special collections

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the collections for Church House, Bridgeton and Christian Aid during the Christmas period

ERSKINE HOSPITAL

We received a Christmas card and note of thanks for our donation which we sent following our service on Remembrance Sunday

also.....

Margaret Macdonald has sent a message

'To say thank you to all members and friends for Get Well Cards and messages sent when I was in hospital and since I have come home. They are greatly appreciated by both me and my family.

I was also delighted to receive Flowers from the Church and Choir and to the 128th BB Company for biscuits and sweets delivered just before Christmas. I am recovering slowly and hope to be back at Church in the not too distant future.'



Happy Birthday to Margo who celebrated her special day in December with family and friends!



Rouken-Glen Tea & Coffee Chat

Tuesday 6th February @ 10:30am. All are welcome. No need to **book**

Care home services

Williamwood is on the rota to conduct worship at Clarkston Care Home on **Tuesday 13th February (morning)** and at **Williamwood House on Sunday 3rd March (afternoon)**

Please speak to **Jean Little** if you are able to take part in these services



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.

Goalies

Gentlemen Only at Lunch in Eastwood [GOALIES] meets regularly on the first Friday of the 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 next meetings will be on **Friday 2nd February & Friday 1st March 2024 at 1pm** in the Williamwood Golf Clubhouse.

It is essential that if you plan to come to let me know by the Wednesday before so that I can let the staff at the Club know how many will be present, as they prepare a table for us.

You can contact me on my phone number or tick your name off or add your name to the list the preceding Sunday in church. Anyone requiring transport should also contact me.

All are very welcome!

Alastair Cherry Mobile 07483221141.



Flower calendar

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



FEBRUARY

4th Vacant
11th Vacant
18th Jean Little
25th Vacant

MARCH

3rd Vacant
10th Kathy Craig
17th Irene Russell
23rd Lynne Mitchell
31st Margaret Munn

Book Exchange

You are all welcome to pick and exchange a book.
The Book Exchange Rack is along the Session Room
Corridor



Food Hygiene Training

A food hygiene training session is being planned for early in March (Saturday 2nd or 9th TO BE CONFIRMED). This will take place in Williamwood Church from 10am until 3pm. It is a Fully Certificated REHIS Food Hygiene course with a simple assessment at the end. It promises to be appropriate for our needs as well as give a basic understanding of risks and how to reduce them.

PLEASE SPEAK TO FORBES BARRON FOR MORE INFORMATION OR EMAIL HIM AT - forbes.barron@ntlworld.com

Williamwood Parish Church
EVENTS
QUIZ NIGHT
Saturday 16th March
at 7pm
Tickets...
Adults - £5.00
Under 18's - £2.00
Wine, Beer and Soft Drinks can be Purchased
Scottish Charity Number – SCO09939 Website - new.williamwoodparish.church

The Events committee are holding a **family fun quiz** night on **Saturday 16th of March at 7pm**. Teams will be up to six people, and you can meet up and join with friends on the night. Tickets will be available from any committee member and will also be on sale at coffee after church from mid-February.

Christian Aid Art Exhibition & Sale

The **43rd Clarkston Christian Aid Art Exhibition & Sale** will take place in the Clarkston Halls on **Friday 8th March from 7.30pm-9.00pm** and on **Saturday 9th March from 10am-4pm.**

Entry is £5 for adults & £2 for children which includes refreshments.

A few hundred original art works by well-known professional and amateur artists will be for sale, with prices to suit all pockets. **Donations of baking for the tearoom & baking stall** would be most welcome and anyone who is willing to contribute should speak to Anne or Ross who will be delighted to hear from them.

We also need helpers for the tearoom and stewards for the Saturday, even for part of the day. We had a great Williamwood team last year so hopefully we will be able to get enough helpers to fill the posts this year.

The Art Show is the Clarkston Christian Aid Committee's biggest fund raising event of the year and your help is invaluable.

Thank you for all your support over the years.

Anne Clark (644 4776) Ross McGhee (638 4883)
Christian Aid Representatives

World day of prayer

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Presbytery Planning

The meeting for Cluster representatives went ahead in January after all, though no-one from Williamwood or Thornliebank was able to be present. Discussions continued on models of ministry within our Cluster of eight or seven congregations which will be served, eventually, by three Ministers of Word and Sacrament.

These discussions and ideas along with other ideas and input will be explored again at meetings in February and the content reported to all our Cluster congregations.

Six Glasgow cinemas are showing two Christian Films in February



The Chosen - Season 4

Episodes 1 to 3 is showing at six cinemas in Glasgow on Thursday 1st February only.

The Chosen will be showing on Thurs. 1st February only at:

Odeon - Braehead at 7.30pm

Omniplex - Clydebank at 6.30pm

Cineworld - Silverburn at 7pm

Showcase - Barrbridge Leisure Centre at 7pm (almost sold out)

Odeon - Springfield Quay at 7.50pm (almost sold out)

The Grosvenor, Ashton Lane at 3pm

The Chosen is a major new drama series which has now reached the mid-point of Jesus' ministry.

Season 4 - episodes 4 to 6 will then be showing at cinemas on Thurs. 15th February only.

Season 4 episodes 7 to 8 will be showing at cinemas on Thurs. 29th February.

For details and to book go to:

thechosentv.co.uk

Ordinary Angels (PG) is opening in cinemas nationwide on Friday 23rd February.

For details and the trailer google: **[ordinaryangels.movie](https://www.google.com/search?q=ordinaryangels.movie)**

Cinema venues have still to be finalised for Ordinary Angels but it is likely to be opening very widely.

Please check your cinema website on Wed. 14th February.

You might want to know..... the Minister will be on BBC Radio Scotland's New Every Sunday programme at 7am on Sunday 25th February and the 3rd March these are repeats of programmes which were originally broadcast in 2022

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 2nd February: GOALIES at Williamwood Golf Club 1pm

Friday 1st March: GOALIES at Williamwood Golf Club 1pm

Friday 1st March: World Day of Prayer at Stamperland Church 10:30am

Saturday 16th of March: Quiz Night at Williamwood Church

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For information: The church e-mail address is not manned and therefore, if anyone wishes to contact the church, please do so through the website where there are contact details.

Articles for the next newsletter should be with Evelyn Wallace **by Sunday 25th February 2024.**