

Williamwood Parish Church Newsletter March 2024



LENT 2024

During the season of Lent, we are joining with the congregations of Giffnock: The Park; United Reformed Church; Orchardhill; South on Wednesdays at 10.30am to walk between two of our buildings on each day. At the end of the walk there will be a short time of reflection before we enjoy refreshments together.

The short time of music and reflection will be at Williamwood on Wednesday 13th March probably beginning around 11.15am (after some have walked from Giffnock: Orchardhill)
See the poster below for further details.

The Minister invites you to read the book of Psalms during Lent as a daily devotional discipline (it amounts to three psalms some days; four on others) OR to read and reflect on Psalm 25 (a prayer for help and of trust in God) on each day of Lent.

Walking Together in Lent

28th Feb Park Church to Giffnock URC

6th Mar Giffnock URC to Orchardhill Church

13th Mar Orchardhill Church to Williamwood Church

20th Mar Williamwood Church to Giffnock South Church

27th Mar Giffnock South Church to Park Church

***Join with us as we go on
a Prayer walk around
our community***

***We meet at 10.30am for a short Prayer at the first
Location then we will walk or drive to the next
Location and finish with a short time of Reflection
And refreshments***



COMMUNION SERVICE

We celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper during our service on Sunday 3rd March 2024. We use non-alcoholic wine and gluten free bread. All who love the Lord are welcome at his Table.



HOLY WEEK AND EASTER 2024

During Holy Week, we will again join with some of our neighbouring congregations for services (you may remember we hosted the Maundy Thursday Communion service in Williamwood last year).

Wednesday 28th March

Performance of a Passion Play (by a professional theatre company) at 8pm in St Margaret's Episcopal Church, Newlands.

Tickets are free but an offering will be taken for charity.

Tickets can be had at the door or reserved by calling 07470 345829.

Thursday 29th March at 6.30pm

Service for Holy Thursday with a celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Communion in Giffnock United Reformed Church at 7pm.

Friday 30th March

A reading of Mark's gospel, with music for reflection, at 12 noon in Giffnock South Parish Church.

A service for Good Friday evening in Giffnock South Parish Church at 7pm.

Sunday 31st March

An early, outdoor service for Easter Morning at Greenbank Garden at 8.30am.

Easter Breakfast at Cathcart Castle Golf Club at 9am (tea/coffee and breakfast rolls available).

Please sign up in advance so we can let the Golf Club have an idea of numbers.

Easter Day service at 11am in Williamwood Parish Church.

Remember to put your clocks forward one hour!



CONGREGATIONAL ROLL

Deaths

8th September 2023 – Brian G Hunter, Fereneze Avenue

17th February 2024 - Lilian Simpson, Beechwood Ave

MINISTER TO RETIRE...

On Sunday 18th March (the first Sunday in Lent) the Minister intimated to the congregation that she would demit the charge of Glasgow: Williamwood and retire from full-time parish ministry in the summer of this year, almost 9 years after the congregation of Williamwood called her to be their Minister.

The exact date of her retirement and last service is still to be finalised in consultation with the Presbytery of Glasgow.

The Kirk Session (along with Glasgow Presbytery and our Cluster congregations) will now consider how the congregation goes forward and will put in place the necessary arrangements.

PRESBYTERY PLANNING

Representatives from all our Cluster congregations met in early February and heard from a Minister in Irvine who is involved in a team, multi-congregation ministry. There is a further meeting on Wednesday 13th March when other models will be discussed. The Congregation Development Officer of Glasgow Presbytery is expected to be in attendance.

INTERIM MODERATOR AT NEWLANDS SOUTH PARISH CHURCH

Glasgow Presbytery has appointed our Minister as Interim Moderator in the vacancy at Newlands South Parish Church from 13th February until 31st May 2024

CARE HOME SERVICES

Williamwood is on the rota to conduct worship at Williamwood House on Sunday 3rd March at 2.30pm

Please speak to Jean Little if you are able to take part in these services which are much appreciated – especially if there is singing!

INVITATION

A new initiative is being launched to develop partnerships with churches in and around Glasgow so that we can learn from each other and so that our work on the streets of Glasgow can be a stimulus to mission and a way of bringing different churches together.

We would like to invite you to join us at our launch event in March to learn more about this. We will be presenting our new video showing our work on the streets and sharing details about partnership between Street Pastors and local churches.

Date: Thursday 14th March 2024
Time: 2.00-3.30pm
Venue: Prince & Princess of Wales Hospice,
20 Dumbreck Rd, Bellahouston, Glasgow G41 5BW

Although the RSVP was for Friday 23rd February I am sure they will accept later replies if you wish to attend. Contact Fiona Kilpatrick at - Email: development@gsp.scot

THE GUILD

The Guild 2023-2024 session finishes in March, the session has past very quickly. We have had a varied programme and hope that it has been enjoyed by those who attended.

Our meetings in March are as follows:

Mar 4 Holiday in Costa Rica-----Philip Moseley

Mar 18 AGM & Flower Arranging

We look forward to hearing about Philip's holiday in Costa Rica on 4th March. Ladies from the Church Flower Group are coming to show us their skills after our AGM on 18th March.

We are hoping to go for afternoon tea to the Prince & Princess of Wales Hospice at Bellahouston in May. We can have a separate room and know that we can have a very enjoyable afternoon tea. The cost will be £17.50. A definite date hasn't been decided yet, but if you would like to join the Guild for afternoon tea please speak to Evelyn Graham. The date will be notified in the April Newsletter.

The members of the Guild wish everyone a Blessed Easter and an enjoyable and sunny summer break.



EVENTS

Don't forget to get your tickets to the Events Quiz which promises to be a fun night for all. Teams will be of up to six people and tickets are available from any committee member and will be on sale at coffee after church



A poster for a Quiz Night event. The background is dark blue with a yellow and green border. The text is in yellow and white. It features a large yellow question mark on the left and a large yellow question mark on the right. The word 'EVENTS' is written in a large, yellow, stylized font. Below it, 'QUIZ NIGHT' is written in a red and white comic book style. The event details are listed in yellow text: 'Saturday 16th March at 7pm', 'Tickets... Adults - £5.00 Under 18's - £2.00', and 'Wine, Beer and Soft Drinks can be Purchased'. At the bottom, the Scottish Charity Number and website are listed in white text.

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Saturday 16th March
at 7pm
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Scottish Charity Number – SCO09939 Website - new.williamwoodparish.church

FOOD HYGIENE TRAINING

This has been confirmed for Saturday **2 March from 10am until 3pm**
If you have not yet booked a place, and are still keen to attend please just come along on the day.

Those attending should be there ten minutes before the start and should bring their own lunch. Hot water, tea, coffee and biscuits will be available on the day.



Rouken Glen Tea, Coffee and Chat

The next get-together at Rouken Glen Garden Centre will be on Tuesday 5th March at 10.30 am. As usual all are welcome. Just turn up for an hour or so of fellowship and chat.



THE 43rd ANNUAL CLARKSTON CHRISTIAN AID ART EXHIBITION & SALE

Venue: Clarkston Halls
When: Friday 5th April 7.30pm - 9pm
Saturday 6th April 10am - 4pm

(Please note new dates)

Over 200 original art works by well-known professional and amateur artists will be for sale, with prices to suit all pockets.

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

Donations of baking for the tea room & 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 and support is invaluable. Thank you.

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

CONCERT

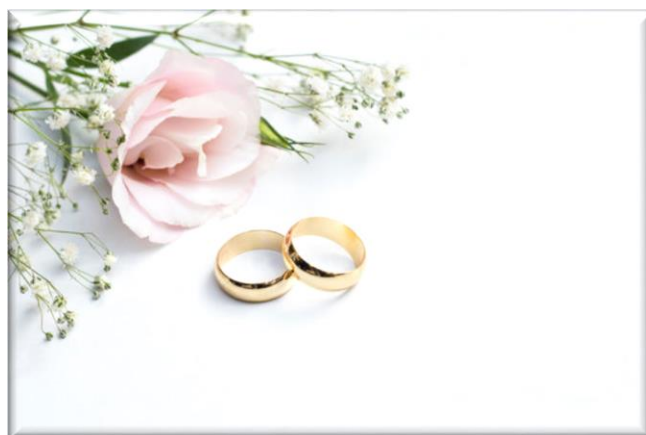
Diego, our Organist, is giving a concert at the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland on 21st March from 1 to 2pm

It will feature Diego on piano ((Chopin) and a string quintet
Tickets are available from the RCS Box Office



CONGRATULATIONS.....

to Sophie McKendrick (daughter of our Nursery Manager) and Stewart Major who will be married by the Minister on 29th March 2024. We wish them a happy day and a long 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 two months. They are greatly appreciated by those in the Church and those who receive them after the service on Sunday.



March		April	
3 rd	Vacant	7 th	Jean Reid
10 th	Kathy Craig	14 th	Irene Russell
17 th	Irene Russell	21 st	Lynne Mitchell
24 th	Lynne Mitchell	28 th	Murdoch Hodge
31 st	Margaret Munn		



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	Friday 1 st March at 1pm at Williamwood Golf Club
World Day of Prayer	Friday 1 st March at 10.30 at Netherlee and Stamperland Church
Food Hygiene	Saturday 2 nd March from 10am till 3pm at Williamwood Church
Events Committee Meeting	Monday 4 th March at 7pm
Christian Aid Art Exhibition	Friday 5 th and Saturday 6 th April

Articles for the April Newsletter should be with Evelyn Wallace by March 25th



Williamwood Parish Church Halls, Seres Road, Clarkston

Sessions available for coming academic year

Morning sessions - 9am till noon, available to children aged **from 2 years 6 months**
Afternoon sessions - noon till 3pm, available to children aged **from 2 years 3 months**

Very limited spaces for 2 year olds

Both sessions can be taken together for full day provision.

£30 per full day including lunch and snack

Clarkston Nursery has served the local community for 55 years. We are staffed by a fully qualified, experienced team who are dedicated to the children in our care. We are proud of the nurturing environment we provide, and the links we form with the families using our service.

To book a space contact Eleni on info@clarkstonnursery.co.uk

To arrange a visit contact Maureen on manager@clarkstonnursery.co.uk

Have a look at our website www.clarkstonnursery.co.uk for further information.

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