

Williamwood Parish Church Newsletter April 2024



HAPPY EASTER...

to everyone. May you know the joy, the peace and the new life of our risen Lord throughout this special season and in the days that follow.

THANK YOU....

to all who prepared for and took part in any way in our Lenten Walk, Holy Week and Easter Day services and our Easter breakfast.

CONGREGATIONAL ROLL

Death – 17th February Lillian Simpson, late of Beechwood Ave, Clarkston.

CONGRATULATIONS.....

to Daniel Robertson (Margaret's grandson) and Ashleigh Mc Guinness who are being married on 20th April 2024.

We wish them a happy day and a long and happy life together.

NEW MODERATOR OF GLASGOW PRESBYTERY

Our Minister will be installed as the new Moderator of the Presbytery of Glasgow at its meeting on 18th June at Giffnock Orchardhill. Members of the congregation and others are all most welcome to attend the meeting which begins at 7pm (and you may leave before the end of the meeting!).

RETIRAL

The date of our Minister's retiral from full-time parish ministry is now confirmed as 30th June 2024.

The Presbytery of Glasgow will be asked to confirm this at its meeting on 14th May (in Ballieston St Andrew's Church)

Members of the congregation are invited to attend the meeting for this item of business and a representative will be given the opportunity to speak on their behalf should they wish to do so.

Other arrangements, such as the appointment by presbytery of an Interim Moderator will be intimated when they are known.

PRESBYTERY INSPECTION OF RECORDS

Thank you to all Office-bearers for the preparation of all the necessary paperwork. All books checked and in order.

PRESBYTERY PLANNING

Representatives from all our Cluster congregations met again in March when the idea of Parish Grouping was discussed. It did not find much favour for our Cluster at this stage. A further meeting is to take place on 17th April when representatives may be asked to state a preference for our Cluster of either three Unions or a Team Ministry covering all congregations in the Cluster. Our Kirk Session has consistently stated its preference for a Team Ministry. Further work and discussion needs to take place on which model of Team Ministry may work best for our Cluster.

STATED ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION

The Stated Annual Meeting of the congregation will take place following the morning service on 28th April 2024.

At this meeting the Financial Statement for 2023 and the Budget for 2024 will be presented. These have already been approved by the Trustees of the congregation who are the members of the Kirk Session and members of the Congregational Board

The meeting will also be asked to agree that the congregation should adopt the Unitary Constitution

UNITARY CONSTITUTION

The Unitary Constitution for a congregation provides a form of organisation that consists of only a single Trustee body which is the Kirk Session.

(At present we are governed by the Model Constitution which means we have both a Kirk Session and a Congregational Board on which some non-elders serve).

The Kirk Session is recommending we now adopt the Unitary Constitution.

We would no longer have a Congregational Board. However the various Committees (Finance; Property; Events; Communications – and maybe some new ones) would continue and would report to the Kirk Session. Non-elder members will continue to serve on committees and are welcome to attend the Kirk Session meeting (as indeed is any member of the congregation).

This eliminates the need for Board meetings (chaired by the Minister or Interim Moderator) and streamlines congregational organisation.

In the event of any linkage or union member congregations are required to adopt the Unitary Constitution and it is the preferred method of organisation of the charity regulator (OSCR). It is now the most common form of congregational constitution throughout the church.

A vote on the move to the Unitary Constitution will be taken at the Stated Annual Meeting.

MINISTER AWAY/ON HOLIDAY

The Minister will be away on Sunday 21st April and our service will be conducted by the Revd Tom Pollock whom we welcome back to Williamwood.

The Minister will be on holiday from 29th April to 7th May (incl).

Our service on 5th May will be conducted by the Revd. Val Duff (formerly of Shawlands). Should you require the services of a Minister urgently during this period, please contact the Session Clerk, Margaret Robertson on 0141 321 8033.

Thank You from Lillian Broadley

I would like to thank everyone who sent cards and letters of sympathy to me on the passing of my Mum Lillian. It was very much appreciated by me and all the family.

I would also like to thank the church for the beautiful flowers I received.

GUILD

The Guild are going for afternoon tea to the Prince & Princess of Wales Hospice, at Bellahouston, on Monday 13th May 2024 at 2.30pm. The cost is £20.00 which includes a small donation for the Hospice.

We would be delighted if members of the congregation and friends would like to join us. Please indicate if you are a car driver.

Anyone wishing to join us for afternoon tea should speak to Evelyn Graham or any Guild member.



Rouken Glen Tea, Coffee and Chat

The next get-together at Rouken Glen Garden Centre will be on Tuesday 2nd April at 10.30am. All welcome. Just come along, no need to book.

BROWNIES

We can't believe we're at the Spring Break already - such a busy time since January! We're completely full now until the end of the session; having lost a couple of the older girls, who turned ten, and taken in five new recruits. Two of the new recruits joined us in January and have already made their Brownie Promise, in front of their families. The three latest girls who joined at the start of March will hopefully make their Promise at the beginning of May.

We also welcomed a new young leader: Olivia joined us in January and has been a great addition to our team. We have been working hard on the 'Express Yourself' theme over the past months, with all the regular attendees gaining their theme badge. This has allowed more of the 8 and 9 year olds to gain their Bronze award and a few of the oldest brownies to gain their Silver award. A huge achievement and recognition of regular attendance and hard work on a Wednesday evening.

We look forward to a trip to the Glasgow Science Centre on Saturday 20th April when 24 brownies from our unit, and 3 leaders, will enjoy a day of fun at this popular



attraction in Glasgow, alongside other Brownie Units from across East Renfrewshire County. We finish on Wednesday 22nd May but look forward to lots of outside fun before then!

Lorna, Fiona, Karen, Lindsay & Kirsty (The Owls).

LODGING HOUSE MISSION.

Since the generous outflowing of donations over the festive season, so appreciated by LHM, there has been a decline in the volume of contributions of late and I would appeal to you to consider helping out.

I realise that there are many demands on your generosity, but having seen first hand the wonderful work of Lodging House Mission, I would urge you to give them your support.

Jim Purvis

CLARKSTON CHRISTIAN AID ART EXHIBITION & SALE



Just a quick reminder that the 43rd Clarkston Christian Aid Art Exhibition & Sale is on Friday 5th April from 7.30pm - 9pm and Saturday 6th April from 10am - 4pm in the Clarkston Halls.

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

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

The Art Show is the Clarkston Christian Aid Committee's biggest fund raising event of the year and your support would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

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

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.



April		May	
7 th	Jean Reid	5 th	Irene Heffron
14 th	Irene Russell	12 th	Eleanor McKenzie
21 st	Lynne Mitchell	19 th	Isobel Pitkethly
28 th	Murdoch Hodge	26 th	Kay Bolton



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.

Dates to Remember

Friday 5 th April at 1pm at Williamwood Golf Club	Goalies
Friday 5 th and Saturday 6 th April	Christian Aid Art Exhibition Clarkston Halls

Articles for the next Newsletter should be with Evelyn Wallace by Wednesday 24th April

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