



Williamwood Parish Church Newsletter

THANK
YOU!

Dear Friends,

Thank you so very much for your generous gifts: the cheque and flowers given to me on the occasion of my retirement from full-time parish ministry; the lunch (with cake!) which we enjoyed together; the cards you sent; the piped exit on that final Sunday at the end of June and all your good wishes.

Thank you, too, for those other generous gifts I have enjoyed during my time as your minister : your company, support and friendship ; the privilege of sharing in the special times in your lives both sad and joyful and for your encouragement through your attendance at and sharing of worship and in the variety of shared endeavours in which we have engaged as we sought to build up the church and to bring something of God's kingdom on earth in the parish we were called to serve and in the wider world.

I have spent a very little of that cheque – but I'm sure it will come as no surprise that I have bought a new, lightweight suitcase! I'm considering what I might do with the rest but I think it most likely that I'll have a special trip somewhere. I've never been to the Holy Land or to Africa or to South America or to the Globe Theatre in Stratford or..... I hope to rectify some of that very soon and, in retirement, with fewer regular meetings and other calls on my time it should be much more possible now.

However, I do first have to complete my removal from the manse and downsize the study in particular to a very considerable extent. It's amazing how much paper you accumulate during a career in the Kirk! I also have the role of Moderator of Glasgow Presbytery to keep me busy for now (as you might have seen on Reporting Scotland recently!).

I take to that role and on into 'proper' retirement so many memories of my time at Williamwood (and in other places too), not least of people who lived out the faith we share. I thank you for the memories and I thank you, most warmly, for the opportunity to serve among you for a time.

I wish you well for the future as individuals and as a congregation of God's people as you continue to live the faith and as you continue to witness to God's goodness and grace in whichever form that witness may take in the future.

May God richly bless you all.
With thanks and love, Jan



Doors Open will restart after the summer break on the **first Thursday in September, between 10 am and 12 noon**, in the Vestibule of the church - via the front doors. Everyone is welcome for tea/coffee and chat. You'll be guaranteed a warm welcome.

The next get-together at **Rouken Glen Garden Centre** will be on **Tuesday 3rd September at 10.30 am**. As usual, all welcome, so come along for an hour or so of fellowship and chat. No need to book.

The Guild 2024/2025 Syllabus

After disappointing weather this summer, we hope that you will find something interesting in our Guild programme for 2024/25.



October 7th Guild Theme "Let us Build a House"

Year 1 – "Sure Foundations" and Communion Rev Aquila Singh

October 21st Air Ambulance

November 4th Blythswood Care

November 18th East Renfrewshire Good Causes Russell Macmillan

December 2nd Holy Beetle Drive

December 16th Christmas Lunch Eglinton Arms Hotel

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January 6th In house Quiz

January 20th Dementia Dog Anne Rankin

February 3rd Scottish Afternoon Jim Purvis

February 17th Toledo Cinema & other short films Tom Marchant

March 3rd Guild Project The Scottish Bible Society Bibles for Bairns

March 17th Evacuee's Story Anna Magnusson

March 31st AGM

Friday 3rd March World Day of Prayer

We meet in the **Session House at 2pm**. The Guild is open to gentlemen and ladies, please come to any meeting which is of interest to you. We will warmly welcome everyone and hope that we might attract some new members. Looking forward to seeing you.

Congregational Roll

It is with sadness we announce the death of a member of our church family. Roy Hall on 22nd June 2024 at Kennedy Court, Giffnock

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.

If you would like to donate flowers for the chancel, please contact Jean Little or add your name to the calendar at the church vestibule. Those listed below who are providing the flowers in the Church over the next two months.



September

1st Ann Bruce
8th Irene Russell
15th Margaret Mathieson
22nd VACANT
29th VACANT

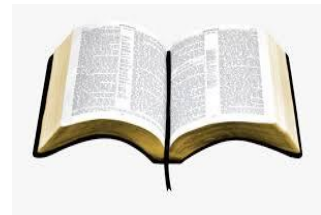
October

6th Anne Reid
13th Evelyn Graham
20th Murdoch Hodge
27th Tony Drysdale

Readers Rota

Many thanks to all who are willing to read on a Sunday morning.

Margo King and Kathy Craig have now stepped down from reading duties and we thank them for all the reading so well read.



We are delighted to welcome Deborah Clark to the group.

There is always space for more readers and we would like to add to our numbers. If you would be interested, it's not an onerous task, we would be very pleased to have you. It means reading about twice within a 3 month rota.

Just get in touch with **Carole Ferguson 07814041557, caroledorothea@me.com**

Williamwood Church Choir.



The Choir starts back its practices on Thursday 5th September at 7.00 in the Session House.

Anyone who enjoys singing is most welcome to attend.

Cluster News

29th September Rev Jim Teasdale will preach in Williamwood as part of the ARC cluster Group Pulpit Supply.

3rd October we will host **Songs of Praise** with the Cluster churches, more information to follow.



Fiona Gunning is giving a talk on her charity in **Malawi "Mtende Community Project"** on **Sunday 22nd September from 2-4pm** in the large hall. This will be an update on the work carried out over the last year and will include a slideshow. Everyone is welcome and there is no charge although any donations will be gratefully accepted. Tea, coffee and a biscuit will be provided.

Lodging House Mission

Please see attached to this email a few flyers about **The Lodging House Mission Harvest Appeal**. Any help or support you can give will be greatly appreciated.



The only event planned at present is next year's Art Exhibition & Sale which is due to take place on Friday 7th and Saturday 8th March in the Clarkston Halls. More information will follow nearer the time.

One other piece of news is that committee member **Myrtle McGregor from Busby Church**, who started the Art Show back in 1981 and until last year was heavily involved in the leadership of the event every year, was awarded the British Empire Medal in the King's Birthday Honours list in June for services to the community of Clarkston through her work with the Art Show.

We are delighted for Myrtle, an honour which is thoroughly deserved.

Anne Clark and Ross McGhee, Christian Aid Representatives

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Some members of the congregation have requested the words of the following hymn: Let Glasgow Flourish (Tune Glasgow)

Verse 1

Let Glasgow Flourish by the power
and the preaching of God's word
As in the praising of God's name
The city owns its Lord

Verse 2

Let women walk the streets in peace
And children safely play,
And strangers find a welcome here,
And wanderers find their way.

Verse 3

Let those who govern and employ
Give justice central place
And let the wronged and voiceless folk
Hear others plead their cause.

Verse 4

Let trade reflect integrity
And politics serve need;
Let common ground be recognised
In culture as in creed.

Verse 5

Amen, Amen, until the Clyde
Retreats from firth and sea,
Let Glasgow flourish and let all
Praise God eternally.