

# **Williamwood Parish Church Newsletter**

**May 2025**



“Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!” – Psalm 150:6

Dear friends,

As May blossoms around us, we are reminded of the beauty and faithfulness of God’s creation. With the longer days and signs of new life springing up, there’s much to give thanks for – not only in nature but in the life of our congregation too.

## **Easter Gratitude**

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped make our Holy Week and Easter services so meaningful. From the readers and musicians to the flower arrangers and welcomers – your contributions reflected the joy of the Risen Christ in our midst.

## **Looking Ahead**

May is a month of growth and planning. We are preparing for Pentecost on Sunday 8th June – a time to celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the Church. Let’s come together with hearts open to be renewed and empowered for ministry.

## **Pastoral Care**

Please remember to let us know if anyone is unwell, lonely, or in need of a visit. Our Prayer Group is also ready to offer confidential support through daily prayer, if requested, following pastoral contact with minister or Session Clerk.

## **Children & Families**

Our Sunday School who meet during morning worship will restart in August. It’s a joy to see the children exploring faith together – thank you to our volunteers for your faithful service.

## **Worship in May**

Worship continues each Sunday at 11.00am, with a warm welcome for all. Whether you’re here every week or returning after a time away, know that this is your spiritual home.

## **Dates for Your Diary**

- Sunday 8th June– Pentecost Celebration Service
- Wednesday 14th May Kirk Session Meeting, 7.30pm

## **Stepping into the Future**

As we walk into the summer months, may we do so with trust in God’s guidance. Whether you are finding life full of energy or walking through a time of weariness, remember: “The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

With every blessing

Paul

Locum Minister

The Rev Paul Read will be on holiday for 5 weeks in June, the following list of Ministers will lead us in worship:

1<sup>st</sup> June, Rev Derek Munn (Holy Communion)  
8<sup>th</sup> June, Rev Hutton Steel  
15<sup>th</sup> June, Rev Eric McLachlan  
22<sup>nd</sup> June, Peter and Shirley Carr  
29<sup>th</sup> June David Nicholson.

Clarkston Nursery celebrates 50 years in Williamwood Church. Happy Anniversary to both of us!

In 2027 our church will celebrate 90 years, let's make it a celebration to remember.  
Margaret

### **THE GUILD**



The Guild have arranged an Afternoon Tea at the Prince & Princess of Wales Hospice at Bellahouston Park. The date is Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May, from 3pm to 4.30pm and the cost is £22.00 which includes a donation per head to PPWH. We are hoping that members from the congregation and friends will join us. If you have any special dietary requirements please let me know. We are planning to go by cars, so if you can assist by taking passengers that would be very helpful. There are still places available so if you would like to join us please contact me.

**A date for your diary.** Our main fundraising event of the year is our Coffee Afternoon, this year being held in the large hall on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> August from 2pm to 3.30pm. The cost is £5.00. We will be having a raffle. We do hope that as many members of the congregation and friends will come along to support us.

Evelyn Graham, Convener Williamwood Church Guild.



The next get-together at Rouken Glen Garden Centre will be on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May at 10.30 am. All welcome. Come along for an hour or so of fellowship and chat.

The Events Committee present the first of their Summer Concerts on the 25<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm. Diego and guests, Unge and Khalil will entertain you with live classical music. Refreshments will be served after the concert in the large hall.





Rev. Beckie Bartocho preached  
as the Sole Nominee for  
The Deferred Union of Portree  
with Kilmuir and Staffin Parish  
Churches.

She is now the Minister Elect  
for the above Churches.  
We here at Williamwood would  
like to offer her our  
congratulations and wish her all  
the best in her new post.

## **CHRISTIAN AID NEWS**

### **Coffee Day**

After the success of previous Coffee Days there will be another one on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May from 10am to 3pm at 37 Ashfield Road (opposite Carolside Nursery). As there will be no "house-to-house" collection again this year during Christian Aid Week this will be an opportunity to raise much needed funds for Christian Aid's work where there is need around the world.

As well as tea, coffee and home baking there will be cards, plants and home baking for sale. All welcome.

### **Christian Aid Week**

This year's Christian Aid Week is from Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May to Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May. As mentioned above it will again be different this year in that there will be no "house-to-house" collection but there are still ways in which you can donate to Christian Aid.



There will be Christian Aid donation envelopes available in the Church on Sundays 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> May. Alternatively, you can donate online via Christian Aid's website ([www.christianaid.org.uk](http://www.christianaid.org.uk)).

Thank you.

If you would like any more information on any of these events please contact either Anne or Ross.

**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.



May		June	
4 <sup>th</sup>		1 <sup>st</sup>	Tony Drysdale
11 <sup>th</sup>	Eleanor McKenzie	8 <sup>th</sup>	
18 <sup>th</sup>	Isobel Pitkethly	15 <sup>th</sup>	Pat Cluness
25 <sup>th</sup>	Eileen Nichol	22 <sup>nd</sup>	
		29 <sup>th</sup>	Anne Buchanan

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.

If you know of anyone who you think would appreciate Church flowers, please speak to Jean Little or anyone from the flower committee.

## **CAROLSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL**

For the attention of all people who attended Carolside Primary School for any length of time.

Carolside Primary School was opened in 1950 and, therefore, celebrates its 75th anniversary this year. The school is planning two Open afternoons for all pupils: young and old. The dates for your diary are: **Monday afternoon 16th June 2025** and **Tuesday afternoon 17th June 2025**.

On these afternoons the school Dining Hall will be used to display photos, stories and any other memorabilia you may have. Also, the school would welcome anyone who might be willing to share stories from the past by giving a talk.

Williamwood Church has had a long association with Carolside Primary. If any of the youth organisations feel they have any memories or memorabilia they would like to share for this anniversary, please contact the school on the email address below.

Also, senior pupils from the school will take groups of former pupils for tours of the school. Maybe you would like a wee peek in an old classroom, for old time's sake.

Tea and coffee will be available on these Open afternoons.

If anyone would like to share past memories etc, please contact the school on: [schoolmail@carolside.e-renfrew.sch.uk](mailto:schoolmail@carolside.e-renfrew.sch.uk)

If you would like to go to either of the Open afternoons keep the dates above free, in your diary.

Garry McDonald, Carolside Primary School Liaison for Williamwood Church

### **Dates for your Diary**

Tues 6 May	Coffee at Rouken Glen Garden Centre	10.30am
Sat 10 May	Christian Aid Coffee , 37 Ashfield Road	10.00-3.00
Wed 14 May	Kirk Session Meeting	7.30pm
Mon 19 May	Guild Afternoon Tea at the Hospice	3.00pm
Sun 25 May	Summer Concert	7.00pm
Wed 28 May	Deadline for June Newsletter	
Mon 16 Jun/Tues 17 Jun	Carolside Memories	afternoon

**Any articles for this should be with Evelyn Wallace by Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> May.**

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