

Williamwood Parish Church Newsletter June 2025



Dear Friends of Williamwood

Miracles Still Happen

“With God all things are possible.” — Matthew 19:26

We often think of miracles as belonging to Bible times—burning bushes, seas parting, the blind receiving sight, the dead being raised. Yet the God who performed those mighty acts has not changed. Scripture reminds us that Jesus Christ is “the same yesterday and today and forever” (Hebrews 13:8). The miraculous is not locked in the past. It is woven into the fabric of today.

Miracles may not always come as flashes of lightning or dramatic interventions, but they do come—quietly, powerfully, and often unexpectedly. A prayer answered just in time. A healing no one thought possible. A moment of peace in the midst of chaos. A prodigal child returning home. These are the signs of God’s living presence.

In our congregation, and in our own lives, we may have stories of such moments—perhaps not always shared publicly, but remembered as sacred. They remind us that God is near, active, and compassionate.

This month, as we move into the long days of summer, let us open our eyes to see the miraculous in the everyday: the beauty of creation, the kindness of strangers, the resilience of the human spirit, the unexpected joy that breaks through sorrow. And let us remember that prayer is still powerful, faith still moves mountains, and God still works wonders.

Miracles still happen—not just to others, not just long ago, but here, now, today.

May we be people who watch, wait, and give thanks.

With every blessing
Paul
Locum Minister

Dear Friends

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

1st June, Rev Derek Munn (Holy Communion)

8th June, Rev Hutton Steel

15th June, Rev Eric McLachlan

22nd June, Rev Aquila Singh

29th June, David Nicholson.

The Stated Annual Meeting will be on Sunday the 22nd June and our Interim Moderator will take the morning service and not as previously noted, Peter Carr. Aquila will also chair the meeting.

I look forward to confirming the Linkage with Broom when it goes through Presbytery on the 17th June. There will be little change to our church but we will be calling and sharing a minister.

Kind regards, Margaret

Welcome to New Members

Transferring to Williamwood Parish Church from Netherlee and Stamperland Church

Georgina Marshall Orchy Gardens

Moorelyn McDowell Orchy Gardens

From Greenbank Parish Church

Patricia Mason Seres Road



Data Protection

The Church of Scotland has reviewed and updated its Privacy policy template for congregations to adopt and use.

The new Williamwood Privacy policy can be found on the Church's website in the Data Protection section and outlines the purposes for which members' personal information may be used.

A copy will also be sent out via email.



Those who attended the Afternoon Tea at the Prince and Princess of Wales Hospice had a most enjoyable time. The Afternoon Tea was delicious.



Afternoon Tea at the Prince and Princess of Wales Hospice

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 2nd 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

Rouken Glen Get-Togethers



During the summer months, the get-togethers at Rouken Glen Garden Centre will be at 10.30 am on....

Tuesday 3rd June
Tuesday 1st July
Tuesday 5th August

As usual, all welcome, so come along for an hour or so of fellowship and chat.

FLOWER CALENDAR

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



June		July	
1 st	Tony Drysdale	6 th	Irene Heffron
8 th		13 th	Grant Keyes
15 th	Pat Cluness	20 th	The McGhee Family
22 nd		27 th	Lynn Mitchell
29 th	Anne Buchanan		
August		September	
3 rd	Sheena Skelton	7 th	Irene Russell
10 th	Jean Simms	14 th	Margaret Mathieson
17 th	Evelyn Wallace	21 st	Ann Bruce
24 th	Kay Bolton	28 th	Margo King
31 st	Catherine Carson		

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.



The Brownies held their last meeting of the session 2024-25 on the 21st of May and what an exciting end to the session we had!

We awarded our first ever Gold Award, which is the highest award possible in the Brownies. To achieve a Gold Award a Brownie needs to gain six Theme Awards. To earn each Theme Award they need to complete an Interest Badge at home, three hours of Unit Meeting Activities at Brownies and five Skills Builders at Brownies. This means that the Brownie must almost have perfect attendance on a Wednesday evening, or they will miss an element of the theme award which will prevent them from gaining that Theme Badge. The last parts of the Gold Award are to visit a Guide Unit, and feed back to the Brownies what they find out about Guides, and to organise and run an activity for the girls in their Unit. (see attached photo of the fabulous Easter Bunny masks)

(The whole programme is very tricky for the leaders to manage, as we have girls joining us throughout the year due to the rule that you can't join Brownies until you are 7 years old!

That is why we are so delighted to announce our first Gold Award winner, with another few due early next session.)

We finished the session with a Gold Award Celebration party which the girls organised themselves. It was a great party and at the end we said goodbye to three of our oldest Brownies who will turn ten over the summer.

We'd like to thank the Brownies for their enthusiasm on Wednesday evenings, and their families for their continued support. We hope they all have a great summer break!

Lorna, Fiona, Karen, Lindsay, Kirsty and Olivia (The Owls 🦉)





Thank you to everyone who supported the fundraising events during Christian Aid Week last month.

The Coffee Day at Anne's house, as well as being a very nice social occasion, raised £1,066 – a magnificent sum. Many thanks to all those who gave so generously of their time, talents and money to make this possible, including those who could not be there but made a donation.

The "Coffee after Church" on the Sunday of Christian Aid Week raised £156. This included the sale of unsold baking from the previous day's Coffee Day.

The donations made via the offering plate on Sunday mornings came to £360.

Overall an amazing total of £1,582 and our heartfelt thanks to everyone for their generosity.

Some members may also have donated online via Christian Aid's website and we thank them as well.

We really do appreciate all the support. This money, as well as the amounts raised by the other Churches on the Clarkston Committee, will be well used by Christian Aid wherever in the world it is needed most through the projects they support as well as responding to emergency situations which arise.

Anne Clark & Ross McGhee, Christian Aid Representatives

EVENTS

Come along at 7pm on Sunday 29th of June, and join us to hear a Quartet of Graduates from the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland performing an exciting programme including music by Dvorak, Glazunov and Gershwin, as well as other original contemporary works and popular transcriptions.

WILLIAMWOOD PARISH CHURCH PRESENTS

The Second of our Summer Concert Series

Sunday 29th of June at 7pm

A Quartet of Graduates from the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland Performing an exciting programme

Dean Garrity - Soprano Saxophone
Emilija Auskalnyte - Alto Saxophone
Jack Halferty - Tenor Saxophone
Richard Scholfield - Baritone Saxophone

Entry is by donation and refreshments will be served after the event in the Large Hall

4 Varder Avenue, Clarkston, Glasgow G76 7QP
Scottish Charity no. SCO09939

The poster features a photograph of the saxophone quartet on the left, standing in a church interior. The right side of the poster has a white background with red text and a decorative border of red and white geometric shapes. An illustration of three saxophones is on the bottom right.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 22 nd June	Stated General Meeting after the Church Service
Sunday 29 th June	Second Summer Concert at 7pm

There will be no Newsletter in July or August

**The Next Newsletter is due on September 1st
Any articles for this should be with Evelyn Wallace
by Sunday 24th August**

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