

# Williamwood Parish Church

## Newsletter

### October 2025



Dear Friends

Rev Paul Read will be with us until the end of November and for the first three weeks of December leading us in worship will be the Rev Jim Boag former Minister of Broom Parish Church.

The Christmas Coffee Morning will be on the 29th November, Forbes Barron and his Committee are already working on the details.

The Kirk Session met on the first of October to vote on the Basis of Linking with Broom Parish Church the vote of the Kirk Session was unanimous. You the Congregation will vote in the coming weeks. I have attached the document for your perusal.

Kind regards

Margaret

#### **BASIS OF LINKING**

##### **Broom Parish Church and Williamwood Parish Church**

The congregation of Broom Parish Church of Scotland (SC003290) ("Broom") and the congregation of Williamwood Parish Church of Scotland (SC009939) ("Williamwood") shall be linked as from **DDD 2025** or such date as shall be determined by Presbytery, and that on the following terms and conditions:

- 1. Transference of Property and Funds:** The property and funds belonging to or held on behalf of each congregation shall remain the property and funds of each congregation as at present.
- 2. Places of Worship:** Both churches at present used and occupied by the congregations shall be the places of worship of the linked congregations. Services shall be conducted in Broom at 9.45am and in Williamwood at 11.15am each Sunday.
- 3. Territorial Responsibility:** The bounds to be served by the linked charge shall be the parishes of Broom and Williamwood or as the Presbytery shall determine.

4. **Kirk Session:** The Minister of the linked charge shall be the Moderator of each Kirk Session. The Kirk Sessions will meet together at least once each year.
5. **Congregational Management:** The temporal affairs of each congregation shall be administered as at present. The office-bearers of the congregations shall meet annually to decide on their portion of the contribution to stipend and related expenses, listed expenses and maintenance of the manse, as may be agreed from time to time by the office-bearers and subject to the approval of the Presbytery.
6. **Minister:** The linked charge being vacant shall, on being given the right to call by the Presbytery, proceed to elect a Minister in terms of the Call, Election and Appointment of Ministers of Word and Sacrament Act (Act XI) 2025.
7. **Manse:** The manse of Broom shall be the manse of the linked congregations. The manse of Williamwood shall be sold, let or otherwise disposed of, subject to the title on which it is held, and subject to the approval of the Presbytery and, if necessary, of the General Trustees or the General Assembly. The free proceeds of any such sale or let shall: (a) if falling within the scope of the Church of Scotland General Trustees (Properties, Funds and Endowments) Act (Act V) 2024 be credited to the benefit of the congregation in the Consolidated Fabric Fund; or (b) if not falling within the scope of the said Act, be held and applied for fabric purposes in connection with the properties of the congregation.
8. **Ministerial Support:** The stipend of the minister shall be payable in terms of the National Stipend Scheme.
9. **Power to Readjust:** While these articles and terms shall form the Basis of Linking for the congregations now linking, the linked congregations shall be free like other congregations, to adjust arrangements under the authority of Presbytery as need may arise.

Subject to the approval of the Church of Scotland.

## **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.



October		November	
5 <sup>th</sup>	Anne Reid	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Margaret Petrie
12 <sup>th</sup>	Evelyn Graham	9 <sup>th</sup>	Carole Fergusson
19 <sup>th</sup>	Murdoch Hodge	16 <sup>th</sup>	Irene Russell
26 <sup>th</sup>	Tony Drysdale	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Vacant
		30 <sup>th</sup>	Liz Taylor

### **Flower Club Update**

As some of you will be aware Jean has been in hospital for a few weeks and we all hope and pray that she will be taking up the reins of the flower committee again in the future. As an interim measure the contact person will be Joan Black 0141 638 5433 or [blacksabode@googlemail.com](mailto:blacksabode@googlemail.com)

As a small, cheerful and easy-going group of people, we are also now in a position where we do need extra help to put flowers into the Church every Sunday. This is not a difficult or terribly time-consuming task, especially since the flowers are mostly in the vase now and not the large displays we used to do. We have a rota which will run until the end of December but if there is anyone out there who can take a turn and help with this in 2026, we would be delighted to hear from you. Please speak to anyone from the flower committee who will happily give you more information.

If you would like to donate flowers for the chancel, please contact Joan Black or add your name to the calendar in the Church vestibule. The calendar for 2026 will be available for you to add your name in the middle of December.

If you know of anyone who you think would appreciate Church flowers, please speak to Joan Black or any committee member.

The committee are at present -

**Joan Black (Temporary Convener), Sheila McDonald (Treasurer), Jean Little, Sandra Fraser, Elizabeth Purvis, Jenny Barr and Margaret McIntyre.**

## Rouken Glen Get-Together



The next get-together at Rouken Glen Garden Centre will be on Tuesday, 7th October at 10.30 am. As usual, all welcome, so please come along for an hour or so of fellowship and chat.

The Church Gardening group has just completed another summer working in the garden. We are a small group who meet up every two weeks in the evening to keep things neat and tidy.



I would like to say a huge thank you to, everyone who came along this year, for all your hard work and continued enthusiasm for the task. Without your help the gardens would not be so nice for everyone to enjoy.

There are still a couple of things to be done, including a little winter bedding planting, before the colder weather sets in and I will do these during the day. It just leaves me to say thanks again. Joan Black



Come along to the Events Committees Fundraising Fashion Event. The evening promises to be full of fun and you can also pick up some bargains from some high street shops.

Tickets will be available from Events Committee members in **Early September** so put the date in your diary now.



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.

## **Guild**



We look forward to our new Guild session and hope that members of the congregation will come along to any afternoon which interests them. We meet in the Session House at 2pm. Our syllabus for the months until Christmas is as follows:

October 6 <sup>th</sup>	Guild Theme - "Let us Build a House"	
	Year 2 "Living Stones" and Communion Rev. Aquila Singh	
October 20 <sup>th</sup>	Family History & Surnames	George English
November 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Bible Smuggling	Heather MacDonald
November 17 <sup>th</sup>	Guild Project Crossreach	Playful Beginnings Miriam Rana
December 1 <sup>st</sup>	Christmas Crafts	Pearl Munro
December 15 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Lunch	Eglinton Arms Hotel

*Evelyn Graham, Guild Convener.*

## **CHURCH CONTACTS & INFORMATION**

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## HARVEST THANKSGIVING – Sunday 12 October 2025

Arrangements for our Harvest Thanksgiving on Sunday 12 October are still to be finalised by the Kirk Session. It will be proposed that our food donations again be donated close to home, Carnwadric Foodbank and The Lodging House Mission, to help those still struggling through the cost-of-living crisis. We are also continuing to help those abroad too and support the work of Farm Africa and you can help them by making a monetary donation.

**Food Donations:** Members of the congregation wishing to donate harvest goods are being asked to bring them along to the 11.00am service on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2025. If you cannot manage and still wish to donate, please bring along on an earlier Sunday and a church volunteer will show you where to place your donation. Listed below are items which will be accepted:

### **FOOD**

◆ Tinned fruit	Porridge Oats
◆ Cereal	Jelly
◆ Coffee and sugar	Veg Stock cubes
◆ Bisto	
◆ Small juice cartons	Diluting juice
◆ Tinned meat	Full Fat UHT Milk
◆ Biscuits	Coconut milk
◆ Baked beans or spaghetti	Rice Pudding and custard
◆ Tins of Vegetables	Tin or packet soup
◆ Pasta & long grain rice	Dried lentils, peas or broth mix, NO BARLEY
◆ Spices	Vegetable or Olive Oil
◆ Brown sauce, tomato sauce and vinegar	Pasta or curry sauces
◆ Packets of mashed potato	Salt and pepper
◆ Tomato paste	Individual packet sweets
◆ Jam	Breakfast or cereal bars
◆ ◆ Toiletries – all types	Crisps

**NO FRESH FRUIT, OUT OF DATE OR HOMEMADE GOODS PLEASE, NO CLOTHING OR BEDDING REQUIRED**

### **Money Donations:**

If you wish to make a money donation to either Carnwadric Foodbank or Lodging House Mission, please place your money in your own envelope and clearly marked with “Carnwadric Foodbank Donation” or “Lodging House Mission”. If you wish to Gift Aid your donation you need to include your full name, address and confirm that you wish to gift aid this donation. For Farm Africa, special gift aid envelopes will be available in the vestibule or at the end of the pews, so that you can complete and return.

### **Help Required**

I will be looking for some helpers **on Sunday 12 October** to load up cars with food donations, so if you can help, please contact me (details below).

Thank you for your continued help and support.

Helen McKenzie

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