

Williamwood Parish Church

Newsletter. December 2025



Dear Friends

We enter ADVENT, a time when we sing that great ancient hymn 'O come, O come, Emmanuel' or the hymn 'Come thou long expected Jesus'. But is Advent a time for awaiting the return of Jesus? Do we really expect Jesus to come back again? Or are more caught up on when we need to order the turkey or what on earth do we get Great Aunt Madge for Christmas? Perhaps in the melee of Advent preparations we might just find a little time for Jesus and his promise. The folk of his time were looking for the Messiah but missed his coming when he arrived the first time. It might be worthwhile to ask what do we expect? And what should we expect of his promise?

Advent leads us into CHRISTMAS, a time of celebration when we rejoice at the coming of the Christ-child all those centuries ago. We revisit the story of the baby in the manger; the visits of wise men and shepherds and we sing the carols that mean so much to us. We may be tempted to remember Christmases of long ago when folk we knew shared our joy at Christmas and who we long to still be with us. I hope that as we hear the familiar words spoken in scripture, we will realise that God still speaks words to us today that can encourage and inspire, challenge and guide, teach and nurture, comfort and bless.

And a week later we enter a NEW YEAR. For us as a congregation we enter a new phase in our life as a linked charge and pray that God will continue to bless us as we seek to work together with the folk at Broom and in time to choose a new minister. And in our lives and our families it is also a time of new beginnings, with the personal hopes and desires that we pray will come to fruition. For surely the God who has led us thus far will continue to do so as we begin 2026. May God bless you and yours in this wonderful season; may you have a Happy Christmas and a peaceful and blessed New Year.

Alastair Cherry

WILLIAMWOOD PARISH CHURCH

9 Lessons & Carols

Richard Scholfield and the
Williamwood Parish Church Choir
Warmly invites everyone to this special
festive service

on
Sunday, December 28th,
from 11:00 am – 12:00 noon.
During the Morning Service



Dates and Times for the Christmas Services at Williamwood Church

**Thursday 11th December - Toddlers and Nursery
Service at 11am**

**Wednesday 24th December - Christmas Eve
Service at 6.30pm**

**Broom Church will Join us
At Williamwood Church for the
Christmas Morning Service
At 10.30am**





Dear Friends

The Linkage Service of Williamwood Parish Church and Broom Parish Church on the 20th of November was an inspiring friendly service with hopefully new friendships being made.

If you were not able to attend the service you can view it on **YouTube - Broom Parish Church Linkage Service.**

With our Profile almost completed, we look forward to Calling a Minister early 2026. A vacancy team will be formed with Broom.

Meantime we hopefully will be allocated a Locum in January, if not, then we will have Pulpit Supply. It is likely our January services will be at the new time of 11.15pm, I will keep you posted on this.

We say our goodbyes to the Rev Paul Read on the 30th of November, Paul has served our church members well and we wish him and Joy the very best. We will miss Joy too serving tea and coffee in the hall after church.

We welcome the Rev Jim Boag who will lead us in worship for the first three Sundays in December and will also take the Nursery and Toddlers service on the 11th of December.

Kind regards, Margaret.



The Guild

Here we are in December again, where has another year gone? We had two very interesting speakers at the Guild in November. Firstly on the 3rd November, we had Heather Macdonald telling us about smuggling bibles into China. The courage of the people was quite amazing, including Heather, who collected and distributed bibles when under the communist regime when all religion was banned.

It was a very different subject on 17th November when Miriam Rana from Crossreach explained to us about the work with young children and their families being carried out in Glasgow and Edinburgh under the Guild Project "Playful Beginnings". Miriam is based in Glasgow at Govanhill in the Daisy Chain Centre where they have a creche for the young children to go to while their mothers are being helped and instructed in ways to bring up their children in often very complex situations.

Our programme from **January to March** is as follows:

January 5th Holy Beetle Drive

January 19th Jewellery Care Hodgkinson the Jewellers

February 2nd Elsie Inglis Liz Allan

February 16th 1938 Empire Exhibition & Tom Marchant 1988 Garden Festival

March 2nd GUILD PROJECT Bear Necessities - Build My Church - Christina & Cathey

March 16th Quilting Jacqueline Armour

March 30th AGM

Bring something personal which has a story.

As always, if any of the topics above interest you, please come along.

We will be very pleased to see you. We meet in the **Session House at 2pm.**

There is still time to book your place at our **Christmas Lunch** at the **Eglinton Arms Hotel, Eaglesham on 15 th December** if you would like to join us. The cost of a **two course meal is £25.00** which includes tea/coffee and a gratuity for the staff. Please speak to myself as we need to pre-order the food.

The ladies of the Guild wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Evelyn Graham, Guild Convener.



Over the Festive Season, the get-togethers at **Rouken Glen Garden Centre** will be the on **Tuesday 2nd December and Tuesday 6th January at 10.30 am.**

All welcome, so please 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 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 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 (Convener), Sheila McDonald (Treasurer), Sandra Fraser,
Elizabeth Purvis, Jenny Barr and Margaret McIntyre**

December		January 2026	
7 th	Ross Johnstone	4 th	The Guild
14 th	Janet Stewart	11 th	VACANT
21 st	Lorna Goudie	18 th	Margaret Robertson
28 th	Plant only	25 th	Ruth Adam



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.

There will be no Newsletter in January. The deadline for the February one is the 28th January 2026.

CHURCH CONTACTS & INFORMATION

Session Clerk - Margaret Robertson Telephone: 07778148181
E-mail: margarectrobertson@gmail.com
Website: www.new.williamwoodparish.church
Property: Forbes Barron 0141 638 7408
Treasurer: Grant Keyes 01355 220033

Safeguarding Contact:	News Bulletin: Evelyn Wallace
Web Page: Editor: Joan Black	Facebook: Lorna Barsanti
Sunday School: Maureen McCulloch	Media Team: David Liddell Data Protection: David Liddell Roll Keeper: David Lidde
Hall Lets: Fiona Gunning	Director of Music: Richard Schofield
Guild Contact Person: Evelyn Graham	Flower Convener: Joan Black

