



Williamwood Parish Church News Bulletin 2 2nd April 2020

We hope that everyone reading this is staying well and managing to cope in the face of all the restrictions associated with the current health crisis.

Elders will be telephoning people in their districts on a weekly basis and if you need help, please let them know.

If you need help more urgently, please feel free to call your elder or the Minister.

Latest news:



Our Sunday services remain cancelled and our buildings remained closed in line with instructions from the Scottish and UK Governments and from the Church of Scotland. All of our usual meetings of Choir; Guild; Goalies; uniformed youth organisations; Sunday School are cancelled until further notice as are Dance Classes, Clarkston Nursery and Oscare. Look out for information from other groups too.

The Stated Annual Meeting of the Congregation due to take place on Sunday 26th April has been postponed.

The meeting of the Congregational Board due to take place on 29th April has also been postponed.

We hope that both of these meetings may take place by the end of June but, at the moment, we are not sure. Watch this space

The Spring Youth parade and Service due to take place on Sunday 3rd May is cancelled.

The funeral of the late Evelyn Eunson, late of Aidan's View and Mearns House Nursing Home took place at Mearns Cemetery on Wednesday 1st April and was attended by close family. We remember Evelyn fondly as a member of our congregation – and one of the *Doors Open* Team – and remember her family and friends in our prayers at this time.



Some Good News



Congratulations to Fergus Cook who was ordained and inducted into the charge of Edinburgh: Blackhall St Columba's on Sunday 22nd March. It was a very small service with only Fergus, the Session Clerk of the congregation and four officiating ministers present. Fergus's wife was also able to attend and she took some video footage which is now on the Blackhall St Columba's Facebook page.

The Guild had a telephone Coffee Morning on Tuesday 31st March. We hope everyone enjoyed it

Worship material is posted on our Church web site every Sunday. It's also on our Church Facebook page. Also on the Facebook page are some hymns played by Sarah, our Organist, at her home in Buckie



We're really grateful that Sarah is posting a hymn on our Facebook page most days. She is taking requests and has already played some of your favourites. Please do let her know if there's something you'd like to hear



We also have a new Williamwood Sunday School on the Web page which is updated each Sunday with a story and activities for inside and outside. We hope our Sunday School girls and boys and their friends will enjoy this

As we approach Palm Sunday and Holy Week the Minister hopes to put a prayer and a scripture reading on the web page each day for your personal or household use.



To access our Facebook page you don't need to open an account or anything like that. Type Williamwood Parish Church into a search engine and you should be able to click on our church website. When you get on to the site, click on the F for Facebook and you're there!



If you have something you'd like posted on the web site or on Facebook please contact Joan Black or Sarah Alexander

We're hugely grateful to Joan, Sarah and Evelyn Wallace for all their efforts and a large amount of time given to keep us all up to date in various ways. **PLEASE VISIT OUR WEB PAGE AND FACEBOOK PAGE OFTEN – AND LOOK OUT FOR NEWS BULLETINS POPPING IN TO YOUR INBOX.**

Please also pass on information to those who do not have access to digital forms of communication.

The May issue of Inspire has been postponed until we as a Church, and the country, are back to a more stable footing. Both Jan and Joan felt that it would be better to put out a special issue at that time, to help us look forward to the future within the Church and its organisations. The Bulletins and other information on the website and Facebook will help you keep you up to date with Church life.

The Guild Virtual Coffee Morning held on Tuesday 31st of March was a real success and the phone lines were busy with news and chat over a coffee from members. At present they are looking at perhaps repeating this or doing something a bit different too. Please keep an eye on the Website or Facebook as more information will be added to them as it is available.

Our Finance, Property and Security teams and our Session Clerk have also been working hard carrying out the various tasks that need to be done and keeping our congregational life going We are grateful to all of them.



Each Sunday you'll find a service on BBC1 followed by *Reflections at the Quay* on BBC Scotland which is led by a Church of Scotland Minister and a Roman Catholic priest.

The Moderator of the General Assembly is posting a daily reflection on the Church of Scotland website and there are lots of services and messages available on line and on you tube and Facebook

WE NEED YOU!!

3rd Williamwood Guides are urgently seeking adult volunteers 18+ to run this unit from May 2020.

This is a small unit (currently 15) but very enthusiastic girls and we certainly don't want it to fold.

If you are interested in finding out more information please contact me at williamwood3rdguides@yahoo.com

Lorna

Mark Gordon has sent an email out to all the boys of the 128 BB and as part of this he has asked them to recycle their crisp packets.



Below is a part of this communication as you may be a crisp lover and wish to join in too.

As you are likely aware, crisp packets do not routinely fit into one of the regular categories for the recycling bins we have at our homes, and we have an opportunity to avoid sending these to landfill, and therefore doing our part to help the environment.

Although we are currently in lockdown (STAY SAFE, STAY HOME), I would ask you to start saving your empty crisp packets until we are able to meet up again, and then we can gather them in and send them off to be 'cashed in' for a few pounds towards our BB funds. This will not be one of our biggest fundraising opportunities, but it will be beneficial to the environment, and therefore a doubly worthwhile project.

You will be able to contact the Minister, Session Clerk, Safeguarding Co-ordinator and Sarah Alexander via contact forms on the website