



## Williamwood Parish Church News Bulletin 8: 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020

We hope you are all staying well and safe and finding the easing of 'lockdown' restrictions a benefit to you. We are delighted that our church building is open for worship once again. However, there are restrictions in place and things are not as they were. We have to limit numbers coming to services and those who come must wear a facemask, use sanitizer on their hands, follow the one way system and use only allocated pews. We can't have singing; we won't take an offering during the service (though you can deposit envelopes in the plate at the door) and our services are shorter than we were used to. Elders have been in touch with you to ask if you'd like to come to a service in the building and we are currently working on how we manage this. We continue to have a *Zoom* link to our services so you can join our worship from home if you have online access.

If you want to follow hymn or Bible readings in the building then (for the moment at least) you need to bring your own hymnbook and Bible or a print out. We have removed all books, in line with regulations, and we are not allowed to give out – or share – resources. We are also unable to offer our transport service at the moment and have decided not to have tea and coffee after our service. Those on *Zoom* can stay beyond the end of the service and have some chat with one another. You'll need to provide your own coffee!

We have installed a camera and the other technology that allows us to *Zoom* and film in our sanctuary. We are grateful to all who oversaw the installation process and to those who are learning (very quickly) to get to grips with the updated media facility.

We have one or two new people on our Media Team (formerly Sound Team) but we would be pleased to have more in order to operate a rota system. If this is something you think you might be able to be part of, please contact David Liddell for more information

Except for Sunday worship, **please do not go into our church buildings unless you have the express agreement of the Property Convener, Session Clerk or Minister.** This is important in order for us to observe the cleaning and other regulations that are in place.



We are most grateful to have received a generous gift in memory of the late Catherine Hamilton. This has allowed us to upgrade the kitchen (where Catherine spent a lot of her time!). We have new flooring and new appliances installed. We thank Catherine's family for their generosity and we thank those who oversaw this work and those who helped with a very thorough clean of the kitchen during the time (and after) the work was being done.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL



It was good to see some of our Sunday School children, their families and their leaders in church on 23<sup>rd</sup> August. From 30<sup>th</sup> August Sunday School is meeting each Sunday from 10-10.30am by *Zoom*. We'll continue to use *Spill the Beans*



material and, since Sarah our Organist will be able to join us at this time, we hope to increase the amount of music in each session as well as continuing with stories, prayers and activities. If you know anyone who would like the *Zoom* link please contact Maureen McCulloch.



## HARVEST THANKSGIVING

We will give thanks for the harvest at our service on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October. We're currently thinking about how we might be able to give and pass on harvest gifts of money and/or goods. Further information will be available shortly.

## **LHM**

## LODGING HOUSE MISSION

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The Lodging House Mission continues to serve the needs of some of the most vulnerable people in and around Glasgow. They have had to adapt their service provision and ways of working in line with COVID-19 restrictions. However they remain desperate for toiletries and tins or dried foods to pass on to service users. If you'd like to make a donation to this work, Jim Purvis has made his porch at 86 Hillview Drive available as a drop off point. He will take any donations into LHM on a Friday.

<b>Toiletries</b>	<b>Food</b>
Shaving foam Face cloths Men's deodorant Shampoo Disposable face masks	Biscuits Tinned meat Tinned meals (example: macaroni/cheese, Irish stew, minced beef & onions, etc.) Jars of pasta sauce ( <b>BUT NOT PASTA</b> ) Tinned potatoes or packets of Smash Sugar (0.5 kg packs if possible) Cereal Tinned fruit 'kettle foods' such as cup-a-soups, pot-noodles, etc.)



## **DOORS OPEN BECOMES OUT DOORS!**



It is now possible for groups of people to get together in groups of up to 15 when observing appropriate physical distancing and a limit of five households. It may be that some folk would like to use the grass space or paving area in front of the church on a week day morning, from 10-11.30am when *Doors Open* used to operate. You would be welcome to bring your own chair or rug (or just stand) and your own hot or cold (soft) drinks and maybe there would be others there you'd be able to spend some time with. Please adhere to regulations on group size and physical distancing at all times.



## **HOLIDAYS!**

The Minister will be on holiday from 9<sup>th</sup>- 23<sup>rd</sup> September. If you need the services of a minister urgently during this period please contact our Session Clerk, Margaret Robertson (details below) who will be able to help you.



## **REMEMBER!**

Our Boys Brigade Company is still encouraging you to save empty crisp packets which they will collect as soon as it is possible for them to do so. This is part of a fund-raising effort for the BB.

## **VISITOR**

We were pleased to be joined at a recent service via Zoom by David Markby, the son of the organist (Ernest Markby) who served in Williamwood Church from 1943-1948.



The Markby Family David, The eldest sister was Barbara born 1935 and younger sister Marian born 1939



## **BOOKS**

Freya Young (Lesley's daughter and Mary Montgomery's grand-daughter) is offering a **BOOK EXCHANGE**. Books (which are all donated and second hand) are sanitised before being put into freezer -type sealed bag. Freya will deliver book/s to anyone who wants one if you simply contact her and tell her the kind of thing you like to read. You can return or donate books, in a freezer bag by leaving them for her to pick up when she calls. These will also be sanitised before being passed on.

## **DONATIONS and OFFERINGS**

Lots of folks are continuing to make regular contributions to our church by donating through a standing order. If you'd like to change to this form of giving please call our Treasurer, Grant Keyes.

If you use weekly givings envelopes please feel free to continue to use them and set them aside until you are back in our buildings or, if you can put a cheque rather than cash inside, you can post them to Grant Keyes.

The Church of Scotland now has a new facility on its website to allow people to make a donation to the work of the national church or to their own local congregation. Have a look on the website and follow the instructions if you'd like to donate in this way. We've checked to make sure Williamwood is on the drop down list – and it is!

We're grateful to everyone who contributes what they can to the work of the church, the upkeep of our buildings and our continuing ministry.



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!

### ***HELP!***

If you need help accessing *Zoom* please call your elder or Joan Black; Jean Little; Evelyn Wallace or Sarah Alexander who will be pleased to try to assist you.

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

We'd be grateful if you'd pass on this News Bulletin or even just the information within it to anyone you know who does not have access to digital forms of communication.

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