



Williamwood Parish Church News Bulletin 9: 1st October 2020

We have moved into autumn: the temperatures are dropping and the colours around us are changing. Changing, too, are the restrictions and protocols we must observe to keep ourselves and others from catching the coronavirus which is still with us and taking a toll on our physical and mental health. Restrictions, especially those which prevent us meeting together, are difficult and challenging for us all. We hope you are coping with them and we remind you that if you need help – or a chat – then call your elder in the first instance; call the Minister or contact us using the website.

It's good that our church building is open again. Thank to all those who continue to make that possible. You may already have attended a service of worship and everyone will again be offered this opportunity on a monthly basis. Elders decided the easiest way to do this was for elders to phone people in their district and ask if they wanted to attend in the church building in the coming month. If so, they take a note of your name and when the rota for attendance is worked out they will call you again and tell you on which Sundays you have been allocated a space.

We continue to be able to access our services from home using *Zoom*. Thank you to all who continue to make this possible. After the service everyone who stays on-line is put into one of a number of smaller groups where it is easier to chat together and catch up on news.

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.



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Our Sunday School is meeting each Sunday from 10-10.30am by *Zoom*. We're using *Spill the Beans* material and we have music from our Organist, Sarah. If you know anyone who would like the *Zoom* link please contact Maureen McCulloch.



ORGANISATIONS



Our Organisations and Groups such as Rainbows, Brownies, Anchor Boys, BB Junior Section, BB Company Section, Guild, Choir are still not able to meet together as they usually do. Many are keeping in touch with one another and engaging in some activities on-line. Each Group has been allocated a Contact Elder (instead of the usual Visiting Elders) and we hope this will help them to know they are still very much part of our congregation's life.



HARVEST THANKSGIVING

Our service of Harvest Thanksgiving will take place on Sunday 4th October. You are invited to make a Harvest Gift of goods, which will go to the Talbot Association or of money which will go to the work of FarmAfrica.

Arrangements for donating gifts are as follows :

Food Donations

Members of the congregation wishing to donate harvest goods are being asked to bring them along if you are invited and attending the Sunday service on 4 October. Alternatively, you can bring them along to the front door on Saturday 3 October between 10.00am and 3.00pm. A Church volunteer will meet you at the door and show you where to place your donation.

Please ensure that you wear a face covering when you attend.

CANNED	DRIED	DRINKS	OTHER
Soup	Breakfast Cereal	Tea	Preservatives
Meat	Soup	Coffee	Toiletries
Fish	Fruit	Fruit Juice	
Vegetables	Oats		
Puddings	Rice	NO FRESH FRUIT, OUT OF DATE OR	
Fruit	Sugar	HOMEMADE GOODS PLEASE	
Custard	Pastas		

Money Donations

If you wish to make a money donation to FarmAfrica, please place your money in your own envelope and clearly mark the envelope "FarmAfrica Donation". If you wish to Gift Aid it, you need to include your full name, address and confirm that you wish to gift aid this donation. As above bring this donation to the Church if you are invited or hand it in to the front door on Saturday 3 October between 10.00am and 3.00pm. A Church volunteer will meet you at the door and show you where to place your donation.

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Help Required

A total of 10 volunteers is required to help man the rota on Saturday 3 October between 10.00am and 3.00pm, five teams of two people. You will only be required for one hour and just need to meet members of the congregation and show them where to put their donations. Boxes will be provided at the back of the Church. **A face covering must be worn whilst you are on duty.**

If you have any questions on any of the above or wish to help on the volunteer rota, please contact me either on mobile 07748 266 552 or email hmckenzie1@ntlworld.com. Also, if you wish to make a donation but are unable to get to the Church, please contact Helen.



REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

We will observe Remembrance Sunday on Sunday 8th November. A service will take place on Zoom and in the church building but will begin a little earlier. Further details in the next News Bulletin



DOORS OPEN BECOMES OUT DOORS!



It is now possible for groups of people to get together in groups of up to 6 from no more than 2 households 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.



HOLIDAY TO AUSTRIA AND OBERAMMERGAU

The Minister and a group of folks from the congregation, along with some from other congregations, should have just returned from their visit to Austrian Oberammergau and the Passion Play which takes place there every ten years. Unfortunately the visit had to be called off. The good news is that it has been re-arranged for 7-14th September 2022. The play will take place at that time. There are spaces available (even if you had not booked to go on the original trip). The holiday is organised by McCabe Pilgrimages who are a very experienced and reputable travel company. (The owner and director served on a charity committee with our Minister a few years ago.) Further details are on the electronic brochure attached to this News Bulletin. Paper copies are available from the Minister for anyone interested in going on this holiday in 2022- whether members of our congregation or not.

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.

CHARITY CHRISTMAS CARDS

Normally, at this time of year, charity Christmas card brochures would be starting to appear in church on a Sunday. Obviously, this year with the Coronavirus situation is it not possible for this to happen.

The charities we usually support are: Traidcraft; Embrace the Middle East; Crossreach and Lodging House Mission. All of these charities will have cards available for purchase online and if you have access to the internet this could be an option for you.

If you do not have access to the internet, the Christian bookshop, at the Hope Street end of Bothwell Street, always has a good selection of cards available in store.

For those who do not wish to venture as far as the city centre, the local charity shops at Clarkston all carry a good stock of Christmas cards. Hope you all manage to find what you are looking for.

Moira McGeoch

Williamwood High School's Miles to Malawi Challenge

Run, walk and cycle to Ekwendeni, Malawi. for Classrooms for Malawi because we want to improve education opportunities

Williamwood High School are committed to building three classrooms at Emazinyeni Primary School in Malawi. Unfortunately covid-19 meant that we had to cancel our planned trip as well as numerous fundraisers but we want to make sure that we are still able to make an impact on the children at the school.

Our aim is to cover the 7,000 mile distance and raise enough money to allow us to complete this project as soon as possible.

You can join our challenge by helping us cover the distance by running, walking or cycling throughout the month of October and by tagging us on Twitter @WWHSMalawi so that we can track the distance or by joining our 'Miles to Malawi' club on Strava.

If we can raise £1 for every mile that we need to cover then we will be able to make a lasting improvement to the education of the children at Emazinyeni PS.

HELP!

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 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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