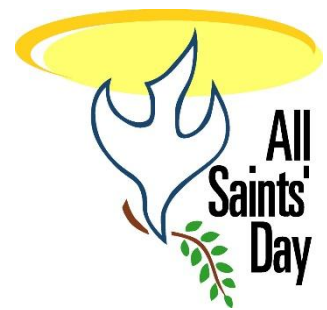


Williamwood Parish Church

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HARVEST THANKS

A very big thank you to all who donated food goods for Harvest on Sunday 4 October 2020. The Talbot Association were absolutely delighted with the donation and couldn't believe how generous our congregation were, especially during this current pandemic. My car was absolutely full to the roof, I couldn't fit another bag in! They asked me to pass on their most grateful thanks.



I am also delighted to let you know that we managed to raise the great sum of £396.05 which will go to FarmAfrica.

Thank you for choosing to share with those who are less fortunate here in Glasgow as well as abroad, your generosity is very much appreciated. *Helen McKenzie*

REMEMBRANCE 2020

During the season of Remembrance you are invited to :

- place a painted stone round the trees outside the church as a personal act of remembrance. You might like to paint poppies or other symbols of remembrance ; peace or thanksgiving
- download a poppy from the Royal British Legion website and put it in your window. Donations can be made online or by post
- donate to the work of Erskine by putting money or a cheque into an envelope marked 'Erskine' and bringing it to church on 1st or 8th November or by making donation directly online or by post
- join our Remembrance Sunday service in church (if you have been allocated a seat) or from home by Zoom. The service begins at 10.50am



Remembrance Sunday is on 8th November 2020

During our service, which will take in our church building and via *Zoom*, a wreath will be laid *For The Fallen* in front of our memorial lectern and silence will be observed at 11am. There will be no outdoor Act or Remembrance on 11th November this year.

You may be interested to know that the PoppyScotland will post you 20 poppies free of charge if you are able to distribute these safely to friends, family or neighbours. You need to place an order by 31st October. Donations for such poppies can be made direct to the PoppyScotland.

Details can be found on the PoppyScotland website
PoppyScotland, as well as other retailers, have poppy face-masks in a variety of designs.

THE CONGREGATIONAL BOARD meets, via Zoom, on Wednesday 4th November

CROSSREACH CALENDARS for 2021 are available. If you would like one, please phone Fiona Gunning 5775761

The Brownies are starting back on Wednesday 28th October with a blended programme of zoom and outdoor meetings in and around the church grounds.

CHRISTMAS

Christmas is on the horizon but, unfortunately, due to Covid19, we are unable to have our usual Fayre.

Morag Young, however, is very happy to make her lovely mini Christmas cakes for anyone who would like to place an order. (directly to her, please, by phone 571 8836 or e-mail hamishandmorag@hotmail.com Price £6. All money raised will go to church funds. Cakes can be collected from Morag or can be delivered to your home.



CHRISTIAN AID

Clarkston Christian Aid Committee would normally be holding their sponsored swim at this time of year, but due to Covid it is not possible. Instead, Russell Brown and his son Luke (Netherlee) were walking the West Highland Way to raise much needed money for Christian Aid.

"Update: I am delighted to let you know officially that 13 year old Luke Brown, and pupil of Williamwood High School has successfully completed his sponsored walk of the West Highland Way on behalf of Clarkston & District Christian Aid Committee.

With his Dad, fellow committee member Russell Brown, Luke set off from Milngavie at 7am, on Friday 9th October on the 96 mile walk during which the heroic pair encountered much better weather than expected with only some rain during the Loch Lomond section of the walk.

Over the 7 nights, Luke and Russell experienced the delights of wild camping on 4 of those nights, the remaining 3 being indoor sites. Fort William was reached by 4pm on Friday 16 October as planned and in time to catch the last train to Glasgow to arrive home at 10pm.

The magnificent sum of £1,420 from sponsors was realised with some more to come in. Finally on behalf of the committee I just want to thank Luke and Russell Brown most sincerely for the fantastic effort they have both made for what we all know to be a very worthy cause. Alex Mackie"

If you would like to give a donation, it's not too late! Please visit www.justgiving.com/fundraising/whwt or leave a donation with Anne Clark (644 4776) or Ross McGhee (638 4883). They are happy to come and pick up from your home too.

DONATIONS and OFFERINGS

If you wish to make a donation to our church by setting up a Standing Order with your bank you will need the following information

Account Name - Williamwood Parish Church

Account Number – 20185259

Sort Code - 82-20-00

Bank - Clydesdale Bank

Reference - please give your name as the reference

LODGING HOUSE MISSION

Williamwood Parish Church continues to support LHM by donating foodstuff and toiletries. Jim Purvis is happy to have donations dropped off at 86 Hillview Drive any Friday, or to collect from donors, then to take them to LHM where they are most gratefully received. Your continued support is greatly valued.

You may be aware that Dr Martin Fair, the current Moderator, agreed to preach at the annual Homeless Service. For obvious reasons both the service and the visit have been postponed.

However, Dr Fair did offer to prepare a video message and this can be accessed at: <https://we.tl/t-Ys9Toh68jt> The video lasts approximately 13.5 minutes. Dr Fair has agreed to visit LHM on 11th April 2021 but this will of course, be subject to health and safety considerations.

LHM Christmas Cards

If you would like to support the LHM by purchasing some of their Christmas cards, the easiest way is to look at their website via this link, www.charitycardsonline.com/lhm, send (jedpurvis 86@yahoo.com) or phone (620 3529) your order to Jim Purvis and he will arrange uplift and delivery of same.



Jim delivering donations to LHM

Opportunities for service through the Standing Committees and Agencies of the Church

All submissions need to be with us by Monday 30 November 2020. Due to the process involved, late submissions will not be considered.

Every year, opportunities arise for people from congregations of the Church of Scotland to engage in service through involvement on the Standing Committees (agencies of the “Unincorporated Entities”) of the Church. Being involved is an excellent way to get to know the Church better and a real opportunity for Christian service and witness. It is demanding yet rewarding work and I am writing to seek your active support in the process of finding the right people for the right jobs.

As set out in [Reg 1 2013 Nomination of the Moderator of the General Assembly](#) (as amended 2020), this year nominations are sought for the Committee to Nominate the Moderator. Please note, only ministers, deacons and elders may serve on this committee.

Details of the nomination process and a copy of the nomination form can be found on the [Nomination Committee](#) pages of the Church of Scotland website. Completed nomination forms should be sent by email to nominations@churchofscotland.org.uk. **All submissions need to be with us by Monday 30 November 2020.**

The Nomination Committee will meet in January to consider the submitted forms. Those selected at this stage will be contacted following the meeting to seek permission for their name to go forward to the General Assembly for final approval.

Nominees do require to be a member of the Church of Scotland. Self-nomination is welcomed provided that the nomination is supported by a third party as listed on the form. All nominations will be considered carefully and treated confidentially.

Please think carefully about approaching people whose skills and experience will be of particular use to a given area of work and encourage them to allow their names to be submitted. We are very keen to ensure a broad representation, but we depend on people in congregations and presbyteries to help us identify who might be suitable. Your help in this process is essential and warmly welcomed.

Inevitably, not all proposed nominees will be asked to serve, though it is possible that they may be approached in connection with a different agency. It would be helpful if you could explain this to those whom you nominate.

Any queries on the nomination process should be emailed to nominations@churchofscotland.org.uk.

The Assembly Trustees hold responsibility for a separate process for the appointment of Assembly Trustees. Assembly Trustees shall consult with the Nomination Committee as to any comments which the Committee wish to make on recommendations for appointment. Any appointment shall be made by the Assembly Trustees, subject to approval by the General Assembly.

Children's & Youth Workers' Zoominar

Following the success of the last Zoominar for children leaders and youth workers, the Presbytery of Lanark is organising a second zoominar. This will be held on **Wednesday 4th November from 7pm – 9pm.**

With contributions from Lucy Moore, Messy Church Founder & Team Leader, Tim Frew, CEO of Youth Link Scotland and representatives of the Church of Scotland Covid Group. E-mail zoom@lanarkgreyfriars.com for access details.

The Zoominar is open to all children's workers and youth leaders, both volunteers and paid workers. Although it is organised by the Presbytery of Lanark it is an event open to any workers or volunteers from congregations across the country.

The link for joining the meeting is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83439672189?pwd=amNPby9jK3hwT2creWZJK2U4cWJNUT09>. The meeting ID is 834 3967 2189 and the passcode is 455435.

MEMORIES (circa 1954 or thereabouts!)



A prize for anyone who can name correctly all the Lifeboys in the photo!
(You can enlarge the photo by clicking on it and dragging a corner out.)

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