

# Williamwood Parish Church News Bulletin 12: January 2021



## Happy New Year to Everyone.

The celebrations of the Christmas season and New Year time have been very different this year but we hope everyone was able to rejoice in the coming of God in the baby Jesus Christ and to know that, by the Holy Spirit, God is with us now and always. The New Year has already brought disappointment and frustrations as, once again, we must deal with significant restrictions on our lives. But we now have a vaccine against COVID-19 and that is being rolled out. We have hope and light 'at the end of the tunnel'. More than that, as Christians, our hope is in Him who is Light of the world, our Saviour Jesus Christ who reveals the love of God for us and for all. That hope does not disappoint. Hold firm the faith and may you know God's presence and love in these difficult days and as we all look forward to better days to come when we can be together again. *Happy New Year!*



## Worship in January 2021

- Our church building will be closed up to and including Sunday 31st January 2021 at least.  
During this time our church services will be online again via *Zoom*. We'll gather for worship each Sunday at 11am and following the service there will be time to chat together in smaller groups.
- The *Zoom link* will be sent out each week. Feel free to pass it on to anyone who wishes to join our worship.  
If you do not currently receive a *Zoom* invitation to worship and would like one please contact Evelyn Wallace.  
If you need help with *Zoom* please contact your elder in the first instance.
- Sunday School zoom starts on 10th Jan at 10am.

## Church Access

There is strictly **no access** to our church buildings during January. Only our Security Team Leader and one of our Property Conveners will enter the buildings to carry out the regular checks we are required to have in place. Please contact the Session Clerk if you think you have an urgent reason to need access to the buildings.



## Meetings

- The Kirk Session and Congregational Board meet jointly (via *Zoom*) on 10<sup>th</sup> February to consider the Financial Statement 2020 and the Budget 2021.
- The Presbytery of Glasgow meets, via *Zoom*, on 13<sup>th</sup> January and 9<sup>th</sup> February.
- A Finance Committee meeting will take place in the next couple of weeks. Date to be confirmed.

# Kwenderana

Following a meeting of the Kwenderana Partnership Group at which Williamwood was represented by Morag Young, Isobel Pitkethly and Scott Ratcliffe, some £450 was sent to Ekwendeni in Malawi to provide food for children during the school holidays and a Christmas celebration, with food, for the elderly.

As we begin the New Year, some £1800 is being sent to cover school fees for pupils identified by our Malawian partners as being in need of support or complete funding.

Thank you to all the Williamwood folk and friends who have contributed to this work. If you would like to find out more about how to donate, please contact one of our Kwenderana reps.

*Week of  
Prayer for  
Christian  
Unity*



## **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2021**

This takes place from 18<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> January 2021. The Minister has a meeting with the clergy of Clarkston Churches Together on 12<sup>th</sup> January when there will be some discussion of how we might mark the week.



**Thank you...**to everyone who helped with making our Advent and Christmas activities and services possible : providing our Advent wreath ; providing and delivering flowers ; stewarding at Toddler and Nursery services ; providing sound technology for all our services including our outdoor Christmas Eve broadcast ; providing *Zoom* invitations and *Zoom* streaming services ; keeping our website and Facebook pages up to date ; providing and recording music ; setting up our outdoor decorations and lighting ; leading and taking part in our Bible Study group ; producing our Sunday School Nativity – and to all who made donations to Christian Aid and local Foodbanks.

Our congregation is still very active in spite of coronavirus restrictions and we are grateful to all who play a part in its life.

## **Pass it on..**

We'd be grateful if elders would print out and post a copy of this Newsletter to anyone in their district who does not have online access. If you are unable to do this, please pass the names of those requiring print copy to Evelyn Wallace or Margaret Robertson. Postage costs will be refunded.

**The Flower Calendar for 2021** has been put on to the Website. You will be able to have a look at it and check for vacant dates. If you would like to have flowers in the chancel, please contact Jean Little on 0141 638 1505.



### **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

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**E-mail:** JMathieson@churchofscotland.org.uk

**Session Clerk** - Margaret Robertson Telephone: 07778148181

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