

Williamwood Parish Church Newsletter 4 April 2021



Sunday Worship

We are pleased to be able to meet for worship in our buildings from Easter Day, 4th April 2021 onwards. However, numbers will be restricted for the time being (to 48 including the Minister; Organist, stewards and Tech Team). We will continue to make our services available services *via Zoom* so that those not present in the building can join in online. You can also access the services by telephone. Contact Evelyn Wallace if you want to have the link/telephone number sent to you. An invitation and *Zoom* link will be sent out weekly as usual.

Elders will be in touch with members of their districts to ask if you'd like to attend a service in person during April (specific dates cannot be guaranteed)

Elders should let Margaret Robertson, Session Clerk, have names by Sunday 28th March at the latest. The Minister and Session Clerk will compile attendance lists on Monday 29th April and thereafter elders should be in touch again with those who have asked for a place to inform them of the date(s) they have been allocated.

Please note that there remains strictly no access to our church buildings at other times except for our security Team and Property Conveners. If you think you have an urgent reason to need access please contact our Session Clerk, Margaret Robertson

We expect that those needing access to our Church Office/Print Room will be able to go in from 26th April 2021.



Good Friday

On Good Friday (2nd April) each of the congregations which make up Clarkston Churches Together will post, on the outside of their buildings, a laminated sheet with a scripture reading and a QR Code for you to access a piece of music. You might like to walk the route visiting each of the buildings in whichever order you wish, pausing for a short time of personal devotion. You'll find the cards on the following buildings: Netherlee; Stamperland; St Aidan's; Williamwood; Greenbank, St Joseph's; Cartsbridge; Busby; Carmunnock.

There will be a note of the 10 readings (and the buildings on which you'll find them) on our website so you can use them at home.

Journeying with John to the Cross

Reflections for Holy Week

The Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland is posting a reflection on the Church of Scotland website and Facebook page for each day of Holy Week beginning on Palm Sunday

These short reflections will be available from 8am each day but can be viewed at any time.



Doors Open becomes Out Doors

As the weather get brighter and warmer (hopefully!) you are welcome to use the benches outside our church building as a resting place and a spot to enjoy your take away tea/coffee. You may meet others there doing the same. Please ensure you observe appropriate physical distancing and abide by restrictions on numbers as they apply at the time.

Property and Finance projects

We are grateful to members of our Property and Finance Committees who are working hard to maintain and develop our building and its facilities and to source grant funding to help meet costs of some of these projects. If you think you might be able to help with finding funding bodies; completing applications; liaising with trades people or in some other way please contact Margaret Robertson, Stuart Young or Robert Coulter.

If you are aware of any groups, organisations, trusts or companies which offer grants for building or community projects (such as with youth work) please let Margaret Robertson or Jean Little know.

Thank You...

To our Events Committee and everyone involved with putting together the very successful and enjoyable *Skip into Spring* on-line social evening.

Forthcoming Meetings

Tue 20th April – Glasgow Presbytery

Tue 27th April – Kwenderana Partnership Group



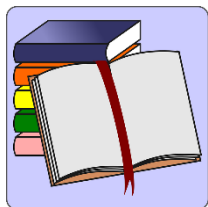
Advance Notice – Christian Aid Week

Christian Aid Week takes place this year from 9th-15th May. See the link on the website for further details on Christian Aid Week, and also the Annual Art Show.

Post-Easter Bible Study



After Easter, Clarkston Churches Together hope to offer a short Bible Study series with a creation/ecological theme. The meetings will be online and a variety of times will be offered. It is hoped that groups will contain people from a mix of congregations. Further details to follow.



Williamwood Book Club

A number of people have indicated an interest in a Book Club which would meet online to begin with and then, we hope to be able to meet in person over a coffee. The idea, at the moment, is folks would meet to share book recommendations and thoughts about what they are reading (rather than everyone reading and discussing the same book). If you are interested please contact Mary Montgomery on 0141 258 8447 or aileen5@hotmail.com. It is hoped to have the first, online meeting after Easter.

COP26

Preparations are underway for the major climate conference taking place in Glasgow at the beginning of November though it is not yet known whether this will be an in-person; online or blended conference. You can keep in touch with plans and offer help in a variety of forms (such as providing hospitality) by looking at the Climate Fringe website



Brownie news

Throughout the months of January, February and March the Brownies have been holding their weekly meetings on Zoom. They have been following a two weeks on, one week off pattern. The leaders are absolutely amazed at the enthusiasm of the girls, always turning up at the meetings fully prepared - thanks to the tremendous support from their parents!

We've tried to keep the meetings as active as possible: A Burns Night, Port and Starboard in your own front room, Packing for an adventure, Heads and Tails Thinking Day quiz, research and report activities and Easter Egg craft. The girls are also working on their Baking and Performing interest badges: We are looking forward to a zoom show on the last night before we stop for the school Spring Break. Hopefully it won't be long before we are able to hold face to face meetings outside again - we await guidance from Girlguiding UK.

From Moira Yeoman: As Wellmeadow Lodge is closing down, David has moved to Burnfield Care Home in Giffnock. While this home was established by and for the Jewish Community, it now accepts those of all faiths and none. It does however adhere to its Jewish tradition and observes all the Jewish festivals. I haven't been able to visit yet, first one on 24th March but told he has settled in well.

Clarkston Community Council are running two Easter competitions - a mini garden and a cake decorating one. For further information, please access Community Council Facebook page.

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.

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