

Williamwood Parish Church

Newsletter 5

May 2021



Sunday Worship

We are pleased to be able to meet for worship in our buildings during June. 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 June (specific dates cannot be guaranteed).

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

Church of Scotland General Assembly 2021

The General Assembly of the Church of Scotland takes place on Saturday 22nd May and from Mon 24th-Thur 27th May and will be held online. Ross Johnstone and Margaret Robertson are both Commissioners to the General Assembly and will be able to speak and vote in debates

You can watch the General Assembly as it happens (but not speak or vote) by connecting online. The Church of Scotland website will have details of how to do this.



Please note Margaret Robertson will be unavailable to take calls or deal with congregational matters at the following times:

Sat 22nd May 10am-12noon; 1-3.30pm;

Mon 24th-Thur 27th May 1-3.30pm and 4-6pm

Minister on Holiday

Our Minister will be on holiday from 24th May – 1st June inclusive.

Our service on Sunday 30th May will be conducted by the Rev Alastair Cherry.

Ministerial Placement

We are delighted that the Rev Rebecca (Beckie) Bartocho, who is an ordained minister in the Reformed Church of East Africa and who is currently based in Nairobi, Kenya, will be joining us at Williamwood in September on a Familiarisation Placement to get to know the Church of Scotland before taking up a charge or post in our denomination. Rev Beckie will be with us on a full time basis for 12 months. She has joined some of our Sunday services recently on *Zoom* and will likely do so again so please feel free to chat with her.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

We hope to be able to celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion in June. Further details about how this will be managed will be issued along with our service invitations in due course.



June Coffee Mornings

Our Events Committee is planning to provide coffee and biscuits outdoors on each Saturday morning in June from 10-11.30am (***weather permitting***)

You'll be able to get a coffee from a table outside the front entrance to the church. There will wrapped biscuits and individual packs of sugar and milk.

Disposable cups will be available but please feel free to bring your own travel mug or other cup which you can take away and re-use.

You are asked to move away from the table as soon as you have what you want in order to observe appropriate social distancing. You may wish to enjoy your drinks while chatting to others but please remember to observe appropriate restrictions on numbers for each group and to observe social distancing measures.

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.

Forthcoming Meetings

Tue 11th May – Glasgow Presbytery

Brownie news

We are very excited to announce that starting on Wednesday 28th April, the Brownies will be meeting face to face outside in the church grounds. Due to our numbers exceeding the maximum number of 15, we are creating two separate Bubbles. These Bubbles are based on keeping school years apart and keeping siblings together. We have got our fingers crossed for good weather!!

Thank you from Anne Hodge

“After nine long weeks as a patient in the QE firstly in ward 8C for 7 weeks and 2 weeks in the Langlands unit for rehabilitation, I was discharged on Tuesday. I cannot tell you how happy I am to be home. It will take some time before I am able to be involved in everyday life but I have the support of my family. There is no cure for myositis but it can be controlled with drugs. They are taking me slowly off steroids which is a good thing and gradually weaning me onto another drug.

I was overwhelmed by the number of letters, gifts and cards. This helped to get through the bad days. As much as I would like to thank you all, I do hope you will accept a collective thank you. It was good of you to think of me during that long spell.” Anne

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.

Toiletries	Food
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 (BUT NOT PASTA) 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.)

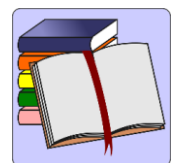
Post-Easter Bible Study

From the end of May/ beginning of June, Clarkston Churches Together hope to offer a short Bible Study series with a creation/ecological theme. The meetings will be online and possibly in person if restrictions allow 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. We hope to have the first meeting within the next couple of weeks.



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

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.



Art Exhibition & Sale

Thank you to anyone who supported the Clarkston Committee's Art Exhibition and Sale which this year was an online event running for the whole of April. At the time of writing over 60 paintings valued at just over £9,600 had been sold. As always, both professional and amateur artists had taken part and they were donating 1/3rd of the selling price of the paintings to Christian Aid. We'll let everyone know the final result in the next Newsletter.

Kiltwalk

We would like to say a big "thank you" and well done to the Brown family who took part in this year's Kiltwalk for Christian Aid. Alan, Val, Andrew and Shona did a triathlon - a 10k run, a 15k cycle and then a 1k swim. A great achievement on what was a very hot day! We would also like to thank everyone who gave them a donation. Sir Tom Hunter's "The Hunter Foundation" will be donating an additional 50% of the total amount raised.

Christian Aid Week

This year's Christian Aid Week is from Monday 10th to Sunday 16th May. It will again be different this year i.e. no "house-to-house" collection but there are still ways in which you can donate to the work of Christian Aid.

Anne & Ross have some of the usual envelopes should you wish to make a donation. They're happy to deliver one to you if you let them know. Alternatively, you can donate online via Christian Aid's website (www.christianaid.org.uk) or by using the local Committee's e-envelope, the link for which is:-

<https://envelope.christianaid.org.uk/envelope/clarkston-district-churches?channel=status>

Quiz

The local Committee are hosting a virtual Quiz via Zoom on Tuesday 11th May, starting at 7.30pm. The link to join in is:-

<https://zoom.us/j/99362821799?pwd=cEJNQnUxcnBwTkRUUXhKV0VGdlVmZz09>

Meeting ID: 993 6282 1799

Passcode: 608242

There is no entry fee but donations would be gratefully received using the local Committee's Christian Aid Week donation e-envelope, the link for which is:-

<https://envelope.christianaid.org.uk/envelope/clarkston-district-churches?channel=status>

It would be good if some of you were able to take part we're sure the questions won't be too difficult!!

If you would like any more information on any of these events please contact either Ross or Anne.

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