

Williamwood Parish Church

Newsletter 10

October 2021



Church Services

We're pleased that folk are able to be back in the sanctuary at worship and we hope our numbers at in-person worship will continue to increase.

For the moment we're going to continue with 1 metre spacing but you are able to sit as a couple/family/bubble as well as a single.

We also require to take *Trace and Protect* details and wear face-masks until further notice from the government and Church of Scotland.

The church now has a QR code which you may be able to scan on your mobile phone as you come into church. If you scan the code you are not required to give your name to the ushers in order to record attendance.



Refreshments after Sunday Services

We're pleased to be allowed to offer refreshments after Sunday services once again. We will serve teas and coffees from 3rd October in the Large Hall (Our Sunday School now meets in the Session Room).

We will organise this slightly differently from before. You should go to sit at one of the tables which will be ready for you and you will be served drinks by members of the host team. We'll use mugs - but you may wish to bring your own. Individual portions of milk, sugar and biscuits will be available.

We are looking for teams of 4 to act as hosts, preferably for a month at a time though we can work round this. We need folks to be able to bring out tables and chairs and put them away again after wiping them; prepare tea and coffee and serve it; set tables; clear up afterwards. We're grateful to Aileen Montgomery who has volunteered to co-ordinate all this for us. If you can help please contact her: aileen5@hotmail.com

Harvest Thanksgiving

Our service of Thanksgiving for Harvest will take place at 11am on Sunday 3rd October.

At this time we will support the work of FarmAfrica and East Renfrewshire Local Foodbanks.

You are invited to make a Harvest offering in one of three ways -



- put money/cheque in an envelope marked FarmAfrica or donate via www.farmafrica.org
- put money /cheque in envelope marked Foodbank
- bring dried or tinned goods or toiletries and leave them in the box in the front vestibule

Envelopes can be put in the offering plate in the vestibule or put in the church mailbox at the Vardar Door for those not in church.

Donations will be received on 3rd October and again on 10th October



Remembrance Sunday

We will mark Remembrance Sunday on 14th November on which date our service will begin in the area outside at the front of the church at 10-.50am.

RE-Establishing and RE-Shaping Church Life.

The Kirk Session is thinking about how we might re-establish and re-shape our congregational life as we come out of pandemic and as we move into what will be a time of radical change in the Church of Scotland.

Some things will not resume, some things will be done differently, some new things will be started and tried out.

The Kirk Session would like to have your thoughts and ideas. Please put these in an email or write them down and put the paper in an envelope which can be left in the church or church mail box.

Please address these and any emails to Ross Johnstone, rossjohnstone@gmail.com

Saturday Work Party

You're invited to take part in our second Saturday Work Party on Saturday 9th October from 10am-12noon

This time tasks will include preparing and spray painting the handrails and gates outside the church at the front and Vardar entrances; paint work on Vardar corridor walls, from coat rails to floor level; paintwork in Session Room from window to floor level; possibly some paint work in the kitchen; removing stains from flooring at Vardar entrance - and anything else our Property Conveners come up with! See Stuart Young; Wally Black or Margaret Robertson if you can help - or just turn up and have fun!

Clarkston Disaster Memorial

Thursday 21 October is the 50th Anniversary of Clarkston Gas Explosion. East Renfrewshire Council is organising an Act of Remembrance in Clarkston Library car park at 2.30pm for the families of victims and survivors. At 2.50pm a silence will be held throughout East Renfrewshire.

Greenbank Church, St Aidan's Church, St Joseph's Church and Willamwood Church will be open for private prayer/reflection from 1400-1600 hrs and 1800-1900 hrs for personal reflection and remembrance.

If you can help by being part of a welcome team during these times please speak to Margaret Robertson or Forbes Barron.

Crisp packets(128 BB)

Anyone who has been collecting empty crisp packets to help with fundraising are welcome to bring them to the Seres Road door at 6.30pm on a Friday night.

The BB sections are back, and are looking for new members so, if you have nephews, neighbours, grandsons etc. ,do let them know - they will be welcome.

Minister on Holiday

The Minister will be on holiday from 14th October to 3rd November. On the Sundays during this period our services will be conducted by the Rev Alastair Cherry.

For urgent pastoral matters **until 17th Oct** please contact Mrs Margaret Robertson on 0141 321 8033 (please note she will be unavailable after this date for contact re urgent pastoral matters).

From **18th October until 2nd November** please contact Rev Jerry Eve on 0141 644 3670.

The Book Group will meet in the Session Room at 2.30pm on Monday 4th October

The Guild

Welcome back to the Guild – on a different day and time!
During lockdown we managed to keep in touch with our 'virtual coffee mornings'.
On alternate Tuesdays we sat down with a coffee at 10:30am and phoned some of the other members and friends of the Guild for a chat.
Every member of the Guild received a small Christmas gift and a chocolate egg at Easter!



We plan to start face to face meetings on alternate Wednesday afternoons, starting **Wednesday 13th October, 2pm to 4pm.** Church of Scotland guidelines on covid-19 will be observed – please wear a mask when you arrive at the **Vardar door** and when you move around. Seating will be spaced in accordance with guidelines. Tea and coffee will be served, but **please your own cup or mug.**

At this our opening meeting of the year our minister Jan will re-dedicate our Guild and give a short talk.

It would be helpful if you could let me know that you plan to attend and also if you would need transport (my phone number is 01416203529, email jedpurvis86@yahoo.com).

I look forward to seeing you all! *Best wishes, Elizabeth.*

Concert - 3rd October 7.00pm

Our organist, Sarah, is holding the first of a series of concerts in the sanctuary on Sunday evening, 3rd October at 7.00pm. Refreshments will be served afterwards.

Sarah Alexander- accordion
Kerry Alexander- violin
Laura McFall- voice
Kristine Duncan- Piano
All proceeds to VaccineAid



Kwenderana Partnership Group

The Kwenderana Group had a meeting in Williamwood on 21st September and were joined, via Zoom, by Rev Timothy from Ekwendeni, Malawi. He expressed most moving and grateful thanks for money sent to repair the water bore-hole and to support education.



Rev Timothy is arranging a get-together for all supported pupils in the near future. He was able to tell us that some people have been vaccinated against covid 19 and schools and churches have resumed their activities.

The Partnership Group agreed we would send funds to provide Christmas parties for children and the elderly and we hope that donations from Refreshments after Church made in each of our three congregations in the month of November would be put towards this. There are also plans to sign a new Partnership Covenant in Scotland and Malawi possibly on Advent Sunday.

We heard an update from Williamwood High School about their fund-raising plans to support the work of Classrooms for Malawi. You may be approached to sponsor a cycle (of a distance equal to the circumference of Lake Malawi) some time soon! A trip to Malawi for senior pupils and staff is being considered for whenever it is safe to travel either in 2022 or 2023



Olive Tree Project

Folks who attended our Sunday service on 19th September in person or on Zoom heard the Minister speak about the Olive Tree Project run by Embrace the Middle East (formerly Bible Lands Society). Planting olive trees means that the land of Palestinian farmers is not so readily confiscated and in some places also provides an outdoor place of worship as well as a means of making a living.

You can take part in this project by purchasing an olive tree for £15. It will be planted as a sapling and you will receive a certificate and co-ordinates so you can see exactly where it has been planted.

Take part by visiting embraceme.org/olivetreeproject

Road Closure: NB: Please note that Vardar Avenue is scheduled to be shut from Quarrybrae Avenue to Dorian Drive for resurfacing.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sun 3rd Oct	Harvest Thanksgiving
Sun 3rd Oct at 7pm	Concert donations to VaccineAid
Sun 3rd Oct	Walk to Church (if you can) Day for Clarkston Churches Together
Mon 4 Oct 2.30pm	Book Group meets in session room
Sun 31st October	Clarkston Churches Together for COP26 ; Netherlee Church at 6.30pm Presentation by Rev Dr Rachel Mash of 'Green Anglicans'
Wed 13 Oct 2.00-4.00pm	The Guild restarts
Sun 14 Nov	Remembrance Sunday 10.50am

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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CLARKSTON CHURCHES TOGETHER

Busby Parish Church | Carmunnock Parish Church | Cartsbridge Evangelical Church
Greenbank Parish Church | Netherlee Parish Church | Stamperland Parish Church
Williamwood Parish Church | St Aidan's Scottish Episcopal Church | St Joseph's Roman Catholic Church

Programme of Events: Autumn/Winter 2021/22

Sunday 3 October

COP26 - walk (if you are able) to church

Wednesdays 20 October, 27 October, 3 November, 10 November at 1200-1300 hrs in St Joseph's Church

Come along and experience some gentle and nurturing healing through Body Prayer movements - contact Eleanor on 07931 171565 for more information

Saturdays 23 October, 30 October, 6 November, 13 November at 1000-1100 hrs in Greenbank Church

Faith-based yoga - contact Eleanor on 07931 171565 for more information

Thursday 21 October at 1400-1600 hrs and 1800-1900 hrs in Greenbank Church, St Aidan's Church, St Joseph's Church and Williamwood Church

50th Anniversary of the Clarkston Gas Explosion – churches open for private prayer/reflection

Monday 25 October at 1900-2100 hrs in Greenbank Church

Refugees – over a cup of tea, learn from the founder and CEO how our local charity is supporting refugees in the Glasgow area including those recently arrived from Afghanistan

Sunday 31 October at 1830 hrs in Netherlee Church

COP26 – a service to mark the start of COP26

Sunday 23 January at 1830 hrs in Williamwood Church

Week of prayer for Christian Unity event with guest speaker Mary Miller