

Williamwood Parish Church

Newsletter 3

March 2022



LENT 2022

Lent Bible Studies

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, 2nd March 2000 and lasts for the six and a half weeks leading up to Easter.

Join the Rev Beckie each week for *LENTEN REFLECTION* at WILLIAMWOOD.

There will be an in-person meeting and an online meeting and both will allow participants to reflect on their daily reading of: *The Little Book of Lent*

The Lent Series will run for the **40** days of LENT with a weekly meeting every Friday at 10:30 am to 11:30 am **{Physical}** or every Sunday from 6:30pm to 7:30 pm on **Zoom**.

Start Dates:

Friday 11th March **{Physical}** in the Church Session Room, Sunday 6th March 2022 **{Zoom meeting}** 6.30pm-7.30pm. A Zoom invitation will be sent out by e-mail.

Study Material:

The Little Book of Lent: Wisdom from the world's Greatest Spiritual Teachers by Arthur Howells (2014)

How to get the book:

You can order online through Amazon at £4.99 paper back or Kindle version {Soft Copy} @ £2.99

What to do:

You will be expected to read each day's reflection and thereafter share and discuss during the weekly meeting what stood out for you.

You are also welcome to join with members of **St Aidan's Scottish Episcopal church** after their weekly service on Wednesdays at 10.30am. They will consider material for Lent produced by *Embrace the Middle East*. You can access this material electronically or in print through the *Embrace* website

St Joseph's Roman Catholic Church is encouraging everyone to join the Lenten Course: *Through Lent with St Ignatius of Loyola* provided by the Ignation Spirituality Centre, Glasgow. You can join on line or in person. Details on the ISC website.

Netherlee Stamperland Church welcome folks to join their weekly, in person, meeting considering the book *Hearing God in Poetry*. (Further details from Netherlee Stamperland).

Covid Restrictions



Mask wearing at services, collecting Test&Protect information and hygiene measures (sanitising and cleaning after use of halls) remain in place until, at least, 21st March. Please make sure you wear a mask to services and please make sure you are wearing it correctly, covering your mouth and nose.

We will also keep our one-way system in the sanctuary and some of our pews taped off until after the March service of Holy Communion.

Welcome

Welcome to all those folks who have joined our congregation recently. Some, whose certificates of transfer have been received, will (hopefully!) be 'officially' added to our Communion Roll at the next Kirk Session meeting. Meantime everyone is most welcome.

Church Membership

If you are interested in becoming a Communicant member of our congregation the Minister, Session Clerk or any elder would be pleased to speak with you. If you are/have been a member of another congregation or denomination this is usually done by certificate of transfer where this is available. It is also possible for the Kirk Session to agree to add people to the Roll on request to the Session Clerk. If you have never been a member of the Church anywhere then there is a special service of 'joining' or 'profession of faith' at which you are admitted and receive a certificate.

Church Flowers

The 2022 calendar for the Church flowers is now in the vestibule and also on the website. If anyone would like to provide flowers for the sanctuary, please add your name to the calendar at the week of your choice.

We are very grateful to all who have continued to support the Flower Fund over the past 2 years enabling us to have flowers in the sanctuary every Sunday which are later very appreciated by those who receive them. We also are glad to hear of anyone you may know of (not necessarily a member) who would be cheered by receiving the flowers along with good wishes from Williamwood. The flowers are ready to be delivered at the end of the service and if anyone can help with this please contact Jean Little.



New Every Sunday



BBC Radio Scotland broadcasts a service of worship at 7.30am on a Sunday morning under the title New Every Sunday. You may be particularly interested in the service to be broadcast on Sunday 20th March.

Fairtrade Fortnight

Fairtrade Fortnight takes place from 21st February to 6th March. You are invited to make a conscious effort during this fortnight to buy Fairtrade goods –flowers, wine, coffee, chocolate, bananas and other items. You are also encouraged to support retailers (such as our local Scotmid) who are committed to providing a range of Fairtrade goods and who gave us a discount on some items in the breakfast bags.



Coffee after church

Coffee and tea after Church has supported our own church, The Salvation Army and The Bible Society in recent weeks. Thank you for everyone's support. As Fairtrade fortnight runs from 21.02.22 to 06.03.22 after the service on Sunday 6th March, coffee, tea and biscuits will all be Fairtrade. All are welcome.



Coffee Fellowship

Can you help?

Here's what is required;

- The duty teams will put out the tables and chairs and clear them away again.
- That means a team of 3 or 4 people is required to make the drinks, set the tables, serve, and wash up. **Full instructions are in the kitchen.**
- During the service, the team must sit in the front pew on the Seres Rd side of the church, so they can exit the door in front of them. Unfortunately, they cannot leave via the door on the Vardar side.

If you are interested and would like to know what is required, please feel free to call me on **0794 601 3629**, or Mary Montgomery on **0141 258 8447**. Even if you don't have a full team, please get in touch as it may be that another partial team has also contacted us.

Kwenderana Partnership Group

The Kwenderana Partnership Group met on Zoom the beginning of February and were pleased to be joined by our friends and partners in Ekwendeni, Malawi. They expressed their thanks for monies sent to them to enable Christmas celebrations for children and the elderly to take place – with plenty of food! Representatives from Williamwood High School told us of support they had given to enable the building of two classrooms and of their hope of organising a working visit to Ekwendeni by school pupils in 2023. Football seems to be flourishing in Ekwendeni thanks in no small part to support from Queen's Park Football Club. Our representatives on the Kwenderana Partnership Group are Morag Young; Isobel Pitkethly and Scott Ratcliffe from whom you can get further information,



Presbytery Mission Plan Creation Group

As in every area of Scotland, the Presbytery of Glasgow is considering the future shape of the church at a time when full time Ministers of Word and Sacrament will be drastically reduced and congregations will share a minister and enter into a variety of partnerships with one another. No-one is sure quite how this will look or be worked out but thinking is underway. The Plan may be ready by the end of this year/early next year and it is intended it will be implemented over the five years or so from the point at which it is agreed. Three representatives of our congregation will attend a meeting on the morning of 19th March along with representatives from other congregations in our 'zone' of the south side. There will be a chance to find out more and also to put questions so if there's anything you'd like our representatives to ask please give a note of your questions to Margaret Robertson or Grant Keyes.

March Dates

Wed 2 March	Events Committee meeting
Friday 4 March	Service for the World Day of Prayer
Saturday 5 March	Elders' Conference organised by the Presbytery of Glasgow
Sunday 6 March 11.00am	Service with the celebration of Holy Communion
Mon 7 March	Book Group meets
Tues 8 March	Presbytery of Glasgow meets
Wednesday 9 th March 7.30pm	Kirk Session meets for ordinary business
Tues 15 March 10.30am 15 th March	Beckie's Tea Break at Rouken Glen
Sun 24 April after 11.00am service	Stated Annual Meeting of the Congregation
Thurs 28 April	Fashion Evening with Taylor's Fashions (lots to buy!)

The Minister will be on holiday from 14th - 22nd March (incl). Should you require the services of a minister urgently during this time please contact Rev Beckie on 07950 219 695 or Margaret Robertson (Session Clerk) on 0141 321 8033.

Save the Date

The Events Committee are planning a special event to mark and celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. This will be on Sunday 5th of June and there will be more information to follow in Newsletters / on the website and on Facebook.



Save the date

The Events committee are planning another Taylors Fashion Fund Raising Clothes Sale.

This will be on Thursday 28th of April, and numbers will be more limited.

Keep an eye on the April Newsletter, Website and Facebook pages for more information about times and tickets.

From Rev. Fergus Cook

Blackhall St Columba's Parish Church, Edinburgh,

“As a result of the lockdown at the time of my induction, we are having a 'Service of Rededication and Celebration of Induction' at 3pm on **Sunday 20th March 2022**, almost exactly two years since I was inducted. Following the service, we are hosting an 'afternoon tea' in our halls.

I would like to extend an invitation to this service and afternoon tea to each of you and, for those with congregations that I have trained with, to the congregation also.

In order that we can cater for this event I would be obliged if you could gauge any interest and let me know numbers of people who may wish to attend.”

If anyone is interested in attending, could you please reply to williamwoodparishchurch@gmail.com before the 6th March or phone Evelyn Wallace (638 3490).

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER AT WILLIAMWOOD PARISH CHURCH

Sunday 10 th April at 11am	service for Palm Sunday
Thursday 14 th April at 7pm	service for Holy Thursday with a celebration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
Friday 15 th April	Good Friday Walk alongside people from other churches in the greater Clarkston area. Begins at 7am Short (15/20) minute service at Williamwood at 10am Concludes shortly after 3pm <i>Details of route to follow</i>
Sunday 17 th April	Easter Day 8.30am - short outdoor service for Easter Morning at Greenbank Garden (meet at car park 9am - Easter breakfast at Cathcart Castle Golf Club 11am - service in church for Easter Day

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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