

# Williamwood Parish Church Newsletter 5 May 2022



Congratulations and Thank You....

...to Stuart Young who has agreed to act as Depute Session Clerk over the summer, during periods when Margaret Robertson, Session Clerk is on holiday and if necessary or urgent business needs to be attended to. Stuart was appointed by the Kirk Session at its meeting on 24th April.

**Please do NOT contact Margaret Robertson between 21st May and 14th June as she will be out of the country**



... to everyone for their contributions to Holy Week and Easter services and events including those who decorated the sanctuary with flowers ; those who saw to printing requirements; those on the Tech team ; those arranging access and heating; those welcoming and ushering people ; those undertaking necessary admin and liaison tasks and all who contributed to services. Thank you to you all.

## **Care Home Worship**

Our first visit to Williamwood House is on Sunday 29th May at 2.30pm. If any member of the congregation would like to add their name to a list of volunteers, please contact Evelyn Wallace (evelyn.wallace@outlook.com or phone 638 3490).

## **Platinum Picnic: Sunday 5th June**

The Events Committee is planning a Platinum Picnic after church on 5th June.

Lunch boxes (approx. cost £7) to be ordered and paid for by mid-May. Details to be intimated in church and on web site at beginning of May.

The plan is to hold the picnic outdoors on the triangle but indoors if poor weather.



## Presbytery Planning

As Glasgow Presbytery looks to a future in which the total number of ministry posts i.e. Ministers of Word and Sacrament; Deacons; Youth Workers etc. will be reduced from around 125 to around 65 the Presbytery has been divided into 4 Zones. We are in Zone 4 along with some other Southside churches (just over 30). Congregations have been asked to form 'clusters' in which congregations will work together and, in due time, perhaps share Ministers and other 'staff' and buildings.

At its meeting on 24th April Williamwood Kirk Session agreed we should form a cluster with the working title '**Greater Rouken Glen**' (GRG) Cluster comprising:

**Giffnock: South; Giffnock: Park; Giffnock: Orchardhill; Pollokshaws; Eastwood; Thornliebank; Carnwadric; Williamwood.**

The GRG Cluster is already thinking and working together for the future and is arranging a number of informal meetings to help people in congregations get to know each other and to help us think together about what ministry and mission may look like in the future. 9 people from Williamwood will attend the first Getting to Know You meeting on 4th May. There will be opportunities for others to attend other meetings. Everyone will be kept informed of progress as it is made.



### Church Membership

If you – or someone you know – is not a communicant member of our congregation at Williamwood you or they might want to consider becoming so.

If you have been a member of another denomination or congregation you simply need to contact the Session Clerk and ask about transferring your membership to Williamwood.

If you have not been a communicant member here or anywhere else, you may wish to speak to the Minister. Usually people are 'admitted' during a service where they are asked to profess faith in Jesus Christ (by answering a simple question followed by a prayer said by the Minister). Sometimes it is possible to become a member by asking the Kirk Session to allow your name to be added to our Roll.

The Minister is happy to discuss these options with anyone who would like to explore communicant membership.



## St Aidan's Lectures

Attached to this newsletter is a poster giving information about the forthcoming/resumed St Aidan's Lectures to which all members of the congregation are most welcome.

Donald Orr is both an artist and a theologian, so well qualified to speak on the depiction of the Gospel in art. He was also a teacher before he was ordained, and served in Johnstone and Renfrew until his retirement, so is well able to communicate clearly to a non-specialist audience. He will repeat the content of the series begun before lockdown, as well as hopefully complete it this time, so those who did not attend in 2020 will not be disadvantaged.



Throughout February and March we worked very hard on our Badge work, completing many 'Unit Meeting Activities' and 'Skills Builders'. Our three latest recruits made their Brownie Promise on the last Wednesday before the Easter school break.

Now that the weather is better, and the nights are lighter, we plan to make use of the church grounds to enjoy more outdoor activities. We are hoping to end the session with a Barbecue before we stop our Wednesday night meetings on the 8th of June. Our final event of the year is the Brownie County Trip to the Blair Drummond Safari Park on Saturday the 11th June which we are all very excited about!

The Leaders would like to thank all the Brownies, and their parents/carers, for their great enthusiasm and support and wish them all a wonderful summer.

It's been a great year!

Lorna, Fiona, Karen, Julie, Lindsay & Kirsty. (and Eilidh who willingly fills in when we are short).



Thank you to the Events Committee for arranging the Fashion and Social Evening on 28th April ; to all who helped and all who came along and supported the event.

For any printing between Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May - Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June, please contact Ann Sherry (589 4380).

## CHRISTIAN AID NEWS

Lauren and Oliver completed the cycle, walk, and swim during the Easter holiday.

Thanks to all their generous sponsors to date. There is still plenty of time for you to donate if you wish. Here are a few photos of the event.



## Coffee Day

This fund-raising event will be held on **Saturday 14th May from 10am to 3pm at 37 Ashfield Road (opposite Carolside Nursery)**. As there will be no “house-to-house” collection this year during Christian Aid Week this will be an opportunity to raise much needed funds for Christian Aid’s work where there is need around the world.

## Christian Aid Week

This year's Christian Aid Week is from Sunday 15th May to Saturday 21st May. As mentioned above it will again be different this year in that there will be no “house-to-house” collection but there are still ways in which you can donate to the work of Christian Aid.

There will be Christian Aid donation envelopes available in the Church on Sundays 15th and 22nd May. Alternatively, you can donate online via Christian Aid’s website ([www.christianaid.org.uk](http://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-christian-aid-group?channel=status>

Thank you.

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

Anne Clark 644 4776 Ross McGhee 638 4883  
Christian Aid Representatives



## May Dates

Monday 2nd May at 7pm – Events Committee meets

Tuesday 3rd May from 12 noon – Guild Outing

Tuesday 3rd May at 7pm (online) –

Presbytery Special Purposes meeting

Wednesday 4th May – 7-9pm – Getting to

Know You, Greater Rouken Glen Cluster meeting at Giffnock South

Tuesday 10th May at 10.30am – Beckie's

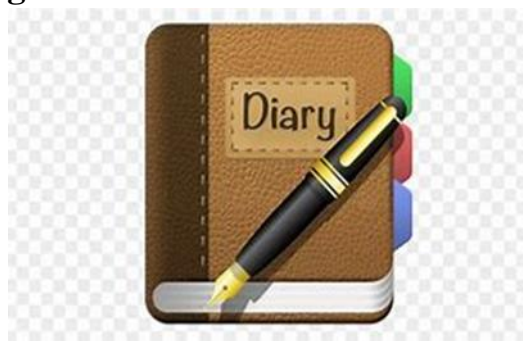
Tea Break at Rouken Glen Garden Centre

Tuesday 10th May at 7pm – Presbytery of Glasgow meets (in person)

Sun 15th – Sat 21st May – Christian Aid Week

Sat 21st May – Fri 27th May – Church of Scotland General Assembly (follow proceedings on Church of Scotland website)

Sun 29th May at 2.30pm – Service at Williamwood House Care Home



## Minister on Study Leave

The Minister will be on Study Leave from **5th-20th May**

**On Sundays 8th and 15th May** our services will be conducted by the Rev Alastair Cherry; the Very Rev John Christie and the Rev Beckie Bartocho.

If you require the services of a Minister urgently during this period please contact Rev Beckie Bartocho: 07950 219 695 or Margaret Robertson, Session Clerk: 0141 321 8033

## Minister at General Assembly

The Minister is a Commissioner to the General Assembly which takes place from **21st-27th May**.

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If you require the services of a Minister urgently during this period please contact Rev Beckie Bartocho: **07950 219 695** or Stuart Young, Depute Session Clerk: **07768 553974**

## 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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