

Williamwood Parish Church

Newsletter 6

June 2022



Congratulations....

... to the Rev Alastair Cherry who celebrates the fortieth anniversary of his ordination to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament on 10th June 2022. We wish him every blessing in his continuing ministry and look forward to his sharing in the celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Communion on Sunday 5th June.

Thank you...

to the Revs. Beckie Bartocho ; Alastair Cherry and John Christie who conducted our worship services while the Minister was on Study Leave and a Commissioner to the General Assembly. Thank you, also, to the Moderator of Glasgow Presbytery, Mr Robert Hynd who took part in one of the services.

Thank you....

to those who came along and took part in a short service of worship at Williamwood Care Home, the first time in more than two years we have been able to join in worship with the residents there.

Holy Communion

We will celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper during our service on Sunday 5th June. We use gluten-free bread and non-alcoholic wine. All who love the Lord are welcome at His Table

Thank you to those who will prepare the tablecloths; bread and wine for the service.

At the recent General Assembly, Robert Coulter, one of our elders and our Finance Convener, was thanked for his service to the Church of Scotland Pension Trustees over the last 14 years. Robert now comes to the end of an extended second term of office - but we can probably find him something else to do!

It's good that members of congregations serve on the Committees, Trusts and Groups within the national church and we're grateful to Robert for doing so from Williamwood.

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.



Covid Precautions

One of the speakers at the recent General Assembly was Prof Jason Leitch. He thanked churches for co-operating with necessary restrictions due to Covid and for finding new ways to worship and maintain fellowship.

He reminded us that while we may be less restricted by Covid at the moment, Covid has not gone away so we should continue to take care and to respect others who may feel vulnerable and wish to maintain some social distance or continue to wear masks.

We are grateful to all those in our congregation who helped us ensure we were 'Covid-safe' and spent much time and energy in applying necessary restrictions and recommendations. For now we will retain some extra spacing at the back of our sanctuary and ask that you continue to use sanitizer and to respect those who are vulnerable or wish to take greater care than others.

Presbytery Planning and Cluster Progress

Thank you to fifteen folks from our congregation who have represented Williamwood at two recent meetings of our Cluster Group.

As the process of presbytery planning continues and we face the reality of fewer Ministers and other church posts (such as Deacons and MDS workers), we are working with the other seven congregations in our cluster to produce a Mission Plan and to think about how things might look in the future. Discussions are going well. They are not about buildings nor about unions of congregations but about finding a way of working together that we may witness to the gospel in the parishes covered by our cluster. We do not yet know the allocation of posts to our cluster but may do so by mid-June.

Prayer Breakfast

You are invited to join a Prayer Breakfast hosted by Thornliebank Parish Church for all congregations in our Cluster at 8.30am on Saturday 25th June.

Stamperland Church Building

The congregation of Netherlee and Stamperland are withdrawing from the Stamperland sanctuary and buildings and these will close following a last service at **10am on Sunday 26th June**. You are invited to join a group from Williamwood, led by our Session Clerk, who will attend this service. A group from Williamwood, along with other congregations, was involved in setting up the Stamperland congregation and it seems fitting we are represented at this last service in the building. There will be a service at Williamwood, as usual, at 11am led by the Rev Beckie Bartocho.

We are delighted that, after the end of June, we will receive 6 chairs from the Stamperland sanctuary which were used in the Church of Scotland at the Empire Exhibition in Glasgow. These will find a new home in our Iona Chapel.

Guild Outing to Ross Priory



From Moira Yeoman (Oberammergau Visit)

"I am afraid that I will be unable to go to Oberammergau with the Church Group in September and wondered if anyone would like to take my place or if you know anyone who would do this. I have already paid the deposit, insurance and single room supplement so there would only be the balance of £1700 which is due at the beginning of July. If someone can take my place, please let me know either by phone 07581 074 329 or e-mail moira_yeoman@ hotmail.com and I will contact McCabe Travel and The Minister to arrange the transfer. "



Thank you to everyone who has supported the fundraising events over the past few weeks.

Lauren & Oliver Linich raised £925 through their Cumbrae Triathlon Challenge back in April. The Coffee Day in Anne's house last month, as well as being a very nice social occasion, raised £703.

Donations for Christian Aid Week handed to us totalled £95. Additionally, donations made via the offering plate on the two Sundays at the start & end of Christian Aid Week came to £233 and the "Coffee after Church" on these two Sundays totalled £85.

So the total amount raised through Williamwood during and around Christian Aid Week this year was £2,041. An amazing total and we thank everyone for their generosity.

We are also sure that some members will have donated online either via Christian Aid's website or the Clarkston Committee's e-envelope and we thank them as well.

We really do appreciate all the support. This money, as well as the amounts raised by the other Churches on the Clarkston Committee, will be well used by Christian Aid in the projects they support as well as responding to emergency situations which arise.

Anne & Ross

Anne Clark 644 4776 Ross McGhee 638 4883

Christian Aid Representatives



As a group we have started meeting again on alternate Tuesday evenings at 7pm (weather permitting), although the first evening was called off as it was raining too heavily. If there is anyone who would like to join our small but friendly group, just contact Joan Black or come along on one of the next planned evenings on Tuesday 14th and 28th of June.

We have purchased a couple of new pots for the front of the church and Aileen Montgomery gave us

the two blue ones, Jean Little supplied us with some compost and I added a few extra bedding plants on top of the ones we purchased. We hope with the Platinum Jubilee that there will be lots of colour in the beds and pots.

Thanks, Joan (blacksabode@googlemail.com)

Holidays

Our Session Clerk, Margaret Robertson is on holiday until 14th June and again from 1st July until mid-August. Please do not try to contact her during this time but contact Stuart Young, Depute Session Clerk instead (0141 577 5707)

The Minister will be on holiday from 13th – 29th June. 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: 0141 577 5707

Rev Beckie Bartocho will be on holiday from late July into early August



Becoming a member of Williamwood Parish Church

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.

June

Monday 6th June at 2.30pm – Book Group meets outdoors or in Session Room

Tuesday 7th June Beckie's Tea/ Coffee on at Rouken Glen @ 10:30 am

Monday 13th June at 7pm – Events Committee meets

Friday 10th June: evening – Sunday School Leaders meet

Date TBC – Kwenderana Partnership Group meets

Tuesday 21st June at 7pm – Glasgow Presbytery meets

TBC Sunday 26th June at 2pm – Cluster Meeting: *Feedback on Discussions and on Mission Plan* – Eastwood Parish Church

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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Dear Supporters,

May Newsletter

This month saw our AGM and a chance to share the work of LHM with our members and supporters. We were delighted to have been invited to present the annual report of the chair of the board, Rev Professor Roger Sturrock to Glasgow presbytery at their meeting of May 10th.

If you would like to book a speaker for your Church, Guild, Probus, Rotary, Golf Club, or Youth group in the year ahead, our chaplain would be keen to hear from you or any group in your area who would like to find out about our work.

April brought with it a levelling off of the number of folks using our free meal provisions; Food Service Breakfast Lunch Meals 633 (-55) 1296 (-32)

During the month of April, Angela, our Interventions worker, along with our lovely volunteer Gill, provided support on 127 occasions. Emotional support as always was most common with benefits advice and support coming in a very close second.

Angela our interventions worker has been supporting Morgen, a student studying HNC Social Services at City of Glasgow College, who has been on placement here at LHM since December 2021. "It's been a pleasure to support and guide her through her learning experience, it's given us all the opportunity to look at our own practice in order to continue to provide the best possible service to the vulnerable men and women who come through our doors."

Our student Morgen says, "I have really been enjoying my time here at LHM, It's opened my eyes to the struggles/issues that people have. I have particularly enjoyed learning how to help and support them, I have loved getting to know everyone."

As Morgen's placement comes to an end we thank her for help and kindness and wish her all the best for her future.

The most recent, 6 week Presbytery Pioneer Intro Course was hosted in LHM during April and May. We are delighted to have been able to welcome participants and course leaders to share their pioneer and missional projects in a space whose heritage has seen over 110 years of mission to the city of Glasgow. We look forward to supporting many more presbytery wide events in the future. Should you be interested in bringing an event to LHM please speak to chaplain.

In this resurrection season, we read Psalm 23 and recall the characteristic of the guiding voice of Jesus the Good Shepherd. For a good number of people in our transient community there are considerable barriers and gatekeepers, which prevent or deter access to the place of rest, support and nourishment. We offer our prayers for justice; that barriers might be broken down in our households, community, parishes, local and national government; that gatekeepers steward resources with the open handedness of Christ; that unjust systems of wealth distribution are dismantled.

Jesus taught that His flock/ followers would recognize His voice. What is this voice from the margins saying to you?

Deacon Claire Herbert, Chaplain to LHM.