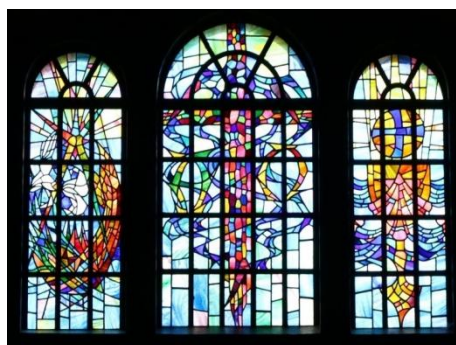


Williamwood Parish Church Newsletter 7 August 2022



Holy Communion

We will celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper during our service on Sunday 4th September. 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.

A Church member wishes to pass on many thanks to Mary Montgomery, Aileen Montgomery, Lesley Young and Fiona Ross who recently spent the day cleaning the Church kitchen.

It is most appreciated, as is all the voluntary work carried out in the background by members to keep our Church clean, tidy and in good repair.

Thanks to everyone involved in planning, preparing and organising our Platinum Jubilee Picnic on 5th June. It was a great, sell-out event and a great time was had by all. Thank you to everyone who took part.

Thanks to everyone who helped in arranging the first in our summer Sunday evening concert series and to all who came along.

Thanks to Sainsbury's, Darnley who donated tea and coffee which we used at our Fellowship Time after the church service on 10th July when we welcomed a number of new communicant members to our congregation – and thank you to all who organised the event.

Thanks to everyone who donated money or goods for Carnwadric Foodbank on 3rd July. These gifts were very much appreciated and very much needed. There will be another opportunity to donate on Sunday 7th August.



Iona Chapel

Our Iona Chapel (just out of the sanctuary door on Seres Road side and at the top of the stairs) is a quiet space which can be used for prayer and meditation and where we sometimes have small services. It now has 9 chairs from the 1938 Empire Exhibition Church space which until recently were in the chancel area of Stamperland Parish Church. An Iona Cross and Bible from Stamperland Church have also been added. Do go in and have a look!

Praise in the Park

Our cluster churches, together with other local churches and partners, are organising a "Praise in the Park" event in Rouken Glen Park on Saturday 27th August

There will be a range of activities for everyone, including a children's activities tent; games and music.

Refreshments will be available.

Each participating congregation will have a table to showcase their congregation's activities

We'll need people to help with refreshments; be on duty at our table; take part in some of the activities; stewarding; set up and clear up.

We'll also need people to help work out what we'll have on our table; produce leaflets; suggest 'give-away's'

If you can help please give your name to Rev Beckie from whom you can get more information (While Beckie is on holiday please give names to and get information from Lesley Young)

Prayer Breakfast: at Thornliebank Parish Church on 3rd September

Our Cluster Churches are seeking to extend the Prayer Breakfast event already hosted by some congregations (though not since before Covid). These will take place roughly quarterly and the first will be at Thornliebank Parish Church from 8.30-10am on Saturday 3rd September. There is breakfast; conversation and then a quiet time for which prayer topics will be suggested. The suggested rota means Williamwood does not host until the end of 2023 so you can simply go along; take part without worrying about making breakfast next time!

It would be helpful to the folks at Thornliebank to have an idea of numbers and a note of any dietary requirements. If you think you'll go along please let Anne Clark or Lorna Martin

Food Hygiene Courses

New legal requirements came into place at the end of 2021 which mean that anyone cooking or providing home baking for church events, whether it is prepared at home or on church premises, requires to have completed a course and gained a certificate.

The course is free and online and is straightforward. The course takes approximately 2 hours to complete and is completed online. It is interactive and participants are encouraged to reflect on their food safety knowledge and skills. There are no tests or exams during or after this course. If you would like to complete the training, this is the link you will require;

<https://forms.office.com/r/SQncvKdWus>

Please note that it may take 10 working days to register before you can start the training. You must provide evidence that you have completed the training before you can bring baked items to church.

We're thinking of arranging a get together when all those who wish to do this could come to the Session Room with their tablet; iPad; laptop and begin the course together. There might even be some help with the technology! We'd be really grateful to everyone who might consider doing this course to allow us to have baking at events in church.

If you're interested please contact Aileen Montgomery.

Oberammergau Holiday

Some of our congregation will travel to Austria in early September along with the minister and a number of others from churches around the country and the world (including Canada). They will attend the Passion Play, held every 10 years but delayed from 2020 and explore the surrounding area. If anyone is interested in joining the group there may be last minute availability. Contact McCabe Travel direct 020 8675 6828

Presbytery Planning and Cluster Progress

The work of Presbytery Planning has been continuing throughout the summer with the ministers of our cluster congregations meeting weekly to produce a Cluster Mission Plan.

This draft will go to each Kirk Session for comment/change/approval in August. Our cluster of 8 congregations has been given an allocation of only 3 full-time Ministers of Word and Sacrament. The calculation is based on parish size and contribution to Mission & Ministry funds of the national church.

Our cluster has queried the allocation which appears very small. As we continue with the creation of a mission plan we continue to envisage that the current 8 congregations will continue and retain their distinctive identities for the 5 years of the plan.

Coffee after church

Thank you to the teams who have continued to provide tea and biscuits after the church services. It's lovely to be able to sit with friends over a cup of tea or coffee and a biscuit for a chat.

Thanks to the duty teams for helping with tables and chairs and also to the congregation for help tidying them away. Many hands make light work indeed.

We have some new members in our teams. Welcome! If you would like to join - or even better, start a new team, please let me know.

Several charities have now benefitted and if you have a suggestion for a future recipient, please let Jan know.

Thank you everyone.

Aileen Montgomery

The Guild will be having a coffee afternoon in the church hall on Saturday 13th August 2--4pm.

Ticket £5 to include tea, coffee and cakes.

Hope to see you there!





Events

Why not come along to the last of this year's summer concerts at Williamwood Church on Sunday 28th of August at 7pm. It promises to be another enjoyable evening.

GOALIES

In 2019 the above organisation, Gentlemen Only at Lunch in Eastwood [GOALIES] met regularly once a month at Williamwood Golf Club. This was an opportunity for men to get together for lunch and an opportunity for a chat and to share fellowship.



Come the pandemic, this organisation was put in abeyance, but it would be good if those who would like to restart this excellent male group could do just that. New members will be made most welcome.

A meeting to discuss time and venue is to take place soon and once that is agreed further intimation will be given. It is hoped to begin our meetings the first week in September.

Those interested in joining us should contact Alastair Cherry on 07483221141

David Yeoman celebrated his 90th Birthday with his family.

Moira would like to extend a special thank you to Fiona Ross who made the cake which was delicious.



Holidays

Rev Beckie Bartocho will be on leave from late July into until 10th August. **Happy holidays!**
Our Session Clerk, Margaret Robertson is on holiday until mid-August. Please do not try to contact her during this time but contact Stuart Young, Depute Session Clerk instead (0141 577 5707)



Becoming a member of Williamwood Parish Church
It has been good to welcome new members recently. We also welcome Catherine Carson; Catherine Coutts; Jaqueline Kidd and Sheena Skelton who have transferred their church membership to Williamwood.

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.

August

Dates

Tuesday 16th August at 7pm – Events Committee meeting

Wednesday 17th August (Tbc) 7.30pm - Congregational Board Meeting

Wednesday 24th August at 7.30pm (in person) – Kirk Session meets for ordinary business

Sunday 28th August at 7pm – summer Sunday evening concert

Tbc – meeting(s) for children's and youth group leaders

Printing information

The printing team are now printing off a few monthly newsletters for those who cannot access the online copies. If the elders who have been printing copies and delivering them throughout Covid can check that Christine Martin has details of those requiring this service, she will ensure they are delivered out every month or left in the church to be picked up.

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