

Williamwood Parish Church October 2022 Newsletter 9



We welcome Fraser and Elizabeth McIntosh who have transferred to membership of Williamwood Parish Church.

Beckie is coming towards the end of her Familiarisation Placement on 2nd January 2023 (though she may stay on with us a bit beyond that). She has her final review/report on 18th October and we wish her well in it.

Following her final review on 18th October, Beckie will be on holiday (dates tbc)



FAIRTRADE

There will be a Fairtrade stall the first Sunday of every month, the first one being on 2nd October. Evelyn Graham or Moira McGeoch will be there also with Christmas card brochures. Tradecraft is paid on delivery. All other cards should be paid at time of ordering. Evelyn or Moira will be in the large hall after church most Sundays.

*Thank
You*

Carole, Ailie and Kirstin Ferguson would like to thank all at Williamwood for all the love and support they have received during their recent sad bereavement. It is very much appreciated.

Oberammergau 2022

After postponement of this trip from 2020 due to Covid, an expectant and excited group of 21 persons, including 4 members from Williamwood Church eventually met at Edinburgh Airport on Wednesday 7th. September 2022. Our very own Rev. Jan Mathieson was our Group Leader and had been responsible for arranging meetings and overseeing travel arrangements over the months leading up to our departure.

Having flown from Edinburgh to Frankfurt to Munich and then travelled by coach to Arzl in Austria we were glad to eventually reach our Hotel destination. Our beautiful accommodation was set in a quiet location surrounded by mountains and overlooking a very picturesque village. We felt very much at home as it rained for the first 2 days!

However this did not deter us from activities and we became so aware of the scenic beauty of the Tyrol. The hotel staff were very hospitable and during the Tyrolean evening organised within the hotel we took the opportunity to get to know each other, joining in with singing, eating, dancing and toasting the occasion. Prost!

We visited various museums, abbeys and a monastery and on the Saturday joined in a parade in a local village where the animals are led down from the hills to be more

sheltered during the winter. The village was bathed in sunshine and the colourful costumes of the village people, music, beer, food, sound of cow bells all brought a great feeling of ambience to the day.

On the Sunday we departed for Oberammergau in Bavaria to watch the Passion Play which is performed every 10 years by the people of this village to fulfil their oath made to God in 1633. The performance lasts 5 hours. The first half is in daylight and over 1,000 villagers can be on stage at any one time. We then had a 3 hour break for dinner at our overnight hotel and watched the second half in the evening. We had excellent seats (3 rows from the front of stage) and it was a real privilege to share in with the faithfulness of the villagers and to experience our own varied emotions as we watched spectacular scenes depicting the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem and up until his Resurrection.

Before returning to Austria the following day we spent a few hours shopping in the village and meeting and speaking to the shop-keepers and staff in the cafes, restaurants and hotels many of whom had taken part in the Play the day before. The Play is performed 5 times weekly from May to the end of September. An amazing feat.

Our holiday was almost at an end. Fantastic scenery, warm fellowship with others, great hospitality, excursions, walks, beer, Apfelstrudel, and faithfulness to name but a few of the things which will make this a Trip to remember for many years to come.

An invitation to hear and see more about this trip is extended to all visitors and Church members on Tuesday November 29th. in the Church between 2-4pm. when Margaret and Jean will do a presentation to The Guild.



Guild

The Guild will resume on October 4th. at 2pm. in the Church Sanctuary. All friends, visitors and members are cordially invited. Communion will be served at this first meeting, followed by a short talk given by Beckie about the Guild in Kenya. On the 18th. October. "Bud Neill's Magic" The speaker Craig Mains will enlighten us with stories of the famous cartoonist including the famous 2 legged horse Lobey Dossler. Please do come along and enjoy the fellowship. Refreshments will be served.



Reverend Derek Munn

Congratulations to former Williamwood member Derek Munn who is now the Rev. Derek Munn after being ordained as an Ordained Local Minister (OLM) on 8th September at Queensferry Parish Church in Edinburgh.

Many of you will remember Derek – the son of Margaret Munn, one of our Elders - from his time at Williamwood. He was in The Boys' Brigade and Youth Fellowship, and was also the Leader of the Imps (now Anchor Boys) for a few years.

I was pleased to be able to attend Derek's Ordination Service and it was nice to see so many of his friends there, some of whom are past or present members of Williamwood. Unfortunately, Rev. Jan couldn't make it as she was on the Oberammergau trip but Rev. Beckie was able to be there.

A card was sent from the Church wishing Derek all God's blessings for his time in the Ministry. Derek has asked me to pass on his thanks to the congregation at Williamwood for the cards, prayers and best wishes that he has received.

Ross McGhee

HARVEST THANKSGIVING - Sunday 9 October 2022



Arrangements for our Harvest Thanksgiving on Sunday 9 October - our food donations will be split between **Carnwadric Foodbank** and **Lodging House**

Mission. We are also continuing to support the work of **FarmAfrica** and you can help by making a monetary donation.

Food Donations

Members of the congregation wishing to donate harvest goods are being asked to bring them along to the 11.00am service on Sunday 9 October 2022 and keep them beside you in the pew to then take down to the front during the first hymn. Anyone unable to do so will be able to give them to Sunday School/others to bring forward on their behalf. If you cannot manage on 9 October then food donations will be accepted on 16 and 23 October. Listed below are items which will be accepted:

FOOD

- Sugar
- Baby food
- Orange juice
- Canned meat
- Biscuits
- Custard
- Peas
- UHT Milk
- Baby formula
- Diluted juice
- Cereal
- Rice Pudding
- Carrots

TOILETRIES

- Soap powder
- Bleach
- Washing up liquid
- Shampoo (both male & female)

NO FRESH FRUIT, OUT OF DATE OR HOMEMADE GOODS PLEASE

Money Donations

If you wish to make a money donation to either Carnwadric Foodbank or Lodging House Mission, please place your money in your own envelope and clearly mark with "Carnwadric Foodbank Donation" or "Lodging House Mission Donation". If you wish to Gift Aid your donation, you need to include your full name, address, and confirm that you wish to gift aid this donation. For FarmAfrica, special gift aid envelopes will be available in the vestibule on Sundays 25 September, 2 October, and 9 October, so that you can fill and return. All donation envelopes for FarmAfrica, LHM and Carnwadric should be brought forward to the front during the service on 9 October when invited to do so (not to be put in the donation plates at the front door).

Help Required

I am looking for some volunteers to deliver the goods to the two centres during the week. If you have any questions on any of the above or wish to help with delivery, please contact me (details below). Thank you for your continued help and support.

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At our service on Sunday 18th September, the eve of HM Queen Elizabeth's funeral in Westminster Abbey, we sang a hymn written by a minister of the United Reformed Church and made available by the Minister of Canongate Kirk in Edinburgh. There have been some requests to have the words of this and so they are printed below:

*We stand to mourn a sovereign,
a nation's guide and friend,
who through long years of tumult
was faithful to the end.
We offer our thanksgiving
for all that she instilled:
her constancy of service,
her lifetime's vow fulfilled.
Now from our world departed –
though never from our hearts –
receive her in the peace, Lord,
your love alone imparts.*

*And as we mark a passing
of sceptre, orb, and throne,
we'll find in her compassion
a pattern for our own:
that all who stand in mourning,
or languish now in fear,
may know again your promise
to wipe away each tear.
With her we'll join in witness,
Christ's mercies our refrain:
great Sovereign of the nations,
eternal is your reign!*

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October Dates

Thurs 6 Oct	Minister returns from holiday
Sun 9th October at 11am	service of Harvest Thanksgiving
Mon 10th October at 7pm	Beetle Drive
Tues 11 October 10.30am	Beckie's Tea & Coffee Rouken Glen Garden Centre
Fri 11th November	Armistice Day short Act of Remembrance outside the church
Sun 13th November	Remembrance Sunday service beginning outside the church at 10.50am
Sat 20th November	Christmas Fair

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