

Williamwood Parish Church Newsletter 10 November 2022



Welcome

We welcome to membership of Williamwood Parish Church, Valerie Stewart and Isobel Milligan, who have transferred their membership to our congregation.

Rev Beckie Bartocho

It has been good to see how Rev Beckie has settled in to life in Scotland and in Williamwood since arriving from Nairobi, Kenya in January of this year. It has also been good to see the progress she has made in getting to know the Church of Scotland. Beckie was successful in her final review in mid-October and her placement will be sustained when it comes to an end in early January 2023. We congratulate her on achieving this milestone.

As yet, it is not clear what Beckie's next steps will be. She is eligible to apply for charges or positions within the Church of Scotland (but there are few of these at present because of the presbytery planning process). She may be able to stay with us a little longer, even on a part-time basis or she may go on to serve as an Assistant Minister elsewhere (most likely in a vacancy). Beckie will begin to have these discussions with the relevant groups at local, presbytery and national level when she returns from holiday.

Sarah Alexander: Organist

Sarah has been our organist here at Williamwood for (almost exactly) seven years. In this time she has contributed much to the musical life of our congregation in worship; concert series and other projects (such as choral scholars).

After graduating from the Conservatoire, Sarah spent a year as a Probationer Teacher of Music in Clydebank, before moving to Dumbarton this summer on a temporary contract. She has now been successful in gaining a full time permanent post as Teacher of Music and we congratulate her on this.

Unfortunately the post is in Aberdeen Grammar School and so Sarah will be leaving us to move (back) north.

We wish her well in this next chapter and thank her for her contribution to Williamwood.

No firm dates are known just yet but Sarah is likely to be leaving at the end of November

Warm Banks / Warm Spaces

We are beginning to hear of spaces being made available for people to go in order they do not need to heat their homes all day in the coldest winter months when utility prices are so high. Some spaces are being made available by Councils and others by voluntary organisations.

Some churches, too, are offering spaces for people to come. Some provision is as simple as a seat and a tea/coffee while others can provide workspaces and activities.

A group of our elders is looking into this for Williamwood. If you'd like to be involved (or even if you'd just like to indicate that you would use such a facility) please contact Moira McGeoch

Presbytery Planning and Cluster Progress

The Presbytery Plan for Glasgow which, of course, includes our congregation and the Cluster of which we are part has been submitted to the relevant Committee of the National Church in Edinburgh. We now await a response. It's possible this Presbytery Plan will be accepted in full or it may be that the Committee asks for changes. We wait to hear!



ANNE HODGE

Our grateful thanks for receipt of the dozens of cards expressing love and respect which you have for Anne and for the wonderful attendance at her funeral.

Murdoch, Neil & Fraser

Remembrance -Tide

There will be a short Act of Remembrance outside the church on Friday 11th November (Armistice Day) beginning just before 11am when we will keep a two minute silence in tribute to the Fallen in all wars.

On Sunday 13th November, Remembrance Sunday, our service will begin outside the church at 10.50am.

Members of our Youth Organisations will be in attendance (lined up on the Seres Road side of the 'triangle'). You are invited to stand on grass or paved areas as you prefer and also to make use of the benches around the front of the church.

After our act of remembrance and wreath-laying you are invited to make your way into the sanctuary, following behind the Colours borne by Youth Organisations. Our service will then continue indoors for about half an hour. Tea and coffee and juice will be served in the Hall after the service.



Advent Studies

If you'd like to spend some time during Advent thinking about the significance of Christmas (and not just all the practical things we now associate with it) you may wish to purchase the Bible Reading Fellowship's Advent book: Sharing the Christmas Story

<https://www.eden.co.uk/christian-books/christmas-and-advent-books/advent-books/advent-studies/sharing-the-christmas-story-brf-advent-book-2022/>

It contains a reading and something to think about and pray about for each day of Advent. There will be an order sheet in the front vestibule of the church and in the large hall at on the 6th and 13th November. If enough people are interested we may arrange a discussion group on Monday mornings from 28th November or an evening discussion group on Zoom. You will be able to indicate your interest on the order sheet.

Books cost £8-99 each

If you want to try a different kind of Advent study you can sign up to receive twice weekly emails throughout Advent from Embrace the Middle East (formerly Bible Lands Society)

Sign up on their website- embraceme.org

Some of the congregations in our Cluster may offer Advent studies which you are welcome to join. We'll put details on our website as we receive them.



Website – new.williamwoodparish.church

Scottish Charity Number SCO09939

Come along and join us for our Christmas Fayre this year. This is our first larger (but not quite as large as previous years) Christmas Event and it will be really great to welcome you along. Tickets are available from committee members, your elder and also at coffee after Church

DONATIONS

Bought packaged mince pies and shortbread

Any bottles for the bottle stall

Toiletries etc

Any small Christmas bits and bobs

These will be gratefully received in several ways on the run up to the Fayre. You can bring them along to Church on any Sunday morning in November and there will be a box available in the front entrance.

They can also be brought along to the halls on Friday 25th of November from 7pm till 9pm

If you are helping set things up, on a stall or with serving of tea and coffee etc you should be at the halls on Friday evening at 7pm and Saturday 26th November from 9am. Many hands make light work and this is a great time for us all to get together to make this a successful social event.

Pop Up Stalls

Throughout November and leading up to our Christmas Fayre on 26th November there will be a different 'Pop Up' Stall in the Hall while we enjoy refreshments after Sunday services. Please visit them and pick up some Christmas gifts and other necessities!

Charity Christmas Cards

You can order charity Christmas cards from a range of charities at the Table in the Hall after Sunday services. Bulk ordering means no-one has to pay postage and packing. Thank you to those who are running this service for us.

Guild

We have very much enjoyed socialising with many friends during our October meetings. We thank Beckie for conducting Communion at our Opening Meeting and for also giving a very informed and interesting talk about The Women's League Fellowship in her Church in South Africa.



Craig Mains brought a lot of Glasgow Humour to his talk on Bud Neill and we were all personally able to relate to the cartoon stories. Lots of laughter filled the Hall!

It has been lovely to see some new faces and we hope that other visitors will join us as the Session continues. We now meet in the small Hall at 2pm. Refreshments are also served.

Please put the following dates in your Diary or ask Jenny Barr or Fiona Gunning for a syllabus.

November 1st - Body Prayer Movements Eleanor Maxwell

November 15th - Beetle Drive

November 29th - Oberammergau Margaret Robertson & Jean Simms

December 13th - Christmas Dinner at Cathcart Castle Golf Club



We have now come to the end of our gardening year and I would like to thank everyone who has worked throughout the spring and summer months to keep the garden areas neat, tidy and colourful.

We have had such positive feedback from everyone about the pots at the front and side of the church and the flower beds. Following on from this and looking forward to next year, I would like to ask anyone in the congregation who has a greenhouse and would like to help, by bringing on any bedding plants from seed or small plug plants, to get in touch. We are always looking for ways to brighten up the grounds and any help would be appreciated.

We will start up again in the spring time, probably on a Tuesday evening but I will put something in the newsletter to confirm this.

Thanks again everyone.

Joan Black – e-mail - blacksabode@googlemail.com

Readers

A new schedule for 2023 is being made up soon. If anyone would like to do a reading at the Sunday service, please contact Evelyn Wallace.

evelyn.wallace@outlook.com or phone 638 3490. Thank you, Evelyn

Book Group

The Book Group meets monthly on Monday afternoons to share recommendations of books that have been enjoyed. Please do come along and join the conversation. Bring your own tea/coffee/drinks



Christian Aid are holding a Climate Justice Roadshow event on Saturday 12th November at 7pm in St George's Tron Church, Buchanan Street. All are welcome, and further details can be found on the Christian Aid website

Church Membership:

If you – or anyone 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 elsewhere, you may wish to speak to the minister. Usually people are ‘admitted’ during the 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.

Home Baking Update

Everyone who wishes to provide home baking for the church must be REHIS qualified.

This involves giving up a few hours of your time to complete an online training session. If you have an email address and access to the internet, you can do it. It’s not difficult and there is no exam at the end or anything. Please don’t be put off.

If you wish to bake and complete the training, please see Aileen Montgomery. She is also happy to help if you feel you would like any support.

Rules for serving home baking within the church

Everyone serving must wash their hands before doing anything.

If any items require slicing etc in the kitchen, the appropriate coloured board should be used.

If baking is being served, it can be put on a communal plate in the middle of a table. The server should be able to provide ingredient information if asked.

Rules for selling home baking

If the items are being sold ‘loose’ in a pick and mix type of way, those serving should wear gloves or use tongs to place the required items into each bag/box. Those selling should be able to answer questions about ingredients and should wash their hands frequently.

Someone else, not handling food, should handle money.

If items for sale are wrapped – such as a fruit loaf, or a tray of buns with cling film over the top, these MUST be labelled with ingredient information. (Loose buns or slices of fruit loaf, would not require this.)





Friday 4th November at 1pm	GOALIES lunch : Williamwood Golf Club
Monday 7th at 2.30pm	Book Group meets
Tuesday 8th November at 7pm	Presbytery of Glasgow meets via Zoom
Tuesday 8th At 7.30pm –	Communication & Media Committee meeting
Friday 11th November	Armistice Day short Act of Remembrance outside the church at 11am
Tuesday 15th November	Guild (afternoon)
Sunday 13th November	Remembrance Sunday service beginning outside the church at 10.50am
Saturday 26th November	Christmas Fayre from 10am – 12noon
Sunday 27th November	Service for the First Sunday in Advent

Events from Churches near us

Movie Night at Giffnock: The Park – 5th November: see our website for details

Giffnock South Art Club Exhibition and Sale – from 12noon (after our Christmas Fayre!) on Saturday 26th November

Advance Notice of December Dates	
Thursday 1st December	Nursery 'Getting Ready for Christmas' Service in the Church
Sunday 4th December	Service for the second Sunday in Advent with the Sacrament of Holy Communion
Monday 5th December at 7pm	Cluster meeting in Williamwood Hall
Sunday 11th December at 11am	Service for the Third Sunday in Advent
Sunday 11th December at 2.30pm	Service at Williamwood House
Tuesday 13th December at 11am	Clarkston Care Home Service
Sunday 18th December at 11 am	Service for the Fourth Sunday in Advent
Saturday 24th December at 6.30pm	short outdoor carol service for Christmas eve
Sunday 25th December at 11am	Service for Christmas Day
Sunday 1st January 2023 at 11am	Service for New Year's Day

Holidays

The Minister will be on holiday from 14th - 22nd November (incl)

For urgent matters during this time please contact Rev Beckie Bartocho (07950 219 695) or Margaret Robertson, Session Clerk (07778 148 181)

Our service on 20th November will be conducted by Rev Beckie

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