

# Williamwood Parish Church February 2023 Newsletter



## **Welcome....**

to Diego Hart who has been appointed as our Organist and Director of Music from 1<sup>st</sup> February.

We have got to know Diego from our Summer Concert Series and as a 'stand-in' organist more recently. Now we welcome him on a more permanent basis and look forward to his contribution to our worship and congregational life.

## **New Year; New Role**

Rev Beckie Bartocho's Familiarisation Placement with us ended, successfully, on 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2023.

Beckie now moves on to an Assistant Minister contract with the Church of Scotland. Her placement is now at Williamwood but serving our Cluster congregations also. She will be with us less often as she exercises ministry in other places. For now she will be with us some Sundays and on a Tuesday for *Doors Open* and pastoral visiting. She will also lead some Bible Study series (on Mondays) and work with the whole cluster in developing Fairtrade. On Wednesdays, Beckie will be at Eastwood Parish Church and on Thursdays she will be at Carnwadric Parish Church.

She will also be assisting with holiday cover and with funerals across the Cluster.

## **Church Roll Update**

A few people have been asking if we can re-introduce intimations of Baptisms, Marriages and Deaths into the Monthly Newsletters. This was something that was included in the Inspire Magazine before Covid made us look at reducing our paper use and at ways to communicate electronically. Following discussions with Rev. Jan Mathieson we have decided to start this up again for 2023.

## **DEATHS**

*A person that departs from this earth never truly leaves, for they are still alive in our hearts, through us they live on.*

**27 December, 2022**

**Margaret Weir**

**27 December, 2022**

**Jim Rutherford**



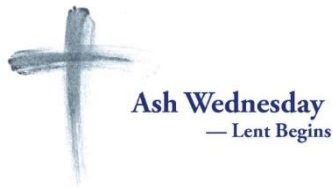
## **Doors Open**

Doors Open had now restarted on Tuesdays and Thursdays. We meet in the Session Room from 10 till 12.30. Everyone is welcome to join us for tea, coffee, hot chocolate and biscuits. The rota is still in need of volunteers so if you are able to help please give your name to Margaret McIntyre or Lorna Goudie after church. Looking forward to welcoming old friends and meeting new ones, *Moira McGeoch*.

## **Book Exchange**

Book Exchange is back again.

You are all welcome to pick and exchange a book on Tuesdays and Thursday's morning during Doors- Open or when the sanctuary is opened. The Book Exchange Rack is along the Session Room Corridor.



## **Holy Habits -Lent Study 2023:**

*This Lent season we are exploring: **The Images of Grace in the Bible.***

*The discussion materials will be made available at the start of each meeting or as requested.*

*The meeting for this February will be on **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:15 am** in the Choir Room. Register with the duty team and contact Beckie for any further details on *The Lent Study 2023.**

**Lent meetings:** 20<sup>th</sup> February, 6<sup>th</sup> March, 20<sup>th</sup> March, 3<sup>rd</sup> April.

## **Guild**

Our first speaker of 2023 was Michaela Foster Marsh who told us the story behind STARCHILD, one of the guild projects which we are supporting this year. It was a truly inspirational presentation which followed her incredible journey to Uganda to find her adopted brother's family.

On the final week of January we are very privileged to have singer and songwriter Ian Walker from the Ian Walker Band to entertain us with a selection of his songs. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Guild and Church members and all visitors who have supported the Guild by attending meetings, events, Christmas Meal, and helping with various duties. Your contribution is greatly appreciated and we do look forward to continuing these friendships. Please note the following dates and do come along to the small hall at 2pm. where you will receive a warm welcome. Refreshments will be served.

February 7th - Project - Chocolate Heaven    Ruth Box

February 21st -TBA

March 7th - Tales from my Travels    Graham Greenhaulgh

March 21st - AGM



## **GOALIES**

Goalies meet for lunch at Williamwood Golf Club on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February. See Rev Alastair Cherry for further information and to request transport.



## *Fairtrade Fortnight*

Fairtrade Fortnight takes place from 27<sup>th</sup> February to 12<sup>th</sup> March. Keep an eye on our website and Facebook Page for details of how we will mark this.



## **Christian Aid Art Exhibition & Sale**

After a two year absence the Christian Aid Art Exhibition & Sale is back in a non-virtual format. It will take place on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March from 7.30pm-9.00pm and Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> from 10am-4pm and return to its original venue, the Clarkston Halls. Entry remains at £3 which includes refreshments.

We hope all our usual supporters and many new ones will be able to attend the long awaited return of this event.

Have a coffee/tea, a chat with friends, browse the stalls and perhaps buy a painting from the few hundred on display, with prices to suit all pockets.

The committee look forward to a good turnout.

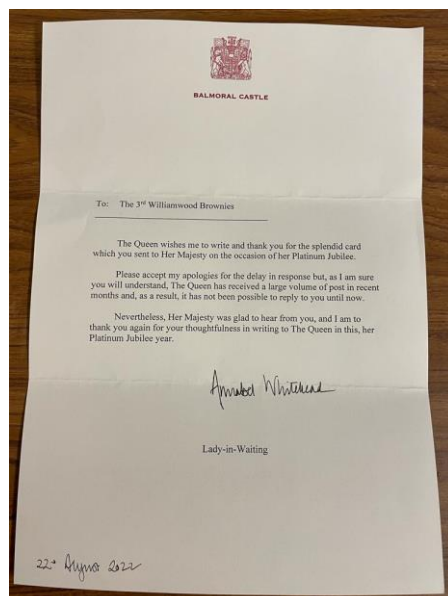
If anyone could help in the tearoom or act as a steward on the Saturday, even for part of the day, or perhaps do some baking for the event, please contact either Anne Clark on 644 4776 or Ross McGhee on 638 4883. We would be happy to have your assistance. **Anne Clark Ross McGhee, Christian Aid Representatives.**

### ***Meeting for Financial Matters***

There is a joint meeting of the Congregational Board and Kirk Session on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February to consider the Financial Statement for 2022 and the Budget for 2023. Further details to follow.

### ***The Williamwood Brownies***

The Brownies received this letter from the Queen after sending their good wishes for Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee.



### ***Heating***

If you are having an event /meeting, please let Evelyn Wallace know so that the heating can be set accordingly. Similarly, if your event /meeting is cancelled, please let Evelyn know so that heat can be switched off. Thank You.

### ***Presbytery Planning***

The Presbytery Plan submitted by the Presbytery of Glasgow to the National Committee has been returned with a request for clarification; more detail (about buildings and ministry allocations) and revision.

The Presbytery discussed this at its meeting in December and resolved that an Overture be brought to the General Assembly in May 2023 asking that reductions be not so great.

There is a further Special Purposes meeting of Glasgow Presbytery on 7<sup>th</sup> February.

### ***Becoming a Communicant member of Williamwood Parish Church***

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

### ***Newsletter Update***

The newsletter goes out on the 1<sup>st</sup> of every month both electronically then printed. It can also be found on the Church Website and Facebook page. Printed copies can be picked up from the front vestibule.

The next edition will be on 1<sup>st</sup> of March 2023.

Articles for the next newsletter should be with Evelyn Wallace **by Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2023 at the latest.**

### ***Holidays***

The Minister will be on holiday from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> February 2023.

Should you require the services of a Minister urgently during this period – and for other enquiries – **contact Rev Beckie Bartocho on 07950 219 695.**

## Dates to Remember

2-11Feb	Minister on holiday
6 February	Goalies meets for Lunch
6 Feb 10.15am	Holy Habits
7 Feb 10.00am	Doors Open
7 Feb 2.00pm	Guild meets
9 Feb 10.00am	Doors Open
20 Feb 10.15am	Lent Discussion
21 Feb 2.00pm	Guild meets
27 <sup>th</sup> Feb-12 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Fairtrade Fortnight
Sat 4 Mar 8.30-10.00am	Prayer Breakfast at Eastwood Parish Church ( <i>names in advance, if possible, to Rev Beckie for catering purposes</i> )
Sun 5 Mar 11.00am	service with the celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Communion
Tues 14 Mar	Presbytery of Glasgow meets



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## Auldhouse Rouken Glen Cluster of Churches

### What's Going On?

**This is a news sheet to advise you of events happening around the churches in our cluster - January 2023**

**Pollokshaws** has a weekly Nearly New Shop on Wednesdays at 10am-11.30am from Feb 2nd with a short act of worship at 10.30am.

**Every Tuesday: *Doors Open* at Williamwood from 10am to 12.30pm.** *Doors Open* offers a warm space for quiet/reflection and refreshments are served.

**Every Thursday – Foodbank at Carnwadric Church:** Donations welcome. The Foodbank is very grateful to us for our continuing support during December and January. The Christmas chocolates and treats were most welcome! Items which are now in short supply and will be especially appreciated include Tinned vegetarian meals including Macaroni Cheese, Tinned carrots, potatoes, sweetcorn, Sugar, 1 litre bottles of diluting juice. These items can be left for delivery in the plastic box in the front vestibule of the Church.

**1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the Month at 10.15am in Williamwood – *Holy Habits*.** Holy Habits is a gathering for Scripture Discussions and Reflections. The next Holy Habits meeting will be on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> February. All welcome!

**2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the Month (Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February) at 10.30am – Join Beckie** for a coffee/tea and a chat at Rouken Glen Garden Centre Coffee.

**Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan at 2.00pm in Thornliebank: *Down Memory Lane*** Dementia Café. Starting at 2pm to 4pm for people with dementia and their carers. Down Memory Lane runs monthly.

**Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> Jan at 6.30pm in Eastwood– Joint ARK Cluster Evening Service** to mark the Prayer for Christian Unity Week.

**Pollokshaws Parish Church** Nearly New Shop begins again on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February and runs every Wednesday thereafter. 10am - 11.30am in the Church Hall. All welcome - and donations welcome too! There is a short service at 11.30am to which everyone is welcome also.

**Wed, 8<sup>th</sup> Feb; 7pm to 9pm in Carnwadric – The Touching Place: Hope for Healing Course.** This course will run for five weeks. Speak to Mary Gargrave for further details (0141 880n 5532).

**Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> Feb at 6.30pm at Pollokshaws – Joint ARK Cluster Evening Service** to mark the beginning of Lent.

#### **Giffnock South Church:**

The Nurturing Faith Group will be running a course based on the book, 'How to Hear God' by Pete Greig, **every Monday from 27<sup>th</sup> February until 27<sup>th</sup> March**. It will take place in the Eglinton Hall from 10.00 - 11.00am and take the form of a short video followed by a led discussion.

Copies of the book will be made available to buy before the start of the course. Do you always hear what God is saying to you? No? Then this course is for you and you will be made most welcome as part of a supportive and encouraging group. For further information contact Graeme Whyte. (Church Secretary Tel 638 2599)

### **Thornliebank Community Hub**

Open from Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> 2023 – 10.00 am to 2.00pm. Thornliebank Parish Church is offering a welcoming, friendly, accessible and sociable space every Friday which is open to all ages.

We will provide tea/coffee refreshments throughout the day, breakfast/ a warm lunch, board and table games, electric charging points and free wifi, company, support, information, and help.

For more information telephone Mike Gargrave: 07927476915.

**Sat, 4<sup>th</sup> March at 8.30am in Eastwood** – Joint Prayer Breakfast. We gather at 8.30am and have breakfast together which is kindly provided by the people of Eastwood. We then spend time in prayer and close by 10.00am.

**Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> April: 7.00pm to 8.30pm in Thornliebank:** Spiritual Gifts Course. This is a five week course on Monday evenings where we learn what Spiritual Gifts are, and then discover the gifts that we have. For further information, speak to Mike Gargrave. (07927 476915).

**Sat, 15<sup>th</sup> April: 1.30pm to 3.00pm – Praise in the Park 2023.** This is a joint event where each church runs a stall promoting their church, and we have a joint praise time to close the event. There will be children's activities, bouncy castle, refreshments and something for everyone.