



Williamwood Parish Church March 2023 Newsletter

Holy Communion

We will celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper during our service on Sunday 5th March

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.



Lent Study 2023 – HOLY HABITS

Lent discussions are continuing and we are exploring: The **Images of Grace in the Bible**.

The weekly Lent discussion readings and questions will be sent to everyone together with Sunday Zoom Invite. And we will all conclude with **Holy Week Zoom on Monday 3rd April from 7-8pm** to share from the Weekly Lent Readings.

Please note that Monday physical meetings are cancelled.

Welcome All.

Lent Special Collections

Throughout Lent and Easter there will be an opportunity to donate to the work of Christin Aid which supports relief work in the wake of the Syria/Turkey earthquake and many other projects worldwide.

Service on Mothering Sunday 19th March

We are delighted that Rev Derek Munn, recently ordained as an OLM (Ordained Local Minister) will return to his home church of Williamwood on Mothering Sunday to lead our worship at 11am. We look forward to welcoming him home.

Holy Week and Easter

Holy Week begins on **Palm Sunday. 5th April.**

We are planning to participate in joint services with some of our Cluster congregations during Holy Week, including Good Friday.

On Easter Day, Williamwood folk and friends are invited to gather for an early outdoor service at **Greenbank Gardens from 8.30am which will last 15-20minutes.** Thereafter everyone is invited to Cathcart Castle Golf Club for breakfast rolls and hot drinks.

Our Easter Day service takes place in the church at 11am.



Cluster Evening Service- 26th March

At 6.30pm on Sunday 26th March a service of Praise and Prayer for Passion Sunday will be held in Williamwood. We are hoping to have contributions from our own church choir and other church choirs in our Cluster. The service will last no more than one hour. Please do come along.



FAIRTRADE BREAKFAST

We are having our Fairtrade Breakfast on **Saturday 4th March from 9 to 10.30** in the Session House. Entry is via the Vardar Door entrance.

There is no charge for breakfast. However, donations are welcome. We hope to see as many as possible on Saturday.

Lodging House Mission: Please see attached the LHM newsletter.

Stated Annual Meeting

Our Stated Annual Meeting will take place immediately after a shorter service on **Sunday 26th March.** At this meeting the Financial Statement 2022 and the Budget 2023, recently approved by our financial courts, will be presented to the congregation. Appointments of members to serve on the Congregational Board will also be made. If you are interested in serving in this capacity please speak to Forbes Barron, Clerk to the Congregational Board.



Eco-Congregation:

Williamwood Parish Church is now a registered Eco-Congregation.

Eco-Congregation is an ecumenical organization helping churches to integrate Environmental Issues with Faith and respond in practical action in the church and the society such as the use of Fairtrade Products. Congratulations WWPCChurch!



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.

Welcome

to Elaine Wilson (nee Best).

World Day of Prayer

A service marking the World Day of Prayer. In which a number of local churches are taking part is to be held at.....

Greenbank Parish Church at 10:30am on Friday 3rd March. All Welcome.



Rouken-Glen Tea & Coffee Chat: Monday 13th March @ 10:30am.

Quiz Night : Saturday 11th March

Our Events' Committee has organised a fund-raising Quiz Night which promises to be great fun

Please come along and take part – and bring friends with you!



Further information from Forbes Barron/Lesley Young.

GOALIES

Gentlemen Only at Lunch in Eastwood [GOALIES] meets regularly once a month at Williamwood Golf Club. This is an opportunity for men to get together for lunch, have time to chat, and to share fellowship.

The next meeting will be on Friday 3rd March 2022 at 1pm in the Williamwood Golf Clubhouse. We meet thereafter on the first Friday of each month at the same time, the **exception being 7 April** when there will be no meeting as this is Good Friday.



It is essential that if you plan to come to let me know by the preceding Wednesday so that I can let the staff at the Club know how many will be present, as they prepare a table for us. You can contact me on my phone number or tick your name off the list the preceding Sunday in church. Anyone requiring transport should also contact me.

Alastair Cherry Mobile 07483221141.



Doors Open..... 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.

*Thank
you*

We are grateful to have received a grant from East Renfrewshire Council to support our Doors Open project.

The money will offset some of the heating, lighting and catering costs.

Thanks to Moira McGeoch and Rev Beckie for securing this for us.

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.



Presbytery Planning

A revised Cluster Plan has now been submitted to the Presbytery of Glasgow in order to form part of the Presbytery Plan which required to be revised following submission to the national committee of the Church in Edinburgh.

The revised Presbytery Plan will be discussed at a meeting of Presbytery on 14th March. There may also be a subsequent, special meeting of Presbytery to continue the discussion.

The revised Cluster Plan is attached to this newsletter for your information.
Presbytery Planning and Cluster Progress:

Come and See: Auldburn Rouken Glen Churches (ARC) Cluster Tour

Our Cluster congregations are planning a series of Doors Open events on Saturdays in May and June which will give us a chance to visit and learn about one another's sanctuary spaces and enjoy tea/coffee /refreshments together.

We'll be looking for folk to act as guides and catering team when the tour comes to Williamwood.

The draft programme is –

Sat 14th May : Giffnock:South

Sat 21st May : vacant

Sat 28th May : Carnwadric

Sat 3rd June : Eastwood

Sat 10th June : Thornliebank

Sat 17th June : Williamwood

Sat 24th June : Giffnock : Orchardhill

Sat 1st July : vacant

We Are Back!

THE ANNUAL CLARKSTON CHRISTIAN AID ART SHOW

Venue: Clarkston Hall

When: Friday 17th March 7.30 to 9.00pm

Saturday 18th March 10.00am to 4pm

Hundreds of original artworks by well-known professional and amateur local artists for sale.

Entrance £3 includes tea.



A Message from Anne and Ross:

The approaching Art Exhibition is our biggest fund raising effort of the year & we are hoping for a good turnout.

A Williamwood team is manning the tearoom in the afternoon.

Any **donations of baking** would be very welcome.

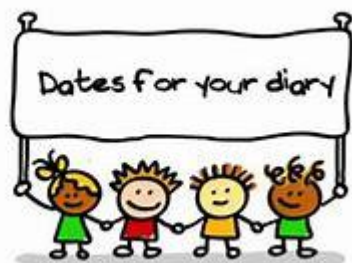
Hope to see you all there!

Carnwadric Foodbank: is looking for the assistance of one/two drivers or a driver and passenger team/s on Wednesdays.

They need to be at Sainsbury's Darnley at 8am to put donations into bags/boxes and take them to Carnwadric.

also they are looking for a driver or team to be at Sainsbury's Darnley at 9am on a Thursday morning to receive donations of bread which are then taken to Carnwadric.

If you can help, please speak to Margaret MacIntyre.



- Monday 27th February: Fairtrade Fortnight begins**
- Friday 3rd March: World Day of Prayer : 10:30am at Greenbank Parish Church**
- Friday 3rd March: GOALIES at Williamwood Golf Club**
- Saturday 4th March: Fairtrade Breakfast 9am-10:30am**
- Tuesday 7th & 21st March: Guild Meetings**
- Saturday 11th March: Quiz Night at Williamwood Parish Church**
- Sunday 19th March: Mother's Day service led by Rev Derek Munn**
- Sunday 26th March: Stated Annual General Meeting after Morning Service**
- Sunday 26th March: Cluster Evening Service 6:30pm at Williamwood**

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