

Williamwood Parish Church Newsletter May 2024



COMMUNION

We celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper during our service on **Sunday 2nd June**. All who love the Lord are welcome at his table where gluten-free bread and non-alcoholic wine are used.

INTERIM MODERATOR IN VACANCY

At its May meeting Presbytery will appoint Rev Aquila Singh of Fernhill & Cathkin Parish Church as Interim Moderator at Williamwood during the forthcoming vacancy.

KIRK SESSION

Margo King has stood down as a ruling elder (and member of the Kirk Session) after many years of service in a variety of roles, not least in looking after the folk in her district. We thank Margo most sincerely for all she has done and wish her cosy nights with the television or a book instead of coming out to Kirk Session meetings !

We are delighted that Norman Bolton has agreed to become a ruling elder in Williamwood bringing much experience to the role. We look forward to welcoming him at the next Kirk Session meeting.

THANK YOU.....to Grant Keyes who is stepping down as our presbytery elder after serving for several years in the role during which time he also served as Convener of Presbytery's Stewardship and Finance Committee.

We are delighted that Alastair Graham, who has been an additional elder on Presbytery, now becomes the Williamwood Presbytery Elder.

...to Stuart Young who steps down as Property Convener by the end of September after many years in the role. We thank Stuart for all his work in looking after all our buildings so well overseeing constant repairs and upgrading to make sure we have comfortable spaces in which to meet for worship and events.

... to Garry Macdonald and Ann Sherry who will step down as Sunday School teachers at the end of this session after a long number of years involved in the Christian education of our young folk. We thank them for all they have done and for their good influence on young lives.

VACANCIES

We're looking for two people to join Scott Ratcliffe as our representatives on the **Kwenderana Partnership Group**.

We're looking for folks to join Maureen, Elaine and Eilidh on the **Sunday School Teachers Rota**.

We're looking for someone to be our **Property Convener**.

Please speak to the Minister if you could serve in any of these ways.

CONGREGATIONAL ROLL

It is with sadness we announce the death of 2 members of our church family.

Kenneth Brierton late of Cartbank Gdns, Muirend on 4th April 2024.

Eleanor Spy, late of Whitecraigs Care Home.

ROUKEN-GLEN TEA & COFFEE CHAT

Tuesday 7th May @ 10:30am. All are welcome. No need to book.





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.



EXHIBITION & SALE: Thank you to everyone who supported the Clarkston Committee's recent Art Exhibition & Sale at the Clarkston Halls; those who were able to help at it as well as those who came to view the paintings. There was a good turnout of Williamwood folk which contributed to its' success.

This year 41 paintings valued at £7,233 were sold. Christian Aid takes 1/3rd from the sale of each painting. Adding the income from the door, various stalls etc means that just over £3,000 will be sent to Christian Aid. A very good result. Once again, thank you.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK : This year's Christian Aid Week is from Sunday 12th May to Saturday 18th May. As in recent years there will be no "house-to-house" collection but there are still ways in which you can donate to the work of Christian Aid. There will be Christian Aid donation envelopes available in the Church on Sundays 5th, 12th and 19th May. Alternatively, you can donate online via Christian Aid's website (www.christianaid.org.uk).

Thank you. Anne Clark & Ross McGhee, Christian Aid Representatives



.....**FROM ERSKINE VETERANS CHARITY**

Received with grateful thanks for our donation of £ 118.00.

WILLIAMWOOD PARISH CHURCH PRESENTS

Join us for our First
Summer Concert of 2024
at 7pm

Refreshments will be served
in the hall after the
Performance

Entry is By Donation



Williamwood Parish Church, 4 Vardar Avenue, Clarkston, Glasgow, G76 7QP SCO09939
Director of Music – Diego Rodriguez Website – new.williamwoodparish.church

THE EVENTS COMMITTEE are delighted to let you know that there will be a summer concert programme again this year, the first of which is on **Sunday 26th May at 7pm**. It is hoped that many of you will be able to attend. Diego was excited to bring over Duo Immersio for a Four Hand Concert. Please see the poster for further information



It's now coming to the time of year where we are thinking about the Church Garden again. The weather has been so changeable recently but it is hoped that things will now begin to improve and warm up a bit.

It's still a bit too early for Tuesday evenings but I hope that we can have a day time tidy up over the next few weeks, and I will e-mail everyone with possible dates.

Looking ahead and weather permitting the dates for Tuesdays are from 7pm on the following dates:-

May 21st, June 4th and 18th, July 2nd, 16th and 30th and August 13th and 27th

If you would like to join our small group, just contact me on **blacksabode@googlemail.com** or see me at church.

Many thanks, Joan

GOALIES

Gentlemen Only at Lunch in Eastwood [GOALIES] meets regularly on the first Friday of the 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 meetings will be on Friday 4th May & Friday 7th June 2024 at 1pm in the Williamwood Golf Clubhouse. It is essential that if you plan to come to let me know by the Wednesday before

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 or add your name to the list the preceding Sunday in church. Anyone requiring transport should also contact me.

All are very welcome!

Alastair Cherry Mobile 07483221141.



FLOWER CALENDAR

A big thank you to those listed below who are providing the flowers in the Church over the next two months. They are greatly appreciated by those in the Church and those who receive them after the service on Sunday.

May:

5th Irene Heffron
12th Eleanor McKenzie
19th Isobel Pitkethly
26th Kay Bolton

June:

2nd Tony Drysdale
9th VACANT
16th Pat Cluness
23rd Anne Buchanan
30th Sandra Fraser



PRESBYTERY PLANNING

Representatives from all our Cluster congregations met again in April. Models of Team Ministry were discussed as was traditional models of unions. Kirk Sessions were asked to discuss these options and to state a preference. At its meeting 24th April the Kirk Session and Congregational Board of Williamwood were unanimously and strongly against the model which relies on Unions (with the possible result of only 3 congregations remaining in our Cluster). They expressed a preference to pursue a form of Team Ministry though recognised that further details and clarity about how that might work were needed.

Cluster representatives meet again on 29th May in Williamwood.

Our representatives are Margaret Robertson, Forbes Barron and Stuart Young and you should feel able to speak with them, if you wish, about these important discussions for the future of all congregations in our Cluster as the number of Ministers of Word and Sacrament reduces to the allocation of three which the Cluster has been given

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

The General Assembly of the church of Scotland takes place in Edinburgh from 18th – 23rd May.

You can follow each day's debate online by going to the Church of Scotland website.

MINISTER ON HOLIDAY

The Minister will be on holiday from 29th April to 7th May (incl.)

Our service on 5th May will be conducted by the Revd. Val Duff (formerly of Shawlands). Should you require the services of a Minister urgently during this period please contact the Session Clerk, Margaret Robertson on 0141 321 8033

The Minister will also be on holiday from 20-28th May (incl.)

Our service on 26th May will be conducted by the Rev Alastair Cherry

Please contact Alastair on 0141 571 6052 should you require the services of a minister urgently during this period.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Friday 3rd May: GOALIES at 1pm. Williamwood Golf Club

Tuesday 7th May: Tea, coffee, cake and chat at 10:30am Rouken Glen Garden Centre

Sunday 26th May at 7pm: Summer Concert featuring Duo Immersio at Williamwood Parish Church

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