

Williamwood Parish Church Newsletter June 2024



COMMUNION SERVICE

We celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper during our service on **Sunday 2nd June at 11am.**

All who love the Lord are welcome at his table where gluten-free bread and non-alcoholic wine are used.

FAREWELL

The Old Testament story of Lot's wife (Genesis 19) is a cautionary tale against looking back. She does so and is turned into a pillar of salt.

However, as I come to the end of my time in the congregation and parish of Williamwood it's inevitable – and not wrong, I think – to look back over almost nine years among you. I do so with deep gratitude for all that we have shared in that time: the congregational milestones, events and worship as well as the joys and sorrows of your personal and family lives in which, graciously and generously, you have allowed me to be part.

I thank you all for your friendship and support - and for our shared endeavours in the service of Christ and his Kirk. That service is the greatest of privileges for each of us as people of faith. The role of minister brings with it an extra responsibility to serve our Lord well and worthily as, also, we serve the people in our charge. I hope I have carried out that responsibility in ways pleasing to God in my time at Williamwood. I have certainly enjoyed its challenges; the variety it has offered and the people with whom it has brought me into contact.

At this time, as I retire from full-time parish ministry, I also look forward: to a different pace of life and to different forms of service, most immediately as Moderator of the Presbytery of Glasgow

What else the future holds for me and for you, the folk of Williamwood, none of us can know. We put our trust in God who is always calling us to look forward into the future where God already awaits us. I wish you well as you go on, a congregation and a people, witnessing to the love of God in your lives and showing and sharing that love in community.

So, I bid you farewell and I look forward to hearing about your continuing ministry and service in this place and beyond. I pray your endeavours may be blessed with success that through your witness others may come to know the salvation of our Lord and the fullness of life he gives.

May God bless you all in the days, months and years ahead.

Jan



You are invited to join in the
Celebration and Presentation for
Rev Jan Mathieson
on Sunday 23rd June
in the large hall after the service.

Please RSVP in the sheets situated in the Church
vestibule and large hall or contact Margaret Robertson

Jan's last day preaching with us will be the 30th June. However It was felt people may be on holiday then and we decided to have the event the week before.

There are envelopes in the church vestibule for anyone who wishes to donate to the leaving gift for our minister, Jan Mathieson.

For catering purposes, can you please RSVP as suggested.

Many thanks
Margaret Robertson

PRESBYTERY PLANNING

The Kirk Session of Giffnock: Orchardhill has decided to leave our Cluster and is now seeking presbytery approval for this action. It leaves our Cluster with 7 congregations. Cluster representatives met on 29th May in Williamwood and it was agreed that the 7 Kirk Sessions should consider writing to the Presbytery's committee responsible for implementing the Presbytery Plan to ask how this decision will affect the ministerial allocation to our Cluster and for consideration to be given to leaving the allocation at 3 ministers and a 0.5 post associated with the urban priority status of two of our congregations. Our Kirk Session will meet to consider the draft letter soon.

In the meantime, the Cluster (of 7) continues to think about how ministry and mission will be carried out as the number of ministers reduces. Our Kirk Session has expressed a preference for a Team Ministry model for all seven congregations and is keen that the details of how this would be achieved and would operate are worked out as soon as possible.

In the meantime, it is proposed that as a 'getting to know one another' project a Cluster Olympics is to be held in the late summer. We're looking for two or three representatives from Williamwood to be on the organising committee joining a similar number of representatives from the other congregations.

CONGREGATIONAL ROLL

Baptisms 19th May 2024

Emily Flower Robertson
Jay Paul Robertson

It is with sadness we announce the death of a member of our church family.

Matthew Pearson, Eastwoodmains Rd, on 21st of May.

PRESBYTERY OF GLASGOW

The Presbytery of Glasgow meets in Giffnock: Orchardhill at 7pm on Tuesday 18th June. At the beginning of this meeting, following a short act of worship, our Minister will be installed as Moderator of Presbytery. Williamwood folks are very welcome to come along (and will be permitted to leave, if they wish, before Presbytery turns to its ordinary business)

THANK YOU....

to the Guild for hosting a very enjoyable – and very delicious – Afternoon Tea and Bargacree Café within the Prince & Princess of Wales Hospice and to all who came along and contributed to the convivial atmosphere

THANK YOU....

We have received a thank you from the Helping Hands Community Foodbank Team at Carnwadric Church for our continued support for the people who find themselves in food poverty in their community.

VACANCIES

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

We're still looking for folks to join Maureen, Elaine and Eilidh on the Sunday School teacher's rota.

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

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

EVENTS

The first of this year's Summer Concerts was held on Sunday 26th of May, and Duo Immersio put on a wonderful 4 hands piano concert for us. Numbers were low probably due to the holiday weekend and the awful wet weather, however those who were there enjoyed the concert and the very obvious talent on show.

Our next Summer Concert is planned for Sunday 30th of June, and arrangements are being made for this event. Please keep an eye on the Website, Facebook Page and posters in the Church and on the tables at coffee after church for further information.



Thank you to everyone who donated to Christian Aid during Christian Aid Week last month.

The donations made via the offering plate on Sunday mornings came to £590 – a great total and our heartfelt thanks to everyone for their generosity.

Some members may have donated online via Christian Aid's website and we thank them as well.

We really do appreciate all the support. This money, as well as the amounts raised at other times, plus what is raised at the other Churches on the Clarkston Committee, is well used by Christian Aid in the projects they support as well as responding to emergency situations which arise.

Anne Clark & Ross McGhee, Christian Aid Representatives

The Brownies

The final weeks of Session 23-24 have flown by! As well as working hard on Badges and Skills Builders, we have been enjoying fresh air and fun outside, with the weather being kind to us most Wednesday evenings.

On our first night back after the school holidays, we welcomed Lynn Mitchell, our church elder, for a second visit. Lynn got involved with the evening's programme and was a great help!

We enrolled our latest recruits at the end of April, when the three newest Brownies made their Brownie Promise in front of their families. We worked hard over a four week period on the First Aid Stage 2 Skills Builder badge and the 27 Brownies who attended all the sessions were able to achieve this award.

Twenty-four very excited Brownies (and three equally excited Leaders !?!) attended the East Renfrewshire County 'Brownie Big Day Out' at The Glasgow Science Centre, on Saturday 20th April. Six fun-packed hours of non-stop activity – if the Brownies weren't exhausted by the end of the day the leaders certainly were!

We invited the Minister along to Brownies on our second last evening to say thank you, goodbye and good luck. The Brownies had made a card for Jan and they presented that, along with a little gift to help her to remember the Brownies. Jan keenly joined in but we think she was relieved when she didn't end up with the Magic Squeeze!

We finished for the summer with a beach party (in the church hall). The pouring rain outside didn't spoil the fun and we were able to improvise and play all of our beach games inside. We sadly said goodbye to eight of our oldest Brownies, who turn ten over the summer and so won't be returning in September. They have been great Brownies and we wish them all the best for the future!

We welcomed Olivia as a young helper in January and she has fitted in perfectly with the rest of the team. We continue to be delighted by the enthusiasm of the Brownies and the support and appreciation shown by their families and we wish them all a very happy and relaxing summer!

Lorna, Fiona, Karen, Lindsay & Kirsty (The Owls)

The Guild

The Guild are holding a fundraising Coffee Afternoon on Saturday 27th July from 2pm until 4pm.

Please come along and enjoy the fellowship. Tickets are available at a cost of £5.00 from Guild Committee members.



LODGING HOUSE MISSION

Lodging House Mission are always in need of volunteers.

They would welcome anyone who is keen to help in a variety of tasks such as front of house helping serve tea/coffee, clear tables etc. Also helping out in the kitchen if needed. Nobody would be asked to do anything too strenuous.

At times, this work is demanding - but there is a high level of respect shown to staff and volunteers from the service users. The LHM staff recognise volunteers as very much part of the team, and will always be on hand to support volunteers throughout the day.

LHM are very flexible time wise and appreciate any time that a person can give, even it is only a couple of hours once a week/month etc.

LHM is open Mon - Fri 8.30 am - 3.00pm (2.00pm on a Friday), and offer breakfast 8.30 - 10.00, and lunch 12.00 - 2.00, all of which is free of charge

Anyone interested in volunteering can contact Chris at LHM: by

email: Chris.Mclorinan@lhm-glasgow.org.uk - or phone: 0141 552 0285 or 07907532367.



Rouken Glen Tea, Coffee and Chat

The next get-together at Rouken Glen Garden Centre will be on Tuesday June 4th at 10.30 am. As usual all are welcome. Just turn up for an hour or so of fellowship and chat.

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 meeting will be on **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.

CHURCH GARDENING

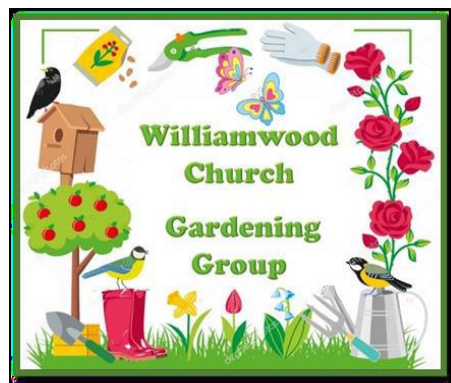
The Gardening group met at the end of May and had a busy first evening tidying up after the long winter months. Due to the milder winter the weeds seemed much more mature than in previous years and this took longer than expected.

We have made a good start and also, with grateful thanks to Carole Fergusson's generous donation of bedding plants, we have added some colour to the garden beds and a lovely pot of Petunias for the Vardar Road entrance.

Thanks also to Evelyn Gemmell who has given us an azalea, to plant over the next few weeks, which will give us spring colour every year.

The pots at the front of the church are still full of colour and so we will wait a few weeks before planting summer bedding there.

Hopefully the weather will be kind to us over the coming months and the pesky midges will not be too much trouble.



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.

If you would like to donate flowers for the chancel, please contact Jean Little or add your name to the calendar at the church vestibule.



June		July	
2 nd	Tony Drysdale	7 th	Jean Simms
9 th	VACANT	14 th	Grant Keyes
16 th	Pat Cluness	21 st	The McGhee Family
23 rd	Anne Buchanan	28 th	Lynne Mitchell
30 th	Sandra Fraser		
August		September	
4 th	Sheena Skelton	1 st	Ann Bruce
11 th	VACANT	8 th	Irene Russell
18 th	Evelyn Wallace	15 th	Margaret Mathieson
25 th	Catherine Carson	22 nd	VACANT
		29 th	VACANT



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.

Dates to Remember

Events Meeting	Monday 3 rd June at 7pm
Church Gardening	Tuesday 4 th and 18 th at 7pm Weather permitting
Presbytery of Glasgow meets in Giffnock, Orchardhill	Tuesday 18 th June at 7pm
Second Summer Concert	Sunday 30 th June at 7pm

The team who produces the newsletters (Evelyn Wallace, Joan Black, Aileen Cherry and Christine Martin) will have a short summer break so.....

**The Next Newsletter is due on September 1st
Any articles for this should be with Evelyn Wallace
by Sunday 25th of August**

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