

# Williamwood Parish Church Newsletter November 2024



Welcome to the November edition of the church magazine. As I write this; tonight, the clocks go back one hour and we are truly into autumn. I don't know about you, but I am glad summer is finally over! I suffer from hay fever and if it gets too hot, I break out in a heat rash. I do think though that autumn and winter is a time for the earth to replenish itself for the coming spring when life begins again.

I think we can learn a lesson or two from nature. We are always so busy in our daily lives some running from pillar to post trying to get everything done. However, when we look about us, we wonder what exactly **have** we done! It's important to take time out; to reset ourselves in preparation for the next day.

Jesus would take time to be alone so that he could speak with God. We don't know what those conversations involved. We do however have the Lord's prayer which over 2,000 years later Christians still say today. If Jesus needed to take time away from the hustle bustle of life how much more do we need it today?

So, over the month of November, I invite you to take time out of your busy lives each day – even if it is only 10 minutes. Sit in that quiet and speak with God; say the Lord's prayer if you wish and just recharge your battery for the next day.

Till next time, take care and God bless

***Rev Aquila Singh***

“All in the Ark” cluster invites you to a

## **Songs of Praise Service**

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2024 at 11am**

Ministers: Rev Calum Macdonald & Rev Catherine Beattie

at

Williamwood Parish Church

4 Vardar Avenue,

Clarkston, Glasgow, G76 7QP

**Parking is limited so car share if possible. Any questions please speak to:**

Maureen McCulloch - 07773 940320 or Helen McKenzie - 07748 266552

Also let them know if you need transport.

*There will be tea, coffee and biscuits in large hall after the service so join us if you are able*

“All in the Ark” arranges social events on behalf of the Auldburn Roukenglen Cluster

## **REMEMBRANCE**

THE REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY SERVICE WILL BE ON

**SUNDAY 10TH NOVEMBER AT  
10.50AM**

TEA AND COFFEE WILL BE SERVED BY THE  
BROWNIES, BOYS BRIGADE AND SCOUTS  
IN THE LARGE HALL AFTER THE SERVICE

ON MONDAY 11TH NOVEMBER AT  
10.45AM

THERE WILL BE A SHORT ACT OF  
REMEMBRANCE OUTSIDE THE CHURCH





The next get-together at Rouken Glen Garden Centre will be on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November at 10.30 am. As usual, all are welcome, so come along for an hour or so of fellowship and chat. No need to book.

## HARVEST THANKS

Thank you to everyone who donated toward our Harvest Thanksgiving. We had lots of food donations and plenty to share between Lodging House Mission and Carnwadric Food Bank.

Monetary donations - we collected £302 for Farm Africa, £70 for Carnwadric and £80 for Lodging House Mission.

Thank you to everyone for your generosity and thank you to the drivers Jim Purvis and Tony Drysdale for delivering the goods.

Thanks

Helen

## Church Gardening

It is now the end of the Church gardening season and I would just like to thank everyone for their help, and attendance on the Tuesday evenings.

The gardens have been looking colourful all summer and people have commented on how tidy everything is looking and this could not happen without all in our team. Special thanks though to Douglas who has tackled the Vardar Road hedges with his new hedge trimmers and great enthusiasm, and Jean who is always on hand during the week to assist with buying of supplies and planting out bedding plants.



## Events

Come along to the Events Christmas Fayre and enjoy and enjoy a warm Williamwood welcome.

Tickets will be on sale over the next few weeks, during coffee after Church or from your Church Elder.

**Williamwood Parish Church**

# Christmas Fayre

**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November**  
**10am – 12Noon**

**Adults - £4 \* Children £1**  
**Under 5's Free**

**Coffee Tea**  
**Hot Mince Pies**  
**and**  
**Shortbread**

**VISIT**  
**SANTA'S**  
**GROTTO**

Website -- [new.williamwoodparish.church](http://new.williamwoodparish.church) Scottish Charity Number SCO09939

The Events Committee would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone that this is our largest fund-raising event of the year, but without your help, support and generous donations it would not be as successful.

We would like to let you know that any donations of bottles for the bottle stall, toiletries, and boxed mince pies and shortbread will be gratefully received.

Boxes will be put in the vestibule for these over the next couple of weeks.

Many thanks to you all.



## THE GUILD

The first month of our winter programme has been very enjoyable.

We had two very interesting meetings in October. Firstly, our Interim Moderator, Rev Aquila Singh spoke about the Guild Theme, Sure Foundations. She spoke about Family, Friends and Faith which are the foundations for our Christian life. She then led us in Communion. On 20<sup>th</sup> October we had a speaker from Scotland's Charity Air Ambulance. The facts about all the varying instances they attend together with their running costs were quite amazing.



We have had good attendances but would always be pleased to see new faces.

Our syllabus for November and December is as follows

November 4 <sup>th</sup>	Blythwood Care	
November 18 <sup>th</sup>	East Renfrewshire Good Causes	Russell Macmillan
December 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Holy Beetle Drive	
December 16 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Lunch	Eglinton Arms Hotel

Our meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> November should be very interesting when Blythwood Care will tell us about the wonderful work they do.

Russell McMillan is coming on 18<sup>th</sup> November to explain about the work he does within our local community helping those in need. Again, this should be very interesting.

Come and join us for an afternoon of fun on 2<sup>nd</sup> December at our Holy Beetle Drive. There will be prizes but don't expect too much!

Our Christmas Lunch on 16<sup>th</sup> December is open to everyone in the congregation. It is at the Eglinton Arms Hotel Eaglesham arriving at 12.30 for lunch at 1pm. Deposit £5. The cost for 2 courses is £21.00 which includes the cost of tea/coffee/tablet and a gratuity for the staff.

Transport will be arranged.

Please let Evelyn Graham know if you would like to join us as we need to pre-order our choice of food.

***Evelyn Graham, Williamwood Guild Convener***

## 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



November		December	
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Margaret Petrie	1 <sup>st</sup>	Ross Johnstone
10 <sup>th</sup>	Carole Fergusson	8 <sup>th</sup>	Margo King
17 <sup>th</sup>		15 <sup>th</sup>	
24 <sup>th</sup>	Liz Taylor	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Lorna Goudie
		29 <sup>th</sup>	

### A Thank You from Ralph Nichol

Ralph would like to thank the flower committee and the congregation for the flowers he received following surgery. They were much appreciated.



Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	11.00 am Songs of Praise Service
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	10.50am Remembrance Sunday Service
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	10.45am Short Service of Remembrance
Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	Christmas Fayre from 10am – 12md
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Communion Service at 11.00am

**The Next Newsletter is due on December 1<sup>st</sup>  
Any articles for this should be with Evelyn Wallace  
by Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November**

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