

Williamwood Parish Church Newsletter March 2025



Dear Friends, and supporters of Williamwood Parish Church

As we step into March, we find ourselves in the heart of Lent, a season of reflection, renewal, and preparation. Lent is a time when we are invited to slow down, examine our hearts, and draw closer to God. It is not simply about giving something up but about making space for God to work in us and through us.

One of the most powerful themes of Lent is trusting God's guidance, even in uncertain times. Just as Jesus journeyed through the wilderness, facing trials and temptations, we too encounter challenges in life that test our faith. Yet, in those moments, we are reminded of God's faithfulness. Psalm 46:1 tells us, "God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble."

Here at Williamwood, we continue to journey together in faith, supporting and encouraging one another. Whether it's through worship, acts of kindness, or simply sharing a listening ear, we embody the love of Christ in our community.

As Easter approaches, let us use this time to pray, reflect, and seek renewal. May we open our hearts to God's presence, trusting that He is leading us forward with hope and purpose.

Blessings,
Paul
Locum Minister

We would love you to join us for this time of Fellowship

There has been a sheet up in the Vestibule for preferred choices so that we could know what to order, but if you have missed this, please contact an events committee member or come along on the day as we hope to have plenty for all.

Williamwood Parish Church

Join us for

A Roll and Sausage/Bacon, Tea, Coffee and a Titbit

In the Large Hall

On

Sunday 2nd of March after the Communion Service

This is a Time of Fellowship and a Suggested Donation
for the Lunch is £5.00

Which will go Towards Church Funds



Thank you to everyone who attended the recent meeting where we discussed Coffee and Tea after Church. A WhatsApp group has been formed for all the CATS (Coffee and Tea Stars) where we can share information about supplies, team cover etc.

If you would like to join the WhatsApp group, please text your name to Aileen on 07946013629 and you can join too.

You don't need to be in a team already and if you just want to join so you can be on stand-by if we are ever short, that would be fab too.





The next get-together at Rouken Glen Garden Centre will be on Tuesday 4th of March at 10.30am. All are welcome, so come along for an hour or so of fellowship and chat. No need to book.

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



March		April	
2 nd	Mary Montgomery	6 th	Jean Reid
9 th	Kathy Craig	13 th	Irene Russell
16 th	Lynne Mitchell	20 th	Murdoch Hodge
23 rd	Irene Russell	27 th	Lynne Mitchell
30 th	Margaret Munn		



I wish to thank Alastair Cherry and all members of the congregation for their kind thoughts, good wishes and flowers during my recent illness when, much to my surprise, I found myself celebrating Christmas in the QEUH.

I am pleased to report that I am now fully recovered.

Norrie Bolton

Guild Article



We had two very enjoyable meetings in February. Firstly, Jim Purvis entertained us by singing, playing his violin and guitar all with a Scottish theme. Elizabeth, his wife had made Clottie Dumpling which we also greatly enjoyed. At our second meeting we watched several short films which were presented by Tom Marchant. Two of the films were of local interest, one about the two railway bridges at Williamwood and the other about the Toledo Cinema at Muirend both were extremely interesting. The Toledo bringing back many happy memories to many of our members.

Our meetings for March are as follows:

March 3 rd	Guild Project	The Scottish Bible Society Bibles for Bairns
Friday 7 th March	World Day of Prayer	St Joseph's Church
March 17 th	Evacuee's Story	Anna Magnusson
March 31 st	AGM	

At the Guild Project meeting on **3rd March**, we will hear how the Scottish Bible Society are aiming to offer every baby born in Scotland, details having been given to them, a free Share a Story toddler Bible on their first birthday. Every birthday after that, until age 5, the Scottish Bible Society will send a Bible-related gift. On their fifth birthday, they will receive an early reader Bible to take them through their primary school years. This is an extremely worthwhile project which we at Williamwood will support.

Friday 7th March is the World Day of Prayer service at 11am at St Joseph's Church. Williamwood Guild, together with the other churches in the area are taking part in the service. The service has been written by the women of the Cook Islands. We do hope that as many men and women from Williamwood Church will come and support this service. Refreshments will be served in the hall after the service.

On **17th March** we are looking forward to hearing Anna Magnusson (Sally Magnusson's sister) telling us about an Evacuee's Story. This should be very interesting.

We do hope that if any of the above Guild meetings interest you that you will come along. We meet in the Session House at 2pm. We always finish with tea/coffee and plenty of chat.

We finish our Guild 2024/2025 session at the end of March
We have made no definite arrangements as yet regarding an early summer outing or afternoon tea. Further details will follow in the April Newsletter.

Evelyn Graham, Guild Convener.

GLASGOW CLOSE KNIT

Glasgow Presbytery and Lodging House Mission have teamed up to help celebrate Glasgow 850.



They are asking that people knit blankets.
Finished blankets will be displayed at various venues from mid-2025.
As several members already knit squares for blankets, we intend to do a blanket from Williamwood Church.
Anyone who would like to be involved should see or contact Moira McGeoch.
People can contribute one square or several.

Moira is happy to advise on the size of squares, and she can provide wool if anyone needs some. **A pattern is provided below.**

PATTERN FOR SQUARES

Using size 9 or 3.75mm needles cast on 1 stitch in double knitting wool.
Increase 1 stitch at the beginning of every row till you have 34 stitches or it measures 4 inches.
Then decrease 1 stitch at the beginning of every row.
For an 8 inch square increase 1 stitch at the beginning of every row until you have 60 stitches or it measures 8 inches.
Then decrease 1 stitch every row.



HAPPY KNITTING

**The Next Newsletter is due on April 1st
Any articles for this should be with Evelyn Wallace
by Sunday March 23rd**

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