

Williamwood Parish Church Newsletter February 2026



Dear All

I've been asked to write a brief message to you and am more than happy to say what a privilege and pleasure it has been to have shared with you in morning worship over the past couple of months.

Over the next few months both Broom and Williamwood congregations can expect an exciting time as you look forward to sharing in the developing plans that God has for you. It will be exciting as you form your joint nomination committee and in taking part in the process of calling a new minister. I know first hand how this feels being on a 'vacancy committee' as it was called then, and also from the point of view of a prospective minister.

Your new minister is 'out there' and it will be your job with God's guidance to find that person. Your new minister will have their work to do also, and from their point of view there is a congregation waiting on them.

In the meantime watch, work and pray and look forward in humble faith.

With every blessing
Revd James Boag
Jim

CONGREGATIONAL ROLL

It is with sadness we announce the death of the following members of our Church family.

26th of November	Margaret Craig
25th December	Isobel Moss



The Boys' Brigade are still here!!! and I apologise for a lack of contributions to the Church Newsletter in recent times.

Firstly, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who supported our 2025 Christmas Hamper fundraiser. Whether you won a prize or not, whether you bought one ticket, or you bought many tickets, whether you donated to the contents of the hamper (and the amount of donations was fantastic, allowing us to have many prizes), or you sold the tickets, or maybe you just came along on the day to see what the fuss was about - THANK YOU! 800 tickets were sold, and after a minimal amount of expenses, this goes to the BB's funds to help with our running costs. If you received a gift of a Christmas Hamper recently, and are wondering if you should throw out the basket part, then the BB would be happy take it off your hands and allow us to use it in a future draw. We really do appreciate the amount of support that we receive from the Church congregation, and even a word of encouragement can mean a lot.

Back to the important part of the Boys' Brigade, the Boys! Currently we have 40 boys across the sections, and hoping for a few more to come along in the near future. We continue to work hard on our recruitment as we see the numbers increasing following a difficult time after lockdown and Covid. So if you know of any boys of school age who might be looking for a worthwhile activity, please encourage them (or their parents) to get in touch.

This session we have taken part in National Competitions, Battalion Competitions, enjoyed overnight residential events, taken part in various activities from ten pin bowling, to lego mornings, to football, to laser quest, a trip to the Fire Station and so much more. We continue to offer Friday night activities of games, crafts, badgework, fellowship, friendship, and so much more!

If you want to know more about the Boys' Brigade in Williamwood Church, then please get in touch.

Best regards

Mark Gordon
Company Captain



The Guild

January has been a very quick month; it is hard to believe that we are into February already.

We had two very different meetings in January. Our first meeting on 5th January was our Holy Beetle Drive. We had lots of fun and plenty of laughter.

On 19th January we had David Hammet from Hodgkinson's Jewellers who gave us a very interesting talk about diamonds and how to care for your jewellery. He also cleaned many rings for our members which was greatly appreciated.

Our syllabus for February and March is as follows:

February 2nd	Elsie Inglis	Liz Allan
February 16th	1938 Empire Exhibition and 1988 Garden Festival	Tom Marchant
March 2nd	Bear Necessities Build My Church (GUILDPROJECT)	Christina and Cathey
March 16th	Quilting	Jacqueline Armour
March 30th	AGM	Bring something personal which has a story.

Elsie Inglis was a Scottish medical doctor, surgeon and founder member of the Scottish Women's Hospitals. This should be a very interesting subject.

Many of you will have fond memories of the 1988 Glasgow Garden Festival. Please come and join us as we take a trip down memory lane.

We do hope that there will be something of interest to you in our syllabus.

Please come along. We meet in the Session House at 2pm and look forward to seeing you.

There is always tea/coffee after our meetings and a time of chat and fellowship.

Evelyn Graham, Guild Convener



Rouken Glen Get-Together

The next get-together at Rouken Glen Garden Centre will be on Tuesday 3rd February at 10.30am. As usual, all welcome, so please come along for an hour or so of fellowship and chat.

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 Joan Black or add your name to the calendar in the Church vestibule.

If you know of anyone who you think would appreciate Church flowers, please speak to Joan Black or any committee member.

The committee are at present -

Joan Black (Convener), Sheila McDonald (Treasurer), Sandra Fraser, Elizabeth Purvis, Jenny Barr and Margaret McIntyre.

February		March	
1 st	VACANT	1 st	VACANT
8 th	VACANT	8 th	Cathy Craig
15 th	VACANT	15 th	Lynn Mitchell
22 nd	The Liddell Family	22 nd	Irene Russell
		29 th	Margaret Munn

Important Flower Club Information

Due to the introduction of bank charges for the Treasurer's accounts the flower fund account is being incorporated into the church account. Our flower fund treasurer, Sheila McDonald, will still collect the cash and / or cheques week by week. Cheques should now be made payable to the Williamwood Church please. If anyone would prefer to donate by bank transfer, the bank account details are as follows.

Account Number – 20185259

Sort Code - 82-20-00

Events

Unfortunately, due to circumstances beyond our control, the planned Bearsden Fiddlers Concert in February has had to be postponed. They hope to be able to re-schedule for later in the year.

In the meantime, keep an eye on the website and posters for future events that are planned for the spring.

Christian Aid Art Exhibition & Sale

The 44th Clarkston Christian Aid Art Exhibition & Sale will take place in the Clarkston Halls on Friday 20th March from 7.30pm-9.00pm and on Saturday 21st March from 10am-4pm. Entry is £5 for adults & £2 for children which includes refreshments.

A few hundred original art works by well known professional and amateur artists will be for sale, with prices to suit all pockets.

Donations of baking for the tea room & baking stall would be most welcome and anyone who is willing to contribute should speak to Anne or Ross who will be delighted to hear from them. We also need helpers for the tearoom and stewards for the Saturday, even for part of the day. We've had great help from Williamwood in the past so hopefully we will be able to get enough helpers to fill the posts this year.

The Art Show is the Clarkston Christian Aid Committee's biggest fund-raising event of the year and your help is invaluable.

Thank you for all your support over the years.

Anne Clark (644 4776) Ross McGhee (638 4883)
Christian Aid Representatives

The Next Newsletter is due on 1st March
Any articles for this should be with Evelyn Wallace
by February 25th

CHURCH CONTACTS & INFORMATION

Session Clerk - Margaret Robertson Telephone: 07778148181
E-mail: margarectrobertson@gmail.com
Website: www.new.williamwoodparish.church
Property: Forbes Barron 0141 638 7408
Treasurer: Grant Keyes 01355 220033

Safeguarding Contact:	News Bulletin: Evelyn Wallace
Web Page: Editor: Joan Black	Facebook: Lorna Barsanti
Sunday School: Maureen McCulloch	Media Team: David Liddell Data Protection: David Liddell Roll Keeper: David Liddell
Hall Lets: Fiona Gunning	Director of Music: Richard Scholfield
Guild Contact Person: Evelyn Graham	Flower Convener: Joan Black