

# Williamwood Parish Church

## Newsletter March 2026



Dear Broom & Williamwood Friends.

I've met some of you on Sundays, and on other occasions during the week, but I wanted to introduce myself as your recently appointed Locum Minister.

After a ministry in a linked charge in North Berwick and Dirleton, we moved back in November. I still wanted to be involved in ministry in some capacity, and the Presbytery wasn't slow in suggesting that I contact your congregations here, which I was delighted to do. I've already felt a strong rapport with you all. Being a Locum is a privilege, but it also involves certain challenges, mainly in time management! On a Sunday I have to conduct both services, and it can be a bit of a rush in between them, but so far, I'm finding it fine. In fact, there's half an hour more between your services than I used to have and in my previous linkage, so I don't have quite such an unholy dash between the churches! I'll be at Broom early on Sundays to meet and chat with people as they arrive, and I usually have time to speak to people at the door before I leave. I can welcome people arriving at Williamwood, and stay for the coffee there afterwards on most Sundays. So, I hope that you'll be able to find me one way or another. Please also feel free to get in touch with me using my mobile number or email address, as below.

The other challenge is that, as well as Sunday mornings, the Locum allocation means I'm with you just two days a week, which the Church of Scotland calculates as 14 hours.

As the old saying goes, it's a bit like trying to pour a quart into a pint pot. Every week is different, but I'll try to be as available as possible, allowing for other personal and family commitments which I may have. I'm getting to know the parish area quite quickly, and I'm also very much enjoying the music on Sundays.

After growing up in Hawick ('rugby country'), as a young boy we moved to Uddingston ('football country', and of course Tunnocks!). I studied geology and divinity in Aberdeen, then did my PhD in Glasgow. In my spare time, I enjoy geology (I was a geologist before I was a minister) and music (our daughter is an opera singer). I used to enjoy hill walking, but now I enjoy the scenery, and pictures of other people doing the climbing! My wife Mary had a career in nursing, midwifery and health visiting. We recently moved back to Uddingston, where we lived previously, and have family members and old friends there. Although it's on the other side of Glasgow, it's only a 25-minute drive away (all those roundabouts in East Kilbride!).

A vacancy can be a challenging time for congregations, especially in a new linkage. But I

know you're all in good heart, as well as in good hands with the interim moderator, your Session Clerks, Elders, and the other office bearers. I'm hopeful for a positive outcome to the vacancy, there are a lot of very positive things. I hope that I can help 'steer the ship' until such time as you have a new Minister: a 'real' one, not just a Locum! Meanwhile, we will keep the Nominating Committee in our prayers.

With thanks, and every blessing,  
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**Easter Services:**

**Maundy Thursday** will take place at **7pm** in **Williamwood** as a joint service with Broom (Holy Communion).

**Broom** will have a joint service on **Good Friday** at **7pm**.

**Clarkston Churches Together** has arranged the pilgrimage starting at 7am in **Carmunnock**. **Williamwood** will host at **11am**. The itinerary can be found on the Notice Board in Vardar Corridor.

Short service on **Easter Sunday** at **Greenbank Gardens** at **8.00am** followed by breakfast in Cathcart Golf Club.



**CONGREGATIONAL ROLL**



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

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| 31st of January.  | Anne Hiddleston   |
| 19th of February. | Norrie Kilpatrick |



## Guild News

Now that we have reached March we have come to the end of another Guild winter programme. The session from October to March has passed very quickly.

We had two very interesting meetings in February. Firstly, Liz Allan spoke to us about the life of Elsie Inglis who was a Scottish medical doctor, surgeon, teacher, suffragist and founder member of the Scottish Women's Hospitals . This was a very interesting talk. On 16th February Tom Marchant showed us a film about the 1838 Empire Exhibition and the 1988 Glasgow Garden Festival. Some of our ladies remembered the Empire Exhibition and we all had happy memories of the Garden Festival. Another very interesting afternoon.

Our syllabus for March is as follows

<b>March 2nd</b>	GUILD PROJECT Bear Necessities - Build My Church - Christina & Cathey
<b>March 16th</b>	Quilting Jacqueline Armour
<b>March 30th</b>	AGM Bring something personal which has a story.

If any of our meetings are of interest to you we would be pleased to see you. We meet in the **Session House at 2pm**. The meetings finish with tea, coffee and time for chat.

We will hopefully be going for afternoon tea, most probably in May or June and further details will be given in the April Newsletter. Any member of the congregation and friends are most welcome.

**Evelyn Graham, Guild Convener**



## Christening

On 7 th December 2025 Archie Somadina Hiddleston was welcomed into our church family

## 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.**

March		April	
1 <sup>st</sup>	VACANT	5 <sup>th</sup>	Jean Reid
8 <sup>th</sup>	Cathy Craig	12 <sup>th</sup>	Lynn Mitchell
15 <sup>th</sup>	Lynn Mitchell	19 <sup>th</sup>	Irene Russell
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Irene Russell	26 <sup>th</sup>	Murdoch Hodge
29 <sup>th</sup>	Margaret Munn		



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

### Sing with the Williamwood Parish Church choir this Easter

The church choir extends a warm invitation to any enthusiastic singers to join them in performing anthems at Easter time. They will sing pieces at the evening service on Maundy Thursday (2nd April, accompanied by a cellist), as well as at the morning service on Easter Sunday (5th April). Rehearsals will take place on the evenings of Thursday 19th and Tuesday 31st March, 7:30-9:30pm, in the church. Music and audio practice tracks are available in advance. For more information, just speak to our organist Richard Scholfield or contact him via email: [richard.scholfield@yahoo.com](mailto:richard.scholfield@yahoo.com)

### Rehearsals

Thursday 19th March 7:30-9:30pm

\*TBC\* Thursday 26th March 7:30-9:30pm

Tuesday 31st March 7:30-9:30pm

### Services

2nd April Maundy Thursday 7pm service - Were You There? - Brian L Hanson

5th April Easter Sunday 11:15am service - Love Divine - Howard Goodall

## **THE 44th ANNUAL CLARKSTON CHRISTIAN AID ART EXHIBITION & SALE**



**Venue:** Clarkston Halls

**When:** Friday 20th March 7.30pm - 9pm  
Saturday 21st March 10am - 4pm

Over 200 original art works by well known professional and amateur artists will be for sale, with prices to suit all pockets.

Entry is £5 for adults & £2 for children which includes refreshments.

Donations of baking for the tea room 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 both the Friday evening and on the Saturday. All help, even for part of the time, would be greatly appreciated. We've had great Williamwood teams in past years 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 and support is invaluable. Thank you.

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

**Articles for the April Newsletter should be with Evelyn Wallace by Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March.**

## **Events**

We would love you to join us for this time of fellowship, so add your name to the sheets at the Church Vestibule and come along and enjoy this after church event.

# **Pop-Up Picnic**

The Events Team are inviting you to a **Pop-Up Picnic** at **Williamwood Church** in the large hall after the service on **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March**

Sandwiches and cakes with tea, coffee and soft drink will be provided  
There will be a spring themed pop-up stall as well as a small baking stall, so come along and enjoy this time of fellowship

**A suggested donation for this is £5**

We would ask that you put your name on the sheets at the Church Vestibule to give us an idea of numbers

## **CHURCH CONTACTS & INFORMATION**

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