

Williamwood Parish Church

Newsletter April 2026



Dear friends,

I'm pleased to be writing my first letter to you at Easter. It's a time of resurrection, new life, and hope. And all of these are important in our congregation's life at this time.

Since coming here as Locum in February, I was immediately struck by your qualities as a church. There is a lot of faith and commitment to the worship and service of Christ, which extends from the congregation and parish into the wider world. This includes the worship, which I'm very much enjoying (mind you, I usually choose the hymns!), to a desire to share the gospel with others, especially young people. We have many 'senior saints' who have given a lifetime of faithful service, and younger people with vision and zeal.

I'm personally confident of new life for us as a congregation, and have hope for the future. That all comes from the Easter message which we're celebrating.

May this season for you be filled with peace and joy.

Yours,

David

Williamwood Parish Church Easter Services

Maundy Thursday will take place at 7pm in Williamwood Parish Church This will be a joint service with Broom Church and include Holy Communion.

Good Friday Service will take place at Broom Church at 7pm. This will be a joint service with Broom Church.

Clarkston Churches Together has arranged the Good Friday Pilgrimage starting at 7am in **Carmunnock Church**.

Williamwood Church will host at **11am**. The itinerary for this can be found on the Notice Board in the Vardar Corridor.

Easter Sunday there will be a short Service at Greenbank Gardens at 8.00am

This will be followed by breakfast in Cathcart Golf Club.

The Easter Sunday Service at Williamwood Church will be at 11.15am





GUILD NEWS

The Guild winter session has now finished and we all look forward to a warm sunny summer.

We had two exceptionally good meetings in March. On 2nd March we had Christina and Cathey from Bear Necessities speaking about the Guild Project Build My Church, in Bulgaria. The work, this very small charity is undertaking is phenomenal. With the assistance of funding from The Church of Scotland Guild Project they are building a church in Sliven in Bulgaria. It was an interesting and amazing story. On a completely different note on 16th March we had Jacqueline Armour and Aileen McKay who brought along dozens of beautifully made quilts, cushions and other quilted items, some hand sewn and some machine sewn. The colours and designs were quite breathtaking. All of our ladies greatly enjoyed both of these meetings.

On Monday 11th May we have arranged another afternoon tea at the Prince and Princess of Wales Hospice at Bellahouston at 2.30pm. It will be a mini afternoon tea, the quantity being slightly less than in previous years. It will include a selection of finger sandwiches, carrot cake, little dainty macarons, fruit tarts and fruit skewers. Tea, coffee and jugs of water will be on the tables. The cost will be £20.00 which includes a donation to PPWH. Please come and join us, everyone is most welcome. As previously, transport will be arranged. If you would like to attend, please speak to me advising of any special dietary requirements.

Our main Guild fundraising event will be an afternoon tea in the large hall on Saturday 4th July. Please put the date in your diary, further details will be advised in the May newsletter.

All the ladies of the Guild wish everyone a very pleasant and peaceful summer break in what we hope will be a warm and sunny summer.

Evelyn Graham, Williamwood Church Guild Convener.



The next get together at Rouken Glen Garden Centre will be on Tuesday 7th April at 10.30 am. As usual, all welcome so 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.

| April | | May | |
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| 5 th | Jean Reid | 4 th | Jean Simms |
| 12 th | Lynn Mitchell | 11 th | Eleanor McKenzie |
| 19 th | Irene Russell | 18 th | Janet Stewart |
| 26 th | Murdoch Hodge | 25 th | Isobel Pitkethly |
| | | 31 st | Kay Bolton |



BROWNIES

We continue to be very impressed by the enthusiasm of the girls as they work through the Brownie programme! Our final group of new recruits, for this session, were desperate to make their Brownie Promise so that the three of them could start to earn the badges which they saw the rest of the Unit achieving. They made their Promise, in front of the Unit and their families, at the start of March.

Seven of our senior Brownies are just finishing off the last parts of their Gold Award, the highest award possible as a Brownie. This involves a huge amount of work on a Wednesday evening at Brownies (therefore regular attendance is crucial) but also a great deal of preparation at home. Five of the seven have already completed their "Organise a Brownie Meeting Activity" which took up most of the evenings from late January to the end of February. The girls thoroughly enjoyed their craft activities and games and loved having a Brownie in charge instead of a leader! The activities ranged from Ice cream cone origami to paper

fortune tellers, Valentine heart chains to Easter Egg decorating and what makes a good friend activities.

We, as a group of Leaders, decided that the time had come to send this letter out to the parents/carers in the hope that we would get a positive response:

“The Brownie leaders would like to inform the parents/carers of the girls in our unit and on the waiting list that, after what will be 25 years of leadership, next year will be our last year.

We hope that by staying on next year we will be able to support those who are willing to take over so that the Brownie unit at Williamwood Church doesn't cease to exist. If anybody is interested please speak to one of the leaders.

Don't worry if you work and have a young family. It's doable!!! That's the position we were all in when we took over.

Many thanks,

Lorna, Fiona and Karen”

Of course, if anyone in the congregation knows of anyone who would like to become involved in Girlguiding, as a Leader, please encourage them to get in touch with us. We would be delighted to help them on their journey!

Happy Easter,
from

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





CHRISTIAN AID NEWS

Art Exhibition & Sale

Thank you to everyone who supported the Clarkston Committee's recent Art Exhibition & Sale at the Clarkston Halls; those who were able to help at it as well as those who came to view the paintings.

This year 42 paintings valued at £5,441 were sold. Christian Aid takes 1/3rd from the sale of each painting. Adding the income from the door, various stalls etc means that just over £3,000 will be sent to Christian Aid. A very good result. Once again, thank you.

Coffee Day

After the success of previous Coffee Days there will be another one on Saturday 9th May from 10am to 3pm at 37 Ashfield Road (opposite Carolside Nursery). As there will be no "house-to-house" collection again this year during Christian Aid Week this will be an opportunity to raise much needed funds for Christian Aid's work where there is need around the world.

As well as tea, coffee and home baking there will be cards, plants and home baking for sale. All welcome.

Christian Aid Week

This year's Christian Aid Week is from Sunday 10th May to Saturday 16th May. As mentioned above there will again be no "house-to-house" collection this year but there are still ways in which you can donate to the work of Christian Aid.

There will be Christian Aid donation envelopes available in the Church on Sundays 10th and 17th May. Alternatively, you can donate online via Christian Aid's website (www.christianaid.org.uk).

Thank you.

If you would like any more information on any of these events please speak to either Anne or Ross.

Articles for the May Newsletter should be with Evelyn Wallace by Sunday 26th April.

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