

# Williamwood Parish Church Newsletter May 2026



Dear friends,

Spring has well and truly sprung, and it won't be long until 'June is busting out all over' (but remember 'never cast a clout till May be oot!'). After that we'll be looking forward to summertime when for some people 'the living is easy', or maybe you're 'all going on a summer holiday'? It's also a time of year when we often become a bit more active in the nicer weather.

That can also be true in Church. Williamwood's 'Action Plan' has been prepared. This is a requirement of any church in a vacancy, but no bad thing for any church. It's a very thoughtful document, which is the fruit of a lot of thinking and planning by the Kirk Session and others. And I think it's very exciting too. I know that 'exciting' isn't always the first word we associate with 'church', but on this occasion it really is. It's a blueprint for Williamwood now, into the next ministry, and beyond. Please continue to pray for everyone in the congregation in this period of change.

I also want to ask you to remember our congregation's leadership, because I'm very aware that a vacancy makes great demands of people. This includes the Kirk Session and Clerk, and anyone who gives their time and talents to support the fabric, finances, and organisations of our church. Thank you for all you're doing to keep the congregation united and moving forward, we appreciate it.

I'll end not by quoting a song, but a hymn. 'Summer suns are glowing' is well known (it's often fated that the Minister chooses it, it will be pouring rain on the Sunday!). Here is the last verse:

*We will never doubt you, though you veil your light;  
life is dark without you, death with you is bright.  
Light of light, shine o'er us on our pilgrim way;  
still go on before us to the endless day.*

*Your friend and Locum,*

*David*



## Church Gardening

It's now coming to the time of year where we are thinking about the Church Garden again. The weather has been so changeable recently but it is hoped that things will soon begin to improve and warm up a bit.

Thoughts for this year is to tidy up the Seres Road boundary and perhaps re seed or turf the grass. Also, the pots at the front of the church are now needing to be replaced as they are beginning to collapse.

Looking ahead and weather permitting the dates for Tuesdays are from 7pm on the following dates: -

**5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> of May, 2<sup>nd</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> of June, 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> of July, 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> of August and 8<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> of September.**

We are a very small group and would always be happy to welcome anyone who can join us for an hour or so. Please contact me on [blacksabode@googlemail.com](mailto:blacksabode@googlemail.com) or see me at church.

Many thanks, Joan



## Rouken Glen Get-Together

The next get-together at Rouken Glen Garden Centre will be on Tuesday 5th May at 10.30 am. As usual, all welcome so come along for an hour or so of fellowship and chat.



## The Guild

As advised in the April newsletter the Guild have arranged an afternoon tea on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May 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. If you would like to join us, please contact any Guild member. Places are still available. As in previous years, transport will be arranged. If you would like to attend, please advise of any special dietary requirements.

The main Guild fundraising event of the year will be held in the large hall on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July when we are having a coffee afternoon from 2pm to 4pm. Tickets priced £5.00 are available from members of the committee. If anyone is able to donate any items of baking, we would be grateful. We will be having a raffle of hampers with either tasty items for eating and drinking or toiletries. If you would be willing to donate any items for the raffle it would be greatly appreciated. Donations could be given to any Guild member or brought to the church vestibule on 21<sup>st</sup> or 28<sup>th</sup> June. We do hope that you will come along and support our coffee afternoon.

Wishing everyone an enjoyable summer break.

***Evelyn Graham, Williamwood Church Guild Convener.***

## MTENDE COMMUNITY PROJECT AFTERNOON TEA

An Afternoon Tea is being held in the Columba Hall of Broom Parish Church on Saturday 8th August from 2-4pm in aid of the MTENDE COMMUNITY PROJECT.

The current project is to raise funds to drill a borehole in a village near Ekwendeni which has no access to clean water.

Tickets £10 to include sandwiches, scones, fruit loaf, cakes, fruit skewers, tea and coffee are available from Fiona Gunning. Entry is by ticket only and tables of 4 or 8 can be booked in advance. There will be a presentation of the work of the charity over the last year. Donations of raffle prizes and unwanted gifts will be gratefully received.

# Events

We look forward to seeing everyone at this year's Summer Concerts. Check out the programme below as well as information about the May Concert

## Williamwood Parish Church SUMMER CONCERT SERIES 2026

**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May**  
Scottish Saxophone  
Quartet

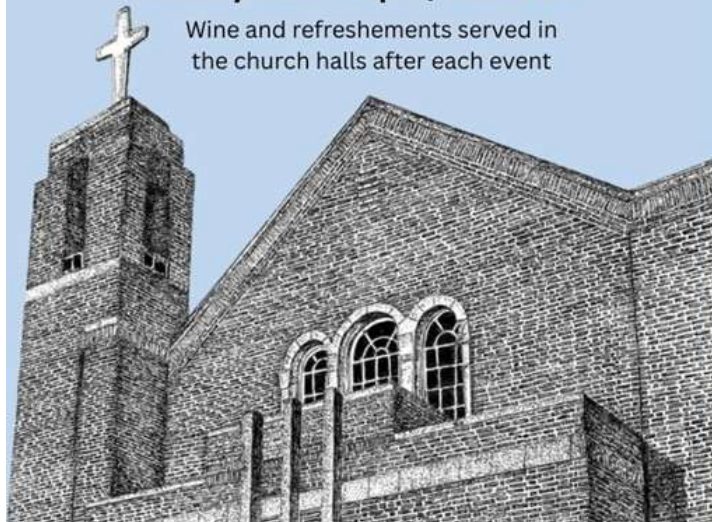
**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July**  
Chris Vettrano  
Oboe & Piano

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June**  
Trio Alba  
Soprano voice, cello & piano

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> August**  
The Undici Project  
11-piece chamber orchestra

**Sundays from 7-8pm / Tickets £5**

Wine and refreshments served in  
the church halls after each event



## Williamwood Parish Church SUMMER CONCERT SERIES 2026

### Scottish Saxophone Quartet



**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May, 7-8pm**

**Admission by cash donation (£5 suggested)**  
Includes wine and refreshments after the concert

**Williamwood Parish Church**

4 Vardar Ave, Clarkston, Glasgow G76 7QP

**Director of Music: Richard Scholfield**

## 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.**



[Flower Calendar Continued]

May		June	
4 <sup>th</sup>	Jean Simms	7 <sup>th</sup>	Tony Drysdale
11 <sup>th</sup>	Eleanor McKenzie	14 <sup>th</sup>	Pat Cluness
18 <sup>th</sup>	Janet Stewart	21 <sup>st</sup>	Evelyn Graham
25 <sup>th</sup>	Isobel Pitkethly	28 <sup>th</sup>	Ann Buchanan
31 <sup>st</sup>	Kay Bolton		

**The Next Newsletter is due on 1st June  
Any articles for this should be with Evelyn Wallace  
by 27<sup>th</sup> May**

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