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Dear Friends.

Every year since I began as a parish minister I have made Christian Aid the subject of my letters in church magazines published at the beginning of May. I make no apology for again encouraging you all to actively support and donate generously to the work of Christian Aid, especially during Christian Aid Week, Sunday 14th to Saturday 20th May.

If this world was the ideal place that God intends it to be, where resources are equitably shared and vast amounts of money do not have to be spent on weapons of war, Christian Aid would happily cease to exist. Indeed, it might be said that the long term aim of Christian Aid is to make itself redundant!

Each day when we pray the words of the Lord's Prayer, as Jesus taught us to do, we pray; "Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven". In heaven, because there is no pain or disease or starving bodies, God's will is perfectly fulfilled. On earth however, the evil of greed and a desire for power, and people's obsession to selfishly accumulate wealth for themselves, at the expense of others, all combine to prevent God's will being done.

As well as praying regularly, we should also be doing everything that we can to assist our prayers being answered. We would think it illogical for a student to pray for God's will to help to pass an important examination, if that student spent little time studying. It is similarly illogical for us to pray for justice and an end to poverty on earth, if at the same time we give just a pittance to help the starving millions of fellow human beings.

One of the parables which Jesus told must have disturbed his original listeners. In the Good News Bible, it's called "The Final Judgement" Jesus compares our final judgement to the way in which a shepherd separates sheep and goats.

The righteous people are placed on the right and the others on the left, and they are judged not by their church membership or the time spent in prayer, though these are important aspects of Christian living. They are judged by their faithfulness to their Master in identifying themselves with the needs of the hungry and thirsty, the outcasts, the sick, the disadvantaged of this world, just as Jesus identified himself with their needs. In that parable Jesus makes this comment;

"Whenever you did this for one of the least important of these brothers of mine, you did it for me!"

These words of Jesus should challenge us as Christian Aid Week draws near. Let me assure you that Christian Aid is a charity which shows great respons--

ibility in ensuring that the money donated does, in fact, reach the people who need help immediately by way of food, education, medical care and equipment. Christian Aid also tries to help people to help themselves in the future.

So let us all give practical expression to our prayers this Christian Aid Week. "Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven"

Yours in Christ's service,

Jack Drummond

Parish Funerals

5th April Mrs. Joan McCulloch 695 Clarkston Rd

11th April Mr. Sandy Robb 54 Netherhill Avenue

Communion Roll Changes

Change of Address: We hope you are happy in your new abode.

| | | From: | То: | |
|---|---|---------------------|----------------------------|--|
| | Mr. Richard Carnichan Mrs Doreen Carnichan | Dr. | Flat 16, 823 Clarkston Rd. | |
| I | | 132 Randolph Dr. | Flat 16, 823 Clarkston Rd. | |

Members Leaving: Sorry you have gone, but you take our best wishes with you.

| | Flat C, 3 Fairfield Court. |
|-----------------|--|
| Mrs Mary Logan. | River Court, 203 Busby Road to Greenbank Parish Church. |
| | |

Mrs Joyce Denovan has been returned to the roll after being deleted in error.

Bill Paterson, Roll Keeper



Flower Calendar May/June 2017 Contact May Paterson 0141 571 8652



May

7 Mrs M Boyce 14 Mr G Robertson 21 Mrs M Mathieson 28 Mrs M Malloch

June

| 4 | Mrs A Charlton |
|----|--------------------|
| 11 | Mrs M Dundas |
| 40 | Davido Marrida ala |

18 Rev C Murdoch and Mrs F Lamont

25 Mrs A MacKenzie

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This Edition of Focus

At the time of writing, the saga of the computer continues, and whilst it was fortunately covered by an extended warranty which resulted in a replacement machine after a lengthy, but undisputed delay, it takes an inordinate amount of time to get all the paperwork done to achieve this and it has so far not arrived in our household.

Seems that computers doing away with paperwork is a fallacy.

My grateful thanks to the person who offered help to me in my hour (month!!) of need but this was not necessary as a result of the warranty and my temporary facilities.

There remains a lack of pictures in this issue to accompany articles.

The Editor

Pastoral Care

Your Pastoral Care Team are here for you. If you need;

• Transport to Church Hospital

• Doctors Appointment Shopping

Could do with a chat
 Have a prayer request

Please contact Grace Scott, 0141 637 2226

A few months ago we introduced a Library service to you, and this month would like to commend this to you again. Kay is able and willing to exchange your library book, assist you with future choices of your favourite authors, or like authors. Additionally she can provide listening books and large print books. If you are not already a member of the library Kay will happily see to this for you. With winter coming in, why not make use of this great service? We hope you will.

Remember that we are only a phone call away to help you with shopping, getting to Church, hospital and doctor's appointments and any other assistance that we can help you with.

Open Door

You will be aware that Stamperland Church sanctuary is open on a Wednesday morning from 10.00 o'clock until 12.00 o'clock for quiet contemplation and personal prayer. Tea, coffee and biscuits are available in the vestibule where fellowship can be enjoyed. It would be encouraging if more of our members were able to come along.



As you will know we are trying to work more closely with Netherlee Church. They also have an Open Door on a Wednesday morning. They have a short Service at !0.00am for approximately 30 minutes. They also have tea, coffee and fellowship after the Service. If any one from Stamperland Church would like to attend they would be made welcome. This may be of interest to you if you feel you are unable to attend Sunday morning worship at Stamperland. If you require transport to Netherlee their minibus can collect you. Please contact either, Evelyn Graham or Nancy Fisher Tel. 638 3844.

Parish & Beyond Committee

I just asked my husband if he remembers what today is... Scaring men is easy.

I asked God for a bike, but I know God doesn't work that way. So I stole a bike and asked for forgiveness.



Musical Minds

The Musical Minds Singing Group performs on the first Tuesday of each month from 10.00am to 12.00 noon in Clarkston House, 57 Stamperland Hill.

Anyone living with early stage dementia, and their family members, will be made welcome to join the singing group and enjoy a cup of tea/coffee and a scone, priced £2.

My Favourite Things (Parody)

To be sung to the tune of "My Favourite Things"....

Botox and nose drops and needles for knitting, Walkers and handrails and new dental fittings, Bundles of magazines tied up in string, These are a few of my favourite things.

Cadillacs and cataracts, hearing aids and glasses, Polident and Fixodent and false teeth in glasses, Pacemakers, golf carts and porches with swings, These are a few of my favourite things.

When the pipes leak, When the bones creak,
When the knees go bad,
I simply remember my favourite things,
And then I don't feel so bad.

Hot tea and crumpets and corn pads for bunions, No spicy hot food or food cooked with onions, Bathrobes and heating pads and hot meals they bring, These are a few of my favourite things.

Back pain, confused brains and no need for sinnin', Thin bones and fractures and hair that is thinnin', And we won't mention our short shrunken frames, When we remember our favourite things.

When the joints ache, When the hips break,
When the eyes grow dim,
Then I remember the great life I've had,
And then I don't feel so bad.



Church Lighting

By the time you read this article the fluorescent strip lights in the sanctuary should all have been replace by modern LED lights. During the last ten or so years an ever increasing number of the tubes failed and, recently, fewer than ten lights out of more than thirty were operational.

The fluorescent tubes are 8-feet long and the manufacture of such tubes ceased quite some time ago. We investigated options for replacing the existing fluorescent lights with different types of light fitting. However, any changes to the lighting in the sanctuary required the agreement and approval of the Church of Scotland Committee on Church Art and Architecture, CARTA. Suffice it to say that getting a response and action from CARTA proved very frustrating.

Fortunately, technology recently came to our rescue with the availability of 8-foot long, LED tubes. As we are simply replacing lighting tubes no material change will take place in relation to the architecture of the sanctuary space.

The new tubes should have a life expectancy of about 50,000 hours. If the lights were lit for 10 hours a week, then mathematics would indicate that the new lights could still be operational in 2117! LED lighting is much more efficient than fluorescent tubes so the cost of lighting the sanctuary and our carbon footprint should reduce.

Holy Week Services

Holy Week Services were well attended. Each evening, the service was conducted by a different leader with the Bible readings also being read by a different person. The worship leaders were Rev Jack Drummond, Rev Tom Nelson and three members of our congregation – Peter Dale, Steven Owens and Scott Russell.

Video recordings were made of each evening's service and these have been uploaded to YouTube, where you can watch the services. The easiest way to find the recordings is to type "Stamperland Parish Church YouTube" into your search engine on your computer. Alternatively, you can click the link on our church web site on the "News and Intimations" section or go to our Facebook page where there is also a direct link.

This may seem like double Dutch to some members of the congregation but it one of the modern methods of communication that is accepted as the norm nowadays.

Norrie Bolton, Session Clerk



231st Glasgow Company Boys' Brigade JUNIOR SECTION & SPARKS



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I would like to start by wishing everyone a very Happy Easter. I hope you all had a lovely time with loved ones, friends and family.

Due to the Easter holidays we have had a couple of weeks holiday so this update is a short one.

On Saturday 25th of



March the boys took part in two competitions. The first was the Glasgow Battalion 'Maze Marching in which the boys completed a marching routine that they have learned over the year. All of the boys who took part did their very best and were third overall, which we were very pleased about.

The second, on the same day, was the Bible Story Competition based on the story of Noah's Ark. The three age groups, P4, P5 and P6 were quizzed on their knowledge and at the end an average score was taken to determine the winning company. I am delighted that we had some individual prize winners with Max Allan coming third overall in P4 and Liam Preston placed third overall in P6. We also had Jamie Kyle and Luke Brown placed first overall in the P5 and P6 categories, which was fantastic. Well done to the individual winners but also to all our boys who took part in a fantastic team effort gaining overall first place. We were all delighted and very proud of the boys. All of their hard work during achievements had paid off.

On our final evening before we ended for our Easter break we had our 'Superstars' night which is an evening of potted sports. The boys had to run, hop, skip, climb, slide all round the hall. Group three emerged victorious, winning themselves 100 group points which are added to the weekly accumulative total which will decide who is the best group at the display this year.

Finally our annual display this year is held on Friday 19th May in the church hall and all are most welcome to join us to watch the Boys showing all that they have done this year at BB.

Scott Russell.

The Friendship Club

Our Friendship Club recommences on Tuesday 25th April, meeting at 7.30pm in the Session Room, to which everyone will be made most welcome.

If there is anything of interest to you during the five months, please come along .

Tue 30th May Rev G Kirkland Favourite Hymns

Tue 27th Jun Fun Night

Tue 25th Jul Flower Arranging with Adele

Tue 29th Aug Bill Wallace on Accordion

Ray McNiven

Holiday Club at Netherlee Church: 7th - 13th August 2017

We are delighted to have Jenny Hamill head up our Holiday Club this summer. She was Youth & Family worker at Greenview Evangelical Church for a number of years and is now a stay at home mum looking after her three young children.

We are looking for willing volunteers to form a new team of helpers. If you would like to help please contact Tom Nelson, Glenda Cook, or email office@netherleechurch.org

Birthdays

I like birthdays, but I think too many can kill you.

Chinese kid was born before the due date. Parents named him Sudden Lee.

Your secrets are safe with me because I literally won't remember them. This also applies to your birthday. Your birthdays are safe with me.

Why are birthday's good for you? Statistics show that the people who have the most live the longest!

Where do you find a birthday present for a cat? In a cat-alogue!

Patient: "Doctor, I get heartburn every time I eat birthday cake."

Doctor: "Next time, take off the candles."





Heart For Art

Heart For Free Dementia Friendly Art Classes

Stamperland church Stamperland Gardens

> Every Friday 2-4pm



No previous art skills needed. Art Tutors are on hand to help!

Tea & cake provided

Come along for a chat or get in touch for more information

0141 630 3092

heartfor.art@crossreach.org.uk













Stamperland Congregation's own Page for Messages



This is the page for your Good Wishes, Get Well, Happy Birthdays, Wedding Anniversaries, A Thank You, or any other message you wish to make.

I would like to thank Anne and her team for the lovely flowers I received on 26th March, and also the visit from Jack both of which were very much appreciated.

Margaret Armstrong

The Parish & Beyond Committee would like to thank everyone who donated Easter Eggs.

We had a wonderful response with over 100 eggs donated.

These were distributed through the Foodbank in Barrhead and to families in need in East Renfrewshire..

Evelyn Graham

Ian and I would like to thank all our friends and members of the Church for the beautiful flowers sent to us on our Golden wedding Anniversary. It was very kind of you to join us on this happy occasion and we do appreciate it.

Helen & Jan Winters

One Liners for Fun

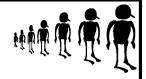
I have never understood why women love cats. Cats are independent, they don't listen, they don't come in when you call, they like to stay out all night, and when they're home they like to be left alone and sleep. In other words, every quality that women hate in a man, they love in a cat.

What makes men chase women they have no intention of marrying? The same urge that makes dogs chase cars they have no intention of driving.

My email password has been hacked. That's the third time I've had to rename the cat.

What do you call a magic dog? A Labracadabrador.

Duty Teams for the coming Months



| May 7 th – TEAM 2 | May 14 th – TEAM 3 | May 21 st - TEAM 4 |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Mr G Fairweather C | Mrs A MacFarlane C | Mrs N Fisher C |
| Mr R Russell | Mr A Henderson | Miss J Barr |
| Mrs J Silcock | Mrs S Skelton | Mrs J Cranston |
| Mr S Owens | Mrs R McNiven | Mr G Finlayson |
| Mr R Kirkwood | Miss J Stewart | Mrs K Bolton |

| May 28 th – TEAM 5 | June 4 th – Communion | June 11 th – TEAM 6 |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Mr R Allan C | Mr R Allan C | Mr A Graham C |
| Mrs J Herriott | Miss L Robb | Mrs E Graham |
| Mrs J Curror | Mrs J Cranston | Mr N Walker |
| Mr J Curror | Mr G Fairweather | Mrs M Neilson |
| Mr S Russell | Mr A Henderson | Mrs K Baird |
| | | |

| June 18 th – TEAM 1 | June 25 th - TEAM 2 | July 2 ^m – TEAM 3 |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Mr W Paterson C | Mr G Fairweather C | Mrs A MacFarlane C |
| Mrs M Young | Mr R Russell | Mr A Henderson |
| Miss L Robb | Mrs J Silcock | Mrs S Skelton |
| Miss G Scott | Mr S Owens | Mrs R McNiven |
| | Mr R Kirkwood | Miss J Stewart |

| July 9 th – TEAM 4 | July 16 th – TEAM 5 | July 23 rd - TEAM 6 |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Mrs N Fisher C | Mr R Allan C | Mr A Graham C |
| Miss J Barr | Mrs J Herriott | Mrs E Graham |
| Mrs J Cranston | Mrs J Curror | Mr N Walker |
| Mr G Finlayson | Mr J Curror | Mrs M Neilson |
| Mrs K Bolton | Mr S Russell | Mrs K Baird |

Any Duty Member who cannot attend on any date allocated should arrange a substitute for that date and inform the Duty.

C = Convener





The total weight of the food uplifted in March amounted to 38 kg. This will feed three single people for three days.

The food chosen for the month of May is as follows:

Fruit Juice (carton), Tinned Fruit (ordinary size or small), Tea Bags/Instant Coffee (not decaffinated)
Pasta Sauces, Tinned spaghetti/Imacaroni/pasta shapes, (ordinary size or small), Tinned peas or baked beans (ordinary size or small)

UHT Milk and Creamed Rice or Custard (Tinned) are acceptable at any time. If you would prefer to donate any of the other items from the East Renfrewshire List please refer to the list as shown. If you are unable to carry heavy items please do not be deterred from donating, there are always lighter options available on the list.

Thank you again for your continued support which is very much appreciated. Again we would ask that items donated are within the "best before" date. The Foodbank will not distribute food which is out of date.

Evelyn Graham on behalf of The Parish & Beyond Committee



SHOPPING LIST

Thank you for your support!

- * Milk (UHT or powdered)
- * Sugar (500g)
- * Fruit Juice (carton)
- * Pasta Sauces
- * Tomatoes (Tinned)
- * Tinned Veg
- * Cereals
- * Dried/ Boil in bag Rice
- * Tinned Meat/Fish
- * Instant Mash Potato
- * Sponge Pudding (Tinned)
- * Rice Pudding or Custard (Tinned)
- * Tea Bags/inst coffee
- * Tinned Fruit
- * Jam/Spreads
- * Biscuits or snack bar

ALSO COLLECTING

- * Toiletries men and women
- * Nappies & Baby Food
- * Treats

East Renfrewshire Foodbank is a project of churches and community working together under charity no: SC029653

Money talks ...but all mine ever says is good-bye.

I changed my password to "incorrect". So whenever I forget what it is the computer will say "Your password is incorrect".



Car Trip through England



Siamese twins walk into a Toronto bar and park themselves on a bar stool.

One of them says to the bartender, "Don't mind us; we're joined at the hip. I'm John, he's Jim. Two Molson drafts please."

The bartender, feeling slightly awkward, tries to make polite conversation while pouring the beers. "Been on holiday yet, lads?"

"Off to England next month," says John. "We go to England every year, rent a car and drive for miles. Don't we, Jim?"

Jim agrees.

"Ah, England!" says the bartender. "Wonderful country ... the history, the culture ..."

"Nah, we don't like British food," says John. "Hamburgers and Molson's beer, that's us, eh Jim? And we can't stand the English – they're arrogant and rude."

"So why keep going to England?" asks the bartender.

"It's the only chance Jim gets to drive."

The Preacher and the Taxi Driver

A preacher dies, and when he gets to Heaven, he sees a New York cab driver who has more stars in his crown.

He says to an angel, "I don't get it. I devoted my whole life to my congregation. Why did the taxi driver get more stars than me?"

The angel says, "We reward results. Did your congregation always pay attention when you gave a sermon?"

The preacher says, "Once in a while someone fell asleep."

The angel says, "Right. Well, when people rode in this guy's taxi, they not only stayed awake, but they usually prayed!"



A Walk Down the Memory Lane of Focus Magazines May 1978



Robert Liddell and his wife were absent from Church representing Stamperland at their Jubilee Celebrations in Netherlee Church. Guests from all the other neighbouring churches attended and the Clerk to the Presbytery, The Very Reverend Andrew Herron was the preacher.

The Congregational Board agreed to donate £200 towards the cost of a mini bus for Age Concern Eastwood by the end of the year, in line with an appeal. This would be raised in retiring offerings at the Communion services and an invitation would be put to the Organisations to make a donation to this worthwhile cause. It was envisaged that such a bus could be used by Friendship Clubs, Lunch Clubs, Sheltered Housing Groups and Old People's Homes in Eastwood District.

Captain Robert Blackwood reported that the 231st Company, The Boys' Brigade had their 34th Annual Inspection and Display where prizes were awarded to L/Cpl G Paterson, Sgt A Davies, Pte C Smith, Pte I Low and Cpl D Fairweather. A report and picture also appeared in the Mercury.

40+ boys attending the summer camp in Southport would continue to have the facilities of the Camp Bank fortnightly followed shortly by a Camp Newsletter.

A Sing to God event was taking place on 21st May at the Boating Pond in Rouken Glen Park at 2.30pm. Those attending were advised to walk as the previous year saw cars still looking for a parking place after the singing had started. The theme was "Creation" based on Genesis Chapters 1 and 2.

Christian Aid raised almost £1,000 from a sponsored walk which would be followed by a house to house collection in mid May and an appeal was being made for collectors. The retired gentlemen were to be asked if they could undertake collections in a part of a street that year.

L/C R E Kirkwood reported that the Junior BB Annual Display was due to take place on 5th May. Tickets were now available and all parents and friends were cordially invited to attend at the Clarkston Halls. The annual Day Trip was to Girvan at a cost of £3 per boy and included a three course lunch and transport followed by high tea. (I remember organising that trip through a colleague in the railway who lived in Girvan.) — Editor.

Mr John Dodds our Presbytery Elder was commissioned to attend the General Assembly in Edinburgh from 20th to 26th May.

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The 79th Cub Scouts had their Open Night on Thursday 20th April with a programme similar to a normal night, but also included the Generation Game when parents were invited to participate. Mrs Shona Ross, Asst Dist Commissioner presented bronze and silver arrow awards to 12 and 7 boys respectively, followed by 9 Proficiency badges. These were the first badges awarded in the District under the then new Arrow Scheme.

Leaders John Fearns, David Armstrong and Bob Anderson were presented with Diplomas by the Group Scout Leader Peter Ferries, as part of their obligatory training.

Events to follow in May and June included a Sausage Sizzle, at Pollock castle Estate, Explorers Badges at Auchengillan, Cub Sports Night at Rouken Glen and a Cub Open Day at Auchengillan.

Sam Esler reported on the arrangements for the Sunday School outing in May to Prestwick for which tickets costing £1 would be on sale shortly.

In the Bible Class, reports were to hand from Scott Brown on the Outing to Edinburgh followed by the last Bible Class of the season when they would be saying goodbye to fourth year girls, Elaine Dewer, Lynn Fraser and Elaine Sleigh following an assiduous attendance over the years.

Thanks were made to Mary McEwan, Margaret Penman, Alistair Graham and Sylvia Bell for their help as leaders, to Mr Speed and Robert Liddell for their encouragement and to Mr Battersby for always being on hand to give any assistance that might be required.

Scott Brown concluded by wishing everyone God's blessing and every success in the future as he was handing over the reins for the future.

And finally for something different; under the heading Home Thoughts from Abroad reported by John Dodds, it was reported that Mrs Kelly, her husband and three children from Monteith Dr who had emigrated to New Zealand was enjoying the warm climate and the boys were outdoors playing in bare feet for the first time. Mrs C McComb from Stamperland Gardens who had emigrated to South Australia was finding the 40 degree heat a little too hot but this resulted in an abundance of grapes in the vineries where the public could go and fill a pail for \$1. Mr Arthur Reid also from the Gardens left to be near his son in Northern Australia and had settled in and was also enjoying the heat. The local people had received him warmly and on hearing of his interest in the Boys' Brigade, made him an Honorary member. Mr Reid had received his Kings Badge in his earlier years as a BB boy. It was encouraging to learn that they all still had the interests of our Church in them.

End.

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