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Dear Friends,



One of the lessons learned early in my ministry was the advice “never preach politics from the pulpit”. What people, I think, mean when they offer this advice is “never preach PARTY politics from the pulpit”

There is an important difference. Christians seek to follow the teachings of Jesus., something we cannot do in our own strength. The Church’s agenda may include part of the agendas of the main political parties, but at the same time the Church’s agenda should rise above any party political programme.

I’m certainly not going to advise you how to vote in the forthcoming General Election. Within every congregation there will be members supporting all political parties. The Church of Scotland should take care that it does not align itself with one particular party.

When Jesus lived in Palestine two thousand years ago, there were parties and groups who exercised influence and who had their distinct agendas and lifestyle. The Pharisees were the most influential party of Jesus’ day. Jesus was no party politician but his teaching could be described as political, insofar as it aimed to present to men and women the finest way of all to live— not a man made philosophy, but Gods’ way, Gods’ plan for the human race.

God is concerned about the welfare of human beings in every corner of the world. Indeed, Gods’ concern is so intense that he sent his Son into the world to suffer and die and then to be raised to life again. During the three years of his earthly ministry Jesus said many things which make it crystal clear that God cares about all men and women.

God sending his Son to share our human life on earth means that he has steeped himself in his creation and identified himself with our stewardship of planet earth.

Because politicians have a much stronger influence in society than the Church has today, Christian people need to become involved and concern themselves with the decisions of government and the agendas of the political parties. There are Christian MP’s and MSP’s but many of them appear to put loyalty to the party before loyalty to Christ. One advisor to a former Prime Minister famously said “We don’t do God” No doubt he said this because, being steeped in politics, he had come to the conclusion that any mention of God in a General Election campaign would hinder his party’s prospects of victory.

For a few of us, our Christian faith will lead us into the political arena. All of us, however, have a duty to vote. Our vote should be influenced by the teaching

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electoral register, that's the way we should vote.


Yours in Christ's service,

Jack Drummond

Baptisms

Communion Roll Changes

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

		From:	To:
	Mr Paul Linich Mrs Alison Linich	85 Monteith Dr. 85 Monteith Dr	79 Main Road, Fenwick 79 Main Road, Fenwick.



Follow us on



Netherlee Church Halls

An opportunity for busy young families on a Sunday afternoon from 4-6pm to experience Church through games, crafts and activities; as well as something to eat as a family. It's OK to drop in at the last minute! **SAVE THESE**



**LIFE
AND
WORK**

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Flower Calendar

June to September 2017

Contact May Paterson 0141 571 8652

4 th	June	Mrs. A. Charlton
11 th	June	Mrs. M. Dundas
18 th	June	Rev. C. Murdoch and Mrs F. Lamont
25 th	June	Mrs. A. MacKenzie
2 nd	July	Donation
9 th	July	Mrs. J. Law
16 th	July	Mrs. M. Campbell
23 rd	July	Mrs. I. Noble
30 th	July	Donation
6 th	August	Mrs. S. Skelton and Mrs. M. Fordyce
13 th	August	Mrs. C. Carson
20 th	August	Rev. A. Cherry
27 th	August	Mrs. M. Armstrong
3 rd	Sept	Mrs. J. Coid
10 th	Sept	Mrs. R. Cooper
17 th	Sept	Miss. J. Barr
24 th	Sept	Mr. B. Phillips



Distribution of Focus

The Editor

Despite the best of hopes, the computer problems plaguing this household remain, despite a replacement machine, three attempts to upload the software by the store looking after it under warranty, loss of documentation by them on two occasions, and the inability to load a separate e mail address for me, we got there in the end.

All I have to do now is navigate my way around the third computer layout in 18 months to see where they have hidden all the little buttons and icons.



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Pastoral Care

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

- **Transport to Church**
- **Doctors Appointment**
- **Could do with a chat**
- Hospital**
- Shopping**
- 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. Open Door is on every Wednesday morning over the summer months.



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 10.00am 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.

The Netherlee Open Door stops over the summer months. It finishes on the last Wednesday in June and restarts on the first Wednesday of September.

Parish & Beyond Committee

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.

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 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:
2017**

7th till 13th August

Thanks to those who have volunteered to help at the Holiday Club this year - we would be delighted to have some more folks. Further information will be sent out to helpers shortly but in the meantime here are some key dates:-

The first planning meeting for all volunteers will be held on Monday 5th June at 7.30pm in the church hall.



231st Glasgow Company Boys' Brigade **JUNIOR SECTION & SPARKS**

Mobile: 07917801622 E-mail: scottrussell87@hotmail.co.uk Facebook: www.facebook.com/groups/231stBB



As it is now June our BB session has now drawn to a close. Our yearly BB Friday night activities culminated in our annual display, held in the church halls on Friday 19th May. Our display included all the usual items and the boys enjoyed showing off their talents in marching, PT, singing and playing games. Thank you to everyone that came along to show support to our boys, it is very much appreciated.

Every year at the display we also have the presentation of awards. All the boys receive an award for their attendance, gaining perfect, excellent or regular attendance and this year I am delighted to say that our attendance has on the whole been very good and every boy achieved excellent attendance. There are also the principal awards that are awarded to boys each year based on certain achievements. Well done to the following who were the winners this year.

Best Group - Group 1

Most Improved Sparks Footballer - Ross Armet

Most Improved Junior Section Footballer - Max Allan

Best Junior Section Attendance and Uniform - Liam Preston

Best Sparks Attendance and Uniform - Kyle Stewart

Best Drilled Spark - Joshua Stewart

Best Drilled Junior Section - Harrison Gillespie

Christian Faith Award - Luke Brown

Best all round Spark - Lucas Wilkinson

Best all round Junior Section - Liam Preston

Our annual trip to Millport was held on Saturday the 20th May. The timetable as before, the bus leaving just after 8am to head for the ferry at Largs. As usual the boys headed for the toy shop as soon as we got there, before playing on the beach with their toys before lunch. After lunch we cycled round the island and then visited the park, cafe and sweet shop before heading home. Millport is always a highlight of the year and this year was no different, no matter what the weather had in store for us.

This has been another good session for us here in the 231st. I have really enjoyed my first year as Officer in Charge. Our section was successfully run by Paul Linich for many years and I would like to thank him for all the work he put in over the last ten years. This year we reintroduced football training on a Wednesday evening and Saturday morning games as part of our weekly pro-

again next session.

As our session comes to a close can I take this opportunity to than all the staff who have helped us throughout the year. It is a big commitment to give up Friday nights for the Boys and I really appreciate everything they have done for our section, but most importantly, the boys. I would also like thank all of our parents who encourage their sons to come along to BB each week. Without Boys we would have no Boys Brigade.



I hope everyone has a fantastic summer and we look forward to welcoming back our boys and new friends on Friday 1st September.



Girlguiding

**Best
Scott
Officer
Charge**



**Wishes,
Russell,
in**



Girlguiding

The Brownies have had a very busy few weeks between preparing the flower pot men to sell at the Spring Fair, and completing two badges as a whole pack. For those of you who saw them, bought them, admired them etc. you will agree that the Brownies did a wonderful job of making each flower pot man and woman. We did this over two weeks, making a total of 50 and sold every one of them. That's after they had a sleepover in the church and got up to some mischief! (See photos).

We had a wonderful visit from two police officers who brought their riot van and motorbike which the girls were able to sit in/on and hear all about what is involved in their jobs. They also got to play with the lights and sirens so apologies to anyone living near the church who had settled down for a quiet Monday evening.

Our Police visit as well as a few other related activities allowed the girls to gain their crime prevention badge which



Brownies at a recent Parade

Snippets of News



Spring Fair. The amount raised by the Spring Fair was £2,330. “Thank you” to everyone who assisted in making this not just a financial success but also an opportunity to engage with our local community.

Vacancy. The advertisement for the vacancy will appear for a second time in the June edition of Life & Work. If you know of a minister who might have an interest in being our new minister please do not hesitate to bring it to their attention.

Ministries and Mission Contribution 2017. This year our congregation’s financial contribution to the national Ministries and Mission Fund will be £48,282. Of this amount, £40,557 will be our contribution to the costs of employing ministers and parish workers throughout Scotland and the Presbytery of England. Each congregation’s contribution is determined via a fairly complex calculation related to the congregation’s previous three years income and expenditure. Our contribution is actually lower than the full cost of a full-time minister and means that we are, in effect, being supported by other congregations. The remaining £7,725 is used to support the national church’s work in a wide range of activities – Christian education and outreach; provision of social care services; provision of administrative, financial and legal services; planning and supporting the General Assembly and supporting the Moderator.

iChurch. All organisations now have various presences on the internet. Churches can use it to interact with people, to provide a platform of news and information and to reach out to spread the Good News of the gospel. Our **Church web site** has attracted over 75,000 “hits” over the last two years. Unsurprisingly, the most-read pages were the “Home page” and the “News and Intimations” page. Other high-scoring pages were “Worship”, “Clarkston Churches Together” and the “Organisations” page. The “Focus” page attracted over 2000 hits but we are not able to determine how many copies of the Magazine were downloaded.

Our church **Facebook** now has 105 “Followers”. Facebook provides a means of highlighting forthcoming events and celebrating all types of activity. The number of people who look at or share any one post is increased by including photographs – so you will now find that there are over 400 pictures and photographs recording the life and activities and events in our church over the past five years. For the first two years very few people actually read any of the posts at all; now we can occasionally reach almost 1,000 people. Our newest venture is the **Stamperland YouTube** site where you can find recordings of

with the Facebook pages, we would hope that the site will be visited on an ever frequent basis.

Dishwasher. You may be interested to learn that the church has a new dishwasher. It isn't a big, flashy unit but it will wash a dozen plates and cups in under four minutes. It is not that we don't like getting our hands into warm, soapy water. Rather, it is a push from a health and safety angle that dishes should be washed at temperatures well above that which anyone's hand could bear. So now it is positively healthy for everyone to come and enjoy tea and coffee after the morning service!

I wish you all very happy summer holidays.

Norrie Bolton, Session Clerk



School Exam Question and Answers

The following questions were set in last year's GED examination. These are genuine answers (from 18 year olds)

Q. Name the four seasons?

A. Salt, pepper, mustard and vinegar

Q. How is dew formed?

A. The sun shines down on the leaves and makes them perspire

Q. What are steroids?

A. Things for keeping carpets still on the stairs

Q. What happens to your body as you age?

A. When you get old, so do your bowels and you get intercontinental

Q. Name a major disease associated with cigarettes?

A. Premature death

Q. How can you delay milk turning sour?

A. Keep it in the cow



79th Glasgow (Stamperland) Scout Group

Beaver Colony

It has been a very quick year for the Beavers with the summer holiday just around the corner. We have had a great time this year with the Beavers. They have been learning about health & fitness, cycling, disability, hobbies & safety, all linked to badges of the same name which most of the Beavers have gained.

As it is the end of this session I would like to thank Gregor, Callum, Claire & the Scouts who have helped me this year.

I hope you all have a happy summer holiday and we will see you all back in September.

Alison Macfarlane – Asst. Beaver Leader, Tel: 0141 644 2712

Cub Pack

Fire Safety: As reported last time the Cubs have been working towards their Fire Safety Badge. As part of this we had a visit to Clarkston Fire Station where the fire fighters gave us an excellent visit showing us all the equipment on their fire engine and talking about some of the other tasks they complete. We were fortunate that they did not get called out!

The following week one of the Cub's Dads (who is a fire fighter) came to visit us and we learned how they will search a room looking for casualties before trying it out in the hall. Most of the Cubs have now gained their Fire Safety Badge, so well done to all!

Scientist Badge: Over the past few weeks the Cubs have been experimenting in order to gain their scientist badge. This has included looking at what happens when they exercise, growing seeds under different situations, making lava lamps and reactions.

This has culminated with a visit to Whitelees Wind Farm where the Cubs explored thrust by seeing how far different shaped balloons travelled along different guides before having a walk out to the turbines to learn a bit more about them, their construction and size. By the time you read this the bulk of the pack will have gained their Scientist Badge.

Guide Dogs for the Blind: As part of our disability awareness we are being visited by a representative of Guide Dogs for the blind along with a guide dog puppy in training. The Cubs have been completing a mini-fund raising for this and we will be handing across a small donation to the charity as part of the

End of Session: The Cubs will be finishing up on Thursday 15th June with a games night in the hall with all sections joining in a variety of games and activities during the night.

We hope to be able to take a few new members into the pack from our waiting list after the summer break.



I would like to thank Elaine, Megan, Felicity, John and Aiden for all their hard work in supporting a very busy year for the Cubs and wish them all a relaxing break over the summer.

Philip Moseley – Cub Scout Leader, Tel: 0141 620 3146

Scout Troop & Explorers

Stay Safe 16th April - As part of the ongoing balanced programme on Thursday night we were very fortunate to have a presentation from Laura Dunlop (a Cub parent, but also a Detective Constable from the Investigative Unit, Serious Crime) from Police Scotland on staying safe on the internet. This was a night of questions and answers from the boys and turned out to be a subject that parents and children should have awareness off. I would like to thank Laura for taking the time from her busy schedule and presenting a very important subject.

Auchengillan Training weekend (28th-30th April) - This was a weekend of team build for the Scouts and Guides who will be representing Stamperland at the International Jamboree at Auchengillan in August this year. I would like to thank the Guide Leaders Christine, Anne, Jenni and Lesley in organising the cooking and assisting in the programming over the weekend. Not to forget the Scout Leaders Euan, Sam and Greg, in making the weekend fun and interest this was a night of questions and answers from the boys and turned out to be subject that parents and children should have awareness off. I would like to thank Laura for taking the time from her busy schedule and presenting a very important subject.

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Church Fete 6th May - This yearly event once again turned out to be a total success to the Scouts and Leaders who took part in cooking burgers, sausages & bacon and setting the base up. So a big thank you to all involved until next year.

Duke Of Edinburgh Award – As I write this five of our older scouts are taking part in the practice hike for the Bronze award as part of the outdoor challenge. This D of E is a scheme that all young people should take the opportunity to complete if it arises with a youth organisation or school. It will be beneficial as an individual and encourages you to meet other people within the local community as well as being a good reference for future employment.



Final plans are in place for the Scout Group to do a joint Unit with 1st Stamperland Guides, as in the past four Jamborees. The Jamboree will be held between 29th July and 5th August 2017 at Auchengillan Outdoor Centre. The Jamboree has been organised by a regional team in the past but this time the staff at Auchengillan are organising the camp. We are looking forward to some exciting new activities including an Explorer-only sub-camp and programme, AJ's All American Diner - adult free zone, opening carnival and much more. The Jamboree is open to both Scouts and Guides aged between 10 and 17.

Scout Air Activities Badge 3&4 - Congratulations to Calum Murray for completing stages 3 & 4 of this badge in his own time. This has involved taking photographs, identifying various aircraft, listing the operational requirements, talking about aircraft navigation and airfield rules, communications, weather and lots more. Well done Calum.

Can I take this opportunity to on behalf of the Scouts and Leaders to wish you all a good summer break and will see you all in the new session?

Joe Mailley – Scouter-in-Charge, Tel: 0141 571 0887



More School Exam Question and Answers

Q. Give the meaning of the term 'Caesarean section'

A. The caesarean section is a district in Rome



Firstly, apologies are due for the rather long silence on these pages for all things Company Section – entirely my doing, however we are now back on track and will resume our monthly update in earnest at the start of next session!

Our 73rd Annual Inspection and Display at Clarkston Halls took place on the 12th May and provided an opportunity for the boys to showcase their skills and achievements resulting from their activities over the course of a busy but rewarding session.

Over the years the 231st has built a first class reputation for displaying exemplary standards in terms of dress, conduct, discipline and performance – I am delighted to say that this reputation was again cemented further with the application of the boys. Many comments were received and without exception all conveyed admiration for the standards which the boys managed to achieve. This of course reflects greatly on the boys themselves but also on the Parents, Officers and to all who have supported the Company throughout the year – Well Done!!

Principal Awards Presented at the Annual Inspection

Perfect Attendance: Pte. Oliver Terris

Excellent Attendance: Pte. Andrew Cramb, Pte. Andrew Dale,
Pte. Ewan McCall

Very Good Attendance: Sgt. Greg McCall, Cpl. Connor Black
Cpl. Cameron Walton

Perfect Friday Attendance: Rct. Aiden Bothwell

Christian Faith Exemplar: Pte. Andrew Dale (*Williams Cup*)

Drill:

Best Drilled Senior/NCO: Cpl. Ewan Walker (*McArthur Shield*)

Best Drilled Boy: Pte. Ewan McCall (*Company Cup*)

Best Drilled Recruit: Rct. Stuart McKerlie (*Co. Medal*)

Best Squad: Sgt. Greg McCall, Squad 2 (*Blackwood Medal*)

Captains Awards:**Best Overall Boy:**Sgt. Greg McCall(*Silver Salver*)**Outstanding Commitment:**Lt. Fraser Johnstone(*Crabb Cup*)**Brigade Awards:****Queens Award:**

Sgt. Lewis Rankin

Sgt. Greg McCall

Presidents Award:

Cpl. Andrew McKerlie

I would like to record our gratitude to Inspecting Officer Lt. John Baird of our neighbouring Company at Greenbank the 223rd, and his wife Christine for presenting the prizes, Matthew Hynes for his services at the Piano and to our Chaplin and Chairman Rev. Jack Drummond. In addition, I would also like to thank Mrs Anne MacKenzie, Mrs Jean Marshall along with all the help and contributors for the preparation and service of our after-show refreshments at the church halls.

Last but by no means least, I would like to note the contribution of all the staff who have given their time and commitment throughout the session – the Company simply would not exist without your efforts – Thank you!!

Enrolment for the 2017-18 session is set for the 1st September – Enrolment Letters will be sent out to all Boys in due course.

Have a great summer!!



Peter Dale (Captain) Telephone:
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Guild Summer Evening Outing

The Guild are having their evening summer outing to The South Beach Hotel in Troon on Tuesday 20th June. The cost is £25.00 which includes meal, cost of the coach and tips. We are asking for a £10.00 non-returnable deposit.

The bus leaves Stamperland Church at 6.00pm and return around 10.00 pm.

If you would like to join us please speak to Evelyn Graham re-





Girlguiding



Girlguiding

Who would believe we have reached the end of another action packed year!? We've had a great year meeting new friends, saying goodbye to old friends, and completing our Rainbow programme around the themes of look, learn, laugh and love.

Since our last article lots have happened! Three girls did a wonderful job of making their promise and our older girls made a wonderful rainbow for the new girls to pass under. We are looking forward to watching them grow over their time with us.

We've had a teddy bears picnic, planted seeds, painted, learned all about the kind rainbow fish, had games nights, completed crafts and learned new songs! To end our year we are having a princess party!

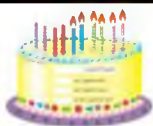
In addition to this, the girls completed a 26 minute sponsored silence (yes you read that right!) to raise money for Children with Cancers, Mr Men and Little Miss Marathon Challenge. Once the total has been added and the money sent off the girls will each receive a medal for taking part! Half of the money raised will also go to unit funds. Well done Rainbows! We are very proud of each of you!

As always we are sad to see four girls leave us at the end of term however they've all achieved their pot of gold badge and are heading off to Brownies! We wish them well and we are sure they'll meet lots of new friends!

On a personal note I would like to thank those who have offered help and advice over the last year. In particular I would like to thank Samantha and Gillian for their leadership and also our dedicated young helpers (I won't name you all because I know your shy!). I would also like to thank Anne for all her support, advice, and dealing with my endless text messages asking yet another question!

I really have had a great time as Rainbow leader however, there is a significant amount of behind the scenes work and due to personal reasons and work commitments I will be unable to return to Rainbows after the summer. To date we have been unable to secure another Rainbow leader and I would appeal to anyone who feels they may be able to take this role on to speak to myself or Anne.

Wishing everyone a wonderful, sunny, restful summer! Goodbye and good



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.

Thank you to Anne and the flower team for the lovely flowers I received on Sunday 30th April after the morning service. It was an unexpected surprise and very much appreciated.

"The Sweetie Lady"

Karen Harper, Elaine, David and Calum Murray would like to thank all our friends and members of the congregation for their beautiful flowers and kind messages following the death of Hugh Harper.

The staff of Blythwood Care Hillington are grateful for the tremendous response from the members of Stamperland Church to their recent shoe appeal. More than 100 pairs of shoes were given, many of them new or hardly worn. Thank you for your generosity.

Grace Scott

THE WISDOM OF CHILDREN

You can't fool the kids in Sunday school, they are way too smart...

'If I sold my house and my car, had a big garage sale, and gave all my money to the church, would I get into heaven?' I asked the children in my Sunday school class.

NO!' all the children answered.

'If I cleaned the church every day, mowed the yard, and kept everything neat and tidy, would I get into heaven?'

Again the answer was, 'NO!'

'Well, I continued, 'then how can I get to heaven?'



Duty Teams for the coming Months



DUTY TEAMS

May 2017

7th TEAM 2
14th TEAM 3
21st TEAM 4
28th TEAM 5

June 2017

4th COMM 1
11th TEAM 6
18th TEAM 1
25th TEAM 2

July 2017

2nd TEAM 3
9th TEAM 4
16th TEAM 5
23rd TEAM 6
30th TEAM 1

August 2017

6th TEAM 2
13th TEAM 3
20th TEAM 4
27th TEAM 5

September 2017

3rd COMM 2
10th TEAM 6
17th TEAM 1
24th TEAM 2

October 2017

1st TEAM 3
8th TEAM 4
15th TEAM 5
22nd TEAM 6
29th TEAM 1

November 2017

5th TEAM 2
12th TEAM 3
19th TEAM 4
26th TEAM 5

December 2017

3rd COMM 1
10th TEAM 6
17th TEAM 1
24th TEAM 2
31st TEAM 3

January 2018

7th TEAM 4
14th TEAM 5
21st TEAM 6
28th TEAM 1

TEAM 1

Mr W Paterson (C)
Mrs M Young
Miss L Robb
Miss G Scott
Mrs D Clark

TEAM 2

Mr G Fairweather (C)
Mr R Russell
Mrs J Silcock
Mr S Owens
Mr R Kirkwood

TEAM 3

Mrs A Macfarlane (C)
Mr A Henderson
Mrs S Skelton
Mrs R McNiven
Miss J Stewart

TEAM 4

Mrs N Fisher (C)
Miss J Barr
Mrs J Cranston
Mr G Finlayson
Mrs K Bolton

TEAM 5

Mr R Allan (C)
Mrs J Herriott
Mrs J Curror
Mr J Curror
Mr S Russell

TEAM 6

Mr A Graham (C)
Mrs E Graham
Mr N Walker
Mrs M Neilson
Mrs K Baird

COMM 1

COMM2

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

C = Convener



Foodbank



The total weight of the food donated in April and uplifted at the beginning of May, amounted to 55kg. This will feed five single people for three days. We received a special thank you in their letter regarding the proportion of food donated being on their request list, especially fruit juice.

As this is the summer issue of Focus the food chosen for the months of June, July and August is shown below :

UHT Milk and Creamed Rice or Custard (Tinned) are acceptable at any time.

Fruit Juice (carton) Tinned Fruit (ordinary size or small)
 Bottles of Diluting Juice
 Tea Bags/ Instant Coffee (not decaffeinated)
 Breakfast Cereal
 Tinned Meat / Fish
 Bottles of Salad Cream or Mayonnaise
 Tinned spaghetti/ macaroni/pasta shapes (ordinary size or small)
 Tinned peas or baked beans (ordinary size or small)
 Ladies / Gents Toiletries (i.e.. Deodorant / antiperspi-

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

In a Restaurant window: "Don't stand there and be hungry; come on in and get fed up.";

In the front yard of a Funeral Home: "Drive *carefully*. We'll



The Spring Fair 2017

Stamperland Spring Fair is over for another year and the organising committee might just be recovering by the time you read this!

The sun was shining, the sound of the burgers sizzling, the bouncy castle humming, and the wonderful music from our own piper could be heard throughout most of Stamperland. I'm sure people from far and wide knew we were having our fair because they came in their droves.

Our advertising in the church windows, notice boards and magazine was enhanced by an email going out to parents at Netherlee Primary and by lots of activity on Social Media. As a result, we had a number of young people interacting with our people and our building. With an assault course in the small hall, a science challenge in the sanctuary, face painting, BBQ and bouncy castle outside – there was plenty for the young folk to do.

If you follow the church Facebook page, you will have noticed the back rows of the pews were filled on the run up to the main event. The Brownies had made amazing plant pot people to sell. One little “woman” looked as if she had fallen asleep but I was assured the minster hadn't even been in the building! (Sorry Jack!)

I know I haven't mentioned everything that was going on so far, but thanks must go out to everyone who helped in any way at all. The Cake & Candy stall, the tea room, the model trains, the silent auction and the relaxation of Reiki, helped make sure people were in and around almost every part of our building. By seeing the building, I hope it will make it easier for them to return at some point in the future. Seeing the smiles of people both when they were here and when they left tells us this event was very much the success we were all hoping for.

Of course, money isn't the only reason we run our Spring Fair. Its primary purpose is, and should be about, building on the work of Jesus. The spring fair helps us to do that on the day and throughout by adding to the income of the church. This year, we were fortunate enough to raise £2,300 towards the running of our church and making sure the good news of Jesus Christ continues to be shared in our community. Well done to all involved and



A Walk Down the Memory Lane of Focus Magazines June 1977



It is quite interesting to look back over church magazines that are 40 years old and see (and sometimes remember!) what was happening then and how things have changed or perhaps not whilst others tend to repeat themselves and it is this latter situation that we find ourselves in this month.

Whilst we are not at that stage just yet 40 years later, the Reverend David Speed had just accepted his calling to Stamperland and the interim moderator Rev Lawrence Whitely was writing about difficult times ahead in the C of S.

He wrote that there were plenty of gloomy predictions about the future of the Church, the main one being about the lack of money and ministers of a young age group coming in to the ministry and if current trends continue it would appear that in ten years time a vacant congregation would regard itself as fortunate if it obtained the services of any minister, let alone have a choice.

At that time Stamperland was more fortunate and Rev David Speed's induction was to take place on 27th June 1977 as reported by Robert Liddell, Session Clerk, and he thanked all those who had kept Stamperland alive during the vacancy.

In the same issue of Focus it was reported that Mrs Linda Maclean was appointed to the central committee of the Woman's' Guild and as summer was approaching he thanked the Focus team of Mr B Stewart and Mrs A Mackenzie for their work in producing and distributing the magazine.

During June the services were taken by Rev J Gisbey of St Andrews Prof E Best MA, PHD University of St Andrews with Rev David Speed taking the services from 3rd July 1977.

Baptisms that month were Gordon Ian Scott, Mansfield Cres and Ronald William McDermid, Moray Gdns, and one death was reported, that of Mrs E Christison.

The Guides reported that the following girls had received a raft of awards, those being Leslie Bell, Anne Dewer, Carol McCombe Karen Anderson, Elaine McLauchlan, Helen Johnston, Christine Liddell, Patricia Allan, Carol Thomson, Jillian Bowman, Kay Meikle, Norma McDougall, Carol Brown, Aileen Lamond, and Lorna Waugh as reported by Cynthia Martin, Captain.

Coming back to today, I have a friend down south in the model railway world who is a retired Baptist minister, aged 70, who has just been recalled to the ministry, so for those retired Stamperland ministers who I know receive this magazine, I quote a well known saying here - I now who you are, and I know where you stay!!!! We might come a calling!!!!



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