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Dear Friends,

One of the former Ministers of the Church where I served in Rutherglen was an army chaplain during the First World War. His name was the Rev. William Black, and he enlisted with the 7th Battalion of the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders in May 1916.



William Black was born in Glasgow in 1881, and was just nine years old when his father died. He depended on bursaries to further his education, and was accepted as a candidate for the Ministry of the United Free Church. During the summer holiday from the university he gained experience in charge of a mission station in Winnipeg, Canada.

He was ordained as a Minister in the South U.F. Church in Fraserburgh in 1907, and after six years in Fraserburgh, he accepted a call to what was then Rutherglen West United Free Church. William Black, his wife Jenny, and their two sons spent three happy years in Rutherglen before he became an army chaplain.

Sadly his service in the army was brief, just over a year. William Black was killed during the Battle of Passchendaele in August 1917, a hundred years ago, aged 36. He was one of an estimated 400,000 soldiers who sacrificed their lives in that dreadful battle of the 1st World War. The battle lasted for 103 days, from 31st July to 10th November 1917.

William Black's death is marked by a memorial plaque in front of the church pulpit. I had the privilege of meeting one of his sons at the church in the 1980's, and three years ago at the Remembrance Service in Stamperland, I was surprised to discover that his great, great grandson was one of the pipers playing the march past after the service, a member of the Boys' Brigade Company.

One generation follows on from the previous one, and the care of planet earth and the nations of the world is entrusted to us today. After all the horrendous slaughter during the wars of the 20th century, have we learned any lessons?

Human beings are not being killed in the same numbers in Europe as happened in the First and Second World Wars. The European Union, for all its shortcomings, has ensured that the nations of Europe study war no more. The conflicts of this 21st century have moved to the Middle East, and Africa. There is also the threat of atomic weapons being unleashed by North Korea.

10.45am. Our generation must at the same time ensure that those who died have not died in vain.

Yours in Christ's service,


Jack Drummond

Funerals


Mr Andy Clark 9 Riverside Court

Changes to the Roll

New Members: **"Welcome !"** to:-

Mrs Elizabeth (Pat) Murray	27 Strathtay Avenue.	
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Members Leaving: *Sorry you have gone, but you take our best wishes with you.*

	Mr. David McKee	10 Tannen Crescent. East Kilbride.
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	<p>Find and follow us on</p> 
	<p>Netherlee Church Halls</p>

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. *OK to drop in at the last minute!* **SAVE THESE PROPOSED DATES: Nov 19 / Jan 21 / Mar 4**



Girlguiding



Girlguiding

1st Stamperland Brownies have been busy since we returned at the start of September. We have had a few girls who have moved up to guides and as always, plenty of girls ready to move in to Brownies and make their promise. As long as we have enough adult leaders we will continue to take girls who want to join the organisation however any offers of help will always be much appreciated.

The Brownies are currently working on the seasons badge. We have had a trip to the library to learn about nocturnal animals and animals that hibernate and the girls have made a poster in their sixes to teach each other about their topic.

We also spoke about autumn themed food and they are going to make a recipe book with their ideas.

We had a baking night recently when the girls all made marshmallow top hats, chocolate crispy cakes and fifteen cakes. The girls left brownies with them all but I'm not sure how many cakes made it home! As you read this the girls will have had their Halloween party and believe it or not we are starting to prepare for a Christmas carol and coffee evening.

Kirsty Stewart & Alison Gill

Poppy Scotland Coffee Morning

A Coffee Morning in support of Poppy Scotland will be held on the morning of 11th November in Netherlee Church Hall from 10.30 am till 12 noon. All welcome.

A Child's Prayer

Now, before I run to play
 Let me not forget to pray
 To God who kept me through the night
 And waked me in the morning light.



231st Glasgow Company Boys' Brigade **– Junior Section and Sparks**



BB is back up and running and we are into our full swing of activities. We have welcomed a couple of new boys since the last time of writing and we now have 19 Sparks in total which is the largest number that we have had in a number of years. We hope that this trend continues over the next few years to help our Sections continue to grow.

Weekly football training is going well with between 12 and 15 boys enjoying learning new football skills and playing different football games. Saturday morning games have also been popular this year with up to 8 boys attending to play games in the hall.

On Sunday the 1st October we attended the Church Dedication and Harvest service. Unfortunately because of the poor weather we were unable to parade on this occasion. The boys who turned up however looked very smart and gained their attendance mark for their participation.

The Friday before the Parade our Junior Section learned about Harvest and why it is important in the church. We also learned about the Lodging House Mission, what it does, and who it helps in our city. Many of our boys brought donations with them to the Parade and along with others, these were donated to the Lodging House Mission. Some of the boys brought donations to BB on the Friday evening because they knew that they would be unable to make the Parade on the Sunday. We thank all the boys who brought these donations to help those less well off than themselves and their families.

Over the past few years the 231st has joined in with a Cathkin District camp for P6 boys, but unfortunately this year this joint camp stopped for a variety of reasons. This meant that last years P6 boys did not have an opportunity for an over night stay before the end of the year.

As a result the 3 boys affected, now in P7, and some of our staff did our 'P6 camp' on the second weekend in October. The boys enjoyed visiting 'Go Ape', an aerial adventure course near Aberfoyle followed by an overnight stay at Mains Farm Campsite in Stirlingshire. The boys enjoyed playing football and going for a night walk before returning back to the camp fire to eat some toasted marshmallows.

The following day we visited a trout fishery where the boys saw the trout being stocked and had a go at fishing for them. We returned on the Sunday evening with tired boys and even more tired staff! Next year we are not sure

During the session we have two 'Superstars' evenings where there are a number of challenges that the Boys complete to win points for their groups. Superstars is always highly contested and points gained go towards the final points total at the end of the year. Our first superstars evening this year was on Friday 13th October. It was keenly contested by all the groups and there was only 2 points separating the groups in second and third placed teams however overall congratulations on this occasion go to Group 4 who won overall gaining 100 group points.

On Friday the 27th of October we will have our fancy dress party where Boys are invited to come in fancy dress for an evening of fun, music and games that are traditionally played around Halloween, we hope the Boys will enjoy "dooking" for apples, playing our spooky corners game and wrapping up the mummies as they have done in previous years!

Scott Russell, Officer in Charge, 07917801622

World Mission Stamp Appeal



Last year the World Mission Stamp Appeal raised over £4,000. This year stamps will support training of Ministers in the Presbyterian Church of South Sudan.

Keeping your used stamps and handing them into the Church this festive season and all year will help to maintain this Appeal.



Gift Service

A Gift Service is planned for Sunday 10th December 2017. You may remember we held a similar one last year and had a very good response.

This year we are requesting a slight change in the gifts. With your help we would like to have donations of A Selection Box, or Box of Chocolates, or Box of Biscuits. If possible, we would like the gifts wrapped and labelled.

These gifts will go to the Foodbank which we support, and given to needy families at the Christmas period.

The Guild



We have had a very enjoyable start to our winter programme.

Our syllabus for November and December is as follows:

Nov 7 Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF) George MacRitchie

Nov 14 Street Pastors PROJECT

Nov 21 Outing to the Strathaven Gift & Coffee Shop

Nov 26 (Sunday) Soup, bread & cheese lunch

Nov 28 Musical Evening with Jill Leavy & her accompanist Rachael

Dec 5 Glasgow's Hidden Treasures (part 1) David Walker

Dec 12 Christmas Party

If you would like to join us on our evening outing to the Strathaven Gift & Coffee Shop please speak to myself or any other committee member. The bus will leave Stamperland Church at 6.30pm returning to the Church by 9.30pm. The cost for the bus is £6.50. A glass of wine or a soft drink is available on arrival and then time to browse around the shop to purchase Christmas gifts. After shopping we are provided with a lovely supper of sandwiches, cakes and tea or coffee. It is always an evening which is enjoyed by the Guild members and their friends.

Please come and join us after the morning service on Sunday 26th November when we are having a soup, bread & cheese lunch. Entry is by donation with the proceeds going to Guild funds. It is always very pleasant to join in a time of fellowship over lunch. We do hope that as many of the congregation as possible will come.

Evelyn Graham, Guild Secretary

Humour Unlimited

Cleaning your house while your children are still growing up is like shovelling the snow before it stops snowing.

Most children threaten to run away from home. This is the only thing that keeps some parents going.





Flower Calendar

October/November / December
Contact May Paterson 0141 571 8652

5th Nov	Miss G Scott
12th Nov	Mrs S Jamieson
19th Nov	Mrs K Bolton
26th Nov	Miss E Robb & Mrs J Cranston
3rd Dec	Mrs N Fisher
10th Dec	Mrs C Anderson

Giffnock South Parish Church

2 Greenhill Ave, Giffnock Tel 0141 638 2599

New Community initiative! 'Sing Well'

Scientific evidence tells us that singing is good for our health, if you would like to come and join us for a wee sing, whether you can sing or not you are invited to come and sing some old songs and share a cuppa with friends.

The first 'Sing Well' of the gathering it's at 1.45pm in the small hall of Giffnock South on Wednesday 25th October. If you know anyone who might like to come along, please spread the word.

WEDNESDAYS at 1.45pm from October to May 2018;

**25th October, 22nd November, 20th December, 31st November,
28th February, 28th March, 18th April, 23rd May**



Our local one stop shop for DIY and hardware items, with the attraction of advice when needed. Save a drive elsewhere.



brucedmarshall@sky.com



Dear Colleagues,

This November, come and join us again, or even for the first time, 'On the Road' as we look to feed back to you what we heard and where we have reached.

'On the Road' is a process designed to enable the national Councils, who exist only to support the local Church in its mission and ministry, to plan well for the future. Like every household throughout the land, we need to prioritise what we do and what we spend – and we need your ideas and wisdom to do that well.

In 2016, we listened to hear what you had to say about helping the Church of Scotland to be the Church we hoped to be and we shared with you some of the key new ideas which the Councils of the Church had been working on. We did all of this as part of a planning process.

The Church of Scotland is getting back 'On the Road' this year to share what we have learned from listening to church members and to hear your feedback and ideas on our report.

These events are an open invitation to everyone connected with the Church. Whether you are a regular worshipper, or an occasional attender; whether you take a leadership role in your local Church or simply drop in from time to time – 'On the Road' wants to hear from you. We want to listen to folks from every background and every congregation: don't leave it to someone else – come and have your say!

We very much hope you can join us – and look forward to seeing you at the event of your choice. Find out more and book your place at www.churchofscotland.org.uk/ontheroad

Martin Scott

**Council Secretary
Council of Assembly
Church of Scotland**

Location	Date	Time	Venue
Glasgow	11 th November 2017	14.00- 16.00	Renfield St Stephen's Church
Dundee	16 th November 2017	19.00- 21.00	The Steeple Church
Inverness	18 th November 2017	14.00- 16.00	Inverness East Church
Edinburgh	23 rd November 2017	19.00- 21.00	St Andrew's and St George's West Church



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Stamperland Gardens

Every Friday
2-4pm



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The Definition of OLD

Just before the funeral services, the undertaker came up to the very elderly widow and asked,

"How old was your husband?"

"98," she replied: "Two years older than me"

"So you're 96," the undertaker commented.

She responded, "Hardly worth going home, is it?"

Reporters interviewing a 104-year-old woman:

"And what do you think is the best thing about being 104?" the reporter asked.

She simply replied, "No peer pressure."

I've sure gotten old! I have outlived my feet and my teeth. I've had two bypass surgeries, a hip replacement, new knees, fought prostate cancer and diabetes can't hear anything quieter than a jet engine, take 40 different medications that make me dizzy, winded, and subject to blackouts. Have bouts with dementia. Have poor circulation; hardly feel my hands and feet anymore. Can't remember if I'm 85 or 92. Have lost all my friends. But, thank God, I still have my driver's license!

I feel like my body has gotten totally out of shape, so I got my doctor's permission to join a fitness club and start exercising. I decided to take an aerobics class for seniors. I bent, twisted, gyrated, jumped up and down, and perspired for an hour. But, by the time I got my leotards on, the class was over.

An elderly woman decided to prepare her will and told her preacher she had two final requests. First, she wanted to be cremated, and second, she wanted her ashes scattered over Wal-Mart.

"Wal-Mart?" the preacher exclaimed. "Why Wal-Mart?"

"Then I'll be sure my daughters visit me twice a week."

My memory's not as sharp as it used to be. Also, my memory's not as sharp as it used to be.

Know how to prevent sagging? Just eat till the wrinkles fill out.

It's scary when you start making the same noises as your coffee maker.

These days about half the stuff in my shopping cart says, "For fast relief."

THE SENILITY PRAYER :

Grant me the senility to forget the people I never liked anyway, the good fortune to run into the ones I do, and the eyesight to tell the difference.

A Tree, A Church and the Opportunity



The back garden at our home used to be dominated by two fir trees and a large laburnum tree. One of the fir trees was cut down fairly soon after we moved to our new house.

The other was removed at the beginning of October. Recently I had started worrying about the laburnum. Two of its large limbs overhung our neighbour's garage and I had the impression that the tree had started to lean over. So we asked tree surgeons to remove the overhanging

branches. Once this had been done, the surgeons said that they needed to "balance the remainder of the tree" by taking off further large limbs.

As they progressed they advised that the tree was in poor health; cutting back all branches to the trunk could give it a few more year's life. However, we decided that it was best it should all go. As they progressed downwards taking slices through the trunk it was revealed that of the 30 inches trunk diameter only about an inch around the outside circumferential was wood – the centre was completely decayed. We were fortunate. The work was done only days before storm Ophelia and it is quite possible our laburnum would have succumbed to the wind and toppled onto the neighbour's garage.

The disappearance of the big laburnum was unexpected. There was some sadness as it was a beautiful tree, laden with yellow blossom each spring. However, the garden is now much more open.

There is more light. It seems bigger. It feels different. A whole new corner of garden had been exposed. There are

opportunities to change the layout with planting of shrubs or flowers where the trees once grew and, in the case of the pine trees, cast both shadows and needles which prevented any plant growth. The garden can be re-configured, re-vitalised. Strangely the garden



feels, simultaneously, both the same garden as before but also different.

In a way the new opportunities in our garden mirror the new opportunities opening up for our church and for Netherlee church with the arrival of our new minister and with the impending linkage of our churches. There will be changes. There will be opportunities. There will be challenges. And some might be quite unexpected.

In Stamperland almost 180 members signed The Call. In doing so each person promised to work with Scott Blythe in worship and in serving the parish. With such a commitment we can look forward to seizing opportunities and overcoming challenges.

Norrie Bolton, Session Clerk

The Folly of Clinging

The little boy walked slowly into the room where his mother was sitting at her desk writing. She glanced down at him and saw that he was carrying a very precious vase that her grandmother had given her. Almost absentmindedly she said to him, "Robert, go put the vase down before you drop it and break it."

"I can't," he replied, "I can't get my hand out."

"Of course you can," she said, "you got it down there."

He said, "I know, mom, but it won't come out." The neck of the vase was very narrow and his hand had fit it neatly inside and it was now up to his wrist. He continued to insist that he could not get it out. Growing a little concerned, his mother called out to his dad.



Dad calmly took control and began gently pulling the arm trying to extract the hand from the vase. He tried loosening it up with soapy water. Still nothing. He then got some vegetable oil from the kitchen and poured it around the wrist and let it seep into the vase. He wiggled it some. It still did not budge.

"I give up," the dad said in desperation. "I'd give a dollar right now to know how to get it out."

"Really?" little Robert exclaimed. Then they heard a clinking sound and his hand slid right out of the vase. They turned the vase upside down and a penny plopped out. "What's this?" they said in unison.

"Oh, that's the penny I put inside. I wanted to get it out so I was clutching it in my hand. But when I heard Dad say he would give a dollar to have the vase free, I let go."

Testing for Gossip

In ancient Greece, Socrates was reputed to hold knowledge in high esteem. One day an acquaintance met the great philosopher and said, "Do you know what I just heard about your friend?"



"Hold on a minute", Socrates replied. "Before telling me anything I'd like you to pass a little test. It's called the Triple Filter Test."

"Triple filter?"

"That's right", Socrates continued. "Before you talk to me about my friend, it might be a good idea to take a moment and filter what you're going to say. That's why I call it the triple filter test. The first filter is **Truth**. Have you made absolutely sure that what you are about to tell me is true?"

"No," the man said, "Actually I just heard about it and ..."

"All right", said Socrates. "So you don't really know if it's true or not. Now let's try the second filter, the filter of **Goodness**. Is what you are about to tell me about my friend something good?"

"No, on the contrary."

"So", Socrates continued, "you want to tell me something bad about him, but you're not certain it's true. You may still pass the test though, because there's one filter left: the filter of **Usefulness**. Is what you want to tell me about my friend going to be useful to me?"

"No, not really."

"Well" concluded Socrates, "if what you want to tell me is neither true nor good nor even useful, why tell it to me at all?"



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

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 10.00am for approximately 30 minutes. They also have tea, coffee and fellowship after the Service. If anyone 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 Company Section session is well underway now and this year we have 27 Boys on the roll. – The big change that we have made this year is the move to the new uniform. Whilst there is still great affection for the traditional uniform it was no longer feasible to continue and as such we have made the change – I would say though that the feedback has been positive and the Boys certainly look very smart as shown in last month's Focus. – Check out our Facebook page if you want to see some pictures of the new look again.

In addition to the new uniform we have also re-vamped our classwork and as such the boys are getting a more “hands-on” experience. So far we have had interactive sessions to show the value of teamwork (involved a lot of cellophane) and as of this writing the boys have been learning about the work of the Lodging House Mission and have demonstrated their cookery skills by making a Cesar salad (a number of which were actually edible!)

Going forward into November we look forward to the Remembrance Parade and a number of activities throughout the month, including the Battalion Drill Competition.

As always, if you know of someone interested in joining the Boys Brigade at Stamperland or want to know more, don't hesitate to give me a call.

Peter Dale (Captain) 07506681531—

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/422289544464068/>

(Alternatively just search “231st BB Company Section”)

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.

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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.

A I would like to express my sincere thanks to Rev. Jack Drummond for conducting the funeral service of the late Margaret Fowler, my God-mother. It was very much appreciated by me, my family and also Margaret's family.

Also a thank you to the church for the flowers delivered by Anne MacKenzie.

Jan Barr

The Squirrel Problem at Church

The Presbyterian Church called a meeting to decide what to do about their squirrels. After much prayer and consideration they determined the squirrels were predestined to be there and they shouldn't interfere with God's divine will.



At the Baptist Church the squirrels had taken an interest in the baptistry. The Deacons met and decided to put a water slide on the baptistry and let the squirrels drown themselves. The squirrels liked the slide and unfortunately, knew instinctively how to swim so twice as many squirrels showed up the following week.

The Episcopal Church decided that they were not in a position to harm any of God's creatures. So, they humanely trapped their squirrels and set them free near the Baptist Church. Two weeks later the squirrels were back when the Baptists took down the water-slide.

But the Catholic Church came up with a very creative strategy. They baptized all the squirrels and consecrated them as members of the church, Now they only see them on Christmas and Easter.



**Induction Of Rev Scott Blythe
Thursday 30th November 2017
Stamperland Parish Church at 7.00 pm**



Glasgow Presbytery has set the date for the induction of Rev Scott Blythe as Thursday, 30th November. There are, essentially, two parts to the induction. The first is the formal Service of Induction which is organised by the Presbytery. This is followed by a much less formal event in which the congregation have the opportunity to thank Jack Drummond and Gray Fletcher for their work during the vacancy and to welcome Scott Blythe as our new minister. Afterwards, everyone is invited to enjoy a welcome supper of home baking, tea and coffee in the Large Hall.

The Induction Service is open to all. There will be a large contingent of ministers and elders from Presbytery. Local churches will be invited to send representatives. We anticipate a good number of people from Netherlee Church will attend. And, of course, we are counting on a large number of members and followers and interested people from Stamperland being there. Our sanctuary can accommodate 600 people - so there is plenty of room and everyone can be assured of a warm welcome.

We may not have to feed 5,000 at the post-induction supper but we will be catering for hundreds of people! So here is a plea for your assistance. We will be looking for home baking, help in setting up the halls prior to the event, help in serving teas and coffees, etc and, at the end of the evening, help in clearing away and tidying up.

Our Future

I have said on many occasions that the future of our church is in our own hands. If Stamperland Church has regular attendances at Sunday morning services of well over a hundred people and is financially sound then there will be no doubt about our continued future. On the other hand, if only a small number of people were to attend worship on a regular basis and the finances were in a bad way, I'm sure that you can imagine what the future would have to be.

The arrival of a new minister always provides the opportunity for fresh starts. If you haven't been coming to church as much as you once did, then the arrival of Scott is an ideal opportunity to make a change. A change for good. A change to ensure your church's long-term future.

Norrie Bolton, Session Clerk



Foodbank



The food collected towards the end of September amounted to 34.2kg. The donation was most welcome at a time when their stocks were dwindling due to a higher demand from large families. This pattern has been developing over the last few months. Please continue to bring much needed items for the Foodbank. Each food parcel distributed is very carefully calculated for nutritional values.

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

- Tinned Vegetables
- Instant Mash Potato
- Tinned meat / fish
- Tinned Soup
- Packet cuppa soup
- Cooking sauces in jars
- Jars of Jam/Marmalade

- 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 bars

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. SC029663

Focus Collection & Distribution Arrangements



Any changes to the distribution should be advised to the Editor at the earliest opportunity so that changes can be made prior to distribution.

Material for the magazine can be e mailed/posted/ handed over at any time for inclusion in the next available publication. There is no need to wait for any announcements or reminders before doing so. Please remember that there will be no publication in January so any intimations for January and early February should be submitted for the December issue.

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The first 'Sing Well' of the gathering it's at 1.45pm in the small hall of Giffnock South on Wednesday 25th October. If you know anyone who might like to come along, please spread the word.

WEDNESDAYS at 1.45pm from October to May 2018;

25th October, 22nd November, 20th December, 31st November,
28th February, 28th March, 18th April, 23rd May





A Walk Down the Memory Lane Focus October 1977

November 1977 saw the baptism of Russell Herbert Martin of 191 Randolph Dr and the wedding took place of Miss Cath Griffiths 66 Stamperland Hill and Mr Crawford Stevenson of 123 Randolph Dr.

Four new elders were welcomed; Alastair Graham, Gordon Graham, Chris Paterson and Hans Skowron.

The Guides had reported on their summer camp at Drumnadoon Farm, Blackwaterfoot, Isle of Arran although it ended rather abruptly due to inclement weather. It was finally concluded at Dalmusternock Farm in Fenwick at a later date.

A Christian Aid Ceilidh was planned for 19th November, whilst the previous month's swim raised approximately £670. Garry and Stewart Anderson as well as Karen Martin achieved 20 lengths of the pool. In addition Douglas McIntosh also did 20 lengths after being on the BB Sponsored Walk earlier in the morning. Bob Anderson and John Buchanan acted as Stewards. This news was reported on by Jennie Fraser as Secretary.

The BB Company Section reported their roll numbers as 59 and a letter was an addendum to this report from Stephen Crabb thanking everyone for a presentation to him when he resigned as Leader in Charge of the Junior Section in the previous May.

On 15th October an apprehensive Robert Izatt from the Junior Section had the honour of presenting a cheque for £36,000 to the Moderator of Church of Scotland, for the Christmas Appeal. Robert had raised the highest amount in the west of Scotland of £28.10. Miss E Robb accompanied Robert that evening in Hamilton. The 231st had also gained 2nd place in Scotland apart from winning the Glasgow pennant for the 6th time in 7 years.

On 9th November the Young Woman's Group had an outing to Safeways Food store at Muirend, whilst on 16th they entertained the Stamperland Senior Citizens with their Concert Party and on 23rd their guest speaker was the Assistant Governor of Cornton Vale Woman's Prison.

The Woman's Guild also had an enlightening programme for the coming month and the Social Committee had organised a St Andrew's Night Family Social for the 30th November.

The Focus concluded with a short ditty by Beryl Pfizer just as relevant today;

"If I spent as much time doing the things I worry about getting done as I do worrying about them, I wouldn't have anything to worry about".



79th Glasgow (Stamperland) Scout Group



Due to holidays and other commitments it is just a quick update from the Cubs this month.

Cub Pack

Silver Chief Scouts Challenge – A number of our older Cubs have been working hard towards this badge – the highest they can earn in Cubs - before they move to Scouts. I am delighted to say that at the time of writing Ashton, Harry, Chandresh, Coll and Sam have all gained this badge by completing various activities in Cubs as well as personal challenges (from washing and ironing their neckies, to conquering a fear of heights to abseiling down a tower, to cooking dinner and more)! Ross is also just finishing off the last couple of parts and I fully expect him to have received his by the time you read this article.

This is a reflection of the hard work on their part over the time they have been with us in Cubs. We will officially recognise this in front of parents when they move up to Scouts in November.

We will obviously miss them, but wish them well for their continued time in Scouting. Their move will allow us to welcome up some Beavers during November and we look forward to getting to know them and making them a part of the Pack.

New Joiners – We also welcomed in Raymond, James, Saul and Ciaran to the Cubs at the start of the new session. These boys had been on our waiting list and we were very pleased to have space to take them in. They are now getting to know us and working towards their membership badge which we hope to award in November.

Stamperland Sleepover – At the start of October, 22 Cubs and 5 leaders held a sleepover in the church hall – although a Canadian friend of mine said they prefer the term “stayover” as there is very little sleep happening. The Cubs enjoyed a number of games, some challenges, skills learning, a night hike and a movie. We put up some tents in the hall to give the impression of camping.

Our Scout Leader Joe very kindly got up very early to come and help make us all breakfast before we struck camp and cleared up, so hopefully none of you knew we had been there when you came to church on the Sunday morning!

for the Cubs and helped everyone gain at least 1, and in many cases several badges.

Bat Walk – Just before the October holidays the Cubs went to the Dams to Darnley Country Park to take part in a Ranger led bat walk. The Cubs had great fun trying out the bat detectors (with probably a few being added to Christmas present lists!) and searching for various other creatures and bugs that come out at night. We were very fortunate with dry weather and I must pass on my thanks to those parents that came along to give us a hand.

Further ahead – Cubs will be joining with the Beavers for a Halloween Party at the end of October with all the usual fun, games and mess that brings. We will then be helping the Cubs work towards some more badges while learning some Scouting skills before finishing off the session with a trip to the Panto at Eastwood Theatre – Oh yes we are!!

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

The Pencil's Tale

An old pencil maker took his newest pencil aside, just before he was about to pack him into a box. Imagining the little fellow as a person he recalled a few things about the pencil.



“There are five things you need to know,” he said to his pencil, “before I send you out into the world. Always remember these five things - never forget them - and you will become the best pencil you can be!

“The first thing is to remember that you will be able to do many great things, but only if you put yourself in someone else’s hands.

“From time to time you will experience a painful sharpening, but remember that this will make you a better pencil.

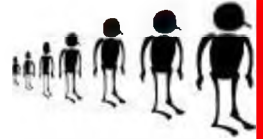
“Also, keep in mind that you will be able to correct any mistakes you might make along the way.

“And the most important part of you is what’s on the inside.

“And remember this, as well, upon every surface that you are used, you must leave your mark. No matter what else happens, you must continue to write.”

It seemed the pencil listened to him and promised he would remember these five things so that he could live his life with heart and purpose.

Duty Teams for the coming Months



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

TEAM 5


Mr R Allan (C)
Mrs J Heriot
Mrs J Curror
Mr J Curror

TEAM 6

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

The applicable month is highlighted.

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

A photograph of a vast field of bright red poppies in full bloom, stretching towards the horizon. The flowers are densely packed, with green stems and leaves visible between them. In the center of the image, there is a rectangular text box with a light beige background and a thin dark border. The text inside the box is a poem about Flanders' fields.

In Flanders' fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row
That mark our place, and in the sky
The larks still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.
We are the dead, short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow.
Loved, and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders' fields.
Take up our quarrel with the foe,
To you from failing hands we throw
The Torch: be yours to hold it high!
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders' fields.