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## Minister's Message



I am a typical man in that I love to watch football when it is on the television. This comes from growing up with my dad who was a very good football player himself. In fact, he used to play for Muirend's team for several years and I believe he won a few trophies with them.

However, I was enjoying some of the FA Cup matches put on by the BBC. I love cup-ties as they are a one-off match, and anything can happen. In the UK there is this great tradition of 'giant-killing' in the FA Cup. For those of you who do not like anything to do with football, this refers to a lower division club taking on one of the top clubs and playing well enough to win against them. This weekend I was cheering when little Rochdale Town scored a goal against the mighty Tottenham Hotspur.

I was thinking about this tradition of cheering for those who are the underdog and how it is we love an upset from the normal pattern of the mighty winning over the weak. I was thinking about this desire for the smallest to win over the mightiest and I was drawn to thinking about Jesus. The whole gospel is born out of God's constant choosing for the smallest and the underdog.

Time and time again, Jesus would seek out those who were the genuine 'underdogs' of the time. They included children, women, lepers, those possessed of demons and generally many others who society had little regard for. Constantly, Jesus would go to these people and in the process of hearing their story, Jesus would affirm their worth, and in many cases, would bring healing and show the wider world that they need not fear these 'underdogs'.

In the modern church there has been a growing emphasis on churches seeking ways to support those who might be modern day 'underdogs'. This new approach of seeking to uphold the weak is called a 'missional' approach to mission. It has proven effective as a new means for the church to find a new connection to those within their communities who are in need.

So, who are the 'underdogs' in Stamperland?

Could it be our job to support these underdogs by ourselves or in partnership with some others?

These are questions for us to think about in the months ahead. I would love to have any conversations with anyone who might have some ideas. But, for now, let's see how much we can support the 'underdogs' in our own way!

Peace be with you!

**Scott**

## Funeral

9th February      Mr David Waugh , 86 The Oval

## Christian Aid



The Clarkston and District Christian Aid Art Exhibition and Sale takes place in the Carmichael Hall, Eastwood Park, on Saturday 10th March from 10am to 4pm.

There will be a Baking stall at the Art Show. Home baking for this will be much appreciated. If you would like your baking collected, please contact Sandra Cowie on **0141 585 7188**.

Entry, including tea/coffee and a catalogue is Adults £3, Children £1.

**Sandra Cowie and Russel Brown**

## STARS FOR STARCHILD

Starchild charity are hosting a Stars for Starchild event in the Netherlee Church and Scout hall on March 3rd from 12pm /5pm

This is an exciting family event with some professional costume players, Star Wars, Storm Troopers, Chewbacca, R2D2, Captain Phasma, Batman, Spiderman and a Dalek, will be in attendance. It is hoped that, work schedule permitting, the real R2D2 from Star Wars The last Jedi will be attending. There will be a Q&A with some special guests and some autograph signing and photo opportunities with the cosplayers and actors. We will also have artist Lynn Howarth available for portraits, if you've ever fancied one – now's the time! Face painting, stalls, games, raffles and much more.



There will be prizes for the best costume - so please feel free to dress up as your favourite super hero science fiction related character.

Tickets are £4 per adult, children free.

If you are interested in helping or for more info please drop an email to **Rony Bridges ( AKA Admiral in The Force Awakens Star Wars)** [ronybridges@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:ronybridges@yahoo.co.uk) or call **07807489668** or **Michaela** [info@starchildcharity.com](mailto:info@starchildcharity.com)



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**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. OK to drop in at the last minute! **COME ALONG ON SUNDAY 4TH MARCH - HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE.**

### **A Thought**

Xvxn although my typxwritxr is an old modxl, it works quitx wxll xxxcpt for onx of the kxys. I havx wishxd at timxs that it workxd prxfxtly It is trux that thxrx arx forty-six kxys that function wxll xnough but just onx not working makxs all thx diffxrxncx.



I havx somxtimxs thought that thx Church is somxthing likx my typxwritxr—not all thx pxoplx arx working.

You may say "I am only onx pxrson. I won't makx or brxak thx Church!" But it doxs makx a diffxrxncx.

So thx nxxt timx you think you arx not nxxdxd, rxmxmbxr and say "I am a kxy pxrson".

### **The Japanese master**

A great Japanese master received a university professor who came to enquire about wisdom.

The master served tea. He poured his visitor's cup full, and then kept on pouring.

The professor watched the overflow until he could no longer restrain himself. 'It is overfull. No more will go in!' 'Like this cup,' the master said, 'you are full of your own opinions and speculations. How can I show you wisdom unless you first empty your cup?'



## The Foodbank

The weight of the food donated by Stamperland Church to the Foodbank at the end of January totalled 25.4kg. This will feed 2 couples for three days. The numbers requiring food parcels over the last few months has increased from 24 a week to an average of 30 per week - resulting in the stock of food diminishing pretty quickly. The food chosen for the month of March is as shown below

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**

### Tinned Vegetables

Baked beans

Instant Mash Potato

Tinned Soup

Toiletries for men & Women (toothpaste, deodorant, soap, shampoo)



### Groaners!

I did a theatrical performance about puns. It was a play on words.



Broken pencils are pointless.



### 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



## Focus Collection & Distribution



Norrie Bolton, our Session Clerk, has been able to convert the production copy of the magazine to normal page size (A4) each month for the Church web site. If you are keen to access this you will be able to enjoy all the pages in colour where it exists, and if you receive a copy through the post, you might like to read it on line, rather than receive it by post. If anyone does so, please let me know and I will withdraw your postal copy from our mailing list.

To enable events that are date sensitive to reach members of the congregation, it would be helpful, where this is practical, if all those who deliver the magazine can uplift their magazines and deliver them before the start of the month,

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June	13th May	16th May	27th May

## Musical Minds



The Musical Minds Singing Group performs on the first Thursday 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

## You Choose



One beautiful Sunday morning, the pastor announced to his congregation: "My good people, I have here in my hands three sermons...a £100 sermon that lasts five minutes, a £50 sermon that lasts fifteen minutes, and a £10 sermon that lasts a full hour.

"Now, we'll take the collection and see which one you have chosen."

## Stamperland Congregation's own Page for Messages



I would like to thank Anne Mackenzie for the flowers she sent to my sister on 4<sup>th</sup> February on behalf of the Church, Both my sister and I appreciated it very much.

*Jean Marshall*

I would like to thank the congregation for their kindness when I took recently took ill. Also for the lovely flowers.

*Yours,  
Daniel Muncie*

Many thanks for the beautiful flowers that we received recently from our friends and members of the congregation. What a lovely surprise! They were greatly appreciated,

*Anne & Alister Gill*

Thanks for sending the February Focus. As suggested, please take our name off the mailing list and I will be able to access the magazine via the website in future. This will save a few pennies - I am sure all the stamps we sent Sheila years ago will have been used a long time ago.

With warm good wishes to you all, and also to the church as it begins a new chapter under your new minister.

*David & Anne Speed*

I would like to say thank you for the beautiful flowers that I received on Sunday 4th February. They were very much appreciated.

*Beryl Richmond*

### More Groaners!

**Did you hear about the cross-eyed teacher who lost her job because she couldn't control her pupils?**



**What do you call a dinosaur with an extensive vocabulary? A Thesaurus.**



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## Property 2017



We started off with repairs to the manse roof to stop ingress of water to the upper room. This was followed during the year by repairs to the back door, painting of several rooms, and clearing out of odds and ends left by outgoing tenants. Following several trips to the recycling centre and dump the building was professionally cleaned and re let later in November.

The Church received similar attention, annual services to the central heating boilers and some remedial repairs were carried out.

At the request of all who were involved in kitchen duties to make life easier, a commercial dishwasher was purchased and installed and has been in constant use since. Some remedial joinery work was also carried out in the kitchen area at the same time.

After suffering many years of issues with the strip lights in the ceiling of the Church a decision was made to replace them all with LED lights , this has proved to be so successful we repeated the process in both the large and small halls.

In the interests of security and health and safety, CCTV cameras were fitted to both the front and back doors and lighting at these doors was updated with LED lights.

Because external brickwork above the emergency exit of the Church leading out to Clarkston Road was giving cause for concern, professional advice was sought following which we were advised it was basically a cosmetic issue.

This work was carried out and at the same time the doors were replaced, following years of patch and mend, and are now fitted and painted.

With the arrival of our new minister a modern sign was created and is proudly displayed on the wall, which replaces the wooden one, the content of which was obsolete.

We are now in the planning stages for this years programme of repairs and upgrades.

**Roy Allan, Fabric Convenor**

### Coffee?

A married couple were arguing who is making the coffee, the wife said that in the Bible it says that men should make the coffee and the husband asked her where it said that. The wife opened the Bible and said: "Right here in HEBREWS!"



## Pastoral Care

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

- **Transport to Church**
- **Doctors Appointment**
- **Could do with a chat prayer request**

**Hospital  
Shopping  
Have a**



**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.

**Grace Scott (0141 637 2226)** On behalf of the Pastoral Care Team,

## 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.

**Parish & Beyond Committee**

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## 79<sup>th</sup> Glasgow (Stamperland) Scout Group

### Beavers

At the time of writing, we have just been back a couple of weeks from the Christmas break so there is not a lot to report.

However, the Beavers have just about finished their Camp Craft badge and have started learning some knots such as the clove hitch, reef knot and figure of eight. They are quick learners.

In advance, a Happy Easter to everyone.

**Alison Macfarlane – Assistant Beaver Leader**  
Tel: 0141 644 2712

### Cub Pack

**Entertainers Badge** - While the Cubs have not long been back after Christmas we have already helped most of them gain their Entertainers Badge. Part of this involved performing a short sketch using some random objects that we had provided. The Cubs have a great imagination with some very funny sketches. We also performed some Camp Fire songs and hope to build up a better knowledge of these amongst the Cubs for our next weekend away, later in the year.

**Burns Night** - Our current programme has also seen us celebrate Burns Night with some games, making Highland Cow Fridge Magnets, (picture) and tasting some traditional Scottish food.

**Personal Safety & Emergency Aid** - We have now moved on to look at the Personal Safety and Emergency Aid badges, which are all about the Cubs keeping themselves safe and looking out for others via basic First Aid. We have some visitors lined up for March to help bring this to life a bit more.

**Sleepover** – To help provide opportunities for the Cubs to get away, we are once again heading to the Sea Life centre at Loch Lomond for a sleepover.

- Collecting food to donate to the Glasgow South West food bank.
- Taking part in the 2017 Christmas shoe box appeal in conjunction with Blythswood Charities



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- Raising money for the Glasgow City Mission with the individual Scouts taking part in a Troop Bake-off at the going up ceremony which was held on the 16<sup>th</sup> November. All donations on the sale of the cakes going to the Glasgow City Mission for homeless and less well-off people.

**DIY Activity Badge** - At present the Scouts have started working on the D I Y Badge and will be completing the various challenges for it over the coming weeks. The first part looks at: Show you can work safely and know about the following:

- Hazard symbols and signs (for dangers such as toxic, flammable, irritant, electrical danger or slippery surface)
- Safety equipment (such as goggles, gloves, masks, ear defenders)



How and where to turn off mains supplies (such as water, electricity and gas) to the house. Watch out for pictures of some finished projects to highlight some of the skills learned.

**Burns Night on 25<sup>th</sup> January** - Leaders had arranged a night for the Scouts to take part in celebrating Robert Burns night (poet and lyricist). He is widely regarded as the national poet of Scotland. The boys had prepared poems and songs with various sketches and were then served by the Leaders with Haggis, neaps and tatties along with our national drink - Irn Bru.

**Group's Annual General Meeting** – By the time you are reading this the Group's AGM will have taken place. This gives an opportunity for Leaders to meet with the parents and discuss the programme of events over the last year that their boys having been actively involved in.

**9-11<sup>th</sup> March: Joint Weekend at Allander Chalet Auchengillan** – This will be joint with the 1<sup>st</sup> Stamperland Guides and the Scouts and Explorer Scouts of the 79<sup>th</sup>. A full programme of activities and challenges have been organised for an enjoyable weekend. We will keep you updated in the coming weeks.

**Explorers** - As we go in to 2018 the Explorers look to be on the increase with the assistance of Sam Wilson, Greg Keir and John Bradley (all former Scouts) who are willing to take the various training and hopefully run the unit on a monthly programme. The Leaders have arranged a programme of activities for the Explorers in the coming month's dependant on exams and other commitments.

**Waiting list** – At present all sections within the Group have waiting lists to join the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts.

If you would like to discuss any of the above please do not hesitate to contact me or any of the other Leaders on a Thursday night.

**Joe Mailley – Scouter in Charge, Tel 0141 571 0887**

## **New £1 million Church planned for the Island of Cumbrae**

Whilst the following story is not directly related to our circumstances there are similarities in certain quarters, but the overall project is something unique to the Church of Scotland in these otherwise difficult times. I hope you enjoy reading about their progress.



Ambitious plans to build a new £1 million church on the small island of Cumbrae off the Ayrshire coast are fast becoming a reality.

The congregation has raised around £200,000 and has secured grants towards the new single story, multi-purpose building which is scheduled to open this summer.

The General Trustees of the Church of Scotland has allocated £120,000 - comprised of an interest free loan and a grant to the project, which will have capacity for 140 worshippers.

It is an exciting time for Rev Jonathan Fleming who took up his new post as minister of Cumbrae linked with Largs St John's, in October 2017.

Although the two churches are only 4.4 miles apart, he is based in Largs and has to regularly journey across the sea by ferry to tend his flock in Millport. In his own words, Mr Fleming provides a glimpse into the life of a minister responsible for a mainland and island parish.

"Excitement is growing amongst parishioners and inhabitants of Millport as they watch their new church building begin construction with a view to being completed by the summer".

The new church in Millport will be a lot more than a place of Worship. Through the hard work of Cumbrae's New Church Focus Group, their locum, Nicky Smith and their previous minister, Rev Markus Thane, who tragically passed away a couple of years ago, had the vision of Cumbrae Parish Church not being just for Sundays, is soon to be a reality.

Cumbrae Parish Church hopes that their new building will be a true gift to the community with multi-purpose space, multimedia facilities and kitchen space. A place to be used by organisations and groups from across the island.

Rev Fleming currently leads worship in one of the two congregations each Sunday with a pulpit supply rota arranged to cover the vacant pulpit. Hopefully the 0.5 Parish Assistant post, which is soon to be re-advertised, will bring to





the Ayrshire Coast and some stability to the setup in due course. As the minister of a linkage, it is his goal to allow both congregations to maintain their own identities, while doing all they can to support each other in presence and prayer.

To allow the congregation of Cumbrae to visit friends and family on the mainland, do a 'big shop' etc, service times have to be carefully thought out for Sunday worship. There is also the added complication that attendance at worship on an island depends very much on the ability to reach the island.

When the ferry is unable to sail on a Sunday morning, especially during the winter storms, he emails his 'script' to Cumbrae's Session Clerk and members of the congregation happily get involved. He feels very blessed to be the minister of two forward-thinking congregations.

A few more visits to the island over the coming months will see progress being made from this picture from December 2017. The new church will be located in Bute Terrace beside the Primary School and can be reached by walking up Cathedral Street at the east side of the Garrison and turning left at the end of the Garrison wall on your left.

The Cathedral of the Isles, which you will pass on your right, is also worth a visit. It is open to the public every day and is reached by a set of steps leading up through a tree lined path.

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## Different Perspectives

The Minister travelled for days by train and car and boat to one of the furthest islands in the nation. As he surveyed the bleak but inspiring landscape, he turned to a local villager and said: "You're very remote here, aren't you?" She responded: "Remote from what?"

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## Down Memory Lane 1980



In 1979 Robert Liddel, Session Clerk reported on the 40th Anniversary celebrations of our church when the service to a packed congregation was led by the Rev G M Philip, Moderator of the Glasgow Presbytery. An exhibition of photographs in the vestibule was a popular spot for many as they walked down "Memory Lane" and had many a laugh at themselves as others see us.

A surplus of £663 was revealed in the annual accounts but was mainly due to donations received. The giving's to Stamperland Church were reported to be by the few and not the many, resulting in an average donation of 28p per member. An increase of 37o/o was unrealistic so £1000 was being transferred from funds, a 20o/o increase sought and a special appeal was planned.

A quote from a former Minister's letter of 1962 was given ;

" It is the weekly offering that counts. What we must do if Christ's cause is to prosper in our midst is take our Christian responsibility of regular giving seriously ".

We sometimes believe that everyone was very serious in Church life in the past but a report by John Buchanan who was Clerk to the Board, was in the form of a letter, an extract of which follows;

"Dear Friend, Just a note to remind you of the Annual General Meeting on 19th March in the Church with the Minister in the chair. I have read the minutes which are rather boring, but after that the new Treasurer will make his report. (John is a wizard with figures, and never takes very long) and then the Session Clerk will give a review of the year. It's amazing what Bob can rake up. Of course everyone gets a chance to speak, so why not come along and shake them up?"

Age Concern Eastwood were planning a Coffee Morning in the Church and tickets, priced 25p and 15p could be purchased from Mrs French or Mr & Mrs J Dodds.

The BB Junior Section announced plans for their annual day trip in May and this was to be to Millport, as reported by R Kirkwood. (As part organiser of this event that year I can confirm that it poured all day, but the Royal George Hotel gave us the use of a room to keep dry, and it didn't stop us from returning there the following year and every year since, to the present day—Ed).

The other organisations reported on past and future events of Haggis Nights, Jumble Sales, Songs of Praise evening service, Displays, Taking promises, dressing up, results from selling Christmas cards, and Scout Job Week and Gang Show, whilst the Ranger unit had to cancel visits due to poor weather.

## **SAFEGUARDING**

We were probably all surprised and disappointed to hear recently of sex scandals associated with the charity sector. These have been widely publicised in the media and commented on by many in public life. Unfortunately, the actions of the few taint the public's perception of the whole organisation or sector. It would be a real tragedy if wrongdoing on the part of a few people resulted in large-scale boycotts of certain charities and the curtailment of their vital, valuable, life-saving work.

It seems almost inevitable that in every walk of life there is a small minority of people who will carry out reprehensible actions and activities. Such behaviour is wrong and criminal; and the wrongdoing can be compounded when the organisation seeks or acts to cover it up. To their shame, churches have not been immune from scandals and from attempts to disown responsibility.

The Church of Scotland has long sought to ensure that it "practices what it preaches". It has developed procedures to try to ensure that churches offer a safe, secure and supportive environment for all and that the protection of vulnerable people, in particular, from all types of harm is given appropriate attention.

There is a team of ten full time staff working in the Church of Scotland's Safeguarding Service.

In our church we have a trained Safeguarding Co-ordinator – Mrs Margot Young.

In our church the leaders in all of the youth organisations have to undergo Disclosure Scotland checks to ensure that there have been no incidents in their life history to suggest that they might pose a risk to those in their charge.

In our church many of the elders have attended training or awareness courses.

But, importantly, in our church, we rely on everybody to look out for signs which may indicate a person is being abused or harmed or there are behaviours which give cause for concern. If you see something which gives you cause for concern, if you think something looks, sounds or feels wrong then do something about it. If it is a serious incident of physical harm or sexual abuse and someone is in imminent danger you should contact the police immediately. For other cases it is appropriate to speak with the minister or Margot Young and entrust them to take the correct action.

Ensuring a safe church and a safe community is not the responsibility of "them"; it is the responsibility of each one of us.

**Norrie Bolton, Session Clerk**



## Free Dementia Friendly Art Group

Stamperland Parish Church  
Stamperland Gardens

Every Friday  
2-4pm



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previous art skills  
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*Dear Fraser,*

*Ever so many thanks for Focus which has reached us again as it has been doing regularly since we left Glasgow in 1976.*

*With this month's copy, I took your advice and checked on-line. It is so easy to connect with and it means that there is now no reason to go to the trouble and expense of posting it to us month by month. It is always an interesting read, and the "funnies" therein help to keep one reading. Congratulations on a splendid job well done!*

*We enclose a small gift to help cover some of the many expenses that must arise from time to time.*

*Margy joins me in sending our best wishes to one and all as you begin another chapter in the story of Stamperland.*

*Yours sincerely,*

*Archie Chisholm*



**A Date for your Diary**

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## Flower Calendar

March/April 2018

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4th Mar	Mrs B Richmond
11th Mar	Mrs M Neilson & Mrs M Paterson
25th Mar	Mr G Fraser
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15th April	Misses H and M Cochran and Mrs Agnes Graham
22nd April	Mrs R McNiven
29th April	The Ferries Family

## Giffnock South Parish Church

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**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 on  
28th March, 18th April, 23rd May.**

## SAVE THE DATE

Evelyn Graham will be holding the Annual Coffee Afternoon on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2018 in aid of the Margaret Taylor Tribute Fund with the Prince and Princess Hospice This event is in memory of my Mum and Dad, Margaret and Jimmy Taylor. The Coffee Afternoon will be from 1.30 – 3.30 p.m. in the large hall.



Please put this date in your diary and come along to support a very well worthwhile cause.

**Evelyn Graham**

## The Guild



It is hard to believe that the Guild Session will finish this month.

The World Day of Prayer Service takes place at Netherlee Church at 10.30 a.m. on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2018. The service has been written by the women of Surinam and we do hope that it will be well supported by the congregation.

Our main fundraising event will be the Daffodil Tea which will be held on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30 p.m. in the large hall. Entertainment will be provided by Margaret Weldon – Music of the 50s, 60s and 70s. We do hope that this will appeal to many of you and your friends and that, as we know that it will be a very enjoyable evening, you will support us.

The following week Rev. John Martindale is returning with his magical expertise to present "Optical Confusion" which he will relate to Lent.

Our final meeting for this session is the AGM on 20<sup>th</sup> March. After the short Business Meeting we will continue to watch the Andre Rieu DVD. Everyone enjoyed watching this on a very cold January night and we hope that this time we will be warm and comfortable in the Session Room. As the Committee will not be changing, the business part of the meeting will be short leaving plenty of time to enjoy the final Guild meeting and invite everyone to join us.

As 27<sup>th</sup> March is Holy Week there will be no formal Guild meeting but we would encourage Guild members to join the congregation at the Holy Week Services.

The Friendship Meetings will be held on the last Tuesday of each month from April to August and notification of the programme will be advised separately.

We thank everyone for their support over the winter and hope that you all have a relaxing and warm summer break.

**Evelyn Graham, Stamperland Guild Secretary**

## The Two Wolves

A Native American grandfather was talking to his grandson about how he felt. He said, "I feel as if I have two wolves fighting in my heart. One wolf is the vengeful, angry, violent one. The other wolf is the loving, compassionate one."



The grandson asked him, "Which wolf will win the fight in your heart?" The grandfather answered: "The one I feed."



## These are a few of my favourite Things

(It's said that by the time you get to the third line you will be signing it!!)



*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,  
Polydent 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.*

### One Liners

**Q. What kind of motor vehicles are in the Bible?**

**A. Jehovah drove Adam and Eve out of the Garden in a Fury. David's Triumph was heard throughout the land. Also, probably a Honda, because the apostles were all in one Accord.**



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## 231<sup>st</sup> Glasgow Company Boys' Brigade – Junior Section and Sparks

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Activities have continued throughout January and February with our Junior Section boys working towards their Maze Marching competition and Bible Knowledge Quiz which is coming upon the 17th March.

In preparation for the quiz the boys have enjoyed playing hide and seek around the Church which allowed us to learn about the parables of the lost sheep and we have also done some work on the good Samaritan making up story boards to tell the story in order.

Mr Terris who takes the maze marching with the boys has been impressed with how well they have been learning their routines and progress that has been made towards perfecting them. We hope the work we have been doing over the recent weeks will stand the boys in good stead at the time of the competitions.

The Sparks have recently been learning about Robert Burns and made kilts with Miss Flynn and Miss Phillips one evening. They also really enjoyed making empire biscuits and doing a BB jigsaw just after the Christmas Holidays.

On Friday the 2nd of February we had a 'Parents Night' which was an informal evening where parents and other family members of the boys can come along and see what happens on a 'normal' Friday evening, other than just seeing activities at the BB display. We had a really good turn out and it was good to see a lot of support for our Section. We also invited our BB Elder, Raymond Russell and our new Chaplain Rev Blythe along too and we were very grateful to them for coming along to support the work of the Junior Section and Sparks.

As ever, planning for BB work always continues and we have already started planning for our Millport trip and our Annual Display which takes place at the end of the session, sometime in May.

### Scott Russell, Officer in Charge

### Then there was Larry

Larry watched, fascinated, as his mother smoothed cold cream on her face.



"Why do you do that, mommy?" he asked. "To make myself beautiful," said his mother, who then began removing the cream with a tissue.

"What's the matter", asked Larry "Giving up?"



Girlguiding



Girlguiding

Our Brownies have had a very busy few weeks doing various crafts and badge work. We have also welcomed a few new brownies who are looking forward to making their promise soon.

The girls have been working on their seasons badge throughout the year and the latest part of it was to make bird pudding to put out in the garden. We are looking forward to hearing which kind of birds were spotted. We have also had a jelly baby themed night where the girls learned more about the history and origin of jelly babies or peace babies as they were once known. The girls did a jelly baby quiz, designed a new flavour, colour and jelly person, and in their sixes, the girls competed in who could build the highest jelly baby tower using cocktail sticks and a large bag of jelly babies which were then demolished into their mouths!

As you read this we will have celebrated world thinking day where the girls will take part in a range of activities thinking of all the brownies, guides, rainbows and scouts around the world.

**Kirsty Stewart & Alison Gill**





## **Social, Fundraising and Stewardship Committee - Update David Milligan Quiz 2018**

On Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2018 the annual David Milligan Quiz took place in the church hall. Many came out on a wet and wild evening to fill the hall meaning more tables and chairs were needed. There were 81 people there in total which included 11 children.

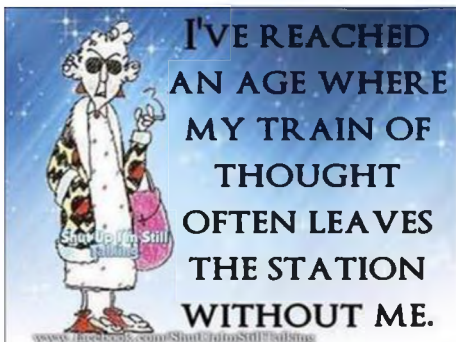
The focus of the quiz is to raise funds for the Church with a secondary element being about socialisation and fellowship. While an amount of £530 was raised, it was great to see many "weel kent" faces alongside people who had never attended the quiz before. The quiz helped show that we are not just a select members only club – all are welcome!

For the last two years the quiz has been devised by Gordon Barr (brother of Jan Barr). Unfortunately, Gordon passed away early in January and to mark his contribution, the quiz this year was dedicated to his memory.

The Social, Fundraising and Stewardship Committee work hard to bring a variety of events throughout the year that help bring people together. The Spring Fair is the next event that will need support from the congregation and the wider parish (and beyond). Kay Baird has agreed to become more involved in the coordination of the fair this year and requires someone to help her with this work. If you think this could be you, or you know someone who could lend a hand, speak to Kay (found in the choir most weeks) or to any elder.

We are open to suggestions for other events that will support the remit of the committee in terms of raising funds for the church or in just bringing people together. It doesn't always have to be about money. Anyone interested in being involved in the work of the committee should speak to Steven Owens or any member of the committee.

**Steven Owens**



## Duty Teams for 2018



January 2018			February 2018			March 2018		
7th	TEAM	4	4th	TEAM	2	4th	COMM	2
14th	TEAM	5	11th	TEAM	3	11th	TEAM	6
21st	TEAM	6	18th	TEAM	4	18th	TEAM	1
28th	TEAM	1	25th	TEAM	5	25th	TEAM	2
April 2018			May 2018			June 2018		
1st	TEAM	3	6th	TEAM	2	3rd	COMM	1
8th	TEAM	4	13th	TEAM	3	10th	TEAM	6
15th	TEAM	5	20th	TEAM	4	17th	TEAM	1
22nd	TEAM	6	27th	TEAM	5	24th	TEAM	2
29th	TEAM	1						
July 2018			August 2018			September 2018		
1st	TEAM	3	5th	TEAM	2	2nd	COMM	2
8th	TEAM	4	12th	TEAM	3	9th	TEAM	6
15th	TEAM	5	19th	TEAM	4	16th	TEAM	1
22nd	TEAM	6	26th	TEAM	5	23rd	TEAM	2
29th	TEAM	1				30th	TEAM	3
October 2018			November 2018			December 2018		
7th	TEAM	4	4th	TEAM	2	2nd	COMM	1
14th	TEAM	5	11th	TEAM	3	9th	TEAM	6
21st	TEAM	6	18th	TEAM	4	16th	TEAM	1
28th	TEAM	1	25th	TEAM	5	23rd	TEAM	2
						30th	TEAM	3
TEAM 1		TEAM 2		TEAM 3				
Mr W Paterson (C)		Mr G Fairweather (C)		Mrs A Macfarlane (C)				
Mrs D Clark		Mr R Kirkwood		Mrs K Cramb				
Miss L Robb		Mr S Owens		Mr A Henderson				
Miss G Scott		Mr R Russell		Mrs S Skelton				
Mrs M Young		Mrs J Silcock		Miss J Stewart				
TEAM 4		TEAM 5		TEAM 6				
Mrs N Fisher (C)		Mr R Allan (C)		Mr A Graham (C)				
Miss J Barr		Mrs J Curror		Mrs K Baird				
Mrs K Bolton		Mr J Curror		Mrs E Graham				
Mrs J Cranston		Mrs J Herriot		Mrs M Neilson				
Mr G Finlayson		Mr S Russell		Mr N Walker				

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

# *Christine's Craft Fair with Liz's Knits*

*Stamperland Church (Large Hall)*

*Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2018*

*12pm – 2pm*

*Sale of handmade cards. Vintage  
and new jewellery. Bookmarks,  
ornaments, embroidered delights.  
All crafted by Christine Finnigan.  
Beautiful hand knitted toddler tops  
by Liz Toole.*

*All proceeds go to Medecins Sans  
Frontieres work rescuing refugees in  
the Mediterranean Sea.*