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Minister's Message



As the winter cold slowly recedes, I think all of us are lifted by the coming of Spring. Whether it is with the blaze of colour that daffodils and crocuses bring or the fact that we simply don't need layers and layers of clothing as well as warm winter coats; the easing of the harsh winter is a welcome change for us all.

One of the most common statements made to Liz and I, since our arrival, has been that we didn't really arrive at the most opportune of times. We have appreciated the warmth of those words and the concern that we might seek to give this place a full year to dazzle us with its warmth and friendship. In response we have been able to say that this climate is not as extreme as that from which we came; only the other week a close friend told us that there was a foot of snow that fell on Easter Monday where we used to live. So, quite frankly, friends, we are quite happy to be here.

Moreover, as we move from the celebration of Easter and the new life that it proclaims, I am looking forward to the summer coming. I know well enough not to expect settled weather, but I will just be glad for the occasional glimpses of the sun and the slightly warmer weather as it comes.

Equally, as we emerge from the joy of the Easter news, it is a good time to consider anew what Christ's rising brings to each of our own lives.

Is it time for a new forgiveness in our own lives of faith?

Is it time for us commit ourselves to a new regime of prayer and bible study?

Is there something that we could be developing our knowledge of?

These are good questions for us all to consider amidst this season of Easter.

As the days lengthen and we shed the winter memories behind us, let's take the time to wander with the disciples as they emerge into a new beginning. A beginning which was to demand of them the combined leadership that developed the church first in Jerusalem and then ever outward to the wider world as time progressed.

Enjoy the warming days!



Christian Aid

Christian Aid week is from Sunday 13th to Saturday 19th May. Volunteers are needed please to deliver and or collect envelopes to all houses in the parish. If you are able to help, please speak to Sandra Cowie (0141 585 7188) or Russell Brown (0141 571 3511).

Last year for the first time, due to a lack of helpers, we were unable to deliver and collect envelopes to and from every house in the parish. The Christian Aid collection for our parish was therefore down by £1500. We are trying to avoid this happening again and so would appreciate volunteers to help if you are able, to ensure we can gather a good total from Stamperland, to help those who have very little.

Sandra Cowie & Russell Brown



The Friendship Club

The Friendship Club will meet in the Session Room, for our first meeting at 7.30pm on 29th May, to which everyone is welcome to any of our meetings;

Tue 29th May Fun Night

Tue 26th June Irene Burley—Slides of Japan

Tue 31st July Flower Arranging with Adele

Tue 28th Aug Jane & John Curror “Entertaining”

Ray McNiven

Communion Roll Changes

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

Session Clerk's Jottings

Just now I'm staring at a blank computer screen with absolutely no idea in my head about what I should write for this edition of Focus. In a bid to find some inspiration I looked at some of the previous articles I've written for Focus – but to no good effect. I know Fraser has set aside one page of the magazine for my article and I shouldn't let him down at the last minute. It isn't that there is nothing at all to mention; just that much of what has happened recently in relation to the church isn't particularly interesting.

You probably don't want to hear about the dishwasher problems. Rather than being good at cleaning mugs and so on, our new dishwasher became expert at producing soapy bubbles – millions and millions of them pouring out of the unit and into the kitchen. A dishwasher technician had to be called in and he diagnosed that the rinse pump was broken. The pump has been replaced and, hopefully, the machine will now produce only gleaming, clean dishes. It was just rather unfortunate that the breakdown occurred one week after the guarantee period expired.

You probably don't want to know that we recently bought a new portable digital projector to replace the one that “went missing” or that we also had to purchase several different types of cable to connect laptop and projector and sound system. But, if you've carried on reading this article you now know about the projector and the associated cables.

I doubt if you are terribly interested to know that later this afternoon I will have to gather a whole load of church documents in preparation for taking them to Glasgow Presbytery tomorrow morning to be “inspected”. The documents include Communion Roll, Baptismal Register, Kirk Session Minutes, documents showing we adhere to PVG policies and guidance, that we are maintaining our buildings and that they are safe and properly insured, etc.. The inspection takes place every year and is meant to ensure that “church administration” is properly carried out by each congregation.

A week or so ago I had to complete a survey relating to the number of people normally in attendance at Sunday morning services and give an estimate of the numbers, broken down by age and sex. I think I responded by saying, “approximately 80 and around half of them.”

Also, in relation to factual information I was recently asked how many adults can be seated in the pews. Thanks to Margo Neilson's swift check I can report that the number is 564.

And so – a page filled at last. But the worry is that there is barely a month be-

The Foodbank

The weight of food donated by Stammerland Church to the Foodbank in March amounted to 53.8kg. This would feed 5 single people for three days. The number of food parcels being distributed by the Foodbank at Barrhead remains around 30 per week.

The food chosen for the month of

Fruit Juice – cartons
Fruit Juice – bottles
diluting
Pasta
Pasta sauces
Tomatoes - tinned
Nappies & Baby Food
UHT Milk and Creamed Rice or
Custard (Tinned) are acceptable



May is as follows:

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



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

(A4) sized pages are available on line on our 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.

Several of our postal friends have already acceded to this request and we hope that they enjoy their new experience of reading our magazine this way.

Whilst the magazine continues to receive historical information on what has taken place in the Church, it would be helpful to all if forthcoming items were also submitted for forthcoming events, especially those where the support of the congregation is anticipated.

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Sept	TBA.	TBA	TBA

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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



Stamperland Congregation's



On behalf of myself and my family I would like to say a belated thanks to Rev Scott Blythe for officiating at David's funeral. We appreciated his thoughtfulness and follow up visit afterwards. I would also like to thank the Church for the flowers, and to friends and neighbours for the flowers and cards received, which really helped. Thanks again,

Jean Waugh

We would like to say "thank you" for the lovely flowers and gift which were presented to us during the service on Palm Sunday. Thank you also to John Curror for his kind words. All these things were very much appreciated.

I would like to thank Anne MacKenzie for sending me some of the church flowers at the end of March when I was recuperating from a bout of pneumonia. They were very much appreciated.

Philip Moseley (Cub Leader)

Thanks to Ann and her team for Church flowers received and also to Norrie for providing CD's of the services, to neighbours and friends for their kind thoughts, prayers, and cards with good wishes during my short stay in hospital. Hopefully I will be back in my pew very soon,

Margaret Armstrong

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Down Memory Lane May 1979



The Session Clerk reported that Mrs Joyce Crombie had resigned from the creche and her place taken by Mrs Joan King and George Kennedy took over the Youth Club for one year.

The annual reminders to Leaders of Organisations that they should have their applications in for Halls Lets for Session 1979/80 by 27th May.

In the Sunday School report David McLean advised that the new seat was to hand for placement in the church grounds where the current notice board now stands, for passers-by in the summer months. (regrettably this seat had to be removed later when youths were gathering around and on it, causing upset to neighbouring households.) Best laid plans !!

Christian Aid Sponsored Walk realised £900 despite April showers on the day.

The Organisations in our Church who raised funds for the Age Concern Eastwood Minibus appeal were thanked for their efforts in collecting £297, this being the highest amount from any of the other participating organisations in the district. Further events for this worthwhile cause consisted of a Coffee Morning, Gala Day, Autumn Fayre and a Flag Day.

A shortage of money had caused much needed repairs in the halls being temporarily shelved and an appeal was launched to raise £1500 amounting to £2 extra per member.

Nancy Fisher reported that The Ranger Guides along with the Brownies and Guides attended the Gang Show in which Marina Martin was taking part. This was followed by a singing and dancing routine for patients in Mearns Kirk hospital organised by Anne Bruce. Plans were underway for a for a weekend with the handicapped Rangers from Paisley in the Brownie House in Peebleshire.

Meanwhile Jeanette Nisbet reported that 24 girls from both Brownie Packs spent a few days Pack Holiday at St Andrews Church Hall, Leven and concluded with a campfire and marshmallow toasting in the Silverburn Estate nearby.

Jack Fraser reported that the Church gardens were about to receive attention from Colin Turnbull, whilst David Guild would be preparing the mower for another busy season and as always volunteers were sought to augment their tasks, which would be rewarded with Mrs Steen's brew at the compulsory interval.

A Humorous Reminder of the recent Winter Weather

(The tune is very familiar)



No flour in Scotland!
 When will we see
 Sliced Breid again?
 No Mother's Pride for
 Your wee bit piece and jam
 No cheesy toasties
 (for who?)
 Wur tartan army
 Just pictures of empty shelves
 Aye, blink again!

Those days are past now
 But icy blast, it may remain
 But we might still drive (how?)
 Tae get tae Asda again
 And stand in queues there
 (Whit for?)
 Wur breid milk and whisky,
 And carry them homewards
 Tae drink again.....



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 next 'Sing Well' is at **1.45pm** in the small hall of Giffnock South on **Wednesday 23rd May**. If you know anyone who might like to come along,

Treasurer's Report



The Stated Annual Meeting of Stamperland Parish Church took place on Sunday 18th March after morning worship. A summary of our finances was presented with full details being given in the Annual Report, copies of which are available in the Church vestibule. The following is a brief summary of our financial position.

In 2017 the Church's income totalled £95,781. Of this amount, £57,096 was in the form of offerings with £2,651 resulting from fund raising activities, a decrease of £800 on the previous year. £13,074 came from the use of our premises by non-church organisations, much the same as last year's figure. Those organisations which kindly contributed to our running costs were as follows: The Guild £450, Guides £178, Scouts £325 and BB Company and Junior sections together £200. Tax claimed on offerings donated through Gift Aid amounted to £10,643. It is thanks to those who "Gift Aid" their donations that we are able to claim this substantial amount from the Government at no cost to ourselves. During the year we were fortunate to receive a generous donation of £3,000 from one of our members and also legacy of £500.

Over the year our total expenditure was £89,606. £48,321 of this sum was our contribution to the National Ministry and Mission Fund. This includes our contribution to our minister's stipend and to the wider work of the Church of Scotland. We also paid £2,455 to Glasgow Presbytery. We have no control over these items of expenditure which represent over half of our income.

In 2017 expenditure associated with fabric amounted to £10,889. The main item of expenditure was replacing the strip lights in the Church and both halls with LED lights, the total cost of which amounted to £4,344. The emergency door at the fire escape exit in the Church was replaced at a cost of £991 and a commercial dishwasher was purchased costing £922. £1,203 was spent on the repair and maintenance of the gas central heating boilers. A one-off expense was the purchase of a printer and photocopier which is more efficient than the old one; the cost of this was £2,820. Our heating and lighting costs were £5,346 coming in at £500 less than last year. We had vacancy expenses during the year of £3,810. These included costs associated with advertising in Life and Work, our minister's air fares, costs of furniture removal and insurance and disturbance allowance. All of these costs were shared equally with Netherlee Church.

We are fortunate to have a healthy amount of funds in the bank - a total of £127,528 together with investments valued at £4,320. In addition, the General Trustees in Edinburgh hold funds of £14,448 on our behalf; these repre-

Thanks are due to everyone for their efforts in supporting our Church throughout the year in their donations of regular offerings and to those who assist and support fund raising activities, the final outcome being that we ended the year with a surplus of £6,175. Many thanks also to Anne MacKenzie and Norman Walker for their work in relation to Freewill Offering and tax recovery through Gift Aid.

Kay Bolton, Treasurer



Guild Summer Evening Outing

The Guild are having their summer evening outing on Tuesday 5th June 2018 to Troon.

The coach will leave Stamperland Church at 6.30pm. The meal will be served at South Beach Hotel at 7.30pm. We will leave Troon by 9.15pm and return to Stamperland Church by 10.00pm.

Flower Calendar May/June 2018

May Paterson 0141 571 8652



6th May	Donnie and Hazel Thompson
13th May	Mr. G. Robertson
20th May	Mrs M Mathieson
27th May	Mrs M Malloch
3rd June	Mrs A Charlton
10th June	Mrs M Dundas
17th June	Rev C Murdoch & Mrs F Lamont (Church)
	Mr G Fraser (Vestibule)

The cost is £25.00 which includes cost of meal, coach and tips. A £10.00 non-returnable deposit will be taken at time of booking your seat on the coach. Anyone wishing to join us that evening please speak to myself or any other Guild committee member. As meals



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.



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.

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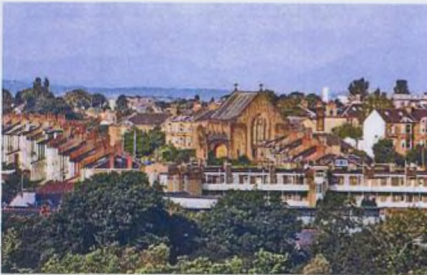
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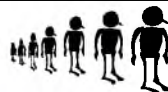
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A Community Together Event

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.

STAMPERLAND PARISH CHURCH

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SPRING FAIR



**Saturday 19th May
2018**



10am – 1pm

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BBQ Model
Trains**



Assault Course

Silent Auction

