

# CONNECTIONS

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## A Message from the Editor



At the time of writing it's the 7th January so A Happy New Year to you all.

It has taken some time to organise but I now have a firmer arrangement for our submission dates both incoming to me and outgoing to the printer.

The final date for all articles to be submitted for forthcoming magazines will be the second Monday of the month except April, A courtesy email will still be sent a few days before to remind all those whose email addresses I have for this and the chart below should be referred to by all others, albeit it is provisional at present. All submissions should be delivered to 56 Stamperland Dr by the due dates or to emailed to [cumbræ14@ntlworld.com](mailto:cumbræ14@ntlworld.com)

This publication as expected, after not having an issue in January, has been well subscribed to and unfortunately some articles have had to be held over either until next month or next Christmas, but I acknowledge with thanks the contributions made.

Publication	Final Submission Date	Delivery Uplift Date
Mar 2019	Mon 11th Feb	Sun 3rd Mar
Apr 2019	Mon 11th Mar	Sun 7th Apr
May 2019	Fri 12th Apr	Sun 5th May
Jun 2019	Mon 13th May	Sun 2nd Jun

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### find us and follow us on



An opportunity for busy young families on a Sunday afternoon in Netherlee Church 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! Proposed dates



for the 2018/19 session is 3rd March. **SAVE THIS DATE NOW!**

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**Give a man a fish and he will eat for a day. Teach him how to fish and he will sit in a boat and drink beer all day.**



## Our Minister's Message

**Reverend Scott Blythe**



A New Year brings with it many opportunities and challenges. The traditions we have around the New Year in Scotland are plentiful – from New Year resolutions to events such as first-footing and the fire-whirling that happens in Stonehaven in Aberdeen. In all of these events we are conscious of the importance of the year that is ahead; and we want this year to be one that fulfils potential and hopes that we might have as the year begins.

In the Christian Calendar, our New Year coincides with the celebration of Epiphany. Epiphany is the feast that celebrates the visiting of the Magi to Mary, Joseph and Jesus. It's the date in which the Orthodox Churches celebrate as Christmas. However, epiphany means more simply 'a revealing' and it signifies Jesus coming clearly into the world.

In the Christian Calendar, we find ourselves focusing on passages that happen in the early part of Jesus' ministry. We find ourselves reading about the baptism of Jesus by John and about Jesus' early actions in ministry. In doing so we see the first emergences of Jesus into the public realm of Palestine. Jesus' coming sees the waning of John's influence and ministry and his steady development and early teaching.

This early emergence creates a number of responses. In some cases, there is great excitement in what Jesus says and people are amazed at his healings and wisdom; in others, there are some who are threatened by what he says and the first resistance to his teaching begins to arise.

New beginnings, like any New Year, are never neutral in life. They often present similar reactions to those that we witness in Jesus' early ministry. Inevitably, with every change in life, there are some who see new possibilities as exciting opportunities and others who see threats to existing comfortable realities. The challenge amidst this mixture of reaction is to find ways forward together in which those who are excited might find ways to support those who are uncertain.

The best way for us to achieve this good common reaction, is to recognise the God who is forever present in every moment and who at the same time is both ancient and unchanging, yet equally new and emergent. If we can hold onto the fact that this paradox of reaction is mirrored in the being of God, we might find a way forward together. Let's try and spend some time finding both the old and the new in the months ahead.

**Peace to you all! Scott**

## Glasgow Rock Choir

Michaela Foster-Marsh



The Glasgow Rock Choir is putting on a special concert in aid of **Starchild** Charity at Netherlee Church on Sat 16<sup>th</sup> March 7pm. The Rock Choir is much more than a choir, it is a multi-layered experience. The power of their music and moves are emotional and with over 100 members due to attend we are set to raise the roof. There will be a reception afterwards in the large hall with wine and nibbles. Tickets are £10 adults. Under 15yrs £5

Tickets are available from Lisa Kerr, Sheona Moore, Michaela and Rony at Netherlee.

**Michaela Foster-Marsh of Starchild would be delighted if someone from Stamperland Church would be willing to sell tickets on her behalf. Please contact her at [info@starchildcharity.com](mailto:info@starchildcharity.com) or 07796843442.**

We hope to see you all there for this wonderful event in Netherlee Church.

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### The Angel Email

*Just before Christmas God was looking down at Earth and saw all of the evil that was going on. He decided to send an angel down to Earth to check it out. So he called one of His best angels and sent the angel to Earth for a time. When she returned she told God, yes it is bad on Earth, 95% is bad and 5% is good.*

*Well, he thought for a moment and said, maybe I had better send down a second angel to get another point of view. So God called another angel and sent her to Earth for a time too. When the angel returned she went to God and told him yes, the Earth was in decline, 95% was bad and 5% was good.*

*God said this was not good. So He decided to email the 5% that were good and He wanted to encourage them, give them a little something to help them keep going.*

*Do you know what that email said?*

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*Oh...so you didn't get one either?*



## Changes to the Roll—Stamperland



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

Name	From	To
Mrs Fiona Tuckfield	Eastriggs	Gretna
Mr George Fairweather	Stamperland	Netherlee
Mrs Jean Fairweather	Stamperland	Netherlee
Mrs Pat McIlwraith	Stamperland	Barrhead

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

Name	From	To
Mrs Helen Dunbar	Stamperland	Mearns Baptist

### Funerals

Name	From	
Mrs Marie Moncrieff	Stamperland	
Mr James MacKenzie	Stamperland	

## Share - Netherlee



A group of us at Netherlee meet weekly for Bible study. Generally we use materials to support our study. York Courses produce materials suitable for Advent and Lent.

These materials include a booklet for each of us, a CD with discussion of the topic and a transcript of the CD. We read the chapter before we meet, we listen to the CD and then use the questions provided.

The whole package has given us insights into our faith as learning a lot. The meetings are at 11.30 on Sundays in the Waiting Room at Netherlee. We will be doing a Lent study. If you are interested please contact myself.

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**Waiter: "Do you want any dessert?"**  
**Teddy Bear: "No Thanks. I'm Stuffed!"**



## The Glasgow Kiltwalk

Michaela Foster-Marsh 07796843442

**Starchild** are looking for volunteers to participate in the Glasgow Kiltwalk again this year on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April. We are very much hoping to get a team from Stamperland and Netherlee Church to walk together. Perhaps even the Sunday Schools? You can choose your own pace and length of walk. Each year thousands of walkers come together for an unforgettable day out and change lives. The Kiltwalk event is a powerful fundraising platform for our charity.

An **incredible 140% of every penny raised** goes to your selected charity. If you are interested please contact Michaela—[info@starchildcharity.com](mailto:info@starchildcharity.com) 07796843442 [www.thekiltwalk.co.uk/events/glasgow/](http://www.thekiltwalk.co.uk/events/glasgow/)



## 1st A Stamperland Brownies

**Kirsty Stewart & Alison Gill**

Happy New Year from all of us at 1st A Stamperland Brownies.

We had a lovely run up to Christmas making various Christmas themed crafts and preparing for our parents coffee evening. We had a great night selling handmade crafts, tea, coffee and lots of lovely home baking. Some of our Brownies gave their parents a hand massage and the girls sang some lovely Christmas Carols.

We made a brilliant total of £280 and everybody had a lovely Christmassy themed evening. Our last night before Christmas was a bit more chilled out with a movie on the big screen in the church and of course some popcorn. We have lots planned this year especially with the new Girl Guiding programme which looks to keep us very busy but also very entertained.





## ER. Foodbank Stamperland 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: SC029653

The foods selected for the month of February are as follows:

**Tinned Vegetables, Tinned meat or fish  
Instant Mash Potato, Pasta & pasta sauce**

**Ladies/Gents Toiletries including sanitary products**

If you would prefer to donate any other items 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.

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

Firstly we would to thank those who contribute regularly throughout the year to the Foodbank, your donations are very much appreciated. 49.8kg was donated during November. Secondly a huge thank you to

everyone who contributed to our Advent Appeal. An astonishing 111.8kg was taken to Barrhead as a first delivery. The second of our Advent donations taken before Christmas amounted to 59.2kg.

Alastair and Evelyn were privileged to be shown round the Foodbank by some of the volunteers, it was quite amazing. The Foodbank need to find new premises later this year. It will be quite a challenge for them to find premises as good as they have at present.

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**. As the Foodbank will not distribute food which is out of date.

## Changes to the Roll—Netherlee

**Mabel Bell**



### Deaths

Date	Name	Locality	District	Elder
8.1.19	Mrs Christine Brown	Netherlee	29	V Anderson

Correction of previous entry in Deaths in December Connections

23.10. 18 Mr John Mann of East Kilbride and not Mrs J Bell of East Kilbride

### Joined by Certificate

District	Name	Locality	Elder
69	Mr Tony and Mrs Sheena Ireland	Giffnock	A Gow

### Change of Address

Districts	Name	Locality	Elder
9 to 13	Mrs Lorna Malone	Netherlee to Newton Mearns	J Montgomery to D Beckett

### Disjoined

District	Name	Locality	Elder
29	Mr John & Mrs Lucy McCabe	Netherlee Districts	V Anderson

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**Down Memory Lane in Stamperland has taken a break  
this month for Memories of Mearns Kirk Hospital.**

Extracts from Church Magazines in 1979. See pages 23 & 24.







## Pastoral Care

Please contact Grace Scott, 0141 637 2226



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

**Transport to Church**

**Hospital**

**Doctors Appointment**

**Shopping**

**Could do with a chat**

**Have a prayer request**



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.

## Stamperland Church Open Door

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.

Please come and sup-



### Free Dementia Friendly Art Group

Stamperland Parish Church  
Stamperland Gardens

Every Friday  
2-4pm



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

Pop in for a chat  
Tea and cake provided!

Email [heartfor.art@crossreach.org.uk](mailto:heartfor.art@crossreach.org.uk)  
Facebook [CrossReachHeartForArt](https://www.facebook.com/CrossReachHeartForArt)  
Call 0141 620 3092

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## 231st Boys' Brigade Junior Section & Sparks

**Scott Russell - Officer in Charge**



Happy New Year! I hope that 2019 brings you good fortune and happiness. 2019 is also an important year for the 231st BB as we celebrate our 75th anniversary in Stamperland Church and we hope to do some new and interesting events with our boys

2018 ended on a high with a super Christmas party on the 21st of December with the boys enjoying party games followed by Domino's pizza with a visit from Santa thereafter. This year we decided not to take a break during the school holiday until January and attended the King's theatre pantomime on the 28th of December with nearly 50 of us going to watch Aladdin. As always it turned out to be a super show and all of the Boys and staff had a great night.

In starting back at BB the boys continue to work on their badge work during Friday nights and at the time of writing are looking forward to taking part in Junior Section athletics and maze matching competitions which will be taking place in February. Some of our Sparks are also looking forward to taking part in the Anchor Boys Lego morning with the Glasgow Battalion.

On Friday 22nd February we will be celebrating our 75th anniversary year with a Sportsman's Dinner at Stamperland Social Club. The evening will allow ex members, staff and dad's to get together to see old faces, share old stories and listen to the two excellent after dinner speakers in Alex Rae and Gordon Smith sharing their football stories from their careers. The event has proven to be very popular with over 90 men signing up within the first couple of weeks of the year. We are very much looking forward to the event. In addition to this event there will be other events throughout the year which celebrate our 75th anniversary sharing a little of the history of our company.

We have a busy start to 2019 and we are very much looking forward to the year ahead.

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**Did you hear about the butcher who backed up into the meat grinder? He got a little behind in his work.**



## Netherlee Common Good Fund

**James Ferguson**



The Sub-committee has decided to link with East Renfrewshire Good Causes to allow financial assistance to be provided to individuals as distinct from other charities. Under this arrangement frontline care workers in our area complete an application form and send it for approval to ERGC.

Very often the East Renfrewshire Council is involved or other churches contribute depending on the financial requirement. We have been in contact with Russell MacMillan, well known to many in the area and have been inspired by his good works through much local publicity. He has an excellent Website (info @ergoodcauses.co.uk) and his life story is well worth reading. Before granting aid to any individual the sub-committee is allowed to visit the applicant and further discuss their need.

Whist applications can be made to the Fund at any time we hope in this way, to disburse more of this particular Church Fund.

### Members of Netherlee Church Wider Mission Group helping to check the Shoe Boxes!!

**Q: What is crazy and walks along the sides of buildings?**

**A: A walnut.**



### Starchild Concert December

**Michaela Foster-Marsh**



**What Sweeter Music**  
**Robert Herrick 1591 - 1634**



What sweeter music can we bring,  
 Than a carol, for to sing  
 The birth of this our heavenly King?  
 Awake the voice! Awake the string!  
 Heart, ear, and eye, and everything.  
 Awake! the while the active finger  
 Runs division with the singer.

Dark and dull night, fly hence away,  
 And give the honour to this day,  
 That sees December turned to May.  
 If we may ask the reason, say  
 The why, and wherefore all things here  
 Seem like the springtime of the year?

Why does the chilling Winter's morn  
 Smile, like a field beset with corn?  
 Or smell, like to a mead new-shorn,  
 Thus, on the sudden? Come and see  
 The cause, why things thus fragrant be:  
 'Tis He is born, whose quick'ning birth  
 Gives life and lustre, public mirth,  
 To heaven, and the under-earth.

We see Him come, and know Him ours,  
 Who, with His sunshine, and His showers,  
 Turns all the patient ground to flowers.  
 The darling of the world is come,  
 And fit it is, we find a room  
 To welcome Him. The nobler part  
 Of all the house here, is the heart,  
 Which we will give Him; and bequeath  
 This holly, and this ivy wreath,  
 To do Him honour; who's our King,  
 And Lord of all this revelling.

Q: What did the grape say when it was stepped on?

A: Nothing, it just let out a little wine.

Q. How much room is needed for fungi to grow?

A. As mushroom as possible



## Session Clerk Stamperland

Norrie Bolton



My father was a Church of Scotland minister. In common with most of his colleagues, my dad had a dread of Stated Annual Meetings (SAMs). Years ago SAMs used to be well-attended. At a SAM members could make comments or raise “difficult” questions; there was always the possibility of criticism and blame for something which the minister either had done or hadn’t done. Nowadays SAMs are generally poorly attended and contributions from the floor are generally few and far between. I’m not encouraging members to be more critical or vociferous at SAMs. Rather I’m highlighting that, these days, many people are reluctant to express their views in public. As churches we are keen to know what people think and we endeavour to provide opportunities for members to make (polite) comment.

Those who attended church on 27th January will know that both congregations were asked whether they were content with the new service times, the format of worship and had ideas for further change. If you were absent from church that Sunday you can still express your views – write to either Stuart Buchanan or myself or speak to Scott. We are interested in hearing the views of everyone in relation not just to Sunday service times but to all aspects of church life. Your views and ideas for the way ahead are important.

We are in the process of “discerning our future”. At the end of last year members of both churches had the opportunity to contribute to sessions during which we looked at significant periods, endeavours and events in our churches’ lives. Since then the strategy group have reviewed the contributions seeking to identify characteristics associated with either success or failure and evaluating what our particular strengths and weaknesses appear to be.

The next stage of the process is to listen to the views of people not just within our church community but also within our parishes in a bid to learn more fully about the needs, challenges and ambitions of the people living in Netherlee and Stamperland. Scott will meet local police, community doctors and nurses, school teachers, councillors, etc. to elicit their views. “Listening Post” events will take place in our churches to give each church member, each church organisation and each organisation who use our church premises an opportunity to express an opinion. At the end of the listening phase we can then analyse what we have heard during our consultations and identify areas on which we can focus our efforts over the next few years so that our churches become ever more relevant to the lives of those in our community.

We seek your involvement in this discernment process. Look out for the “Listening Post” events and either try to attend or submit ideas in writing so that your views, experience and insight can be used to determine how our churches can grow and thrive and support those in greatest need within our communities.



## 278th Glasgow Company The Boys' Brigade

**Alistair Haw** - [alistairhaw@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:alistairhaw@yahoo.co.uk) - 07343521928.



December is the deadline for BB companies across the country to submit their returns to HQ. Glasgow 278 was pleased to report another year of steady growth, with all sections increasing in number and the company as a whole growing by almost 20%. Over the last three years the number of boys in the company has grown from 22 to 57, with boys & officers up from 41 to 75. We are hugely grateful for everyone's support with this. Particular thanks must go to the boys and parents who have been at the forefront of spreading the word. On which note many congratulations to Jack Paterson, Eddie Bell & Joseph Mitchell for achieving their bronze recruitment badges, and Angus Mitchell on converting his bronze to a silver.

The company is also most grateful for the support with this year's Christmas coffee morning, which raised a fantastic £1,400 – a 40% increase on last year's tally. A further £575 was raised by the Company Section via its Christmas card delivery service across Netherlee & Stamperland, also up on last year. A huge thanks to everyone involved in securing this funding to help our boys to learn, grow and discover.

It wasn't all about recruitment and fundraising. The Anchor Boys enjoyed the Battalion HQ panto, a great opportunity to meet BB boys from throughout Glasgow and rounded off the year with a well-attended Christmas party. They look forward to their bowling night early in the new year.

Junior Section attended the panto at Eastwood Theatre, danced the night away at their Christmas party and secured 2nd place in a joint submission with the Anchor Boys at the Netherlee Christmas Tree Festival. On the horizon is the Glasgow Battalion athletics event at the Emirates Arena, where they look to continue their recent habit of being amongst the medals.

The Company Section rounded their year off with their customary bowling night, followed by some courageous attempts at "fusion cuisine" at China Buffet King.

Throughout it all, in line with the Object of the BB, our main focus remains the promotion of Christ's Kingdom among boys. We give thanks to the leaders and helpers of all sections for everything they do to make this possible, both last year and over the year ahead.

**PTO for pictures.**



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**Q: What do you get from a pampered cow?**  
**A: Spoiled milk.**





Not a lot to comment on this month due to the holidays. All sections finished off the session before Christmas with games nights involving food of some sort or another, with the Explorers opting to watch a film on the big screen in the church.

We would like to thank everyone that came out on a wet night at the end of November for our Coffee Evening and Scout Bake-Off event. It was great to see a packed hall full of youth members, parents, families and supporters of the group.



We had 15 cakes baked by the Scouts that were voted on by everyone attending before the winner was announced. There was a fantastic display of different styles and very inventive decorating in either a Scottish and/or Scouting theme. "Rudolph" was voted the overall winner before the cakes were auctioned off. We had crafts on sale made by the Cubs, a tombola, guess the name of the giant teddy bear and guess the number of sweets in the jar. The evening raised a brilliant £450 for group funds which will go towards some of our events later in the year to mark 79 years of the 79<sup>th</sup> Scout Group.



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## Stamperland Guild

Evelyn Graham, Secretary



The ladies of the Guild wish everyone a Happy New Year. Our syllabus for the coming months is as follows:

<b>Feb 5 Tied Floral Bouquets</b>	<b>Jacquie Curran</b>
<b>Feb 12 Into the modern world</b>	<b>David Carson</b>
<b>Feb 19 PROJECT Sailors Society</b>	<b>Rev Rebekah Haldane</b>
<b>Feb 26 Handful of Songs</b>	<b>Irene Dick</b>
<b>Mar 1 World Day of Prayer (Friday)</b>	
<b>Mar 5 Outing to Dobbies at Stirling</b>	
<b>Mar 12 Friendship Lunch jointly with Netherlee Guild</b>	
<b>Mar 19 Fashion Show</b>	<b>Taylor Fashions</b>
<b>Mar 26 Illusions</b>	<b>Rev John Martindale</b>

The World Day of Prayer service will be held on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March at St Joseph's, at 11.00am. (tbc) We hope as many members as possible will come to this Service.

For our popular outing to Dobbies at Stirling the coach will leave Stamperland at 11.00am arriving at Dobbies to buy lunch at 12.00. An area is reserved for lunch. After lunch there is plenty of time to browse around the Garden Centre before the coach leaves at 2.30pm. The cost of the coach is £9.00. Please contact myself or any committee member to reserve your seat.

There is a joint Friendship Lunch for Stamperland and Netherlee Guilds on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March at 12.30pm at Williamwood Golf Club. It will be a nice way of getting to know each other better and in leading the way in our quest for both Churches to work more closely together. The cost will be approximately £12.00. Details of the menu can be obtained from either Guild committee members.

The Fashion Show by Taylor Fashions is on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March. Tickets are £4.00, available from any committee member. A glass of wine or light refreshment and shortbread will be provided.

We look forward to seeing you at any of our meetings that you are interested in, you will be made most welcome. We meet in the Session Room at Stamperland at 7.30pm on Tuesday evenings unless otherwise stated.

## Urgent Appeal for Church Magazine

**Distributors - Bill Findlay - 0141 637 1519**



Netherlee Church requires distributors for our Connections Magazines in the Parish. If you can assist with this appeal, please contact Bill Findlay at home (0141 637 1519) or in the Church.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the distributors of our magazine in the Netherlee Parish, both past and present for their help in making the home delivery possible.

### Distributors required for the following streets for Magazines & Life & Work

Location	Magazines	Life & Work
Nethervale Ave	7	1
Leebank Dr	6	0
Beechlands Dr	11	2
Beechwood Ave (Off Mearns Rd	1	0
Beechlands Dr towards Greenbank Gdns	1	0
Golf Ct	6	1

## The Little Saviour

A lovely son, my child, a dainty boy,  
 Who had a cheek as red as any cherry,  
 Sweet baby, was his mother's only joy,  
 And made her heavy heart full often merry.  
 Who, though he were God's son, yet like a stranger,  
 He in a stable born was, in a manger.

And poor, God knows he was, my child, not fine,  
 Or like a gentleman in gay attire:  
 But simple clothes he had, which was a sign  
 How little to be proud he did desire:  
 Yet if he would have sought for worldly grace,  
 He might have gone in silk, and golden lace.





## Eco Congregation - Netherlee

**Sheena Wurtherman**



Before Christmas I attended two workshops at Renfield St. Stephens. These were organised by Eco-Congregation Scotland. In the morning we considered "Love Food - Hate waste" This workshop looked at how much food is wasted, what the dates on food packages mean, what temperatures should our fridges and freezers be running at, what to do with leftovers. Much of the workshop was interactive and I came away much more confident about dealing with leftovers safely. One of the suggestions was to plan meals before going shopping. This seems to affect how much we buy and reduces waste quite dramatically.

Your fridge should be running at less than 5°C and your freezer -18°C. The date that is critical is the use by date. If you freeze food once it is defrosted its shelf life is normal. Make sure all defrosted food is thoroughly thawed before cooking.

In the afternoon we were looking at textiles and clothes. "Love your Clothes"

- learn how to make the most of your clothes
- save money and space
- keep your clothes for longer

One of the exercises was to ask ourselves how often we wear an item. The challenge is to go through your wardrobe and hang everything in the same direction. As you wear it and return it to the wardrobe turn the hanger the other way round. At the end of a year anything still hanging in the original way should go! My daughter does a similar exercise with me and it is a challenge. There are some items that I like so I make a point of wearing to justify their place in the wardrobe.

One of the ways to keep clothes for longer is to care for them as described on the label. I struggled with some of the label symbols for types of dry-cleaning etc. The workshop also suggested that lots of washing tends to wear the fabric more rapidly. If you want to keep clothes for longer try wearing things more often between washes. One Lent I limited my wardrobe to five items, Underwear, sports kit and coats etc. were not included. I managed with two pairs of trousers, two shirts and one dress. It was challenging and my husband did comment that I may be saving on the items in the wardrobe the washing machine was working hard. By choosing my limited wardrobe I was looking for items that had not come from a sweatshop. I was also looking for natural fibres. It is not easy. I did manage for the 40 days of Lent and it felt fine - I knew what I was wearing everyday for that time, I also recognised that I could and I did reduce my wardrobe considerably but over time the wardrobe has filled up again. Time for another Lent exercise?

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## Congregations Personal Messages Page

We would like to thank Anne McKenzie for the beautiful flowers they received in December for faithful attendance at church. They were much appreciated and a lovely surprise for our mum when she returned home from work! Can we take this opportunity to wish everyone at Netherlee and Stamperland health and happiness in 2019.

Sophie & Luke Brown

*As we move into another calendar year, on behalf of both Churches, I would like to thank all the distributors, and handlers of the Connections magazine for their efforts in getting the magazine out to our members in the parishes and beyond. This is most definitely a team effort and all are playing their part.*

Fraser Neilson

*I would like to thank everyone who phoned, sent "Get Well" cards, and Christmas cards, during and following my recent spell in hospital. I would also like to thank the ladies of the Flower Committee for the lovely flowers, Scott for his visit and to all of you for your kindness. I am so grateful.*

Ray McNiven

## Netherlee Sunday School - Save the Date

**Elaine Murray**



The Netherlee Sunday Club would like to invite you to our Coffee Morning, in aid of Tear Fund, on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> February.

Held after the Netherlee morning service in the large hall, the Sunday Club will be serving tea, coffee, scones and biscuits. There will be a home baking stall and Niall's World Famous Tombola too!

## Pastoral Care Afternoon Tea

**Grace Scott**

A most enjoyable afternoon was had just before Christmas, when an afternoon tea was held in the Session room, led by Pastoral care. The food was lovely, thank you to all the bakers! The entertainment led by Duncan, our organist and Helen, Marion and Agnes was superb, as were the fun games and an impromptu solo from one of the company. We hope to hold another event in the Spring, without the crackers! Thanks to all who helped and all who came to the afternoon. Great fun. **See Page 28**



## Clarkston and District Christian Aid Committee



As Spring approaches it is time to prepare for our 39th Art Exhibition which takes place in Carmichael Hall, Eastwood Park on Saturday 9 March 2019 10am-4pm. Much help is required to set up the event on Friday morning, hang the works of art in the afternoon in preparation for the evening Preview. In 2018 there were over 300 works of Art for sale. On the day itself there will be various sales tables - Wood Turning, Miniature Paintings along with a demonstration, Handmade Cards, Home Baking and a Tearoom.

Help manning the entrance doors, stewarding, sales tables and tearoom is required. Please, if you have some time to spare, speak to us on any of the numbers listed below.

Apart from the financial rewards of the day, it gives us an opportunity to be with members' of neighbouring congregations. We are sure you will enjoy being part of the Art Exhibition. Many thanks.

Vicky Anderson (637 7051), Marjorie Lang (637 6355), Walter McNeil (571 7659) Netherlee, and Stamperland, Sandra Cowie (585 7188), Russell Brown (571 3511).

### PoppyScotland News

**Ann Mann - 01355231885**



The 2018 Poppy Appeal went very well thanks to the dedicated help from all those who stepped in to assist me and, in some cases, take over from me at a very difficult time in my life. Thank you seems to be very inadequate.

The total amount banked from the Floral Demonstration, The Coffee Morning, The House to House collections and the Cans in Shops and Schools was £5058.49. This figure does not include money collected in Sainsbury's. The total figure will be intimated as soon as it is available.

The Beetle Drive will be held on Saturday 23rd February 2019 starting at 7pm. (Please note change of date) in the Large Hall at Netherlee Church. Adults £3, Children £1. Tea and coffee included.

Raffle prizes would be appreciated. This event is fun for all the family so please come along and support the cause.

Thanks again to all who helped to raise this wonderful amount of money for POPPYSCOTLAND.



## Stamperland Flower Calendar

Contact Mrs May Paterson—0141 571 8652

3 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	Mrs J Marshall	10 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Mrs M Allan
17 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Mrs M Boyce	24 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Miss J Stewart & Mrs E Macpherson
3 <sup>rd</sup> Mar	Mrs B Richmond	10 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Mrs M Neilson & Mrs M Paterson
17 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Mrs W Paterson	24 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Mr G Fraser
31 <sup>st</sup> Mar	Vacancy		

## Netherlee Church Flowers

Shirley Buchanan 585 3929



Our calendar for gifting the flowers in church each Sunday can be found on the noticeboard in the Welcome Hall. Whilst anyone wishing to gift the flowers on a treasured date can contact me or any member of the Flower Committee, we are also happy to receive donations at any time to help us provide the flowers on vacant dates. We know from the thanks we get the flowers are very much appreciated in the homes they are delivered to.

Thanks again to all who arrange, prepare and deliver the flowers each week.

Elaine Balfour, Sheila Dunn, Sandra McKinnon, Fiona McNeil, Anne Mann, Carine Morrison, Penny Scott, Sheila Stewart, Jean Thompson.

3 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	Patricia Docherty	10 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Irene Williams
17 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Margaret Wyper	24 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Fiona McNeil

## Netherlee Carol Singing

Elaine Murray



A big THANK YOU to everyone who supported the Carol Singing. Over £350 was raised for Shelter Scotland. The proceeds from the Christmas Tree Festival were added making the final sum sent to Shelter £459.66. Bravo to everyone who participated in so many ways.

## Mearnskirk Hospital Memories

Margaret Armstrong



Mearnskirk Hospital was located in open countryside and opened as a children's TB hospital in 1930. It subsequently became a general hospital and at its peak had more than 500 beds.

Services led by churches were begun in 1933 by the then minister of Newton Mearns Parish Church along with Mr James Rodger of Maple Evangelical Church.



**Stamperland Church's involvement with the hospital** began in 1958 when 2 members of the congregation joined in the services, then the church became more fully involved in 1960 conducting short services in a number of wards every Sunday.

Mr Rodger continued as leader for 40 years until just before his death in 1975 when Mr Alex Muirhead of Victoria Hall succeeded him as leader until

he retired in 1981. At that time the late Jack Fraser of Stamperland took over as leader.

Many local churches readily joined the rota over the years to regularly lead services Sunday by Sunday, some also being similarly involved at the Victoria Infirmary. Several churches such as Clarkston Baptist, Greenview Church, Kings Park Baptist, Newlands South, Newton Mearns, Victoria Hall, Maxwell



Mearns, Mearns Parish, Giffnock Park and Crosshill Queens Park played their part but later dropped out.

**The hospital closed in the 1980's with the exception of two wings at Mearnskirk House which continued as a long term care unit. Services though never ceased and continued at PTO**

Mearnskirk House up to the present day, Sadly this facility is due to close shortly and so all the church's involvement will now cease.

Congregations involved up to the closure were from Greenbank, Busby, Cartbridge, Giffnock South, Williamwood, Mearnskirk, Netherlee, Broom and Stamperland.

A huge thank you to all those who have participated over the years bringing God's message to the patients. You, the Sunday singers and musicians, may have been the only visitors that some patients may have had. Thank you again.



## **Netherlee Treasurer's Report for the 11 Months to 30<sup>th</sup> November 2018**



The previous report for the 8 months to the end of August reported a Surplus of £12,526. At that time it was felt that as the year progressed, the surplus would decline with an increase in R & M expenditure, and that there would be a reduction in the positive variance against Heat and Light. In fact the Surplus has continued to grow in the last 3 months and at the end of November it is £15,622.

On the Income side the positive variance is £6,590 of which £3,658 is under the Use of Premises. By the end of the year this positive variance from lets will be, circa, £4,500. Last year our income from lets was £14,802 and by the end of this year our income is likely to have doubled to nearly £30,000. The increase has mainly stemmed from the new tenant, Clarkston after School Care. The balance (£2,905) of the Surplus under Income came from Giving's and Donations. The budget forecast a decline in this income of £3,045 which thankfully has not materialised.

On the expenditure side the positive variance at the end of November is £6,130, an increase since August of £496. The 2 main headings showing positive variances are R & M and Heat & Light. Although the level of expenditure under R & M has increased in the last 3 months it was still below budget. As a result the Surplus under this heading has increased by £561 to stand at, £5,163. Against last year a saving of £5,000 has been made. The variance reported at the end of August under Heat and Light of £1,625 has, contrary to expectations, grown further to £1,688. This winter has not brought, as yet, a prolonged cold spell.

In summary our finances remain strong. The Annual Accounts are now expected to report a Surplus of circa, £16,000. This will help to offset the £28,000 we have spent from our Reserves this year, for the refurbishment of the lanterns in the Church and the final payment in respect of the halls refurbishment.

## The Netherlee Forum

Sheena Wurtherman



### Programme 2018 - 2019

**18th Feb** Bill McDougall "Football and Security"

**18th Mar** Dr Simon Cuthbert (West of Scotland) Geology of Greenland

After a last-minute cancellation, Dr Sheena Wurtherman kindly addressed the Forum on the topic of biodiversity for gardeners. Sheena gave us some wonderful advice on what we can do to promote biodiversity in our own gardens. Her message was that gardens are habitats that we must preserve for the benefits of the birds and the insects that rely on them. We need not compromise how our gardens look: even small changes can make a big difference.

Sheena gave us some practical advice on what we can do to promote biodiversity. She advised us to plant good pollinators that help bees and other insects thrive, and to avoid the use of insecticides that harm them. She also recommended creating a pond, or even turning a bog garden into a feature by planting forget-me-nots, grasses, ferns and lilies. Leaving a pile of deadwood might look unsightly, but it is vital for biodiversity as insects and fungi feed on the remaining nutrients. Allowing a patch of grass to grow longer lets wildflowers grow, much to the delight of butterflies. Planting bluebells and foxgloves under trees and shrubs replicates the dappled edge of a forest, encouraging birds and small mammals to roam free. Ensuring that birds have a variety of food does them the world of good—a bird can only eat so many peanuts! This was just some of the advice that Sheena gave, which helped to demystify the term "biodiversity".

Sheena also explained how important it is to protect mature trees in the neighbourhood. Not only do they sustain birds and insects, they also give children endless opportunities for endless play and support good mental health among us all. It just goes to show that biodiversity is beneficial for humans as well as animals and insects. Sheena gave a very instructive talk at very short notice, for which we are all very grateful.

Dr Valerie Wright addressed the Forum on Monday 21st January 2019 on the topic of Red Clydeside. We meet at 7.30pm in the Lesser Sanctuary of Netherlee Church. Everyone is welcome.



## Netherlee Sunday Club & Senior Sunday Club

Elaine Murray



In the lead up to Christmas the Sunday Club participated in the Christmas Tree Festival. I am delighted to say that our 'Peace Tree' won the children's category. The word 'peace' is mentioned 429 times in the King James' version of the Bible. Our tree was decorated with 128 doves and other items with the word 'peace' in different languages, totalling 429.

Our Nativity focused on bringing the light to the world. Our Sunday Clubbers were fantastic in playing out the story, read so well by our narrators. After the service we sold the doves from our tree and raised £100 which has been donated to the Christian Aid Christmas appeal. On the last Sunday in Advent the Sunday Clubbers helped at the joint family service in Stamperland reading a dramatic verse and prayer. Many of our members enjoyed the Christingle Service and helped out by distributing the Christingle kits and demonstrating how to make them. Lovely to see so many friends and family there too.

Sunday lessons have resumed this term with a look at the life of Elijah. Our children will discover that God did some amazing things in Elijah's life, and that he continues to do amazing things today. We are also looking forward to our coffee morning, in aid of Tear Fund, which will be held after the service on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> February.

Throughout the year we collect our brown pennies, and along with those donated by the congregation they soon mount up! We are delighted to have spent £106.85 to buy 64 Kitchen and Bathroom essentials needed by Starter Packs as well as 30 pairs of socks and 15 boxer shorts for the Lodging House Mission in support of their winter shelter. Every penny really does count! We are delighted to have received these lovely words from Liz Ashmole, Director & Trustee, Lodging House Mission.

*I am writing to thank you most sincerely for your generous donation of socks and boxers to assist us in our work with the homeless and underprivileged in Glasgow. Be assured that these will enable us to improve the comforts of many of our service users this winter. Christmas can be a difficult time for our service users, many of whom are estranged from family and/or far from home so your thoughtfulness in remembering them at this time means a lot to them and to us. We are very aware that we are only able to undertake the work we do thanks to the generosity of supporters such as yourself so please accept our heartfelt thanks for your kindness along with our warm wishes for a Happy 2019.*

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# Choir dinner 2019



# Parish & Beyond Stamperland—Afternoon Tea and Carols

## December

