

CONNECTIONS

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A Message from the Editor

Fraser Neilson



As you will see below, the dates for submission of articles for this magazine have once again been altered to our benefit due to changes at the printers. The February edition came back to me a few days early and I discussed it further resulting in us getting more time before the final submission date which in turn allows more up to date information going into the magazine.

I have now included the first and last submission dates on this chart but as said before, act on the first date, not the last one for fear of missing out. April is the exception and the dates are to cater for holidays.

All submissions should be delivered to 56 Stamperland Dr by the due dates or to emailed to cumbrae14@ntlworld.com

Publication	First Submission Date	Final Submission Date	Delivery Uplift Date
Apr 2019	Sun 17th Mar	Sun 24th Mar	Sun 7th Apr
May 2019	Sun 14th Apr	Sun 21st Apr	Sun 5th May
Jun 2019	Sun 12th May	Sun 19th May	Sun 2nd Jun

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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!**



[Maria Told Her Mother Gladly](#)



Maria came home from Sunday School on Palm Sunday and told her mother that she had learned a new song about a cross-eyed bear named Gladly.

It took her mother a while before she realised that the hymn Maria had been singing was really: "Gladly The Cross I'd Bear."

Our Minister's Message

Reverend Scott Blythe



This year's Easter period is much later than usual - for Easter falls on Sunday 21 April 2019. As a result, Lent only begins on Wednesday 10 March 2019. Now Lent is a season that I know has not been made much of within the Church of Scotland. However, in the last few years I know more congregations are making use of this important time.

Several years ago, I was fortunate to meet a woman called Isabelle Smyth. Isabelle is a Sister of Notre Dame within the Roman Catholic Church, but I engaged with her through the work of the West End of Glasgow ACTS Group. Isabelle brought a whole new perspective on Lent to me. Isabelle each year refused to see Lent as a time in which you put your body through pain by denying yourself your chocolate or whatever.

Instead she saw Lent as a time in which you should develop a new skill. So, rather than giving something up, she always sought to take something up during Lent. One year she taught herself to juggle, the following year she taught herself the basics of the penny whistle.

That approach has always stayed with me and I think it is a much healthier approach with which to embark upon the six weeks of Lent. After all, six weeks is a fair bit of time in every year. Imagine what you could do if you committed yourself to the full six weeks of Lent in developing a new area of your life of faith.

I think Lent is a good time for us all to take time and to reflect upon some aspect of our lives of faith. It may be that you feel you could deepen your understanding of a particular book of the bible that has always interested you. It may be that you might want to think more deeply about prayer and its place within your own life. It may be that you are interested in a period of the church's history - say the early years, the middle ages, the Reformation, etc.

Maybe in the six weeks that are approaching, you all might seek something out that you wish to reflect upon. Commit yourself to reading a book about the area, or even a couple of books you might have always wanted to take time to read. Work your way through these books and reflect upon how their teaching is affecting your approach or knowledge to this area.

Explore, and see where Lent might lead you!

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 16th 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 or 07796843442.

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

Glasgow South East Foodbank**Anne Hind**

I am writing on behalf of the Foodbank to thank all of you for your very generous and ongoing support. Netherlee Church has been a strong supporter for many years and it is greatly appreciated. I know Pat McKenzie keeps you up to date on what is happening.

We are busier than ever with our numbers, regularly around 100 each time we are open, which as you can imagine is a huge challenge both from the actual service delivery and the amount of food needed. We did receive a great deal of stock over the Christmas period from churches like yourselves, individuals and businesses. However we do have some gaps in our stocks for the following items and would be very grateful to receive donations of these items – **Tinned fish, tinned custard/rice, tinned fruit, jam, UHT milk and gent's shaving foam.**



Changes to the Roll—Stamperland

Bill Paterson



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

Name	From	To

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

Name	From	To

Funerals

Name	From	
Mrs Anne Kirkwood	Stamperland	
Mr Colin Campbell	Stamperland	

The Glasgow Kiltwalk

Michaela Foster-Marsh 07796843442



Starchild are looking for volunteers to participate in the Glasgow Kiltwalk again this year on Sunday 28th 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 0779684344

www.thekiltwalk.co.uk/events/glasgow

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Down Memory Lane in Stamperland - 1983

Pat Roller



Scrolling through several years of magazines of nearly 40 years vintage, March seems to have been a lean month for reporting what is going on within our Church.

One thing that I was surprised to find was a long lost memory of when the Junior Section of the BB first started going to Millport annually, and there it was in March 1983, the Centenary year of the BB. The day we went in May it rained nearly all day, but thanks to the then proprietors of the Royal George Hotel in providing us with a room we were able to enjoy a restricted days activities.

The 231st Junior Section, joined later by the Sparks, have never missed a year in Millport since then right up to the present day and we can all say that the number of wet days since then could be counted on one hand.

In March 1983 two new Elders were admitted, Louis Frew and Douglas Griffen, whilst Alison Nisbet in the Guides and Stuart Croll in the BB gained their Queens award in their respective companies. The Guider at the time was Anne MacKenzie.

In the Fabric Report it was reported that the whole of the large hall roof covering had been renewed, whilst the Treasurer was hopefully trying to get givings per person above 50p. An increase of 15 per cent was being chased with examples in the region of £1 to £1.20 (20 per cent !!) all seemingly peanuts in todays costs, but still as important back then.

The Scouts had raised £160 from a Coffee Evening whilst at the same time were chasing kilts which had remained on boys who had left the Group.

An organised trip to Partickhill Football club on a double decker bus was causing much excitement, but the game was cancelled, however it resulted in a tour of the trophy room and other venues where three injured players signed autograph books. The club promised a return visit to the boys.

With the forthcoming AGM, several reports revealed a profit in the finances but unpaid bills for the previous year, 762 members on the roll, 3 out of 4 members donating to the Flowers in the Church being the names of those still doing so to this day. Mrs R Allan, Mrs F Neilson, Mr G Fraser.

The Dramatic Club Spring production was to be "Black Tulip" with murder afoot. Tickets were 50p for adults and 25p for juveniles.

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 March are as follows:

Sugar, Breakfast Cereals

Tea bags/Instant coffee (not decaffeinated)

Tinned macaroni/pasta shapes

Tinned soup/ cuppa soup

Ladies/Gents toiletries including sanitary products.

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

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.

The weight of food collected and taken to the Foodbank towards the end of January amounted to 39.6kg. This will feed 2 large families for three days.

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.

Little Johnny's Dust

After church, Johnny tells his parents he has to go and talk to the minister right away. They agree, and the pastor greets the family.

"Pastor," Johnny says, "I heard you say today that our bodies came from the dust."

"That's right, Johnny, I did," he says.

"And I heard you say that when we die, our bodies go back to dust."

"Yes, I'm glad you were listening," the pastor replies. "Why do you ask?"

"Well you better come over to our house right away and look under my bed, 'cause there's someone either comin' or goin'!"



Changes to the Roll - Netherlee

Mabel Bell



Deaths

Date	Name	Locality	District	Elder
2.2.19	Mrs Wilma Pettigrew	Busby		
5.2.19	Mrs Helena White	Netherlee		

Change of District

	Name	Locality	Elder
6500	Mr Douglas McLaren, Giffnock	Giffnock	A Gow 69 to M Bell 91

Change of Address

	Name	Locality	Elder
4434	Mrs Muriel Adcock	Hamilton to Uddingston	M Bell 91
1845	Mrs N Nisbet	Mearns Kirk to Busby	M Bell 91

Disjoined

	Name	Locality
6445/6	Rev T Nelson & Mrs C Nelson, Rutherglen	Netherlee to Burnside/ Blairbeth Church
6509/10	Mr N Munro & Mrs L A	Netherlee to Orchardhill

Netherlee Community Matters

Barbara Cochrane



Shrove Tuesday is on 5th March and in Netherlee we will be having pancakes with lots of lovely toppings. We will be making the pancakes fresh from 10am - 12pm and then 2pm - 4pm. Come and join us for a chat and coffee.



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 support this activity.



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
Facebook [CrossReachHeartForArt](https://www.facebook.com/CrossReachHeartForArt)
Call 0141 620 3092

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James Findlay Nelson Trust Fund

Catherine Nelson

The Trustees of the James Findlay Nelson Trust Fund met in December to review the Fund and discuss future grants. The Fund continues to receive regular donations from members of Netherlee Church and from family and friends who choose to remember James in this way, often on the occasion of his birthday, or some similar anniversary. Some of James' former school friends staged a golf competition whilst another friend ran a Marathon, both events raising a considerable sum. Tom and Catherine are particularly grateful to all who have contributed to the Fund.

The Treasurer reported that at 31st October 2018, the Fund stood at £13,590.93, and since then, there have been further donations totalling £1,550. At the meeting, the Trustees agreed to award a grant of £1,200 to Molly Mohape from South Africa, to come to Britain in the summer of 2019 and take part in a mission trip with Rev Sam Cheeseman and some other British students, whom she had previously worked with in South Africa.

A gratifying number of grants have been awarded over recent years to young people undertaking mission work at home or abroad or attending Christian training courses. These trips varied in length from periods of two weeks up to one year.

During 2015 £2,365.00 was disbursed to the following four recipients:

Michael Thomson - New Zealand Iona Menzies - Cambodia

Katie Dunn - Uganda Lucy Macintosh - Colombia

During 2016 a total of £2,300.00 was disbursed to the following five recipients

Becky Eve - Malawi Gillian Leslie - Tanzania

Rhona McCalman - Sri Lanka Oliver Watson-Sweeney - Malawi

Katie Dunn - Tanzania

During 2017 £4,450 was disbursed to the following five recipients:

Fraser Lauder - Malawi Jonathon Watson-Sweeney - Malawi

Ruaridh McInnes - Malawi Finlay Overend - Malawi

Sarah Wadsworth - Bolivia. Followed by a post graduate course at Dundee University to assist the integration of people with learning and physical disabilities within Scottish Churches

During 2018 a total of £1,915.00 was disbursed to the following four recipients:

PTO

Lisa Kerr - Keswick Convention Adam Robinson - South Africa

Glasgow Presbytery Youth Johannesburg Trip

All the above recipients were very grateful for the financial support provided by the Trust Fund and many have shared their experiences with us first-hand, describing the impact these trips have made on their lives and on the lives of the children and families they worked with.

The Trustees would like to encourage other young people to consider some form of short-term Christian mission or service and to apply for financial help from the Trust Fund. Requests for funding to attend Christian training courses, and, in particular, the Keswick Convention would also be welcomed. The Fund generally supports requests from teenagers or students not in full time employment who have associations with Netherlee or the Nelson family. We would be pleased if the congregation would make this known amongst young people.

Worship Rota 2019 – January to April 2019

Stuart Buchanan - Session Clerk Netherlee



Dates	Service Style/Title	Service Times
3 rd Mar 2019	Joint Communion Sunday - Stamperland	10:30
	Messy Church - Netherlee	16:00
10 th Mar 2019	Lent 1: Normal Sunday	10/11:30
17 th Mar 2019	Lent 2: Normal Sunday	10/11:30
24 th Mar 2019	Lent 3: Normal Sunday	10/11:30
31 st Mar 2019	Lent 4: Mothering Sunday - Normal Services	10/11:30
7 th Apr 2019	Lent 5: Normal Sunday	10/11:30
14 th Apr 2019	Lent 6: Palm Sunday - Normal Services	10/11:30
Holy Week	Services to be shared among CCT	7:00 pm
21 st Apr 2019	Easter Sunday – Dawn Service in Linn Park	7:30 am
21 st Apr 2019	Joint Easter Service - Netherlee	10:30 am
28 th Apr 2019	Normal Sunday	10/11:30
28 th Apr 2019	Netherlee Youth Organisation Parade	18:30

Session Clerk Stamperland

Norrie Bolton



Throughout Britain, in virtually every town, you see evidence of change and closure. Fine buildings, some architectural gems amongst them, are now being used for purposes quite different from that for which they were initially built. Names which were once proudly displayed on signs and notice-boards have been replaced by the instantly-recognisable brand logos of pubs or coffee shops or discount stores.

My first recollection of these places is going with my father. The interiors were generally dark with lots of mahogany-stained wood; there was a hush within. Aged about five, I can recall having to stand in a corner whilst my father spoke with the man in charge. It seemed a very male environment even though there were women around who seemed to be busier than the men.

As a youngster, I did wonder why there were so many different buildings all apparently offering the same services. As I grew older, I learned to recognise some of the differences. Some had members and roll numbers. Some were more interested in the relatively well-off than in the poorer souls who really needed saving. Even though they did much the same things and had a lot in common, there was fierce competition between them.

Those in charge were often seen as somewhat forbidding and authoritarian. You could be called in and asked deeply-personal questions regarding your lifestyle, your circumstances, your plans or aspirations for how you would spend your life. You could be asked questions about your finances, the stewardship of your finances and your ability to meet your regular financial commitments. Generally, other office bearers were helpful and were usually happy to assist by explaining some of the less obvious procedures and guiding you through their particular practices.

But things changed. People with busy lifestyles stopped attending. And then some of the services also stopped. Fewer people enjoyed the remaining services. Developments in internet and mobile technology meant that the younger generations could, if they wanted, access services on-line. As the number attending regularly decreased, the buildings become too expensive to maintain. Some closed. Others tried to adapt often by remodelling the layout to appear less formal, removing previous physical barriers and providing soft chairs, low tables, diffused lights etc. I preferred the older, more formal style.

If I'm honest, I stopped being a regular attender some time ago. I didn't feel the need. Not attending regularly didn't seem to have any adverse effect on my life. In fact, I've gained a little "me time".

If you haven't already guessed, I've been writing about banks and not churches.

278th Glasgow Company The Boys' Brigade

Alistair Haw - alistairhaw@yahoo.co.uk - 07343521928



It's been a busy period for all Glasgow 278 sections, but we must begin by saying a huge thank you and well done to Company Section members Oliver Giles, Christopher Watson-Sweeney, Calum Murray, Jack Nairn and Jonathan Watson-Sweeney for their fantastic efforts at the recent Homelessness Service at Lodging House Mission. Together the boys set out the beds for the night shelter, brought in the food for breakfast, set out all the chairs for the service, welcomed the 200 plus guests and cleared up afterwards. For their efforts the boys were praised for their "excellent" work by BB CEO Bill Stevenson. Furthermore Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, the Rt. Rev. Susan Brown, met the boys and later wrote of the "great help" provided by "the wonderful Netherlee Boys' Brigade." It was great to see another example of the boys giving up their spare time to help others in this way.

Meanwhile Company Section was also amongst the medals at the Battalion table tennis championships, with Alfie White securing bronze in the junior age group and John Cowan and Scott Selbie securing bronze and silver respectively in the intermediate competition. More important than that, all of our representatives showed great sportsmanship throughout.

Recent Company Section Bible studies have focussed upon encouraging the boys to make the right choices in life (Joshua 25:15).

As you may have read in The Extra our Junior Section have also been amongst the medals, this time at the Battalion athletics championships at the Emirates Arena. We were delighted to send a squad of 11 boys, our largest in many a year, 10 of whom were competing for the first time. However the boys did not disappoint, securing 4 medals and finishing third in the medal table for individual events. Newcomer Michael McGuire led the way with bronze in the junior (p4) 200m and a further bronze in the long jump. Fellow newcomer Matthew Mackay won bronze in the junior shot put. For the boys leaving without a medal Jacob Haw provided a parable for perseverance, securing his first medal in his third and final appearance at the event: a bronze in the Senior (p6) 60m. Everyone in the squad can be hugely proud of their performance and the way they represented Netherlee BB, with every boy appearing in at least one final, providing great cause for optimism for the future.

In addition to athletics the Junior Section boys are focussing on their badge work, trying their hand at chemistry and physics experiments and continuing to work their way through Genesis, currently learning about the life of Joseph.

Meantime the Anchor Boys have successfully recruited their 24th member, the magic figure required to trigger a celebratory pizza night! Also on the horizon is a trip to Hollywood Bowl and participation in the district collage competition. Having focussed on the Christmas story the boys are returning to their Bible theme of the miracles of Jesus, most recently the healing of a blind man and the healing of the Centurion's servant. The boys are also settling into their squads nicely under Leading Boys James Smith, David Patterson, Sandy Morrow and Ethan McCartan.

As always we give thanks for the leaders and helpers of all sections who make this possible, and remind readers that, despite our continued growth, we have spaces for new members in all three sections.



God's Practice

A little girl was sitting on her grandfather's lap as he read her a bedtime story. From time to time, she would take her eyes off the book and reach up to touch his wrinkled cheek. She was alternately stroking her own cheek, then his again.

Finally she spoke up, "Grandpa, did God make you?" "Yes, sweetheart," he answered, "God made me a long time ago." "Oh," she paused, "grandpa, did God make me too?" "Yes, indeed, honey," he said, "God made you just a little while ago."

Feeling their respective faces again, she observed, "God's getting better at it, isn't he?"



231st Boys' Brigade Junior Section & Sparks

Scott Russell - Officer in Charge



BB has continued throughout the months of January and February with the boys enjoying many different activities.

On Friday the 18th of January the Junior Section took part in the Glasgow Battalion Sports evening at the Emirates Arena. I am delighted to report that our Boys had a fantastic night. All of our Boys were very successful in all of their events and displayed determination, a competitive spirit and good sportsmanship. We had too many medal winners to mention individually but each and every boy there did the 231st proud, medal winner or not.

I have attached the overall medal table with the names of all the medal winners on the evening, including some Boys from our friends at the 278th BB in Netherlee. Huge congratulations to all medal winners and all the Boys who participated. As an aside, I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the many parents who came along to support our Boys, it was much appreciated. Thanks also to Mr Kenny Stewart and Mr Keith Walton who co-ordinated this event whilst I was in the church with our Sparks.

Junior Section Sports 2019



		1	2	3
Junior	60m	Josh Cornfield 125th Glasgow	Max Anderson 231st Glasgow	Andrew Stoddart 231st Glasgow
	200m	Charlie Renfrew 231st Glasgow	Max Anderson 231st Glasgow	Michael McGuire 278th Glasgow
	Long Jump	Daniel Lazlo 231st Glasgow	Andrew Stoddart 231st Glasgow	Michael McGuire 278th Glasgow
	Shot Putt	Jack Chambers 119th Glasgow	Toby Ofokansi 86th Glasgow	Matthew MacKay 278th Glasgow
Inter	60m	Ben Stoddart 231st Glasgow	Ben Cornfield 125th Glasgow	Lucas Wilkinson 231st Glasgow
	200m	Ben Stoddart 231st Glasgow	Lucas Wilkinson 231st Glasgow	Warren Rossi 231st Glasgow
	Long Jump	Alexander Gillan 5th Glasgow	Ben Cornfield 125th Glasgow	Lucas Wilkinson 231st Glasgow
	Shot Putt	Lucas Wilkinson 231st Glasgow	Allie McGuinness 125th Glasgow	Alexander Gillan 5th Glasgow
Senior	60m	Ryce Canning 223rd Glasgow	Luke Gibb 223rd Glasgow	Jacob Hew 278th Glasgow
	200m	Ryce Canning 223rd Glasgow	Alex Duff 86th Glasgow	Cameron Fraser 79th Glasgow
	Long Jump	Jamie Boyd 5th East Kilbride	Alex Duff 86th Glasgow	Aaron Muir 223rd Glasgow
	Shot Putt	Aaron Muir 223rd Glasgow	Sam McKay 2nd East Kilbride	Jamie Ward 5th East Kilbride
Team	Relay	223rd Glasgow	125th Glasgow	231st Glasgow
	Tug-of-War	125th Glasgow	223rd Glasgow	= 2nd East Kilbride & 18th Glasgow

The following day we had 6 Sparks who went along to the Battalion Lego morning and had a great time creating motorised logo models and other Lego structures and characters. The Boys enjoyed it so much we are planning to have the company come in some time in March to work with all of our Boys. Thanks to Miss Eilidh Flynn for coming along with us to help with this event.

On Friday the 8th of February the Boys took part in our 'Superstars' competition which is where the Boys complete competitions in running, throwing, jumping and other physical activities. At the end of the evening the points were all totalled up and our winning group was group number 3 who won by a very close margin.

I am glad to report that as we have entered into the New Year our numbers continue to grow. We now have 40 Boys between our Junior Section and Sparks, nearly doubling our numbers from two years ago when we had 21. We hope to continue this upward trend in numbers, it is very encouraging for our BB and our church. Football training continues to attract regular attendees and we usually have around 20 Boys coming along to enjoy football based games along with small sided matches on a Wednesday evening. In addition to football training on a Wednesday, Saturday morning games have continued and is growing in popularity with Boys enjoying dodge ball, football, other games and then having the opportunity to jump around on the bouncy castle.

By the next issue I will be able to update everyone on the marching competition and bible knowledge quiz which is taking place soon. We have traditionally done well in both of these and the boys have worked very hard in preparing for them this year. Finally this month we have our up and coming Sportsman's dinner which has sold out. We hope this will be a fantastic event for all who attend and will be a great way to celebrate 75 years of the work the 231st has done to advance Christ's Kingdom in Stamp-erland.





Urgent Appeal for Church Magazine

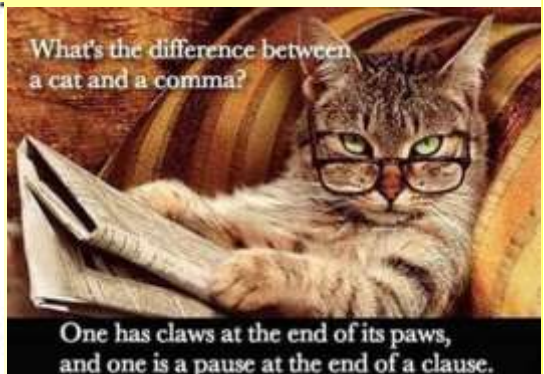
Distributors - Bill Findlay - 0141 637 1519

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



Cub Pack

The Cubs have started the year off in international style by working towards the Global Issues badge and the International badge. Both of these will be worked on over the course of the term.

For Global Issues the Cubs have been looking at how children their age can become refugees and what that means, as well as thinking about how some children and families in poorer parts of the world have some very difficult choices to make with very little money.

We have also been looking at what we can do to help the environment through recycling at home & school and making a promise as part of the Global Goals which is an international initiative. See their website for information: www.globalgoals.org/

With Elaine and Calum visiting Japan in February the Cubs have also made some furry Highland Cow fridge magnets as gifts to Japanese Girl and Boy Scouts that Elaine and Calum will be meeting.

Finally, we have been able to present a further 3 Silver Chief Scout Challenge badges. These are the highest badge available in Cubs and marks lots of hard work by Conor, Matthew and Kieran – well done!



Favourite Hymns of Different Professions

The Golfer's Hymn ... There Is A Green Hill Far Away
The Politician's Hymn ... Standing On The Promises
The Optometrist's Hymn ... Open My Eyes That I May See



Stamperland Guild

Evelyn Graham, Secretary



Our syllabus for the coming months is as follows:

Mar 5 Outing to Dobbies at Stirling

Mar 12 Friendship Lunch jointly with Netherlee Guild

Mar 19 Fashion Show

Taylor Fashions

Mar 26 Illusions

Rev John Martindale

Apr 2 Nepal

Rev Jan Mathieson

Apr 9 AGM

Apr 16 Holy Week

We are looking forward to our joint Friendship lunch with the ladies of Netherlee Guild. This will be a good way of getting to know each other better and will lead the way to closer working between the two Churches.

We do hope that as many of the congregation as possible and friends will come to our Fashion Show on 19th March at 7.30pm in the large hall. This year the fashion show is being presented by Taylor Fashions who are well known to many of you in the area. I understand that they bring numerous items for sale at very reasonable prices. Come along and "grab a bargain". Tickets are priced £4.00, and are available from any committee/Guild member. A glass of wine or soft drink and shortbread will be provided. This is our main fund raising event of the year so we do hope that you will support it.

The Rev John Martindale is a firm favourite with Guild members and friends. Please come to this evening of "Illusions", you won't be disappointed.

The Rev Jan Mathieson, minister of Williamwood Parish Church has been to visit Nepal and is coming to tell us about her trip. This should be an interesting evening.

It's hard to believe that we are nearing Easter and coming to the end of our Guild Syllabus. Our last meeting will be attending the Holy Week Service.

Our summer months Friendship evenings start on Tuesday 28th May. Details regarding the programme will be advised in due course.

We hope that we will have as warm and sunny a summer as we had last year and wish everyone an enjoyable and relaxing summer break.



Congregations Personal Messages Page

Margaret and I would like to express our thanks for the flowers received on the birth of our grandson. Mum, Dad, and baby are all doing well"

Regards, Charlie Harte (Stamperland)

I would like to thank everyone who bought a Christmas cake to help me raise £600. The proceeds were donated to two charities: Starchild Charity and the NSPKU (National Society for Phenylketonuria). This is a charity I work with that supports families of people who have the metabolic condition requiring a special diet to prevent severe brain damage.

Barbara Cochrane (Netherlee)

Ron Kirkwood and his family want to say thank you to everyone at church who have been so kind to them since they lost Anne in January. Everyone agreed the service held by Scott on the 5th of February was beautiful. The prayers, many kindnesses and thoughtfulness of people has meant a lot to the family. Anne and I were together for 62 years.

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Chest Heart and Stroke Charity at the service. The sum of £200 was raised.

Ron Kirkwood. (Stamperland)

I would like to thank Anne MacKenzie for the church flowers she sent me after I had my fall. They were beautiful and I really appreciated them indeed. I would also like to thank the ladies of the guild who sent me cards and phoned me. With thanks to all.

Jean Marshall. (Stamperland)

The Book Club Netherlee

Sheena Wurtherman



The Book Club at its January meeting reviewed Sue Black's book "All that remains". Sue Black is a forensic anthropologist of international repute. The book describes her work and insights from her forensic work.

The February book was Maggie O'Farrell's memoir "I am, I am, I am" which describes the "brushes with death" she and her family have experienced. This is the first of the three books proposed by members of the club. The other two are, Rose Tremain's "The Gustav Sonata" and Chanel Cleeton's "Next Year in Havana". Dates for March and April have not been decided at present.



Clarkston and District Christian Aid Committee



Our 39th Art Exhibition 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 or 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).

Art Exhibition

Carmichael Halls

Eastwood Park

Saturday 9th March

10.00am to 4.00pm

Entry £3 adults

£1.50 Children.

Tearoom & Stalls

Share - Netherlee

Sheena Wurtherman



We will complete our current study in early March. "Daring to see God now" is based on Mark 1: 14 - 15 "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent and believe in the good news" There were 5 sections:

- The Good News of God,
- The time is now,
- God is present,
- Change your mind,
- Live it!

We will then be ready for our Lent study. Working through these studies together we find strengthens our knowledge and faith.

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Stamperland Flower Calendar

Contact Mrs May Paterson—0141 571 8652

3rd Mar	Mrs B Richmond	10th Mar	Mrs M Neilson & Mrs M Paterson
17th Mar	Mrs W Paterson	24th Mar	Mr G Fraser
31st Mar	Vacancy		
7th Apr	Mrs D Clark	14th Apr	Miss H & Miss M Cochran & Mrs A Graham
21st Apr	Mrs R McNiven	28th Apr	The Ferries Family

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 rd Mar	Patricia Docherty	10 th Mar	Jean Searil
17 th Mar	Ida Laurie	24 th Mar	Denis Burt
31st Mar	Ron Dobson		

He Done her Wrong...!



A police officer called the station on his radio.

"I have an interesting case here. An elderly lady just shot her husband for stepping on the floor she just mopped." "Well...have you arrested the woman?"

Not yet. The floor's still wet."

Netherlee Common Good Fund

James Ferguson



Since linking up with East Renfrewshire Good Causes we have been able to give 50% funding required for the following cases: -

- a) provision of specialist wheelchair for a severely handicapped child
- b) giving Christmas presents to a child on kinship placement
- c) funding driving lessons to a mother of a child with complex health needs allowing for hospital appointments
- d) buying a tumble dryer for a family of a child with life limiting condition and incontinence which requires a constant supply of clean bedding
- e) allowing for the provision of bunk beds and single mattresses for children sleeping on a bedroom floor
- f) replacing a toilet cistern for a very elderly man living alone on support
- g) a new washer dryer for a handicapped person on benefits

It is good to have been able to give a "helping hand" with over £1000 from our Common Good Fund.

Eco Congregation

Sheena Wurtheman



As I write this notice, I am listening to comments on the strike by school children on climate change.

This movement started with a school girl in Sweden striking outside her school for an hour on Fridays. She was joined by others at her school and it is now an international campaign. On 15th February several thousands of school pupils in Scotland joined the protest. The Prime Minister condemned this action. Other politicians have differing views.

However it is interesting that the younger generation understands the importance of the environmental developments that they will experience and may not be able to control. They are calling for stronger action and faster implementation of changes of behaviour. I feel embarrassed that having promoted the developments and decisions at the Paris Conference, little has actually been done. Time for us all to make protests and demand changes and action now!



The hugely successful **Starchild Art for Africa** is back this year! In conjunction with **McTear's Auctioneers** and **The Hidden Lane Gallery** in Finnieston, the online auction will run from **April 22nd – May 12th**.

You are invited to a preview reception at the **Hidden Lane Gallery on Saturday, April 20th 3 pm -6 pm**. There will be drinks and nibbles and a chance to view the works of local and international artists. The works of art will be on display at the gallery until the last day of the online auction **May 12th**. You are also welcome to pop along to the Hidden Lane Gallery 1081 Argyle St, G3 8LZ until then to view the art.

With approximately 100 critically acclaimed artists contributing to this successful fundraising platform for Starchild you are bound to find something you would just love to hang on your walls, and without a gallery price tag! McTears donate the buyers premium making sure that all proceeds go to Starchild Charity who work in Uganda and Scotland with vulnerable women and children. Art for Africa enabled Starchild to build a School for Creative Arts in Uganda which now has over 110 children in attendance. The money raised will help children with autism and disabilities access the arts.

For more information contact Rony and Michaela info@starchildcharity.com

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- I got a job at a bakery because I kneaded dough.
- Velcro - what a rip off!
- Don't worry about old age; it doesn't last.



The Netherlee Forum

Sheena Wurtherman



Programme 2018 - 2019

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

Dr. Valerie Wright gave an excellent talk to the Forum on Women, Rent Strikes and Red Clydeside. Her talk was very timely as we approached the centenary of the Battle of George Square on 31 January.

The term 'Red Clydeside' refers to political radicalism in Glasgow during and after the First World War. It culminated in the Battle of George Square – a violent confrontation between police and striking Glasgow workers campaigning for a 40-hour week. This is only part of the story, though. Valerie explained that women also had an important role – from organising rent strikes to anti-war activism.

Women led the resistance to exorbitant rent increases in 1915. Under the leadership of Mary Barbour, Mary Laird, Helen Crawford and Jessie Stephen, 25,000 Glaswegians refused to pay the increase. Court cases and violent evictions soon followed, but the rent strikers won out when the Rent and Mortgage Interest Restriction Act became law in November 1915. Women had successfully organised to turn housing into a major political issue. As Valerie said, the home acquired as much revolutionary potential as the workplace.

There was also an anti-war dimension to women's activism during Red Clydeside. Helen Crawford was secretary of the Women's Peace Crusade. She and others campaigned to bring the First World War to an immediate end through a mixture of peaceful protest and direct action. This shows that Red Clydeside was as much about foreign policy as domestic policy. Crawford supported the Russian Revolution and met Vladimir Lenin, too, which gives Red Clydeside an internationalist character, albeit one that many Scots would have found very troubling.

Valerie concluded by looking at the legacy of Red Clydeside. Campaigns against nuclear weapons, zero-hours contracts and the bedroom tax in Scotland were all influenced by the activism of Red Clydeside. Valerie delivered a very insightful talk with great aplomb. We were very grateful for her time and effort.

William McDougall, a former Chief Superintendent, will address the Forum on Monday 18 February 2019 on Football and Security. We meet at 7.30pm in the Lesser Sanctuary of Netherlee Church. Everyone is welcome.

Netherlee Sunday Club & Senior Sunday Club

Elaine Murray



We've been on a journey with Saul the last few weeks with the children enjoying a mix of games and crafts.

We would like to thank the members of the congregation who have begun to replenish our brown penny funds over the period.

Further to last month's report we had a thank you from Starter Packs for those items we delivered in the New Year.

By the time you get this we will have had our cream tea for Tearfund on 24th February which replaces our previous 'stir it up lunch'; we thought 10.45 was just a little early for a bowl of the children's famous lentil soup! The children prepared for the event by creating posters and adverts for the home baking stall and tombola and will all have taken part in some way on the day.

Last year we received the very sad news that the baby Jesus from our 2017 Nativity had succumbed to cot death. In support of the little one, and his grandma who is a much loved member of our leadership team, we donated £100 of our offerings to Victoria who is running the London Marathon in Scott's name for the Scottish Cot Death Trust. Should you wish to join us in making a donation, Victoria's Virgin Money Giving page is <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/fundraiser-display/showROFundraiserPage?userUrl=VictoriaCameron2&pageUrl=3>

The Netherlee Forum

Sheena Wurtheman



The last meeting for this session of the Netherlee Forum will be held on 18th March in the Lesser Sanctuary of Netherlee Church at 7.30 pm. The speaker will be Dr Simon Cuthbert, geologist and lecturer at University of West of Scotland. The title of his talk is "Greenland- journey to the Ice Age". This will be an account of his recent visit and research in Greenland. All are welcome to attend.

Lot—A father was reading a Bible story to his young son. He read, "The man named Lot was warned to take his wife and flee out of the city, but his wife looked back and was turned to salt." His son asked, "What happened to the flea?"



Property Report for Stamperland

Roy Allan



In December our trees were pruned by a contractor in the hope that it will reduce leaf drop and allow more daylight on to the property. It was agreed, to save costs, that the small pruned branches and twigs could be stored behind the church for steady disposal in the brown bins and this was completed by mid February, with some larger branches finding their way, with agreement, into the skip builders skip. The gardening team will now rest for two months!!!

In January the large hall ceiling was cleaned and painted, followed by the small hall and session room. At the same time a small repair was carried to one boiler of the heating system.

In February work began on replacing the steps to the church entrance and by the time you read this the work will have been completed.

We are in the process of updating our long term plan for fabric and maintenance work to be carried out, some of which is fairly extensive and includes the following ; After an electrical survey the wiring requires upgrading in the halls and sanctuary. This will be split into two phases, first being the halls, which are the oldest part of our buildings. Quotations are awaited.

Replacement of all the metal framed windows in the halls with modern PVC to blend with the existing look of the exterior of the building. Provision of a toilet in the halls area, suitable for disabled persons, is being examined, as is improvement to the layout and accessibility from the halls kitchen and session room areas.

Much of this work will require presbytery approval , meanwhile our business plan is being reviewed and updated to take account of the required work.

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23rd Psalm



In his book, "I Shall Not Want," Robert Ketchum tells of a Sunday School teacher who asked her group of children if anyone could quote the entire 23rd Psalm. A golden-haired, four-and-a-half-year-old girl was among those who raised their hands.

A bit sceptical, the teacher asked if she could really quote the entire psalm. The little girl came to the front of the room, faced the class, made a perky little bow, and said, "The Lord is my shepherd, that's all I want." She bowed again and went and sat down.

That may well be the greatest interpretation of the 23rd Psalm ever heard.

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