

CONNECTIONS

The joint magazine of Netherlee & Stamperland Parish Churches



HAPPY EASTER

*For God so loved
the world, that He gave
His only begotten Son, that
whosoever believeth in Him
should not perish, but
have everlasting life.*

~ John 3:16

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A Message from the Editor

Fraser Neilson



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

Due to ever increasing input from all contributors the final date for submission is no longer guaranteed so the earlier you submit, the better chance you may have of success. Time sensitive articles get priority of course. Perhaps a good problem to be faced with as far as the magazine is concerned.

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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! McTear's 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.

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Our Minister's Message

Reverend Scott Blythe



It feels really late in the year to be still approaching Easter. As I write this article, we are just approaching only the third week in the Season of Lent. We still have another few weeks to go before we embark on the important pilgrimage of Holy Week. That week in which we see the culmination of Jesus' ministry on earth.

Yet, in some ways, this chance to be still waiting and anticipating is worth its own reflection. I don't know about the rest of you, but I often find it difficult to be in the moment in which I find myself. So, often my mind is taken up with events that are coming up and I tend to think about both the past and the future more than I think about the day in which I find myself.

As I was thinking about it I realised that this tendency to not be fully aware of where we are and what is going on right now is something that I need to challenge. For after all, every day that we receive is a gift from God. It is given to us in love and with care and joy by God. Our not realising this and making the most of each day as it comes is something to try and stop.

Don't get me wrong - I can naturally understand anticipating events such as holidays or birthdays or big events like Christmas, Easter or Anniversaries. However, if we spend too much of our time focusing on the other, we can often fail to see what is right in front of our face. In doing that, we can fail to see important things, important blessings that God bestows upon us.

So, before we rush ahead to the celebration of Easter, let's give thanks for the time to wait. Let's try and slow ourselves down and instead of racing ahead and beyond Easter day, let us take the chance to reflect on the remaining days of Lent.

Is there something that God is trying to get through to us? Should we be spending a little more time in prayer, in reading scripture?

Before we rush from Palm Sunday until Easter Day, let us think about the whole of Holy Week and maybe each day read through the encounters Jesus undergoes in those days as Easter nears. Let us hear again what lessons the confrontations and the changes of fate that happen in that eventful week.

For if we really take the time to dwell in these events, we will come to a greater joy and wonder when the wondrous events of Easter unfold.

Give it a go, and if you struggle to do these things alone, don't forget that we are joining with our friends from the Clarkston Churches Together each

night through Holy Week. Maybe taking the chance to share in these services will allow you to walk more steadily to the Easter that approaches.

May God bless you all!

Scott

Netherlee Sunday Club & Senior Sunday Club

Elaine Murray



The Sunday Club would like to say THANK YOU to everyone who supported our Coffee Morning. The Sunday Club, parents, congregation and friends all helped to raise an amazing £525 for Tearfund which has been sent to their disaster relief fund. We hope you enjoyed the refreshments, home baking and tombola as much as we enjoyed the fun and fellowship.

Our weekly lessons are now focussing on the Psalms. In Psalm 19 David writes about how all of creation tells of God's great works and that we should praise him. We got creative ourselves with a beetle drive and rather interesting box! Psalm 20 turns to God's power Even though David has the power of armies and chariots behind him, he knows he should put his trust in God and that God will help him. In Psalm 22 we saw David suffering yet he remembered to praise God rather than blame him. We have explored the theme using crafts, games, quizzes, mimes and our ever popular parachute!

By the time you read Connections we hope that our Sunday Clubber's mothers enjoyed their special day, despite the clocks changing! Palm Sunday is a service that we enjoy sharing in full with the congregation although the timing of the school holidays this year has impacted the number able to attend. Did someone mention an Easter Egg Hunt??

The summer term will be upon us soon and we are making plans for our Sunday Club outing and a sponsored cycle by the Senior Sunday Clubbers. More on these events next month.

We are very proud of the contribution made by our Sunday Clubbers within our church family and community beyond. We extend a warm welcome to all children P1 to P7 to Sunday Club as well as S1 and beyond for Senior Sunday Club! Just come along, we'd love to see you. Joining us for the first time? Don't hesitate to get in touch via the Church Office to find out more, or simply meet us on a Sunday morning.



The Glasgow Kiltwalk

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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

79th Scout Group

Fund-Raising Appeal



Cub Leaders Elaine Murray and Philip Moseley will be abseiling off the Falkirk Wheel in April to help raise funds for the Group as the 79th Scout Group turns 79 years old. Definitely a bit out of our comfort zone for both of us, but a great opportunity and definitely adventurous!

There is no competition in amount being raised between us, but we are plugging my page a bit more, simply because my employer will match what I raise (up to £1000). If you would like to support us, then please go to the page below, or speak to either Elaine or myself.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Philip-Moseley2>

Poppyscotland 2018 Appeal

Anne Mann—Netherlee 01355 231885



On Saturday 23rd February there was laughter, fun and frustration as a very mixed group played beetle. A good night was had by all those who were there, when the night also raised £260 for Poppyscotland.

Thank you to everyone who attended, donated raffle prizes and who helped on the night.

Down Memory Lane in Stamperland - 1979

Pat Roller



Mrs Squair the Organist for 15 years was taking up a new appointment and a presentation was planned for her. We were also saying farewell to our divinity student, Mrs Effie Campbell, on whom we gave her God's blessing in her studies and future ministry.

The following new members were welcomed, Mr & Mrs W C Laing, Randolph Dr, Mrs G Mark, Stamperland Dr, Mr & Mrs H Fisher, Giffnock, Mrs C Bryers, Orchy Gdns, Mr & Mrs J H Lamont, The Oval and Miss A White, Nethervale Ave. The wedding took place on 10th March of Miss E Paterson, The Oval and Mr J Swift, Glasgow.

Leaders of Organisations were reminded to apply for halls use for session 1979/80, whilst the Stamperland Paly Group were given permission to use our halls, following local authority approval of our premises.

Letters of appreciation were received from Mr A Wallace, headmaster of Netherlee school and also from Mr T J McCool, Divisional Education Officer, for the use of the church during a recent closure of Netherlee school.

Mr A Devlin relinquished his post as Roll Keeper and was replaced by Mr J Crombie.

The Treasurer's report from the 37th Stated Annual Meeting revealed finances had met our Mission & Service, and we had just completed work on an extensive rewiring, but there was much more work to be done, where a compromise had to be found from what we wanted to do and what we could afford. Members were asked to consider a 20o/o increase in their offerings. 9 new members were welcomed to the Board, Miss M Kennedy, Mrs M Steen, Mrs C Fearn, Mr J White, Mrs M McEwan, Miss J Stewart, Mr W & R Turnbull, & Mr R Fergusson.

The BB raised £264 from a Jumble Sale, had booked summer camp in the Isle of Man at the Millennium Youth Jamboree in August, whilst beforehand their Annual Inspection & Display would be on 6th April, with the Inspecting Officer being ADO, D Dundas,, Strathclyde Fire Brigade, and chaired by R Liddell, Session Clerk. Applications for Officer training were approved by Rev D Speed for A Barclay, A Todd, G McWhinnie & J Welch.

Meanwhile the Junior Section Display was to be held on 4th May, and the annual day trip was heading for St Andrews, also in May.

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 April are as follows:

Fruit Juice in cartons, Tinned Meat/ Fish

Tinned Fruit' Jam/Marmalade/Spreads

Dried pasta/pasta sauces

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.

We have received a thank you letter from East Renfrewshire Foodbank Management Team, Steering Group and Volunteers advising that the food delivered to them at the beginning of March weighed 53.4kg. This will feed three small families for three days.

If you are unable to carry heavy items please do not be deterred from donating, there are always lighter options available on the list.

Thank you again for your continued support which is very much appreciated. Again we would ask that items donated are within the **“best before” date**. The Foodbank will not distribute food which is out of date.

More of Murphy's Lesser-Known Dictums

Does killing time damage eternity?

Why is it that night falls but day breaks?

Why is the third hand on the watch called a second hand?

Nothing is foolproof to a sufficiently talented fool.

If the shoe fits, get another one just like it.



Changes to the Roll - Netherlee - Mabel Bell



Change of Address

	Name	Locality	Elder
00	Mrs E Logan	N/Mearns to Clarkston	91 M Bell

Disjoined

Name	Locality
Mr A McMillan	Netherlee
Mrs M McMillan	Netherlee

Deaths

Date	Name	From	
11.3.2019	Mr A Love	Netherlee 48	I & J Alexander

Stamperland - Bill Paterson

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

	Name	Locality	Elder

Members Leaving: *Sorry you have gone. Please take our best wishes with you*

Name	Locality
Mrs S Diamond	Stamperland

Funerals

Name	From	
Mrs. Hazel Thompson	Stamperland	



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 (part 2)

Catherine Nelson

Many of the young people who have received grants from the Trust Fund have described their experiences as “life-changing”. The following are extracts from letters and reports received from just a few of the recipients of the Trust, and I include them for your encouragement.

Visit to Bloemfontein, South Africa by Adam Robinson (Lancaster)

“Thank you for the contribution you made towards my trip to South Africa this year. Without your support the opportunity to work in Bloemfontein with the most wonderful people would never have happened.

In South Africa, we spent time with a number of charities who help and support the impoverished people of Bloemfontein in a number of ways.....children’s clubs where they have the opportunity to play sports and interact in other activities and receive food; supporting those with HIV, AIDS and TB, or building shacks for those in need. Working with these people and seeing the impact they made on the lives of others was a particular highlight for me. Being able to see God at work in a place where there are so many struggles was incredible and strengthened my own faith in His works. We also visited a Children’s Hospice and a food bank for the homeless.

Overall, the trip was an incredible experience which will stay with me for life. I would like to thank you all for your support in making this dream a reality, and ask God’s blessing on all you do in the future.”

Visit to Uganda by Katie Dunn (Giffnock)

“I spent my five weeks in Uganda on a building project that aims to give more children in the area a secondary education. Getting my hands dirty and physical labour was one of the most rewarding acts I could have done over there. Spending hours on site with the locals was always enjoyable. Initially, they highlighted our differences: our skin; lifestyle and status. As the weeks went by, they realised we were the same, as our skin got browner and they got to know us better. My eleven teammates were the most inspiring, joyful and ambitious group of teenagers you will ever meet. The bond that I have formed with them is incredible and I know that they will be life-long friends.

Words cannot express my gratitude to each and every one of you. I can only thank you for allowing me to embark on a life-changing experience that has completely transformed my outlook on life and has made me a better person. I want to thank you for allowing me to grow and make a little difference to the world. I hope you know that this is the best possible thing I could have done this summer and I would not be the individual I am now without your generosity and prayers. From the bottom of my heart, Thank you.”

Postgraduate course in Augmented Communications by Sarah Wadsworth (Larkhall)

"That's me done!! Or really, that's us done. I couldn't have done this without the support of James' Trust. At the start of the course, I chose to purchase a fairly expensive book and statistical software to help me get through the class, and for this I used James' money, which I had set aside for one-off purchases. Then something very unexpected happened. This class no longer felt like just my class, as it was James' money helping me get through it. I couldn't have passed it without that software or course book. God used James' money to give me the tools to pass this class. I nearly gave up several times, but whilst praying about it, James came into my mind. The grade I achieved was because of him.

I am now looking for a Speech and Language Therapy job, preferably with adults with learning disabilities. I will continue my work with Prospects and I am quite sure God will put into action some of what I have learned through my dissertation."

Worship Rota 2019 – January to April 2019 Stuart Buchanan - Session Clerk Netherlee



Dates	Service Style/Title	Service Times
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



The Netherlee Forum

Sheena Wurthmann



Football Security Adviser William McDougall

How do you move 4000 people to a small space safely and in good humour where some of the crowd are in opposition to the rest? This is the role of a Football Security Officer.

William McDougall had a successful career with Strathclyde Police and at Tulliallan Police College. On retirement he was invited to be Football Security Adviser to the Scottish Football Association and UEFA. Mr McDougall gave us insights to the issues and how to deal with them. Many of the Scottish fans are in the Scottish Travel Club (1500 normally travel with the Club). The Travel Club are happy to share with the police the travel arrangements and to co-operate with local operations. 1996 Scotland qualified for UEFA in England. In preparation for the games SFA worked on developing an atmosphere of good conduct. The motto was "We are the best supporters" This was backed with information and a gift - A "Hey Jimmy" badge!

When the fans travel abroad it is important to check out the venues and the local facilities and plans for crowd management. Preparation for an international competition will start at least a year ahead. This allows for relationships to develop and provides opportunities to share intelligence about issues with fans and travel plans. Watching Mr McDougall telling us about this work it is clear that he not only has the ability to work in this field but also has the personality that would work well in these circumstances.

With experience with the fans the information provided has also developed. The fans are provided with an information pack that includes routes to the game from travel centres, local places to eat and watch the match outside the ground. This pack also includes phrase book lists, emergency service provision - hospital, police, embassy contact details. All this to encourage the idea that they are "... the best supporters".

The hooligans are managed using intelligence. One group were coming to Bordeaux from Spain. This knowledge was used to divert the coach from approaching the ground and ensuring that they saw the match in a separate ground and then dispatched back to Spain at the end of the match.

Currently the big issues are sectarianism and racism. This is being addressed by the Scottish Government, UEFA and the SFA. A school pack has been developed but this is only the beginning.

Crowd management of large numbers of people into a small space for a short time of high spirits and then safely dispersed at the end is a skill. The preferred outcome is happy fans, players and local community. Willie McDougall illustrated these skills with great aplomb and good sense of humour.

231st Boys' Brigade Junior Section & Sparks

Scott Russell - Officer in Charge



The Month of March has been a successful month for our Section. Since the last update we had a very successful Sportsman's dinner held in Stamperland Social Club with ex Boys Brigade members Alex Rae and Gordon Smith providing some light hearted after dinner speaking. The night was enjoyed by 120 ex



members, dads and friends of the 231st, many of whom commented on their enjoyment of the evening, wishing another event to take place in the near future. The night offered a great opportunity for everyone to get together for social time whilst sharing stories from their time in the BB and although fund-raising was not a main focus, we still raised around £800 for work in the Company.

On Saturday 23rd of February our Junior Section boys took part in the Glasgow Battalion Figure Marching competition and the Bible Knowledge Quiz. The boys had been practising hard over many weeks to perfect their maze marching routine and I was delighted that their hard work paid off and they managed to win First place, picking up the Battalion Shield. We had been studying the bible story of David and Goliath in preparation for the quiz and I am pleased to say that the boys came second overall in the team competition element. It was a very successful day for the 231st! Well done to Andrew Stoddart, Joshua Stewart, Ross Armet, Zac Gaddi, Max Anderson, Leon Taylor and Andrew Thomson who were all part of our successful team!



The busy weekend continued with a church parade on Sunday 24th February to celebrate our 75th anniversary along with the birthday of Stamperland Church. The boys were all smartly turned out and did the company proud before, during and after the service.

Following the success of the Battalion event that we attended. and as part of a special treat for our anniversary year, we hired in a

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company to come along to our BB section night on Friday 15th March to have a LEGO night with the boys. Everyone enjoyed making models, cars, pictures and just free play and design;



I think the adult helpers might have even enjoyed it as much as the boys did!

April will be a quiet month the three weeks Friday hol-prepare events for the end ongoing. On Saturday 27th ing our Annual Race Night major fundraising event for ways a really fun event for come along. I am sure this ent!



for the 231st due to idays but the work to of the session will be April we will be host-and Disco. This is a the BB, and it is al-all of the people who year will be no differ-

This year we are also hav-play with the Company years of the 231st. This will 17th May in the Clarkston will showcase the work of

ing a joint Annual Dis-Section to mark 75 take place on Friday Halls and we hope it the company. The fol-



lowing day we will be having our Annual Millport Trip, which the boys always really look forward to. Our final meeting will be on Friday 31st May with a Parents Night and Prize giving evening



in the church hall which will round up our session for this year. A busy few weeks ahead.

Irish Medical Dictionary The Irish have the lowest stress rate because they do not take medical terminology seriously ...

1 Caesarean Section A neighbourhood in Rome **2 Cat Scan** Searching for Kitty

3 Cauterize Made eye contact with her **4 Colic** A sheep dog

5 Coma A punctuation mark **6. Enema** Not a friend **Dilate** To live long

6 Nitrates Rates of Pay for Working at Night **7 Outpatient** A person who has faint-

ed **8. Post Operative** A letter carrier **9 Recovery Room** Place to do upholstery.



278th Glasgow Company The Boys' Brigade

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



It's been another action packed period of growth for the Anchor Boys (Mondays, 6-7pm). At the beginning of the session we set the boys a recruitment target of 24, which they have now met and been rewarded with their promised pizza night. Since then we have welcomed 4 new faces and been delighted to award bronze recruitment badges to Calum Steven and Duncan Blythe. Having reached 28 Anchor Boys we might as well crack on to 30 and above...

The boys have also been participating in a variety of District and Battalion events. We were delighted to present Battalion colouring certificates to David Patterson (Gold), Ruaridh France (Gold), Angus Mitchell (Bronze), Joseph Mitchell (Bronze) and Oliver Adam (Bronze). 12 Netherlee boys contributed towards the 40 attendees at the Cathkin district "Fun & Games" event, a great day of non competitive sport at Stonelaw Community Sports Hub. We also sent two teams to the district collage competition at Moncrieff Parish Church where we narrowly lost out to 4th East Kilbride, whose boys benefited from leaders with an artistic flair not matched by our own! Our Noah's Ark collages can, nonetheless, be viewed in the large hall.

The boys also had their annual trip to Hollywood Bowl. Tobias Smith won Gold, Finlay Slater Silver and Aaron Maclean Bronze, with David Patterson captaining this year's winning squad. Most recently the Anchors had a fantastic visit from trainee Guide Dog pups Victor and Duke, whose handlers assured us that exposing the pups to lots of noise was helpful training for them. Which was probably just as well. Their trainers concluded by observing that their dogs and our boys shared a number of common characteristics, a point which was fairly unarguable upon only brief consideration.

Meanwhile the Junior Section (Tuesdays 7 – 8.45pm) put up a great performance at the annual district quiz, securing second place and missing top spot by an agonising one point. As part of their badge work the boys have been assigned a number of tasks to assist with at home, with pictorial evidence being required! It



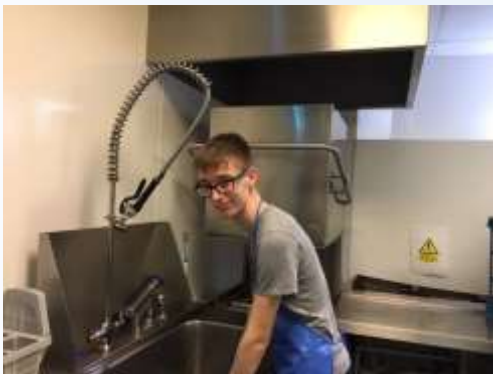
would be fair to say that the Juniors are an 'energetic' bunch this year, but under the wise and patient tutelage of young officer Jonathon Watson Sweeney progress with drill continues. The boys have also been introduced to tumbling, with mixed results, and have a new favourite game – helicopter, which is played regularly with no decapitations thus far.

They also had a great time celebrating pancake day and – like the Anchor Boys – are now focussing on the Biblical narrative of Easter as the season fast approaches.

Company Section (Friday 7pm – 10pm) is delighted that Queens man Oliver Giles has now completed his community hours with some further sessions at Lodging House Mission. It is particularly challenging to be the lone Queens man at a BB company, which Oliver has been at 278 this year, and we are therefore especially proud of his achievements.

Christopher Watson Sweeney was selected to run at the Scottish Cross Country Championships, but will have to wait as the event was unfortunately postponed due to bad weather. A number of the Company Section boys were present to help out as Battalion Secretary Jim McVean spoke to the Netherlee Guild about its partnership with the BB, and Jonathon Watson Sweeney was interviewed about what his lifelong connection to 278 has meant to him.

The boys have also just finished this year's formal Christian Faith course, which focussed on lessons on God's Young Church from the Book of Acts. At Bible study the boys also learned of the Company's (alleged) motto: "Fight the Good Fight" (of Faith) (1 Timothy 6:12). Although a lively debate ensued as to whether this was the Company's actual motto or not (!) there was, thankfully, no such dispute about our call to follow this particular command regardless.



Netherlee Guild

Margaret Fear, Secretary



We have come to the end of another Guild year having learned about problems both home and abroad and the sterling work of many people; we have chuckled at some "blethers" and sung some old Glasgow songs.

Now I hope we can enjoy some summer sunshine to recharge the batteries, so I wish everyone a happy holiday and I look forward to a new session in October.

Netherlee Foodbank

Anne Hind



Thank you for your ongoing support to the foodbank. We have been looking for carrier bags recently as we almost ran out a few weeks ago. When we are putting out food for over 100 people three times each week we use a lot of bags as everything is double bagged because it is heavy tins and people often walk quite a distance having no money for bus fares.

Requirements for April

Tinned fruit, Tinned potatoes, Tinned vegetables, Tinned fish, Tinned custard/rice, UHT milk, Jam, Diluting juice, Shampoo, Shaving foam and razors.

Please keep us in mind when you are disposing of your carrier bags. We have plenty of soup, beans, pasta and biscuits but are particularly short of the following items and would welcome donations of these.



Netherlee Book Club

Sheena Wurthmann



The Book Club is meeting on 29th March and will be reviewing "Gustav Sonata" by Rose Tremain (28 Deanwood Avenue). On 3rd May we will be reviewing "Next Year in Havana" by Chanel Cleeton. We are meeting at 8.00pm at 1 Linn Drive.

Murphy's Lesser-Known Dictums

Light travels faster than sound. This is why some people appear bright, until you hear them speak.



March saw Joe Mailley stepping down from the 79th Scout Group. After 42 years as a leader in Scouting with approximately 30 of these linked to the 79th Stamperland and Eastwood district, Joe wants to concentrate on other things.

To say Joe will be missed is an understatement. Not only has Joe provided a full programme for the Scout Troop he has supported Beavers & Cubs in their various activities, outings and nights away and recently has been assisting in the setup of our Explorer unit. He also gave guidance and support to all leaders in the group.

Just before Joe finished up he helped the Explorers to run their winter week-end at Auchengillan in the Campsie Cabins (basically 1-up from a shed!) waking up to several inches of snow on the Sunday morning.

We “ambushed” Joe at the end of Cubs and again at the end of Scouts on his last official week. The Cubs presented him with a card and a Scout Thank You badge thanking him for the help given to the Cubs.

At the end of Scouts we presented Joe symbolically with a 200 Nights Away badge. This is the highest available, but is probably only a fraction of the actual total nights away Joe has been involved with and helped to run. The parents of the Scouts and Explorers also gave him a cake and a card. It was a bit of an emotional night!

During May we are planning a more informal Thank You party for both Joe and Euan (who stepped down at Christmas).

In the meantime, on behalf of all the leaders, I would like to thank both Euan and Joe for all their time, energy, enthusiasm and dedication given to the 79th Scout Group over many years.

Plea for Help!

With both Joe and Euan stepping down (although we hope to still see them at occasional events) and Gregor indicating his intention to retire within the next year this puts the Scout Troop in a difficult place.

We desperately need volunteers willing to take on running the Scout Troop to continue with a full and active programme for our members and ensure that progression through the sections is available for our Beavers and Cubs. This is open to anyone (male or female) and can be on a flexible basis. Existing leaders will provide plenty of support and guidance, with wider training run by the Scout Association.

You don't need to have been in Scouts or Guides (or similar organisations), but would like to help out and gain new skills. It also looks great on CVs!

Without additional help we are in real danger of the Scout Troop not being able to continue with implications across the wider Group and local community.

So, my plea is for anyone interested in helping, or maybe you know of friends or family that may be interested, to contact me or any other leader. Scouting can be a fun and adventurous way to help the local community and provide both our young members and you with Skills for Life.

See our poster elsewhere in this magazine.



Stamperland Spring Fair

Fund-Raising Committee



The 2019 Spring Fair will be held on Saturday 11th May from 10.am-1pm We are asking for your donations for the Bottle and Tombola stalls, Home Baking, Books, DVD's but **no** bric a brac please. Ideas for the Tombola could be Toiletries (Men or Women) Boxes of Chocolates or Biscuits and Sweets. There will be two boxes placed in the vestibule to collect these donations and this will be ongoing until the 5th May.

If you would like to help at the Fair in any way for a time, however short or long, please approach a member of the Fund-Raising Committee. Further information will be available each Sunday throughout the forthcoming weeks. Thanking you in anticipation.

Committee Members to contact are Kay Baird, Jackie Silcock, Anne Mackenzie, Fraser MacIntosh, Alison Macfarlane, Norman Walker, or Margo Neilson.

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More of Murphy's Lesser-Known Dictums

He who laughs last, thinks slowest.

Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine.





Congregations Personal Messages Page

*Thanks to the children of Sunday Club for their donations of toys at the Gift Service.. This was very much appreciated by all who received them. Any inquiries from Netherlee for Starter Packs, please call 0141 389 3322. I can arrange for larger items to be uplifted, **Margaret Fleck (Netherlee)***

*We would like to thank the minister for the lovely flowers we received for our work with Christian Aid (Russell and Luke). Can we also take this opportunity to thank everyone who supported the Art Exhibition and Sale by donating home baking, helping set up, or helping on the day, buying raffle tickets or attending on the day. It is very much appreciated. Wishing everyone at Netherlee and Stamperland a happy Easter. **The Brown family (Stamperland)***

*I wish to thank you for the flowers I received from the congregation recently after my short stay in hospital. It certainly brightened up my recovery period. I hope to be back to full fitness for the outdoor bowling season starting, **John Currer (Stamperland)***

*Thank you to Capt. Peter Dale and Lt. Scott Russell for their organising of the 75th Anniversary Dinner of the 231st Glasgow Company, Boys' Brigade. I am sure all who attended had a great evening and it was good to see so many old faces. **Bill Paterson. (Stamperland)***

*We would like to thank Anne McKenzie and the Church for the beautiful flowers we received, and for the get well messages. Thanks again, **Helen & Marion Cochran (Stamperland)***

Dear Friends,

*I would like to thank you for the lovely flowers you sent to me during my on-going illness. They are very much appreciated as it is nice to know that you are thinking about me, **Jean Macfarlane, (Stamperland)***

Thank you for the lovely flowers & good wishes received after my recent operation I am able to do more now although Roy did his bit .

Moirra Allan (Stamperland)

***The Kirk Session** would like to thank the Officers & boys of the 231st Junior Section for putting the clips on the pews in preparation for the joint communion service with Netherlee. Your help was very much appreciated.*



Clarkston and District Christian Aid Committee



The 39th Annual Art Show took place on Saturday 9th March in the Carmichael Halls. On behalf of the art show committee can I please thank the helpers from both churches who turned up on Friday morning and Saturday to carry out any task asked of them.

A huge thank you to the tremendous team Netherlee and Stamperland produced who worked willingly and tirelessly in the tea room to serve the thirsty customers.

During the day we used 24 fruit loaves and almost 400 scones so also can I add my thanks to Vicky and Barbara who provided most of the baking. Thanks also to the people from Netherlee who volunteered as stewards and helped at the sales tables

Last but not least thanks to all from both churches who attended and bought paintings I hope your picture gives you hours of pleasure.

The actual total is not in yet but we recon we have made in the region of £7000 a great effort from all involved

Stamperland Flower Calendar

Contact Mrs May Paterson—0141 571 8652



7th Apr Mrs D Clark

14th Apr

Miss H & Miss M Cochran &
Mrs A Graham

21st April Service at Netherlee Church

28th Apr The Ferries Family

5th May

The Thompson Family

12th May Mr G. Robertson

19th May

Mrs M. Mathieson

26th May Mrs M. Malloch

Why Teachers Drink!

What was Sir Walter Raleigh famous for?

He is a noted figure in history because he invented cigarettes and started a craze for bicycles.

What did Mahatma Ghandi and Genghis Khan have in common?
Unusual names.





I am concerned...

David Dundas, Stamperland

Not about the future of Stamperland Church. Not about the future of the Church of Scotland. I am concerned about the future of Christianity!

Stamperland is the fourth church I have attended since I was a boy of ten – the other three have all gone – closed down and demolished. This may sound sad, and for me it is, but this is only part of the picture. Where I grew up in the south side of Glasgow there were eight churches within walking distance, and all that remains now is the ruins of the Greek Thomson church building, and one small new church.

I have been on holiday to the same area of another country for about 30 years and in the churches I have attended, there has been about 40% drop in attendance.

No doubt there are many contributory factors and you will have your own thoughts on the subject, however the stand-out factor for me is COMMUNICATION.

I can still vividly remember my first attendance at a meeting of Glasgow Presbytery many years ago, there was a reserved front pew for the PRESS – it was full, and I mean shoulder to shoulder with no gaps. At present and for a long time I have never heard or read any reports of Presbytery business, or initiative or desire for public communication.

More important is how do we communicate with THE PUBLIC? We (the church) used to have some lines of communication via three of the most important times in a person's life – birth, marriage and death.

Baptism – we sure made a mess of that. I still find it hard to believe that an assembly of Clergy and committed Christians could be persuaded to prefer human logic to the teaching of Jesus.

Oh and what kind of Christians are we to adopt a policy of 'Members Only' on anything?

Marriage – A church wedding is wonderfully atmospheric and picturesque. Why then has it become almost a rare event? I have not done any research but I would guess that it is in part due to people presuming it is a service for members only, and being totally unaware of it being a 'parish service'. Should people in the parish be better informed in this regard?

Funeral – Five of the last six funerals I attended recently have all been conducted by a Humanist. I ask myself are they so much better than the clergy? I say absolutely not! Again I would suggest there is a breakdown in **PTO**

communication between the church and the people of the parish. However, we have to be aware of the possible workload this would place on the minister. In the past funerals have been the subject of discussion at Presbytery, because in some areas the minister could barely cope with the numbers requesting this service.

As I have taken the liberty of getting this off my chest you might expect me to have some answers. Well I have no qualifications on the subject of Communication, only some random thoughts which you may, with delight, commit to your shredder.

I have not seen an Extra newspaper recently but I can remember churches having individual adverts. Well how about Clarkston Churches Together taking a single block advert with each church, on a rota, filling the allotted space with a Christian message by way of a story, quotation, picture etc.. There would also be an acknowledgement of the churches supporting the advert.

The west wall of Stamperland Church faces onto a busy main road. Most days hundreds of people pass by on public transport in both directions. Should we attempt to communicate a Christian message with some form of Wayside Pulpit?

A church notice board close to the pavement offers a lot of potential communication if the notices are brief and large print to catch the eye of a passer-by. Church events are an obvious use, but what about the Sunday service as a coming event? What about the title of next sermon, first line of hymns, special prayers, etc..

What are your random thoughts?

Netherlee Church Flowers

Shirley Buchanan 585 3929



Anyone who would like to help arranging or delivering our church flowers please contact me or any member of the flower committee.

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

7th Apr Irene Carmichael

14th Apr Irene Morton

21st April Margaret Fear

28th Apr VACANT

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Stamperland Church Finance

Kay Bolton, Treasurer



The Stated Annual Meeting of Stamperland Parish Church took place on Sunday 19th March after morning worship. A summary of our finances was presented with full details being given in the Annual Report, copies of which are available in the Church vestibule. The following is a brief summary of our financial position.

In 2018 the Church's income totalled £95,814. Of this amount £54,433 was in the form of offerings with £2138 contributed by fund raising activities. £13,481 came from the use of our premises by non-church organisations, a valuable source of income. Those organisations which kindly contributed to our running costs were as follows: The Guild £450, Guides £257, Scouts £325 and BB Company and Junior sections together £300. Tax claimed on offerings donated through Gift Aid amounted to £10,326. It is thanks to those who "Gift Aid" their donations that we are able to claim this substantial amount from the Government at no cost to ourselves.

Over the year our total expenditure was £92,847, an increase of £3,000 from the previous year. £51,652 of this sum was our contribution to the National Ministry and Mission Fund. This includes our contribution to our minister's stipend and to the wider work of the Church of Scotland. We also paid £2,714 to Glasgow Presbytery. We have no control over these items of expenditure which represent over half of our income.

In 2018 expenditure associated with fabric amounted to £13,297. The main item of expenditure was the purchase of a new projector and screen costing £10,456. The cost of replacing flooring in the lower corridors amounted to £921. Our heating and lighting cost were £4634 which was actually £700 less than last year.

Stamperland Manse is still being let and we are able to claim this income from The General Trustees in Edinburgh against fabric expenses. We were therefore able to claim back £12,034 in this way. Many of the maintenance and repair tasks, including the upkeep of the church grounds, were undertaken by volunteers and this helps to keep expenditure under control.

Since our linkage with Netherlee Church on 6th September 2018 we have been sharing ministerial costs on a 70/30 basis, Stamperland paying the lesser amount. i.e. Minister's Travel, Minister's Telephone and Internet, Manse Council Tax, Manse Fabric and Manse Insurance. Pulpit Supply is split on a 50/50 basis and costs associated with the printing and publishing of "Connections" are allocated on the number of magazines taken by each Church.

We are fortunate to have a healthy amount of funds in the bank – a total of £130,495 together with investments valued at £4,167. In addition, the **PTO**

General Trustees in Edinburgh hold £13,913 on our behalf , being the balance of the accumulated rental income from the Manse.

Thanks are due to everyone for their efforts in supporting our Church throughout the year in their donations of regular offerings and to those who organise and support fund raising activities. Many thanks also to Anne MacKenzie and Norman Walker for their work in relation to Freewill Offering and tax recovery through Gift Aid.

The Netherlee Forum

Kate Cuthbert



The last Forum meeting of this session took us to Greenland in the company of Dr Simon Cuthbert from the University of the West of Scotland. At first glance Greenland appears to be a harsh ice covered wasteland but there is far more to the island.

Once part of a massive ice sheet that covered Canada, Russia, Scandinavia and Scotland, the remaining ice covering Greenland is several hundred metres thick and covers most of the land surface apart from a narrow coastal strip. The ice cap contains 8% of all the earth's fresh water. It is estimated that if it completely melted it would raise the global sea level by 24 feet.

Erick the Red colonised Greenland after its accidental discovery, opening the country up to Viking settlement whilst the Innuits also moved in via northern Canada. Nowadays the population is still largely made up of people from Danish or Innuits origins. In days gone by people survived by hunting whales and seals using their skins, meat and bones for clothing, food, tools, weapons and ropes. Today Greenland is largely dependent on supplies shipped in from Denmark.

Picturesque towns with colour coded buildings are concentrated largely on the west coast. The largest is only the size of a Scottish village. With less than 47 km of roads, towns are isolated from each other and journeys between them are made by coastal ships. Journeys can be dramatic as boats push through the ice flows avoiding calving glaciers and hunting whales. Tourism is becoming increasingly important with hotels, museums and galleries springing up in the larger towns. With Glasgow only a five hour flight away the world, like the icecap, is rapidly shrinking.

Irish Medical Dictionary

1 Benign What you be, after you be eight **2 Bacteria** Back door to cafeteria
3. Barium What doctors do when patients die **4 Artery** The study of paintings
5 Fester Quicker than someone else **6 Fibula** A small lie **7. Impotent**
 Distinguished, well known **8 Labour Pain** Getting hurt at work **9 Node** I knew it **10 Rectum** Nearly killed him.



Budget 2019

Allan Mathieson Treasurer Netherlee



The Budget for 2019 was presented at the SAM on Sunday 24th March. The Budget shows that the Surplus will decline from £15,343 in 2018 to £620. The main reasons are:

Income from collections will decline by £5,202 as a result of falling membership and some members no longer paying tax and they therefore have had to leave the Gift Aid scheme we lose 25% of the members givings in these circumstances.

Repairs and Maintenance is shown to increase by £6,363. The initial budget from the Fabric committee was £15,000 but as no volunteers came forward to tend the Church gardens it is felt prudent to add a further £1,000 to cover the cost of a contractor.

Electricity we started a new electricity contract on the 1st April and from then our electricity costs will increase by 38% per year. The contract is negotiated centrally by 121 George street and when we were first advised of the increase we tried to find a cheaper price on the web. As we could not find a cheaper price it was decided to stay with the new Church of Scotland contract. The Budget shows that our energy costs will increase by £1,741 in 2019.

Other Costs will be subject to inflation increases, in some cases above inflation increase will apply e.g. Cleaning costs are set to rise by some 5% as their main cost from salaries and on the 1st April the living wage increased by 4.9%. In total our Expenditure is budgeted to increase by £10,023 to £209,8355. The surplus achieved in 2018 was exceptional and not the standard.

In summary we are facing a decline in Income and an increase in Expenditure.

At the end of 2018 our General Reserve stood at only £39,770 having increased by 63% as result of the 2018 General Fund surplus. That is only less than 6 months of the Total Cost budget for 2019. Each month I process some 200 standing orders many of which have not changed in value over the last few years. I believe if we can adopt a discipline that leads all members to review their giving's annually in light of inflation that will go a long way to improve the financial base of our Church. The Church is no different from a household, in that, it faces increases year on year in its Other Costs. Your direct debits for Electricity, Gas, Telephone, TV, Council Tax, Insurance etc. inevitably rise every year. This is a better solution of small increases year on year rather than having a giving campaign every 4/5 years as it is inevitable we will be seeking a double digit increase. **The solution is in your hands.**

**Do more.
Learn more.
Be more.**

Put your skills to use, learn new ones, and contribute to an amazing life-experience for you and your local community.

Volunteering is easier than you think. With full support and training, you can volunteer on a flexible basis.

We are looking for volunteers (male or female) to help lead our Scout Troop with fun, exciting activities.

There is no such thing as a typical volunteer and you could make a real impact to our local community.

Contact us via Facebook or on stamperlandscouts@btinternet.com

facebook.com/Stamperland79th





Stamperland Parish Church



Spring Fair

Saturday 11th May 2019

10am to 1.00pm

Free Entry



Books for sale



*Tearoom for Teas/Coffees
& baking. Pay as
You eat.*



Burgers for sale

*Trains and a
famous town to visit.*



Tombola



*Bouncy Castle.
Pay on entry.*



*And possibly
even more*



Bottle



Stall