

CONNECTIONS

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A Message from the Editor

Fraser Neilson



Due to family commitments (see back page) and holidays I am unable to provide a September edition of this magazine and there is no one available at that time to step in and take it on for me.

As a result there will be a September/October publication which will be available for uplifting on Sunday 22nd September which I believe will still be enough time for the majority of Church events to be advertised to all as they usually get started at the beginning of October and for organisations to start reporting on their plans and early activities in September.

Pulpit announcements can be used for any urgent or time sensitive matters to be relayed to congregations.

It only remains to thank all contributors for their input month after month and to all distributors who go out with the deliveries all year in all weather.

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Cranhill Nearly New Shop

Ruthe Henderson & Jean Edgar



We will be making the final trip to Cranhill before the summer holidays on Monday 24th June. Thereafter no more donations please before September.

Once again, a heartfelt thank you to all who have donated over the past year. The ladies at Cranhill do a wonderful job and are very grateful for all the contributions from Netherlee. They really do make a difference.

Why is lemon juice made with artificial flavour, & dishwashing liquid made with real lemons?

Can you buy an entire chess set in a pawn-shop?

Are part-time band leaders semi-conductors?

Have you ever seen a toad on a toadstool?

How can there be self-help "groups"?



Our Minister's Message

Reverend Scott Blythe



I remember Sundays as a wee boy. My mother, despite never having had any contact with the Free Church that I know of, had a strong 'Sabbatarian' (sabbath observance) approach to Sunday. I can recall not being allowed to watch the TV on Sunday afternoons and that the only media we were allowed to utilise was the radio or records. This tradition I have to say did not last into the evening as there was no way on earth that my dad would allow her tradition to prevent "Scotsport" being seen!!!

I recalled this tradition when I was thinking about our summer months ahead. The tradition of sabbath observance was something that Jesus came up against within his own ministry. It happened early in Mark's gospel when the Pharisees censured the disciples for picking grain on the Sabbath. Jesus' reply, '*The sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the sabbath*' (Mark 2: 23-28) is pertinent in this case. In these words, Jesus, was making the point that the sabbath was given to human beings for the purpose of rest, to prevent them from working too much.

Sadly by Jesus' times, the codes of practice around what could and could not be done on the sabbath had become so detailed that this tradition had become overbearing and very restrictive - even to the point that curing those slightly unwell was seen as not being allowed. Jesus wanted to make the pharisees aware of the need for rest, but not to prevent people from eating, or taking care of others. That was why he emphasised that God saw the need for rest in life, but not for strict rules and codes of practice that restricted life from flourishing.

As summer approaches, the need for rest for all of us is important. We have had a busy year in our two churches together. There have been several joint services, joint communion services and more working together. So much has happened within our Sunday Schools and other regular groups such as the Guild; it is important that we take some time to enjoy (hopefully) the finer weather and not be busy and engaged that we do not rest and recuperate.

So, as these weeks near, and some of you are nearing annual holidays, take the time to enjoy the break from the normal pattern of activity of church life. I trust that your holidays might be times where you let go some of the stress of work and the everyday humdrum and rediscover time for yourselves and for your families.

Use the sabbath that life might flourish, and you might return from the summer invigorated and re-energised for the new church year ahead.

Peace be with you!

Scott

Netherlee Sunday Club & Senior Sunday Club

Elaine Murray



Our session draws to a close, having passed unbelievably quickly. We have a more relaxed atmosphere in May with the Holiday Weekends. We have enjoyed crafts, games and the ever popular biscuit decorating. Our Senior Sunday Clubbers have been a joy this year. They clearly enjoy their hot chocolate and activities focused on their age group. A day out is planned on 1st June when they aim to cycle round Cumbrae in aid of Starchild.

In the weeks following Easter we reflected on the resurrection. The children decorated biscuits representing the tomb and stone that was rolled away. The children were reminded that Jesus is always with us if we listen, just like Mary Magdalene. Our Sunday Club trip with a difference this year gave us the opportunity to look at the Story of Joseph. Even when Joseph was so badly treated by his brothers, he knew that the Lord would hear when he called to Him. We had just learned about his ability to understand dreams when we paused for a special visitor. The story will continue after our promotion service and come alive on our trip.

Last year we received the very sad news that Scott Love, who had been the baby Jesus in our 2017 Nativity had succumbed to cot death. In support of the little one, and his grandma Marilyn who is a much loved member of our leadership team, we donated £100 of our offerings to Marilyn's God Daughter Victoria Cameron who ran the London Marathon in Scott's name for the Scottish Cot Death Trust. Victoria visited us to share the story of her special day and let us see her amazing finisher's medal. Victoria has so far raised over £5,600 with more to come. Well done Victoria and thank you for visiting us.

In our promotion service, we reflected back on a busy year. Four of our P7 Sunday Clubbers were promoted and we say cheerio for now to Sorcha, Max, Lewis and Zak. We hope to see them back after the summer at Senior Sunday Club. Although all age groups now meet together we still mark our traditional promotion at the end of P2 with Isla, David and Emma and P5 Cameron, Simon and Rhea. A full report will come in September's Connections.

Our last Sunday Club is on Sunday the 2nd June but our term finishes on Saturday 8th June, with our trip to see Joseph and his Technicoloured Dreamcoat, performed by Harlequin at Eastwood Theatre. Hopefully we will enjoy some games and a picnic beforehand but I am sure we will have a great day out whatever the weather!

Thank you to the minister and congregation who hold us in their prayers, supporting our activities and fundraising. Thank you to the Parents and Grandparents who week by week faithfully ensure the children can attend despite

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so many pulls on everyone's time. Thank you to our helpers Abbie, Calum and Lisa, not forgetting Lorraine who manages all the brown and silver pen-nies. Thank you to the Sunday Clubbers who delight us with their enthusiasm, news and questions. We love getting to know you better, learning and growing together in Faith. We couldn't do it without you!

As the Sunday Club leaders take a break, we hope to see our youngsters and families at the Summer Sunday Services. We look forward to starting back on Sunday 1st September. A warm welcome also awaits in September for any new P1-P7 members and S1 and beyond for Senior Sunday Club. Just come along to the Welcome Hall just before the morning service to join the fun, or contact the church office for more information.

Update on Netherlee General Fund 2019

Allan Mathieson -Treasurer



After 4 months, at the end of April ,the General Fund, that shows the day to day income and expenditure, shows a Surplus of £7,635. In my article in the April magazine I explained why we are forecast to move from a Surplus of £15,343 in 2018 to a Surplus of £620 in 2019. The 3 main areas contributing are:

Income £5,202 decline

Against last year at the end of April the Income is showing a decline of £1,213. This is some £500 better than expected.

Repairs and Maintenance £6,363 increase

We have spent £5,420, some £2000 ahead of last year and broadly in line with the budget

Heat and Light £1,741 increase

To date we are showing a decline in the expenditure of £390. The 38% increase in the tariff kicked in on the 1st April. It is therefore expected that over the remainder of the year the increase in expenditure against last will occur.

After 4 months it appears that the full year budget of a £620 Surplus is in the ball park.

We have received £7,220 from dividends and interest in the first 4 months of the year into our Unrestricted and Designated Reserve funds and the only expenditure to date is £1,412 from the Common Good Fund to East Renfrewshire Good Causes Fund.

How do you get off a non-stop flight?



Worship Rota – June to September 2019**Stuart Buchanan Session Clerk Netherlee**

Dates		Service style/title	Service
Jun	2	Joint Communion Sunday – Netherlee Stanley Mair preacher – Doug Gray	10:30
	9	Normal Sunday	10/11:30
	16	Normal Sunday Baptism at Stamperland	10/11:30
	23	Normal Sunday	10/11:30
	30	Normal Sunday Baptism at Stamperland	10/11:30
Jul	7	Normal Sunday – minister on holiday Pulpit supply –	10/11:30
	14	Normal Sunday – minister on holiday Pulpit supply –	10/11:30
	21	Normal Sunday – minister on holiday Pulpit supply –	10/11:30
	28	Normal Sunday	10/11:30
Aug	4	Normal Sunday	10/11:30
	11	Normal Sunday	10/11:30
	18	Normal Sunday	10/11:30
	25	Normal Sunday	10/11:30
Sep	1	Joint Communion Sunday – Stamper-	10:30
	8	Normal Sunday	10/11:30
	15	Normal Sunday	10/11:30
	22	Normal Sunday	10/11:30
	29	Normal Sunday	10/11:30

How many weeks are there in a light year ?
 popular, why do you have to buy all her friends?
 zero in Roman numerals?

If Barbie's so popu-
 lar, how do you write
 zero in Roman numerals?
 Why do they call it "chili" if it's hot?



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 summer months are as follows:

Diluting Juice, fruit juice in cartons

Tinned pasta shapes/macaroni

Tinned peas/carrots/baked beans

Breakfast Cereals, Sugar

Tinned meat/tuna/salmon

Tea Bags/Instant coffee

Dried pasta/pasta sauce

Jam/marmalade/honey/chocolate spread

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.

We have received our usual thank you letter from East Renfrewshire Foodbank Management Team, Steering Group and Volunteers, advising us that the food delivered to them in May weighed 43.4kg which will feed 4 single people for 3 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**. The Foodbank will not distribute food which is out of date.

If tin whistles are made out of tin, what do they make fog horns out of?
Why do the signs that say "Slow Children" have a picture of a running child?

One tequila, two tequila, three tequila, floor.



Changes to the Roll - Netherlee

Mabel Bell



Change of Address

	Name	District Changes	
5783	Mr R Horne	55 June McDonald	3 Joan McDonald
5750	Mrs M Horne	Netherlee	Muirend
6032	Mr C Halliday	63 Cath Dunbar	69 Alistair Gow
5635	Mrs A Halliday		

Deaths

Date	Name	From	
26.4.2019	Mr Ian Anderson	Netherlee	22 Alan Fairlie
29.4.2019	Mrs Marise Cormie	Kingspark	91 Mabel Bell
4.5.2019	Mrs Nan Bow	Cathcart	91 M Bell

Congregations Personal Messages



*Thank You for the flowers that I received recently from the Church. They were very much appreciated,
Norma Wilson*

Thank you to friends and family who attended my much loved husband Alan's funeral on Thursday 28th March. Graeme, Karen and I were overwhelmed by all the visitors, cards, letters, flowers and home baking we received which was very much appreciated.

Thank you Scott for visiting Alan in The Prince and Princess of Wales Hospice and for your spiritual guidance and friendship shown to us at this extremely difficult time.

Marilyn Love (Netherlee)

I would just like to say thankyou for the church flowers I recently received for the second time after my long stay in hospital last year with sepsis. I am gradually getting back to normal. Andy Crawford (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, 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 Parish Church
Stamperland Gardens

Every Friday
2-4pm



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

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.

Down Memory Lane in Stamperland - Summer 1979

Pat Roller



As the summer recess for many activities beckoned the Church said goodbye to the organist, Mrs Squair, who had joined Stamperland in that role when the new sanctuary opened in 1964. She was moving to Eaglesham and her own church where she would be the organist.

An extract from a lengthy report by the Scouts revealed that the Beavers had started to exist in Stamperland Church from February 1979, starting with 6 boys and ending the session with 16. The Beavers were run at that time by Christine Wilson and her father Matt.

Christian Aid reported their door to door collection in Stamperland at £310 with further income expected along with sponsored walk money still outstanding.

The Hospital Team were making an appeal for more car drivers and bodies to supplement their group, and even those with stiff fingers would be welcome, if even on only some weeks over the year.

The Sunday School prize giving was announced at varying times on Sunday 17th June to accommodate all the numbers and all were welcome to an informal service in the afternoon's session. Several teachers were giving up their roles, Hilda Halliday, Ena Greig, Alan Devlin and Norma Irvine who was moving to Inverness with husband Jack and son Gordon. There were 37 members of the Sunday school staff led by Liz Robb, Margaret Armstrong and Sunday School Superintendent, David McLean.

The BB Jun Sect principle awards went to the following boys; Swimming, Scott McMillan, Football, Stuart Mair, Cathcart Shield, David Osterberg & Colin McChesney, Christmas Appeal, Kenneth McKenzie, Best All Round boy, Colin McChesney.

One Officer, Jack Irvine, and his family would be leaving for a new job in Inverness.

The Dramatic Club reported on by Stuart Bruce, ended the season with a successful show and a donation of £90 to Yorkhill Hospital.

The Brownies, Guides, and Scouts all had end of year reports and prize winners, too many to list, but it revealed the large number of young people going about our premises on a week to week basis, in the days when you could not get a vacant hall for love nor money, and whilst our halls still remain busy to this day, it is a number of outside Societies and Clubs who are the most prevalent, but we do still have Guides, Brownies, Rainbows, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, BB Junior and Senior Sections but we also have Facebook.!!

BB Collect Food & Clothing for the L H M

Elaine Murray - Netherlee



As part of the volunteering for the Boys' Brigade Queen's Badge Calum Murray, Jack Nairn and Christopher Watson – Sweeney from the 278th will be volunteering at the Lodging House Mission for a week in July. As well as giving of their time and talents, it would be lovely if they could donate specific items of food and clothing which are always in need. The boys would welcome food donations of sugar, baked beans and tinned meat (corned beef or ham). For clothing the LHM can use boxer shorts, socks, joggers, denim jeans, shoes and belts. All other items are well stocked at the moment so please just what is on the list.

Look out for the Boys who will be in the Netherlee Welcome Hall and Stamp-erland Vestibule before the morning Services on Sunday 16th June and Sunday 21st July to receive any donations. If your bag is too heavy to carry, or another day suits you better, please just contact Elaine Murray on 07900 277944 or elaine.murray@westrock-mps.com who will arrange for the items to be collected from you.

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Moral from Little Johnny.

The teacher gave her fifth grade class an assignment: Get their parents to tell them a story with a moral at the end of it. The next day the kids came back and one by one began to tell their stories.



Kathy said, "My father's a farmer and we have a lot of egg-laying hens. One time we were taking our eggs to market in a basket on the front seat of the pickup when we hit a bump in the road and all the eggs went flying and broke and made a mess."

"And what's the moral of the story?" asked the teacher.

Don't put all your eggs in one basket!" "Very good," said the teacher.

Next, little Lucy raised a hand and said, "Our family are farmers too. But we raise chickens for the meat market. We had a dozen eggs one time, but when they hatched we only got ten live chicks and the moral to this story is, don't count your chickens until they're hatched.

"That was a fine story Lucy. Johnny, do you have a story to share?"

"Yes, ma'am, my daddy told me this story about my Aunt Karen. Aunt Karen was a flight engineer in Desert Storm and her plane got hit. She had to bail out over enemy territory and all she had was a bottle of whiskey, a machine gun and a machete. She drank the whiskey on the way down so it wouldn't break and then she landed right in the middle of 100 enemy troops. She killed seventy of them with the machine gun until she ran out of bullets, then she killed twenty more with the machete till the blade broke and then she killed the last ten with her bare hands.

"Good heavens," said the horrified teacher, "what kind of moral did your daddy tell you from that horrible story?

"Stay the heck away from Aunt Karen when she's been drinking."

The 90 kg Rice Challenge

Sheena Wurthmann



In 2010 the Wider Mission Council of the Church of Scotland promoted the 90kg challenge which was developed by JTS (Just Trading Scotland) - Fair Food, Fine Food. JTS is based in Paisley and works to help people locally and abroad. The 90 kg challenge is based on rice growers in Malawi. These rice growers need a market and this is where the challenge completes the trail.

Several of the people working in Paisley are being helped into full-time employment. Here is Martin's story -

“Back in 2010 I was a jobseeker with no previous work experience, no School qualifications and generally an unemployable individual on paper. When I applied for the job with JTS they had no obligation to contact me never mind give me the chance of an actual job interview. You see the staff at JTS managed to look past the piece of paper in front of them and asked themselves who is the man behind the blank application form. They decided I deserved a chance of an interview because of my honest approach to job hunting. The rest as they say is history.”

“Since joining this amazing organisation, I have been trained in everything - from starting in the warehouse as a picker and packer I am now a Warehouse Manager with nine years' experience working in the fair trade industry. I have learned so much from my time at JTS. The passion this company has for making a difference not only to the farmers whose produce we buy but also to the people who we employ is inexplicable.

In my time here, we have had 19 full-time staff who were all jobseekers, JTS provided a way back into work for all of them. Without all our customers' support JTS could not continue all the amazing work we do at home and abroad and for that we thank you”.

There is a long association between Scotland and Malawi. The rice growers are in the northern area of Malawi. JTS looks to providing education for the farmers to use good agricultural practices in order to get good harvests. The smallholders have to not only grow a good harvest but also to find a market for their produce. By selling 90kg of rice the farmer earns enough money to support his family and pay for one child to go to secondary school for one year. This is a very significant event as this opens a wide range of opportunities for the individual child and the family.

In 2010 I proposed to the Kirk Session of Netherlee Parish Church that we take up the 90 kg Challenge. The Session was very supportive. We planned to carry out the Challenge during Lent. We sold the packets of rice after the

morning service as people were meeting to have coffee. We managed to sell all the rice but it took a bit longer than Lent. Those who bought the rice described it as an aromatic sticky rice.

Subsequently we have repeated the challenge so that this year is our 6th time. That means we have sold 540 kg and seen 6 children get a secondary education. We have been able to offer brown rice as well as white rice most years. This year the brown rice was delivered too late for our Lent sale.

Netherlee Parish and Stamperland Parish linked last summer. Since the linkage some of the Session committees are having joint meetings. When it was proposed that we do the 90 kg Challenge this Lent the members from Stamperland indicated that they would like to participate as well. Stamperland Church members have sold 29kg of rice already! The remainder sold well at Netherlee. We completed the 90 kg challenge by the middle of May - our quickest sales.

The Rev. Scott Blythe said: "There has been a terrific response to this challenge from both Netherlee and Stamperland churches.

"It is particularly appropriate that we should be buying rice from Malawi at this time with the country having suffered so badly from the impact of hurricane Idai."

More than 800 schools, churches, Fairtrade groups, community groups have already undertaken the challenge.



1st A Stamperland Brownies

Kirsty Stewart & Alison Gill

As summer approaches, we thought we would share some of the activities from the 1st Stamperland Brownies.

The girls have enjoyed working on some of the badges from the new programme and we had a fabulous joint evening with Stamperland Guides working on the camping badge.

A big thank you to Christine and Joe Mailley who demonstrated how to put up a tent, make a fire, and make yummy s'mores, amongst other things. We are also very lucky to be going on a trip at the beginning of June where the girls will have the opportunity to complete their collector, archaeology and local history badges. During the lovely spell of weather, we had a trip to Linn park with ice cream for the walk back up the hill. A big thank you to the Derby cafe for successfully providing 41 ice cream cones very swiftly.

The girls have enjoyed crafts, learning new (traditional) Brownie songs, and playing many games which tire them out by the end of the evening. We wish all our Brownies and parents a lovely summer and look forward to our new session beginning on Monday 2nd September. **Also see Page 27**

Glasgow 278 (Netherlee) Boys' Brigade
www.facebook.com/netherleeboysbrigade

Alistair Haw, Captain

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April ended with Netherlee Church's Annual Service & Parade for Uniformed Organisations, where the Company was well represented with around 35 boys & officers in attendance from across all sections. The parade was augmented by the absence of rain and the presence of the Glasgow 205 Bugle Band. Some of the Anchor Boys were particularly taken by the band, as evidenced by their freestyle marching which can be viewed on our Facebook page. A special thanks must go to Jonathon Watson Sweeney for stepping up once more and leading the parade.

The Anchor Boys continue to go from strength to strength with 5 new faces coming for a free trial so far during May. If they like what they see and join us it will take us to 32 Anchor Boys. As always the boys themselves have been the main driver for growth by bringing their friends in the pursuit of recruitment badges. As a further thank you for their endeavours we treated the boys to a visit from a mini zoo where they had the dubious pleasure of seeing and handling, amongst others, a snake, a bearded dragon lizard, a hissing cockroach and a rat. The photographer kept well back. In terms of Bible learning, the boys have now completed the full Easter narrative and look forward to hearing news of the early church in the final weeks of the term.

Meanwhile Junior Section has been taking advantage of the good weather with a trip to the park for football and rounders. After struggling to grasp the rules of the latter our officers were somewhat reticent about the step up to cricket so soon, but proceeded with a two week slot at Weirs Cricket Club regardless. The first week went well and was enjoyed by all, although we're not entirely sure that everyone has yet fully grasped the finer intricacies of the Duckworth-Lewis-Stern method. The Boys were also put through their Bible knowledge paces as they battle it out for the Brown Cup, the winner being announced at this year's display.

Company section boys are focussing on preparing for their display, a night of drill, Bible reading, prayer, irreverent games, celebration and prize giving. The boys are also collecting for Lodging House Mission, more on which elsewhere in this edition.

A reminder of our display dates are as follows: Company Section, 7pm, Friday 31 May; Anchor Boys, 6pm Monday 3 June; Junior Section 7pm Tuesday 4 June (all in Netherlee Church). Come along and enjoy the fun – but be quick to reserve your seat, spaces are disappearing fast...

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Netherlee BB Zoo Visit and Parade



“Not just for Sundays” Cumbrae Parish Church
(www.cumbraeparishchurch.co.uk)

Fraser Neilson



Back in June 2018 I ran a story in the Stamperland Focus magazine about a new build church in Millport on the Isle of Cumbrae, which was part 1 of a two part issue telling the story of how this new Church had come about. However, like all new builds, delays were incurred and the official opening of the church did not take place until January 2019.

Most of the story is taken from their website (with permission) and is a situation with similarities to our two churches, but at the same time very different. The following captures the short history of the build to the present.

Ambitious plans came to fruition in 2018 to build the new £1million church where the congregation raised around £200,000 and secured grants towards the new single story, multi-purpose building. The General Trustees of the Church of Scotland allocated £120,000 - comprised of an interest free loan and a grant to the project, which has capacity for 140 worshippers.

It is an exciting time for Rev Jonathan Fleming who took up his new post as minister of Cumbrae linked with Largs St John's in October 2018.

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

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

Rev Fleming currently leads worship in one of the two congregations each Sunday with a pulpit supply rota arranged to cover the vacant pulpit. A 0.5 Parish Assistant would bring some stability to the setup in due course. As the minister of a linkage, it is his goal to allow both congregations to maintain their own identities, while doing all they can to support each other in presence and prayer.

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

ferry is unable to sail on a Sunday morning, especially during the winter storms, he e-mails his 'script' to Cumbrae's Session Clerk and members of the congregation happily get involved.

He feels very blessed to be the minister of two forward-thinking congregations.



Today the church is up and running and is settling in as the weeks progress. I have been to see it, courtesy of a former member of Stamperland Church who is now resident on the island and have seen how it has all come to fruition.

Make no mistake, it is small in comparison to what you might expect but it meets the needs and aspirations of all involved. Open days were held on several occasions to let people see and hear all about it, although I was unable to be present at that time. The running costs must be a fraction of the past and the maintenance, internally and externally will be a world of a difference to execute.

There is the BB, Guild, Choir, Fun clubs, Bible Study, House Group, Alpha, Messy Church, Plant to Plate (see below) and Milala School, Katalonji, Malawi Project.

The Plant to plate is an eco friendly garden project in the grounds, in association with next door neighbours children at the school which is just getting under way and longer term plans envisage further fund raising to build an adjacent multi purpose hall to complement the church activities.

At present some activities are held out with the church premises due to lack of space or other factors but with a hall and the church, some may be able to come together in the new environment in time.

There is a great enthusiasm for this project and the Church was visited by the Moderator at Easter when I and my family were staying on the island and in turn had friends visiting us, so we all trooped up to see the new build and despite information to the contrary, we walked into the grounds just as the dignitaries were leaving!!!

We were invited in to see around and met more people we knew, not only from the island, but some who had exiled themselves from the neighbouring island of Great Britain (Netherlee even) to live permanently in Millport. If you are visiting Millport, take a walk up and see the new Church.



The Netherlee Common Good Fund

James Ferguson



We are continuing to support East Renfrewshire Good Causes and have contributed to 20 cases of individuals and families experiencing financial difficulties in the last 6 months. To date over £5,000 has now been allocated from the Fund since its inception.

We join with ERGC to celebrate their fantastic efforts to support the Community and provide a "helping hand" where necessary. Their achievement was announced in a special feature in the local "Extra" newspaper at the beginning of May and a copy of the article is on display on the Notice Board in the Welcome Hall. Some of the Contributions from the Netherlee congregation are highlighted in red. The celebration is certainly justified as over £800,000 has now helped over 2000 people in East Renfrewshire.

Well done to the founder - Russell Macmillan.

POPPYSCOTLAND--- DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES.

Anne Mann Netherlee



June 8th 2019--Cream Tea in Netherlee Church Hall 2-4pm. Tickets £2 for adults and £1 for children.

September 14th 2019 Beetle Drive, Netherlee Church Hall, starting at 7pm.

November 9th 2019 Tea in the Afternoon. Netherlee Church Hall 2-4pm.

February 22nd 2020 Beetle Drive, Netherlee Church Hall, starting at 7pm.

For the 'Poppy Season' I will be hoping that we can have a presence in Sainsbury's at Muirend as well as the usual door to door collections. If anyone feels that they can help or just wants to know more about helping Poppyscotland, or indeed if anyone feels that they need help from Poppyscotland, please phone me on 01355231885.

As always if you have something that could go on a tombola or be a raffle prize, please speak to me. I will be delighted to provide storage until the next event.

Last year was a wonderful year for Poppyscotland. Let's hope we can make this year even better.

Thanking you all in advance.

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Intergenerational Mentoring Network **Sheena Wurthmann iswu91d@gmail.com**



I have been a member of the Book Club which is part of the Learning in Later Life at Strathclyde University for a number of years. At one of the meetings a member held up a letter inviting the recipient to a lunch. The purpose of the lunch meeting was to introduce us to the proposed intergenerational mentoring network. The holder of the letter suggested that those of us who had been invited should attend but say "No".

When we met the team organising the mentoring we discovered that we had already been matched with pupils at Springburn Academy who were in either S5 or S6. I was matched with a pupil in S6 who wanted to study English at university and to become a journalist. To do so she needed to get an "A" in Geography. My role was to help the student prepare for her exams and for study at the university. I spent between 45 minutes to an hour regularly at the school. The student selected the topics for discussion. One session I recall was when she was considering Stirling University as a suitable place for her studies. I was enthusiastic about the fact that Stirling is a campus university with lots of facilities. I then discovered that the student was planning to live at home and commute to Stirling daily. I advised her (as a student of English) that she should read "A Room of One's Own" by Virginia Wolff. She did and got hooked on Wolff's writing. This student was particularly bright and got her "A" in Geography and a place at Glasgow. She is now a journalist.

Similar experiences have punctuated my mentoring sessions over the years. Not all students I have followed have had such a positive outcome but all of them have gone on to further study and followed their desired career path. I feel proud that I may have helped them achieve their ambitions in some small way.

Springburn Academy, when the project started, was at the bottom of the league tables for academic success in Glasgow. After two years they had climbed to the middle rank and students were getting in to the elite courses such as medicine, law and veterinary sciences. Not all of this can be attributed to the mentoring programme but some of the success is about mentoring. Any student doing 5 Highers in S5 at Springburn gets a mentor (granny/grandpa). There are several schools in Glasgow now provide mentors at this critical stage.

We need more mentors! Would you like to help in this way. Graduates or parents of graduates are welcome to join the programme. Please feel free to chat with me if you are interested or contact the programme by e-mail mig.project@strath.ac.uk or via the web site which has more information <http://www.intergenerationalmentoring.com>.

Stamperland Flower Calendar

Contact Mrs May Paterson—0141 571 8652



June

2 nd	Service at Netherlee Church	9 th	Mrs M Dundas
16 th	Rev C Murdoch and Mrs F Lamont, Church Mr George Fraser, Vestibule		
23 rd	Mrs A MacKenzie	30 th	Donation

July

7 th	Mrs J Law	14 th	Mrs M Campbell
21 st	Mrs I Noble	28 th	Donation

August

4 th	Mrs S Skelton & Mrs M Fordyce	11 th	Mrs C Carson
18 th	Rev A Cherry	25 th	Mrs M Armstrong

September

1 st	Mrs J Coid	8 th	Mrs R Cooper
15 th	Mrs M Mathieson	22 nd	Mr B Phillips
29 th	Miss J Barr		

The Friendship Club - Stamperland

Ray McNiven



The monthly Friendship Club will recommenced on Tuesday 28th May in the Session Room of Stamperland Church at 7.30pm.

The speaker at the meeting on Tuesday 25th June will be Rev Jack Drummond and on Tuesday 30th July our entertainers will be Jane and John Curror. All are welcome.

Phone answering machine message "If you want to buy marijuana, press the hash key..."

I went to buy some camouflage trousers the other day but I couldn't find any.



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.

June

2nd S&A McKinnon
16th Betty Cleland
30th Shirley Buchanan

9th Eileen Beaton
23rd Carine Morrison

July

7th Jean Thomson
21st Doris Duncan

14th Irene Williams
28th Elizabeth Fairley

August

4th Cath Bruce
18th Irene Carmichael

11th Ann Gray
25th Nan Burns

September

1st Joint Communion
15th Sarah Sinclair
29th Elaine Balfour

8th Jean Edgar
22nd VACANT

Summer Breakfasts at Netherlee

Barbara Cochrane



We will be serving bacon rolls and rolls and sausage again along with some other tasty treats before the summer services in Netherlee Church.

Last year the breakfasts proved to be a great time for some fellowship and chat. All are welcome, breakfast will be served from 9am and vegetarian and gluten free options are also available. If you are able to help out, please contact Barbara Cochrane (07805042151) or Marjory Lang (07732938631)





Cub Pack

While we are rapidly heading towards our summer break, the Cubs main focus has been tackling the Athletics and Athletics Plus badges.

Athletics - Assistant Leader Claire has been taking the Cubs through their paces. We have been looking at how to warm up, main muscle groups and what equipment and clothes to wear safely. At the time of writing the Cubs have been practicing shot-put, javelin, standing long jump, sprints and hurdles. This is all building up to an evening in June when we have kindly been given use of Hutchie School's running track and outdoor events area. At this the Cubs will compete in the events in the real surroundings – fingers crossed for some good weather.

Pets at Home - In between practicing for Athletics and other activities, the Cubs are also visiting Pets at Home for an evening specially designed for Cubs. This will introduce the Cubs to some of the animals and provide them with knowledge and skills towards looking after any pets that they might have at home. It may even lead to the Animal Carer badge for some.

Moving On & Welcome - At the end of this session the Cubs will say farewell to Kieran, Conor, Matthew, Rhuraidh, Jack and Mark who are moving on to Scouts. We have really enjoyed having these boys in the Cubs and wish them well in Scouts. During the last month we have also welcomed Rowan into the Cubs – our first (of many?) girl Cub.

Sponsored Abseil - A Huge THANK YOU to everyone who sponsored myself and Elaine to abseil off the Falkirk Wheel. Not all money is in just yet, but after gift aid and matched funding (thanks Barclays, my employer) it is looking like we will be somewhere in the region of £1700 for the 79th Glasgow (Stamperland) Scout Group and £100 for Scouts Scotland!!! Some nervous moments for sure, but it was great fun in the end.

Plea for Help!

As per our previous articles and posters we desperately need volunteers willing to take on the running of 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.

Philip Moseley - Cub Scout Leader & Acting Group Scout Leader

Tel: 0780 398 7020

Email: Stamperlandscouts@btinternet.com

Scouts

As you have read above, we need new leaders to run the Scout Troop. With Joe and Euan stepping down I am not sure if I will be able to continue after the summer. It seems hard to find people with the commitment to get involved. It is not only an issue throughout Stamperland and



the wider area, but this also includes the church. It is frequently the same people all the time and none of us are getting any younger. I know that people are busy with work and shifts but hey, I have done this for 30 years and still found time for Scouts etc. It is time for people to come forward or there may not be a Scout Troop which has been at Stamperland since only a few months after the

formation of the church. On a brighter note, I would like to thank all the Cubs, Scouts, Beavers and Leaders that helped with the BBQ at the Spring Fair - at least it was a dry, warm day!

Gregor Macfarlane

Scout Leader,

Tel: 0141 644 2712





231st Boys' Brigade Junior Section & Sparks

Scott Russell - Officer in Charge



Our 2019 session has now finished with our Parents Night and Prizegiving being our final event of the year on Friday 31st May. We have had a really super year celebrating the 75th Anniversary of the 231st and one of the main highlights was our joint 75th Annual Display on Friday 17th May.

We now have 41 Boys in total registered in The Junior Section and Sparks this year which is 10 more than we had on the role at the same time last year. The increase in numbers has been very encouraging and this is something we are keen to continue over the next few years. The Boys and our parents are the best source of 'advertising' we have. Boys have come along this year because their friend was also a member who enjoyed what the 231st had to offer. Thanks to all those who have encouraged their Boys to bring along a friend and please feel free to invite other Boys along to the BB if you think they would be interested.

As everyone is aware, there are a host of various daytime and evening activities out there for Boys to participate in, and with this in mind, I would like to thank all of our parents and families for the commitment and dedication they show in bringing their son(s) to the 231st Boys' Brigade's various activities and events throughout the session.

This year the Junior Section Boys had a very successful evening at the Battalion Athletics in the Emirates Arena, being the most successful section there in terms of medals won. It was also great to see so many parents at this event cheering our Boys on. Our Maze marching squad marched ever so well and are now Champions of the Junior Section figure matching competition and we also took part in the Junior Section Bible Quiz competition.

We have continued to run Saturday morning games as well as Wednesday Night football training. This year we have built on the success of these events from last year and numbers at both football training and Saturday morning games have grown with more Boys taking part and enjoying themselves. Thank you to Raymond Russell, my dad, and Boys Brigade elder, who has come along to help with the football training on Wednesday evenings.

This year our Boys have enjoyed themselves at some of our annual events and activities. The Boys have enjoyed the Halloween party, a trip to the pantomime and our Christmas Party. We also really enjoyed our annual trip to Millport and all the Boys enjoyed visiting the toy shop, cycling round the Island, playing football and visiting the sweetie shop.

Our 75th Anniversary display was held on Friday 17th May with Rev Brian Tomlinson our oldest surviving captain as our inspecting officer. This was the first time in history we have had a joint display and hopefully it was an occasion that all will remember. Around 60 Boys were on parade and put on a fantastic show for all who managed along. For those who were in attendance I hope you enjoyed seeing our Boys show you a little of what they do on a Friday night, progressing from the youngest Boys right up to the oldest.

On Friday 31st May we had a Parents Night and Prizegiving evening as there was not enough time to do this at our joint display. I would like to congratulate all of the following prize winners who were as follows:

Most Improved Sparks Footballer – James McCulloch

Best Sparks Footballer – Sam Thomson

Most Improved Junior Section Footballer – Daniel Lazlo

Best Junior Section Footballer – Max Allan

Best Sparks Attendance and Uniform – Euan Main

Best Junior Section Attendance and Uniform – Ross Armet

Best Group - Group 2

Best Drilled Spark – Josh Allan

Best Drilled Junior - Leon Taylor



Christian Faith award - Max Allan

Best All Round Spark – Ben Gilmour

Best All Round Junior – Andrew Thomson

As Officer in Charge I really enjoy working with the Boys their parents. I could not run our section myself and I would like to give my sincere thanks to the staff who come each week and give up their own free time for the Boys. I hope you enjoy your summer break and look forward to reading about what the Boys Brigade is doing next session when we start again on the 1st Friday in September.



1st A Stamperland Brownies

Kirsty Stewart & Alison Gill



Garden Open Weekend

56 Stamperland Drive, Clarkston, Glasgow G76 8HF Tel 0141 586 0955

cumbrae14@ntlworld.com

Saturday 17th August 2019

1.30pm to 5pm & 7.00pm to 9.00pm



Sunday 18th August 2019

1.30pm to 6.00pm

**Train Drivers
required for
this and other
events.
Interested?**

**Contact Fraser
Neilson**

Tearoom opens

Saturday - 2pm to 5pm & 7pm to 9pm

Sunday - 2pm to 5pm only.

Admission - All Ages - £1

(All children must be accompanied by an adult)

Voluntary additional donations are welcome

**Prices include Tea/Coffee & Home Baking. Also features Garden
Railway Display. Special illumination on Saturday night, after dusk.**

This year's Charity is;

Dementia Dog Project (dementiadog.org)

In 2018 we donated £1,172 between

Starchild (www.starchildcharity.com)

