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*Dear Friends,*

*By the time you read this letter, the first month of 2015 will almost be over. Many people say that each year seems to pass more quickly than the previous one, and people older than me say that this illusion continues year by year. At the age of 10, a year is one tenth of a persons total experience. Because a sixtieth or a seventieth is much less than a tenth, it's perhaps only natural that time seems to pass more rapidly, year by year.*

*We know all about time, that there are sixty seconds in a minute, and sixty minutes in an a hour, and yet the passage of time is a strange phenomenon. The measurement of time is the only measurement that has not been decimalised. It never will be, because the way we calculate time is not dependant on a system devised by a clever scientist or mathematician. The measurement of time ultimately depends on Almighty God, for it is based on the orbit of the moon around the earth, and the orbit of the earth around the sun. The great creator, God, who fashioned the universe, controls the passage of time, the regular change from day to night and the progression of the seasons of the year.*

*If we feel that time passes too quickly, or perhaps too slowly, there is nothing we can do about it. The passage of time, and our time in this world, is under the control of God. In Chapter 3 of the Old Testament book called Ecclesiastes, a wise man reflects on the mystery of time. The Good News Bible puts it this way;*

*"Everything that happens in this world happens at the time God chooses. He sets the time for birth and the time for death".*

*The author then goes on to list several other events which happen at the time of God's choice, before concluding;*

*"He has set the right time for everything. He has given us a desire to know the future, but never gives us the satisfaction of fully understanding what God does"*

*Our place in God's scheme is to make sure that we use the time*

*given to us in such a way that our lives reflect the love of Jesus and bring honour and glory to God. Ecclesiastes, Chapter 3, is a description of the balanced use of time. Life is not intended to be the exclusive pursuit of one activity, but a balance between a wide variety of experiences..*

*This year, 2015, lies unknown before us, as did 2014 at this time last year. God has fashioned life in such a way that none of us are meant to know the future. He asks us to exercise the gift of faith and to trust him for the months ahead. May we do this, and look ahead positively and enthusiastically to Church life continuing in Stamperland this year, and for the years to come.*

*Yours in Christ's service,*

*Jack Drummond*

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#### Funerals

<b>4th December 2014</b>	<b>Mrs Anne McRae, 55 Randolph Drive</b>
<b>5th January 2015</b>	<b>Mrs Marjorie McKissock 39 Linnpark Court</b>
<b>7th January 2015</b>	<b>Mrs Margaret Fraser 51 Stamperland Drive</b>
<b>14th January 2015</b>	<b>Mr James Taylor, Three Bridges Care Home</b>

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Happy New Year to everyone. Our next event is the Christian Aid Art Exhibition and Sale on Saturday 14th March, from 10am to 4pm in the Clarkston Halls.

There is always a very interesting display of paintings, so come along, have some tea/coffee and biscuits and admire the paintings.

**Sandra Cowie.**

## VOTED THE WORLD'S BEST RELIGIOUS JOKE

I was walking across a bridge one day, and I saw a man standing on the edge, about to jump. I ran over and said: "Stop. Don't do it."

"Why shouldn't I?" he asked.

"Well, there's so much to live for!"

"Like what?"

"Are you religious?"

He said, "Yes."

I said, "Me too. Are you Christian or Buddhist?"

"Christian."

"Me too. Are you Catholic or Protestant?"

"Protestant."

"Me too. Are you Episcopalian or Baptist?"

"Baptist."

"Wow. Me too. Are you Baptist Church of God, or Baptist Church of the Lord?"

"Baptist Church of God."

"Me too. Are you original Baptist Church of God, or are you Reformed Baptist Church of God?"

"Reformed Baptist Church of God."

"Me too. Are you Reformed Baptist Church of God, Reformation of 1879, or Reformed Baptist Church of God, Reformation of 1915?"

He said: "Reformed Baptist Church of God, Reformation of 1915."

I said: "Die then, you heretic." and pushed him off.

Churches can be curious organisations. Different denominations operate in different ways with different forms of governance. Some work with parishes and presbyteries and assemblies; others with deaneries and dioceses; yet others with circuits, districts and conferences. There are ministers, priests, vicars, bishops, archbishops and cardinals. There are different rules, different regulations, different practices. It sometimes appears there is more to divide Christian churches than to unite them. And, on occasions, it can be the most minor differences which cause the maximum division.

However, at times of crisis or trouble, differences disappear. Common humanity and compassion come to the fore; the desire to provide care and support takes over and distinctions are forgotten. Witness what happened in the aftermath of the dustbin lorry tragedy in Glasgow. Ministers and priests were in attendance on the afternoon of the incident. The morning after, a service was held in St George's Tron church which was attended by people of all faiths and none. Two days later, another service was held in St Andrews RC Cathedral, again attended by people of all faiths, and none.

This edition of Focus is being published on the day Clarkston churches mark the

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity with pulpit exchanges. We may worship in different buildings and be organised in different ways but we share the same fundamental beliefs. Differences which in the past were the cause of bloodshed now seem relatively unimportant and quite inconsequential. We realise now that what is important are the basic truths. How sad, therefore, to see splits within our own Church of Scotland over the issue of ministers in a same-sex partnership. It isn't very long ago that there was huge controversy over the idea of having women elders, never mind, women ministers. Now most of us look back with some amazement that this was ever a contentious issue.

In any painting the detail can be important, but we have to stand back from the canvas to get a proper appreciation of the image the painter is portraying. In our churches we need to focus on the broader picture and not get uptight about differences in minor details and the ways in which we function. Working together we are stronger and more effective.

**CHURCH MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS**

At the meeting of the Kirk Session on 11<sup>th</sup> January, Bill Paterson, our Church Roll Keeper, presented the following summary of changes to the membership roll.

**Number on Communion Roll at 31/12/2013** **355**

Number removed by death	7
Number removed by transfer to another church	3
Number removed by “otherwise”	0

Number added by profession	0
Number added by transfer from another church	2
Number added by “otherwise”	0

**Number on Communion Roll at 31/12/2014** **347**

**Norrie Bolton Session Clerk**

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**Funnies**

<b>Teacher;</b>	Now, Simon, tell me frankly, do you say your prayers before eating?
<b>Simon;</b>	No sir, I don't have to, my mum is a good cook.
<b>Teacher;</b>	Tom, your essay on “My Dog” is exactly the same as your brother's. Did you copy his?
<b>Tom;</b>	No sir, it's the same dog.



## 79<sup>th</sup> Glasgow (Stamperland) Scout Group

### Beaver Colony

The Beavers and Leaders hope you all had a great time over Christmas & New Year.

Since we started back on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> January we have had a great time playing games and starting new badge work, which we hope will be finished by the end of February.

We are still looking for a new Beaver Leader. Can you help us? We have had to turn away at least 7 children over this past year as we do not have enough leaders for all the Group. So can you help us?

It is your children we are all thinking of, please help us ,as we might not always be here for them.

**Alison Macfarlane – Assistant Beaver Scout Leader**  
**Tel: 0141 644 2712**

### Cub Pack

**Emergency Aid Badges** – As noted in the last Focus article the Cubs have been working towards their Emergency Aid badges. With the help of a couple of parents, who are doctors ,the bulk of the pack have gained either stage 1 or 2 of this badge and we will be working with those that missed some parts, to catch up. Well done to all those that did get their badges.

**Panto** – The Cubs joined the Beavers and Scouts on a trip to the “Pure Amazing Wizard of Oz” at Eastwood Theatre for our last night before Christmas. It was an excellent show and they certainly knew that we were in the audience!!

**New Session** – details of this next session are still being finalised, but 2015 has been designated as the Year of Adventure for the Cubs, leading up to the centenary of the Cubs in 2016, so we will be looking to try lots of new activities over the year.

In the short term we will be looking to complete the Home Safety badge with the Cubs and we will have had a Burns themed night in January with some music from a very talented cub fiddler (you might have seen Robbie and his brother at the church’s Burns Supper last year).

In January & February we will be working with our older Cubs to help them gain their Chief Scouts Silver Award (the highest badge available in the Cubs) before they move up to Scouts in March.

## **Scout Troop & Explorers**

**Christmas Break** - As we start the new session, can I take this opportunity on behalf of the boys and leaders to wish you a Happy and peaceful New Year?

**Last Session of 2014 in December** - the Scouts finished the year off by going to the Climb Zone at XScape, Braehead for a night of activities. This was followed by the boys joining the other sections at Eastwood theatre for the classic pantomime "Pure Amazing Wizard of Oz", which turned out to be most enjoyable for the Leaders and boys. As in years gone by, the Scouts finished the scouting year off with ordering in takeaway food from the local eateries of their choice and having a full night of games before breaking up for the Christmas holidays.

## **Global Challenge**

Over the months of November and December the Scouts have been working as patrols or as individuals to achieve an understanding of issues that are happening and affecting other nations around the world, and within the United Kingdom and closer to home.



To gain this badge the Scouts must complete all of the following activities:

Choose and investigate an international issue: e.g. trade, health, water & sanitation, conflict, conservation, etc.

Show an understanding and discuss the issues involved.

Take some action as a result of their research.

Compare how the issues affect the UK and countries overseas.

In discussion with the boys at the start of the badge, Leaders weren't sure how it would turn out, but over the weeks we have been surprised at how much the youth of today are aware of the issues and conflicts that are taking place around the world and how this could affect them in years to come. Congratulations to the 16 Scouts that had put the time and effort into passing this worthwhile badge. Well done all.

**Programme 2015** - As we go into the New Year, planning has started for a full and active programme for a Thursday Troop night and outdoor events over the coming months. I would like to thank the parents and Leaders for their time and efforts over the last year and hope this continues for all sections in 2015

**Joe Mailley – Scouter-in-Charge**

**Tel: 0141 571 0887**

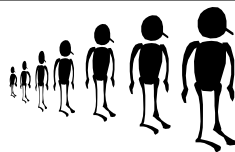
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**Silly Jokes**

**Two Eskimos sitting in a kayak were chilly, so they lit a fire in the craft. Unsurprisingly it sank, proving once again that you can't have your kayak and heat it too.**





## DUTY TEAMS FOR THE COMING MONTHS



### **Feb 1<sup>st</sup> – TEAM 1**

Mr W Paterson-Con  
Mrs M Young  
Miss L Robb  
Miss G Scott  
Mr D McKee

### **Feb 8<sup>th</sup> – TEAM 2**

Mr G Fairweather -Con  
Mr G Robertson  
Mr R Russell  
Mrs J Silcock  
Mr D Brown  
Mr S Owens

### **Feb 15<sup>th</sup> – TEAM 3**

Mrs A MacFarlane -Con  
Mr A Henderson  
Mrs S Bell  
Mrs R McNiven  
Miss J Stewart

### **Feb 22<sup>nd</sup> - TEAM 4**

Mrs N Fisher-Con  
Miss J Barr  
Mrs J Cranston  
Mr G Finlayson  
Mrs G Walker  
Mrs K Bolton

### **Mar 1<sup>st</sup> COMMUNION**

Mrs A MacFarlane-Con  
Mrs S Bell  
Mr N Walker  
Mr D Brown  
Mrs M Young  
Mrs J Silcock

### **Mar 8<sup>th</sup> – TEAM 5**

Mr R Allan-Con  
Mrs J Herriot  
Mr J Curror  
Mrs J Curror  
Mr S Russell

### **Mar 15<sup>th</sup> – TEAM 6**

Mr A Graham-Con  
Mrs E Graham  
Mr N Walker  
Mrs M Neilson  
Mrs K Baird  
Mrs S Skelton

### **Mar 22<sup>nd</sup> – TEAM 1**

Mr W Paterson-Con  
Mrs M Young  
Miss L Robb  
Miss G Scott  
Mr D McKee

### **Mar 29<sup>th</sup> – TEAM 2**

Mr G Fairweather- Con  
Mr G Robertson  
Mr R Russell  
Mrs J Silcock  
Mr D Brown  
Mr S Owens

**Any duty member who cannot attend on any date allocated should arrange a substitute for that date and inform the Duty Convener.**



## **Flower Calendar Coordinator**

**Edith Moseley 644 2628.**



**February 2015**

**March 2015**

**1<sup>st</sup> Mrs J. Marshal**

**1<sup>st</sup> Mrs B. Richmond**

**8<sup>th</sup> Mrs M. Allan**

**15<sup>th</sup> Mrs G. Walker**

**22<sup>nd</sup> Miss J. Stewart and  
Mrs E. Macpherson**

This annual thank you letter remains very similar to the previous one. I am glad to say that the group of busy flower arrangers are still the same, so therefore we are grateful to Sheena, Jacqui, Moira, Kay and Violet. Each Sunday the pedestal of pretty flowers is much appreciated both in the church and later as they are distributed to the recipients and Homes. It is very heartening that each year the Flower Diary is quickly filled and for that we thank warmly all those who make a donation for the flowers.

Ann McKenzie is due many thanks for all her work behind the scenes each week as she checks and waters the flowers before the service, then dismantles the arrangements before the bunches are delivered.

Due to the awful weather in December there were fewer Poinsettias . A huge thanks to David McKee and Jacqui Silcock for braving the weather to take them to houses and Homes.

If you have any queries about the Flower Calendar then I will be delighted to help.

**Flower Convener, Edith Moseley Tel. 644 2628.**

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A Minister was visiting patients in a hospital. He saw above each bed the letters RC or P. He questioned the Sister on the ward and asked if, from his observations, there were more Catholics than Protestants. Oh no! said the sister, it means there are more people wanting Rice Crispies than Porridge!!





## 231st Glasgow Company Boys' Brigade Junior Section and Sparks



Firstly, on behalf of all the Boys and staff, I would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year. I hope 2015 is a great year for you.

Before Christmas we had our annual Christmas Fair which raised around £800. The money is used towards helping the boys have as much fun and enjoyment at BB as possible. It helps to pay for buses, trains, equipment, trips etc. Thank you to everyone who came along and supported us, especially given the rainy weather on the day, it really was appreciated.

The money from the Christmas Fair was also quickly put to use to help the boys have a fantastic Christmas party. This year we hired a Children's entertainer who played party games with the boys and organised a disco for them to dance along to. After the entertainment, we all enjoyed our tea from Pizza Hut. To end the night the boys had a visit from Santa and all received a gift, the officers were tired, the boys were hyper, but it was a great night to end the session.

Our first outing of the year was to the Kings theatre on our annual pantomime trip on the 2nd of January when boys, parents, officers and friends went to see "Peter Pan". The boys all had a great time and were singing along and dancing in the aisles by the end. I'm sure they are all looking forward to going back next year. As always they loved getting their names read out at the end of the performance and what a noise they made to let the whole theatre know where they were sitting!

We welcomed the boys back to BB on Friday 9th January where they quickly got back into the programme and enjoyed taking part in games, sports, marching and achievements. Our Junior Section have been working hard on their maze marching and are preparing hard for the Junior Section maze marching competition which is being held soon.

We are sure a few more weeks of hard work will ensure that they are ready to take part and do themselves proud. Look out for the results in coming months articles.

**Scott Russell (07917801622)**

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### Support a Family

The prospective father in law asked "Can you support a family"?  
The surprised groom to be, replied "Well no! I was just planning to support your daughter. The rest of you will have to fend for yourselves."





## Sharing In Prayer - February 2015

The Lord your God is with you, he is mighty to save.  
He will take great delight in you, he will quiet you  
with his love, he will rejoice over you with singing.  
(Zephaniah 3 : 17)

'BE STILL AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD..'

'When we're forced to be still the magnitude of the weight we carry becomes enormous, the loneliness unbearable. We think momentum keeps us from thinking ..... from feeling .... from knowing sooner or later we have to stop.

When you need to be spiritually restored, **go to the throne**, not the 'phone!

No matter how good your friends are, they can't meet your need like God can.

Jesus said, '*Come to Me .. and I will give you rest.*' (Matthew 11 : 28 NIV)

Consider it His personal RSVP to talk to Him and tell Him how you feel, like a child talks to a loving parent who can help them. Designate a special place to be alone with God, and discipline yourself to go there often. And don't just tell Him what you need, listen to what He's trying to tell you. Don't be in a hurry to get back into the rat race; stay in God's presence until you understand that the burdens you're carrying were never meant to be shouldered alone.

The most important thing: we find time for what we consider important, so let's get our priorities straight and 'seek first His kingdom'. (Matthew. 6 : 33 NIV)

When you '**come near to God ... He will come near to you.**' (James 4:8 NIV)  
(The UCB Word for Today 2015)

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In God's economy, nothing is wasted – not one flicker of hope, not a single act of kindness, not one imponderable "Why?" And in the darkest pit of despair, when God gives us the light to take only one step at a time, His message to us is still simply: **Trust Me.** (Barbara Johnson)

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**If... All the lukewarm members would fire up**  
**All the gloomy members would brighten up**  
**All the estranged members would make up**  
**All the true believers would stand up**



## Sharing In Prayer - February 2015

After just a few years of marriage filled with constant arguments, a young man and his wife decided the only way to save their marriage was to try counselling. They had been at each other's throats for some time and felt that this was the last straw. When they arrived at the counsellor's office, the counsellor jumped right in and opened the floor for discussion.

'What seems to be the problem?'

Immediately the husband held his long face down without anything to say. In contrast, the wife began talking ninety miles an hour, describing all the wrongs within their marriage. After listening to the wife, the counsellor went over to her and gave her a long and lingering kiss on the mouth. Then he went and sat back down.

The wife sat speechless. The marriage counsellor looked over at the husband, who stared in disbelief. The counsellor said to the husband,

'Your wife NEEDS that at least twice a week!'

The husband scratched his head and replied,

'I can have her here on Tuesdays and Thursdays.'

('A Box of Delights' compiled by J. John & Mark Stibbe – Monarch Books)

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'Let your light shine! Deliberately choose to look for joy in every step of your journey through life and to share it with others. When you do, you will be blessed with happiness no matter what your circumstances are.'

(Barbara Johnson)

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Humour is the prelude to faith, and laughter is the beginning of prayer.

(Reinhold Niebuhr)

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**If...All those on the roll would show up**  
**To honour him who was lifted up**  
**You would have a fine Church**



## **1<sup>st</sup> Stamperland Guides**

Happy New Year on behalf of Stamperland Guides.

To finish the session before Christmas all the Guides and leaders went for dinner at Café Roma in Clarkston. We had the Café to ourselves and a wonderful evening of pizza, ice cream, drinks and games. Thanks to Jim from Café Roma for accommodating us and making us feel so welcome.

Thank you to everyone who attended our Body Shop evening in December. Typically it was a very entertaining and informative night. Thanks to Hazel and Carol from The Body Shop, East Kilbride. They are already booked for next year.

Our mulled wine and mince pie event after the children's Nativity Service raised £160 which the Guides donated to the Church. Thank you once again for the support from the congregation.

Over the next few months the programme for Guides is exciting and varied. We will be having our first weekend away to Avondyke Scout centre at the beginning of March. This will be an indoor weekend, although the programme will be mainly outdoors. This is always a fantastic weekend, regardless of the weather.

Guides will be having a fundraising bag pack at Morrison's in Giffnock on the 31<sup>st</sup> January, so if you are around the area please come and support us.

On a personal note, can I thank Nancy Fisher and many members of the congregation for kind words and wishes on my appointment as East Renfrewshire Girlguiding County Commissioner. I am looking forward to the challenge of leading the County for the next five years and helping the girls and leaders achieve as much as possible through the Guiding movement.

**Christine Mailley**  
**stamperlandguides@hotmail.co.uk**

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**Forgetful –Eh!**

I've got so absent minded –my cheeks with shame I scorch  
 I took milk bottles shopping– left my handbag in the porch  
 I placed my hand brush in the oven- posted letters down the loo  
 Left books in a hot bath soaking- put aspirin in the stew  
 I put tights in the freezer- packed tea bags in my shoe  
 Dumped the laundry in the dustbin– oh! What am I to do?  
 I'm so afraid one evening – so sorry is my plight  
 I'll get my husband all wound up- and kiss the clock goodnight

## TWO WOLVES

*One evening an old Cherokee told his grandson about a battle that goes on inside people.*

*He said, "My son, the battle is between two wolves inside us all."*

*"One is Evil - It is anger, envy, jealousy, sorrow, regret, greed, arrogance, self-pity, guilt, resentment, inferiority, lies, false pride, superiority, and ego."*

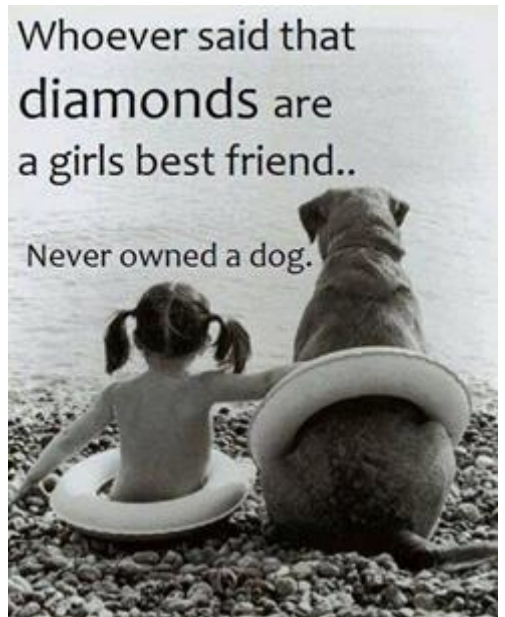
*"The other is Good - It is joy, peace, love, hope, serenity, humility, kindness, benevolence, empathy, generosity, truth, compassion and faith."*

*The grandson thought about it for a minute and then asked his grandfather:*

*"Which wolf wins?"*

*The old Cherokee simply replied,*

*"The one you feed."*





### **Advance Notice - A Date for your Diary**

**I am holding a Coffee Afternoon in Stamperland Church Hall on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2015 from 1.30pm to 3.30pm in aid of the Tribute Fund in the name of Margaret Taylor, for The Prince & Princess of Wales Hospice. As my Dad passed away on the 4<sup>th</sup> of January, this year, this will be in memory of my Mum and Dad, a very devoted couple.**

**Please put this date in your diary and come along to support a very good cause. This has been a successful fund-raiser in the past, and I hope this year's event will be as successful.**

**Evelyn Graham**





## The Guild



It is hard to believe that that we are coming into February which is the second last month of our winter programme. Our syllabus for February and March is as follows:

03 Feb	Workplace Chaplaincy	Cate Adams
10 Feb	Biblical Garden of Elgin	Robert Hamilton
17 Feb	Mary's Meals (Making a difference in Liberia)	GUILD PROJECT
24 Feb	'Ur ye dancin?'	Robert Marshall
03 Mar	Autism	Steven Owens
06 Mar	World Day of Prayer	Williamwood Parish Church at 2.30pm.
10 Mar	Daffodil Tea	Entertainment by Sounds International Concert Party
17 Mar	Afternoon visit to McKinnon Mills	
24 Mar	AGM	

Please come along to any of our meetings which would be of interest to you. We would be very pleased to see you and will make you most welcome.

**Evelyn Graham, Guild Secretary**

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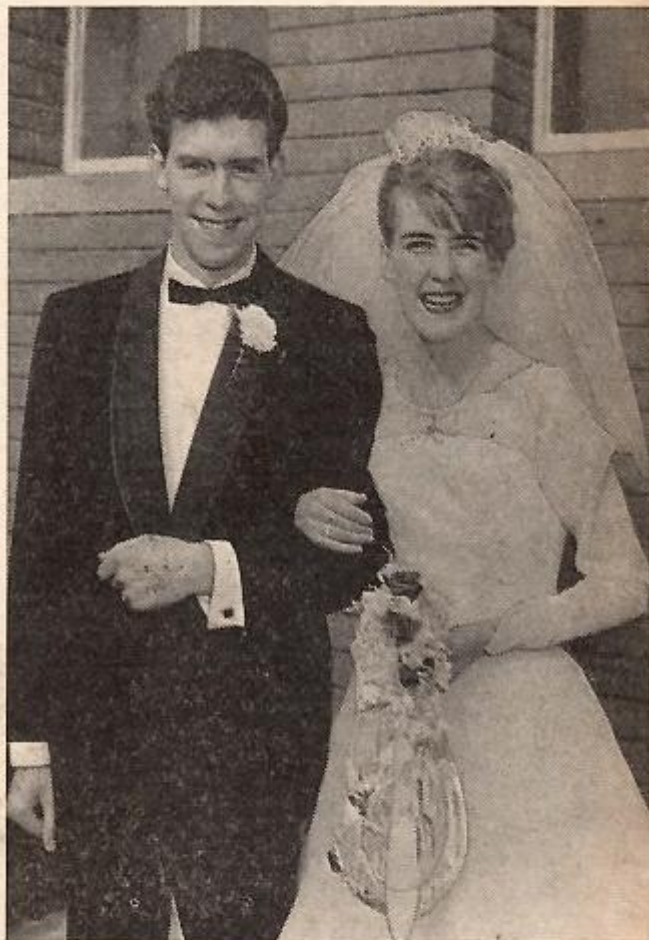


*Alastair, Fiona, Alan and I would like to thank the Rev Jack Drummond for his attentiveness and uplifting Service after the death of my father James Taylor, in his 100<sup>th</sup> year.*

*Thank you for the prayers of many in the congregation who knew him, these were very much appreciated, and helped us through a difficult time. Also thanks to everyone for the lovely cards and flowers received.*

*Evelyn Graham*

# MARRIED IN GLASGOW



Mr Hugh Harper, son of Mr and Mrs H. Harper, 32 Woodland Road, Stranraer, was married in Stamperland Church, Clarkston, Glasgow, to Miss Karen McNair, daughter of Captain and Mrs J. B. Whyte, 55 Stamperland Drive, Glasgow. The ceremony was conducted by Rev J. W. Goudie. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a dress of nylon organza trimmed with circlets of orange blossom on the bustle and skirt. Her short veil was held in place by a circle of orange blossom and she carried a Bible in addition to her bouquet of lily-of-the-valley, roses and gladioli.

Her bridesmaids, Miss Lynn McCabe, 10 Queen's Drive, Glasgow, a cousin, and Miss Elizabeth Whyte, her sister, wore dresses of nasturtium duchess satin and their bouquets were lily-of-the-valley and roses to tone. Mr Ivor Brittain, Bowden Park, East Kilbride, was groomsman. The church was decorated with pink gladioli, sweet peas and white chrysanthemums. The reception was held afterwards at Burlington House, Bath Street, and for going-away the bride wore a suit of shell pink wool marocain trimmed with bronze mink and accessories to tone.

The adjacent newspaper article was submitted by Elaine Murray together with her thank you letter on page 19, and with permission, the following additional message which, with the wonders of computers is reproduced here for your information;

Ed.

PS. Whilst Mum and Dad are currently members at Netherlee, they were married in Stamperland in what is currently the Large Hall (14 June 1962). I recently found this picture amongst my Grandmother's documents.

Not sure if you have an archivist or similar, but I am happy for you to pass this on for any records that are kept.

Elaine Murray





*Hugh and Karen Harper would like to gratefully thank everyone who helped Hugh when he fell entering the church for the Netherlee School Christmas Service.*

*Despite the tumble and subsequent 17 stitches in his hand, Hugh enjoyed the service which he could not have done without particular help from Karen Cramb and Marie Owens. Thank you also for the subsequent visit and poinsettia gift from the congregation a few days later.*

*Kind regards*

*Elaine Murray, Asst. Cub Scout Leader, 79<sup>th</sup> Glasgow (Stamperland) Cub Pack*

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*I wish to express my deep thanks and gratitude to everyone who has helped me in the last few weeks following the death of my wife, Margaret. I have received cards, phone calls and visits from many church members expressing, not just sympathy, but offering real support, compassion and care.*

*The whole family was strengthened and uplifted by the number of people who attended the funeral service and later came to the Busby Hotel. The presence of so many helped us during this sad and difficult time and brought home to us the true character and spirit of Stamperland Church and how the church members act in different ways to support and sustain those in need.*

*George Fraser*

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I would like to say a sincere “thank you” to the congregation for the lovely flowers I received recently in memory of a dear son. The kind words and messages from many were much appreciated.

*Eileen McLennan*

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*Thank you very much for the Church flowers. A lovely surprise on the first anniversary of Fraser’s death. They certainly helped to brighten up a difficult week.*

*Pam, Ted and Michael Cochrane*

## Dates for Focus Magazine

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October			
November			

To ensure that publicised events at the beginning of the month can be included with the certainty of being delivered and seen before the event is likely to take place, with effect from the February edition, as a five month experiment, the Focus will be available from the last Sunday of the preceding month, instead of from the first Sunday of the month. Thereafter the experiment will be reviewed. Electronic input , (e mail) can now be as late as a Wednesday, rather than the Monday.

Focus will be put together on Wednesdays 18th February/25th March/22nd April/27th May.

Revised dates are shown above and simply mean that everything will be one week earlier. I trust this will not cause any confusion and that all contributors, collators and delivery people will not be inconvenienced by this change of practice.

**Fraser Neilson**

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### **Pastoral Care**

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

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| • <b>Transport to Church</b>  | <b>Hospital</b>              |
| • <b>Doctors Appointment</b>  | <b>Shopping</b>              |
| • <b>Could do with a chat</b> | <b>Have a prayer request</b> |

**Please contact Grace Scott, 0141 637 2226**

*Hugh and Karen Harper would like to gratefully thank everyone who helped Hugh when he fell entering the church for the Netherlee School Christmas Service.*

*Despite the tumble and subsequent 17 stitches in his hand, Hugh enjoyed the service which he could not have done without particular help from Karen Cramb and Marie Owens. Thank you also for the subsequent visit and poinsettia gift from the congregation a few days later.*

*Kind regards*

*Elaine Murray, Asst. Cub Scout Leader, 79<sup>th</sup> Glasgow (Stamperland) Cub Pack*

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*I wish to express my deep thanks and gratitude to everyone who has helped me in the last few weeks following the death of my wife, Margaret. I have received cards, phone calls and visits from many church members expressing, not just sympathy, but offering real support, compassion and care.*

*The whole family was strengthened and uplifted by the number of people who attended the funeral service and later came to the Busby Hotel. The presence of so many helped us during this sad and difficult time and brought home to us the true character and spirit of Stamperland Church and how the church members act in different ways to support and sustain those in need.*

*George Fraser*

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I would like to say a sincere “thank you” to the congregation for the lovely flowers I received recently in memory of a dear son. The kind words and messages from many were much appreciated.

*Eileen McLennan*

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*Thank you very much for the Church flowers. A lovely surprise*





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