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A Message from our Locum Minister Reverend Jack Drummond



Dear Friends,

It is now five months since I began my Pastoral Care in Stamperland Parish Church as Locum Minister.

Time passes quickly when you are engaged in something which is enjoyable and worthwhile. Although my appointment by Glasgow Presbytery is on a part time basis, I would still welcome the names of Church members who would appreciate a pastoral visit. Please make use of the cards in the Church pews, speak to me after the Sunday service or phone me on 0141 571 6002.

I am grateful for the warm and friendly welcome which I have received from the people of Stamperland and for your support and encouragement on Sundays. The congregation is fortunate to have gifted people who are willing to put their rich variety of God given talents to good use.

I have always thought that the word "Vacancy" is an unfortunate description of a congregation's situation when there is no full time ordained minister. Stamperland Church may be technically "vacant" but the work and witness of the congregation continues unhindered and that's to your credit.

In his first letter to the Corinthians St Paul described the church as "Christ's Body" This is a helpful and appropriate description, because it reminds us that we all have our different gifts and our own particular part to play in the church's life.

As a young minister, I remember being given an helpful piece of advice. "Take care to ensure that your minister does not block other people from using their gifts"

As a middle-aged minister, I led a Quinquennial Visitation to a church in Kirkintilloch, whose minister had recently returned from study leave. On his return he wrote a report on his study leave in which he said: "My study leave was a time of blessing to the congregation"

These words caused a bit of a chuckle. He did not mean that the congregation was glad to be rid of him for a short time, rather, he was making the point that his study leave had enabled elders and members of the congregation to exercise gifts that had remained untapped.

After St Paul gives his picture of the church as Christ's Body, he goes on to describe the best way for each member of the church to work together, and that is

the way of LOVE.

"Love is patient and kind; it is not jealous or conceited or proud; love does not keep a record of wrongs; love is not happy with evil, but is happy with the truth" (1st Corinthians, Ch 13, Vs 4-6)

Let's all go forward together into a new Session's work for the Lord, and love for one another.

Yours in Christ's service

Jack Drummond

Baptism

15th June Kai Lawrence James Turner 347 Bonnyton Drive, Eaglesham

Wedding

21st June Conroy Rowley and Kirsty Curror 4 Leebank Drive, Netherlee

Funerals

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| 6th June | Mr Jim McGregor | 25 Morven Drive, Clarkston |
| 4th July | Mrs Meara McCracken | 29 Nethercliffe Avenue, Netherlee |
| 15th July | Mr Harry Lawson | Lydsayfield Lodge Care Home, East Kilbride |

Harvest Thanksgiving and Parade of Uniformed Organisations Sunday 5th October



To show our thanks and appreciation of readily-available, healthy and nutritious food, abundant water for drinking, washing and flushing toilets we are, as usual, asking for donations of food which will be taken to the Lodging House Mission and of money which will be given to Water Aid.

Donations of tinned food, sugar, tea, coffee, rice, pasta, etc. can be brought to the church on Saturday morning to allow the creation of an eye-catching display; however, if you can't manage on Saturday, please do bring your harvest gifts with you on Sunday morning.

Sunday, 21st September

The Morning Service will include the dedication of the storage unit behind the organ which was gifted in memory of Mabel MacGregor by her family.

Progressing Our Church's Future

There was a meeting at our church on 11th May attended by Trustees (elders and former members of the Congregational Board), Gray Fletcher, our Interim Moderator, and three representatives of Glasgow Presbytery – Rev Stuart Smith, Mission Strategy Convenor, Very Rev Bill Hewitt, Presbytery Clerk and Chris MacRae.

The Presbytery representatives were very clear that, under the Presbytery Plan, they expected all of the existing church buildings at Stamperland and Netherlee (excluding Church House) to be retained and fully utilised and that both churches would have regular morning worship each Sunday.

At the meeting, Stuart Smith described five options facing Stamperland

- unite soon with Netherlee Church;
- establish a deferred union;
- Stamperland call a minister with a short-term reviewable tenure;
- continue with an Interim Moderator and Locum; enter Guardianship.

There was also a sixth option – Stamperland could appeal against the Presbytery Plan. If the appeal were lost then Presbytery would impose one of the five options.

Those trustees present at the meeting expressed a wide range of views and opinions not just on the options but on the whole concept of linking and uniting with some opining that the ethos of the two churches, Stamperland and Netherlee, was quite different.

The meeting concluded with a recommendation from the Presbytery representatives that there should be dialogue between Stamperland and Netherlee churches. The dialogue would start with small groups of representatives, eventually leading to meetings involving all Trustees and elders. These early meetings would take place without prejudicing any appeal by Stamperland against the Presbytery Plan. At the initial meetings each church would be represented by, probably, five elders including the Minister or Interim Moderator of each church.

We have agreed with Presbytery's recommendation to enter dialogue with Netherlee Church. I anticipate our dialogue will begin sometime in September and I am sure it will be conducted in a "respectful manner". We will explore options and listen carefully to proposals. Members will be informed of progress and no decisions will be made without consulting members of our church.

Norrie Bolton

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Church Bulletins

Potluck supper Sunday at 5:00 pm.-prayer and medication to follow .





Maybe's Aye, Maybe's Naw

The Church of Scotland has no official view on the Independence Referendum. Individual members and individual ministers will have their own opinions but the church has no overarching stance – other than urging members and, indeed, all voters, to exercise their democratic responsibility and vote on the 18th September.

One of the themes of the current Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, Rev John Chalmers, is “Respectful Dialogue”. This is not simply in relation to the Independence Referendum but is much more widely applicable in all areas of debate, tension or conflict. Too often, the two sides involved in a dispute talk, but don’t listen; make demands, but never concede. “Respectful Dialogue” asks those involved to listen and engage with those holding opposite views; to explore the views of others; to see the other’s point of view; to consider counter proposals. It doesn’t mean lying back and accepting everything (or anything) the other party states; but it does strive to take the heat out of disputes. “Respectful Dialogue” needs to take place between Israel and Palestine; between Sunni and Shia Muslims; between Muslims and Christians; between YES supporters and NO supporters; between those in the church opposed to Gay ministers and those willing to accept Gay ministers. You can add your own groups to those I’ve just listed.

The Moderator has hosted a number of “Respectful Dialogues” aiming to show what can be achieved when parties undertake real dialogue and don’t simply take up negotiating positions but listen, consider and review.

Whatever the result of our referendum a large number of people are going to be very upset at the outcome. There will be disappointment, dismay, unhappiness, unease; there could be resentment, blame, bitterness, unrest. Recognising these negative feelings the Moderator has arranged a Service of Reconciliation to be held in St Giles Cathedral on Sunday, 21st September. It will be attended by leading politicians from all political parties in Scotland. The aim of the Service of Reconciliation is to sooth any hurts, dispel ill-feeling and ill-will and encourage co-operation between former political adversaries.

Norrie Bolton

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Church Bulletins

Weight Watchers will meet at 7 PM at the First Presbyterian Church. Please use large double door at the side entrance.



Finance and The Manse



Over the summer months there has been a hive of activity at the manse. People have been plastering, painting, cleaning, gardening, hoovering, hanging curtain poles, curtains and lampshades. The manse is now on the market "to let" and we are awaiting our first tenants. Many thanks to all the volunteers who helped in any way to get the house ready.

Of course there has been some financial cost to all of these improvements. Most of the windows had to be re-hung or re-fitted – cost £732. The dishwasher had to be replaced – cost £135. Curtains were purchased at a bargain price. We had to replace carpet on the upper stairs and landings – cost £174. We also had to give George and Pamela £1000 as compensation for leaving behind carpets and laminate floors on their move to Broomhill. In total the cost of refurbishing the manse amounted to £2723.

The letting agency has advised that we can expect a rental income of approximately £1000 per month. This money will go straight to the Church of Scotland in Edinburgh. However, we expect that we will be able to access this money to pay for our fabric expenditure.

Renting out our manse does not mean that we will be better off financially and we must continually strive to find ways of increasing our income. The Finance Committee are very grateful to all those members who have kept their promise to "save Stamperland" by increasing their offerings in the last few months. Hopefully with more income from offerings and a successful stewardship campaign in the autumn we will be able to avoid a deficit at the end of this year.

Kay Bolton




I would like to thank all those who have phoned, called in, or sent flowers/cards, including those from the Church, and especially for the visits from Rev. Jack Drummond. I would also like to thank all my friends and neighbours for all their offers of help during my current illness.


Hazel Thompson

Communion Roll

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

| | | From: | To: |
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|  | Mr Andy Clark | 92 Stamperland Dr | 9 Riverside Crt Linnpark Crt. |
| | Mrs Emily Clark | 92 Stamperland Dr | 9 Riverside Crt. Linnpark Crt. |
| | Mrs Jane Kidd | 84 Monteith Gdns | Aberdeen |
| | Miss Elizabeth Brown | 87 Stamperland Dr | Braemount Care Home, Linwell House, Paisley |
| | Mr J Forest Morton | 61 Stamperland Dr | Flat A 1 Fairfield Crt. |
| | Mrs Isobel Milligan | 4 Netherway | 53 Hillend Cres. |
| | Mrs Valerie Stewart | 4 Netherway | 53 Hillend Cres. |
| | Mrs Elizabeth McFadyen | 33 Nethervale Ave | 96 Crathes Court |

New Members: "Welcome !" to:-

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

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| | Rev George Mackay Mrs Pamela Mackay | 109 Omonde Ave. to Hyndland/ Broomhill |
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DUTY TEAMS FOR THE COMING MONTHS



Sept 7th – COMMUNION

Mrs A MacFarlane (Con)
Mrs S Bell
Mr N Walker
Mr D Brown
Mrs M Young
Mr G Fairweather

Sept 14th - TEAM 6

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

Sept 21st - TEAM 1

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

Sept 28th – TEAM 2

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

Oct 5th – TEAM 3

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

Oct 12th - TEAM 4

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

Oct 19th – TEAM 5

Mr R Allan (Con)
Mrs J Herriot
Mr J Curror
Mrs J Curror
Mr S Russell

Oct 26th – TEAM 6

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

Nov 2nd – TEAM 1

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

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

Flower Calendar



September

7th Mrs J Coid
14th Mrs R Cooper
21st Mrs E Barr
28th Mr B Phillips

October

5th Miss S Wood

Edith Moseley
644 2628



Our next event is the Christian Aid Sponsored Swim, which takes place at Eastwood Leisure Centre swimming pool on Saturday 25th October from 5.30pm to 7.30pm. Sponsor forms will be available from Sandra Cowie and Grace Walker.

Last year Stamperland had the most swimmers on the night, so we hope to do well again this year.

The total for Stamperland for Christian Aid Week this year was £2,746.71p which is a fantastic result. Thanks once again to all those who helped in any way to achieve this.

Sandra Cowie

Garden Open Weekend

Whilst an intimation was announced in Church back on Sunday 24th August, we would like to repeat our grateful thanks to all who came along over the weekend, in rain or sunshine, in daylight or evening, and supported our cause.



Thanks must go once again to Stamperland Church for the use of utensils and crockery without which it would not be possible to cater for the number of visitors, and to our helpers, young and old in both the tearoom operation and running the trains, and to all those who donated home baking and tablet for the event.

The sum raised this year was the best ever, despite the Saturday rain when £1,600 was realised, a final update on previous amounts, and will be split equally between Parkinson's UK and The Stables, Eastwood Park Dementia Centre.

The Neilson Family



Don't Hesitate, Participate

Do you know how many members of the Tate Family belong to our Parish?

There is old man Dic Tate who wants to run everything, while uncle Ro Tate tries to change everything. Their sister Agi Tate stirs up plenty of trouble, with help from her husband Irri Tate.

Whenever new projects are suggested, Hesi Tate and his wife Vegi Tate want to wait until next year. Then there is aunt Imi Tate who wants our Church to be like all the others. Deves Tate provides the voice of doom, while Poten Tate wants to be a big shot!

But not all the members of the family are bad news. Brother Facili Tate is quite helpful in Church matters. And a delightful, happy member of the family is Miss Felici Tate. Cousins Cogi Tate and Medi Tate always think things over and lend a helpful, steadying hand.

And there is of course the black sheep of the family, Ampu Tate, who has completely cut himself off from the Church.

We have the light of faith. We can show our gratitude by avoiding any pettiness or intolerance that would dim Christ's light. And since joy should be the associate of light, we might take a lead from Miss Felici Tate.

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Church Halls Door Duty

Monday/Tuesday door duties will recommence as of the first week in September. If anyone wishes to change or stop their duty please speak to Jane Curror

- 0141 637 5759



SHARING IN PRAYER – SEPTEMBER



Said the robin to the sparrow:
 'I should really like to know
 Why these anxious human beings
 Rush about and worry so.'

Said the sparrow to the robin:
 'Friend I think that it must be
 That they have no heavenly Father
 Such as cares for you and me.'

*'Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. **The Lord is near.** Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.'*
 (Philippians 4 : 4-7)

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Dr. Robert Seizer, in his book 'Mortal Lessons: Notes in the Art of Surgery' tells a remarkable story of performing surgery to remove a tumour in which it was necessary to sever a facial nerve, leaving a young woman's mouth permanently twisted in palsy. In Dr. Seizer's own words:

'Her young husband is in the room. He stands on the opposite side of the bed, and together they seem to dwell in the evening lamplight, isolated from me, private. Who are they I ask myself; he and this wry-mouth I have made, who gaze at and touch each other so generously? The young woman speaks,

'Will my mouth always be like this?' she asks. 'Yes', I say, 'it will. It is because the nerve was cut.' She nods, and is silent. But the young man smiles.

'I like it,' he says. 'It is kind of cute.' All at once I know who he is. I understand and I lower my gaze. One is not bold in an encounter with God. Unmindful, he bends to kiss her crooked mouth, and I, so close, can see how he twists his own lips to accommodate to hers, to show her that their kiss still works.'

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

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*Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable - if anything is excellent or praiseworthy - think about such things **And the God of peace will be with you.***
 (Philippians 4: 8)

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Pray i) for those you know who have recently had bad news which has caused a shadow to cloud every day's happiness. Ask that the joy of the Lord may be their strength.

ii) new Stonewall leader, Ruth Hunt, calls for pro-gay books in all pre-schools saying that she wants all pre-school children to be taught to celebrate being 'gay'.

Pray that there will be effective opposition to this.



SHARING IN PRAYER SEPTEMBER

The following was written by Danny Dutton, aged 8, from Chula Vista, California, for his third-grade assignment to 'Explain God':

GOD

One of God's main jobs is making people. He makes them to replace the ones that die so there will be enough people to take care of things on earth. He doesn't make grown-ups, just babies, I think because they are smaller and easier to make. That way, he doesn't have to take up his valuable time teaching them to talk and walk. He can just leave that to mothers and fathers.

God's second most important job is listening to prayers. An awful lot of this goes on, since some people, like preachers and things, pray at times besides bed time. God doesn't have time to listen to the radio or TV because of this. Because he hears everything there must be a terrible lot of noise in his ears, unless he has thought of a way to turn it off. God sees everything and is everywhere which keeps him pretty busy. So you shouldn't go wasting his time by going over your mum and dad's head asking for some-thing they've said you can't have.

Atheists are people who don't believe in God. I don't think there are any in Chula Vista. At least there aren't any who come to our church.

Jesus is God's Son. He used to do all the hard work like walking on water and performing miracles and trying to teach the people who didn't want to learn about God. They finally got tired of him preaching to them and Jesus said they didn't know what they were doing and to forgive them and God said OK. His dad (God) appreciated everything that he had done and all his hard work on earth so he told him he didn't have to go out on the road any more, he could stay in heaven. So he did. And now he helps his dad out by listening to prayers and seeing things which are important for God to take care of and which ones he can take care of himself without having to bother God. Like a secretary only more important.

You can pray any time you want and they are sure to hear you because they got it worked out so one of them is on duty all the time. You should always go to church on Sunday because it makes God happy, and if there's anybody you want to make happy, it's God. Don't skip church to do something you think will be more fun like going to the beach.

This is wrong! And, besides, the sun doesn't come out at the beach until noon anyway. If you don't believe in God, besides being an atheist, you will be very lonely, because your parents can't go everywhere with you, like to camp, but God can. It is good to know he's around you when you're scared in the dark or when you can't swim very good and you get thrown into real deep water by big kids.

But you shouldn't just always think of what God can do for you. I figure God put me here and he can take me back any time he pleases. And that's why I believe in God.

Jesus said: 'I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.' (Luke 18 : 17)

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THE BOYS' BRIGADE

>the adventure begins here



Where did the summer go?? – I hope you all had an enjoyable break over the last couple of months or so and are refreshed for what promises to be a busy session.

Our enrolment night was held on the 29th August and was a big success – the company is in good health with over 35 Boys on the roll for the forthcoming session!! Our first formal night was on the 5th September, 8pm till 10:30pm (10pm for new recruits) – and every Friday thereafter.

As a reminder, the Company Section caters for Boys ages 11-18 with a wide and varied range of activities.

If you are interested, or know of someone who is, please get in touch, as we would love to hear from you!!

All enquiries: **Peter Dale (Captain) 07506681531**

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Pastoral Care

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**

Please contact Grace Scott
0141 637 2226



From Stamperland to the Vatican



As the Congregation may be aware, the last few months have been particularly busy for myself and Lynsey, so much so that I decided to step away from the Social and Fundraising Committee at the last Kirk Session meeting. It was therefore a relief and a joy over the summer to relax on holiday, this time on a cruise covering Italy, France and Spain.

The main highlight of this was an excursion covering the classical sites of Rome and the Vatican City. So on a sweltering Saturday in July, we had the pleasure of enjoying a pasta lunch before walking round the corner to the Vatican Museums. Eventually we wound our way to the Sistine Chapel, St Peter's Basilica and St Peter's Square, where we saw the Papal Balcony, apartments and famous area where smoke billows from the chimney at the end of the conclave to elect a new Pope. Indeed, while Pope Francis was apparently not in during the time we visited (how dare he not be!!) there was enough memorabilia and spirituality for us to gain an insight into why the Vatican is so revered.

What struck is most however was the sheer wealth on show. My neck was strained as from room to room the gold on the statues seemed to get more impressive: the paintings more detailed and the architecture more ornate. This was particularly true of the Italian room where paintings of each area of Italy lined the walls and in the magnificent Sistine Chapel, where the paintings staring at you were far superior to the over zealous Italian Guard making more noise than anyone else – despite appealing for silence!

Yes money and wealth – contrasted with a poor society and beggars on the street. How can that be right?

As tends to be my way with these things, I like to read up on areas while visiting them and so I read 'Pope Francis Untying the Knots', during the cruise. From this fascinating read, it seems that the Pope too has a concern for the poor stemming from his days in the slums of Argentina. Yet he has to reconcile this with concerns over his actions during Argentina's Dirty War and his potentially dictatorial style of leadership. Yet the Pope is learning, has changed and knows that his actions towards the poor are how he must act for the Church to have its place in the world.

I am not sure what this says about us in the Church of Scotland but it could be

sumised that there is a need to reach out to people where they are. This may mean the Church meeting people where they want to, instead of saying where they should meet; or reaching out in new ways to show our faith can adapt to the 21st Century world, and is still relevant.

People are out there as we saw first hand from the queues and crowds at the Vatican. Perhaps we just have to look harder.

David McKee

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Kindness of a Stranger

It was a bitter, cold evening in northern Virginia many years ago. The old man's beard was glazed by winter's frost while he waited for a ride across the river. The wait seemed endless. His body became numb and stiff from the frigid north wind. He heard the faint, steady rhythm of approaching hooves galloping along the frozen path. Anxiously, he watched as several horsemen rounded the bend. He let the first one pass by without an effort to get his attention.

Then another passed by, and another. Finally, the last rider neared the spot where the old man sat like a snow statue. As this one drew near, the old man caught the rider's eye and said, "Sir, would you mind giving an old man a ride to the other side? There doesn't appear to be a passageway by foot." Reining his horse, the rider replied, "Sure thing. Hop aboard."

Seeing the old man was unable to lift his half-frozen body from the ground, the horseman dismounted and helped the old man on to the horse. The horseman took the old man not just across the river, but to his destination, which was just a few miles away.

As they neared the tiny but cosy cottage, the horseman's curiosity caused him to inquire, "Sir, I notice that you let several other riders pass by without making an effort to secure a ride. Then I came up and you immediately asked me for a ride. I'm curious why, on such a bitter winter night, you would wait and ask the last rider. What if I had refused and left you there?"

The old man lowered himself slowly down from the horse, looked the rider straight in the eyes, and replied, "I've been around these here parts for some time. I reckon I know people pretty good." The old-timer continued, "I looked into the eyes of the other riders and immediately saw there was no concern for my situation. It would have been useless even to ask them for a ride. But when I looked into your eyes, kindness and compassion were evident. I knew, then and there, that your gentle spirit would welcome the opportunity to give me assistance in my time of need. Those heart-warming comments touched the horseman deeply. "I'm most grateful for what you have said," he told the old man. "May I never get too busy in my own affairs that I fail to respond to the needs of others with kindness and compassion."

"With that, Thomas Jefferson turned his horse around and made his way back to the White House."

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The Guild

Writing this article in mid August it is difficult to think ahead to our winter syllabus. The weather earlier in the summer was exceptional and I do hope that whether you were away on holiday or here at home that you feel the benefit of the summer break.

We have a varied programme and hope that you will consider coming along to join us on any evening that interests you.

Our programme from October to December is as follows:

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| 07 Oct | Theme, Dedication and Communion | Rev. Jack Drummond |
| 14 Oct | History of the Tall ship Glenlee | Alan Blackwood |
| 21 Oct | Cross reach (Heart for Art) | GUILD PROJECT |
| 28 Oct | Afternoon visit to East Renfrewshire Council Offices | |
| 04 Nov | Hazelwood School for Blind and Deaf | Jane Eyre |
| 11 Nov | Gideon's | Ian Smith |
| 18 Nov | Thomliebank Resource Centre & Foodbank | Jim Donnelly |
| 25 Nov | Visit to Strathaven Gift and Coffee Shop | |
| 02 Dec | Advent | Rev Wilma Pearson, Cathcart Trinity Church |
| 09 Dec | Christmas Party | |

We meet in the Session Room on Tuesday evenings at 7.30pm and look forward to seeing you then.

Evelyn Graham, Guild Secretary

A Message from the Editor

Due to the opportunity of a holiday abroad in late October, there will be no issue of Focus in November. The next edition will be for October/November and should include all advanced information covering November.



A VERY BIG THANK YOU - and - A HUGE APOLOGY FOR THE DELAY

By the time this is published a year will have passed since my operation for Oesophageal Cancer.

2013/14 has been very harrowing for us all and I am really only now in a position to reflect on the past events. We have been completely overwhelmed by all the good wishes, amazing cards, flowers, gifts and last but by no means least the power of prayer which must never be under estimated.

Thanking you all so much.

Love, Lindsay Dale

The Sweetie Lady

Just a note of thanks to everybody who contributes to the Sunday Morning "Sweetie Treat".

The Sweetie Lady

Many thanks for the beautiful flowers I received from the church. Thanks too for your kind thoughts, just the thing to give me a much needed boost at a difficult time.'

Brenda Montgomery

We would like to thank the church for the beautiful flowers which we received to say thank you for our work with the Scout Group.

Yours,

Gregor & Alison, Scout & Assistant Beaver Leaders.



79th Glasgow (Stamperland) Scout Group

Beaver Colony

Well Beavers are back on Thursday the 4th September at 7pm. We will welcome them all back then. So far we have still not got a new Beaver leader which means we cannot take in new Beavers at the start of this term this year, which is not good for the group. I do have help from the Scout Leader, a young leader and some of the Scouts help me out, which I am very grateful for, but a regular Beaver Leader would allow us to take in extra Beavers and offer more activities.

Let me know if you could be interested in helping us out.

Alison Macfarlane - Assistant Beaver Scout Leader
Tel: 0141 644 2712

Cub Pack

Well the summer has flown past and the Cubs are now back after our summer break. I hope you all had a great summer and enjoyed the good weather and Commonwealth Games.

I had a 5 week business trip to India at the end of the last session, so Elaine finished off the term with several activities including a visit from a Fire Fighter who awarded the Cubs with their Fire Safety Badge.

With a number of boys moving up from our Beavers and some new members the Cub Pack will be starting back with a boost in numbers and we are planning a full session of activities for them.

Fire Station Visit – the final part of our Fire Safety activities had to be held over until the middle of September and that is a visit to Williamwood Fire Station. I am sure all the Cubs will really enjoy this.

Auchengillan Weekend – The Cubs are joining with the Scouts for a weekend away to Auchengillan in the middle of September for a weekend full of activities and fun. Some of our newer boys will be coming up for the Saturday to get a flavour of what we will be doing, which will include lots of outdoor Scouting Skills activities, a hike, games, climbing, "Water Walkerz" and we hope to complete the Map Reader badge while away.

Philip Moseley – Cub Scout Leader
Tel: 0141 620 3146

Scout Troop & Explorers

As you are reading this the Scout section has started the new session on the 28th of August and programming is well on the way for Thursday nights and various outdoor activities. I hope you have had a good summer break and enjoyed the good weather and Glasgow's Commonwealth Games which was a great success for Glasgow and the people of Scotland.

Auchengillan Weekend on 12th -14th September - This weekend has been organised by the Leaders and all sections will be taking part in a full programme of activities from climbing, walking a section of the West Highland Way, backwoods cooking, and much more.

19th June - Last Night of Scouts - To finish off the session the boys had a full night of games and had organised various take-aways to finish the night.

Explorers - Within the past Focus articles I have been advertising for additional leaders and volunteers to assist within the Explorer section without any joy. We now have several more members approaching Explorer age of 14 to 18 years old and want to be able to offer a full and interesting programme for the youth of the Stamp-erland community. Full assistance would be given from the Group and District to assist with anyone interested in helping out.

If you would like to discuss any of the above or are interested in assisting with a full and active programme within the various sections of Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers please do not hesitate to contact me on the number below.

Joe Mailley – Scouter-in-Charge
Tel: 0141 571 0887

Queens Baton Relay – Joe and Philip would take this opportunity to thank Scouts, Cubs, Leaders, family & members of the congregation for turning out on the 16th July when we were given the honour and privilege in carrying the Queens Baton in preparation of the Commonwealth Games.

Church Bulletins



The sermon this morning: "Jesus Walks on the Water". The sermon to-night: "Searching for Jesus"

Next Thursday there will be try-outs for the choir. They need all the help they can get.

During the absence of our Pastor, we enjoyed the rare privilege of hearing a good sermon when J.F. Stubbs supplied our pulpit.

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Fraser Neilson

LIFE AFTER DEATH

"DO YOU BELIEVE IN LIFE AFTER DEATH?" THE BOSS ASKED ONE OF HIS EMPLOYEES.

"YES, SIR," THE NEW EMPLOYEE REPLIED.

"WELL, THEN, THAT MAKES EVERYTHING JUST FINE," THE BOSS WENT ON. "AFTER YOU LEFT EARLY YESTERDAY TO GO TO YOUR GRANDMOTHER'S FUNERAL, SHE STOPPED IN TO SEE YOU!"



PALM SUNDAY

IT WAS PALM SUNDAY AND, BECAUSE OF A SORE THROAT, FIVE-YEAR-OLD JOHNNY STAYED HOME FROM CHURCH WITH A SITTER. WHEN THE FAMILY RETURNED HOME, THEY WERE CARRYING SEVERAL PALM BRANCHES. THE BOY ASKED WHAT THEY WERE FOR. "PEOPLE HELD THEM OVER JESUS' HEAD AS HE WALKED BY."

"WOULDN'T YOU KNOW IT," THE BOY FUMED, "THE ONE SUNDAY I DON'T GO, HE SHOWS UP!"

SUPPORT A FAMILY

THE PROSPECTIVE FATHER-IN-LAW ASKED, "YOUNG MAN, 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."

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Youth Organisations Need You!

For the new session starting in the first week in September, Stamperland's Youth organisations require adult helpers to help run full and enjoyable programmes for the children. If you can spare an hour or two to help make a difference for young people in Stamperland then please contact the organisation you would like to work with on the details below.

All Boys Brigade Sections — Mr Peter Dale
petedale@ntlworld.com

All Guide Sections—Mrs Christine Mailley
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All Scout Sections—Mr Joe Mailley
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**Bach to Beatles, pop to opera, country to gospel,
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Tuesday 16th September, 7:30 pm

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Stamperland Parish Church and Sounds International's Charity.**

**We hope to have a good turnout at this first fundraising event of the
session.**

**Donations of baking will be gratefully received at the Church Hall in
the afternoon of Tuesday 16th September between 2.30 and 3.30 p.m.
or prior to the concert in the evening.**