

CONNECTIONS

Netherlee & Stamperland Parish Church



February saw the 80th Anniversary of Stamperland Church so looking back over the years there are pictures, whilst not 80 or maybe even 40 years old, are interesting to look back on. Especially if anyone spots themselves this month!!

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Our Minister's Message

Reverend Scott Blythe



By the time you are reading this article the season of Lent will have began. However, there will still be plenty of time for you to reflect upon Lent if you have somehow forgotten.

On Shrove Tuesday this year, I went as usual to Williamwood High School laden down with a whole host of pancakes. Every year, the Chaplaincy Team seeks to give every student a pancake as they begin Lent.

This year we have carried this out in line with our overall theme of 'footprints' that is running through the whole year. The theme came from last summer's images around the 50th Anniversary of the first moon landing. That famous picture, of the footprint within the dust of the moon's surface, got most of us Chaplain's thinking about how we make impressions wherever we go. We thought this kind of angle was worth pursuing throughout the year.

As a result, we offered each young person the chance to think about making a change and committing themselves to a new behaviour or approach within their lives during Lent. As a sign of this commitment we gave the young people a rubber band for their wrist as a sign of their commitment. We hoped by having such an immediate reminder, they might stick to the change they were committing themselves to. Thereafter, they were given a pancake to enjoy.

Lent is a time for reflection and new beginnings in faith. It is a time in which we take some stock of our living of faith and consider if there are any new beginnings that we need to make. It is not meant to be a time of suffering and pain as it has become most associated with. Rather, it is a time in which we look at what is important and make some decisions as to what might mirror that importance.

So, where are you in need of some new energy in your life of faith?

Is there something that you need to learn further about?

Is there something you would like to commit yourself to in the future?

So, why not take some time to reflect upon these questions and, if inside there is a glimmering of response, maybe this Lent is the time to start a new commitment or to make some changes. There are only a few weeks left to consider.

Whatever comes, I wish you well with the effort and the commitment.

Peace!

Scott

A Message from the Editor

Fraser Neilson



I am seeking pictures from both congregations for possible inclusion on the front page each month over the year. If you have any that reflect the seasons, life in Netherlee, Stamperland or Clarkston, nature, transport, buildings, parks etc. Preferably in colour. They can be emails as Jpegs, scanned, printed or simply loaned for scanning and return. Any takers?

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Apr 2020	Mon 2nd Mar	Fri 13th Mar	Sun 5th Apr
May 2020	Mon 6th Apr	Fri 17th Apr	Sun 3rd May
Jun 2020	Mon 5th May	Fri 22nd May	Sun 7th Jun

Changes to the Roll - Stamperland

Bill Paterson



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

Name	From	To

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

Name	From	To

Deaths

Name	From	

You're never too old to learn something stupid.

Nostalgia isn't what it used to be.

Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine.

Hospitality is making your guests feel at home even when you wish they were.



1st Stamperland Brownies

Kirsty Stewart & Alison Gill & Lisa



In January Stamperland Brownies and Rainbows did a small joint project on Australia, learning about the terrible bush fires and how they are affecting people, animals and the environment.

Together they created this wonderful art piece in which photos of it were sent to Australia to let them know we are thinking of them.

Instead of celebrating Burns Day, we had a 'Scotland meets Australia' night.

The girls had some shortbread and Irn Bru and also made fairy bread which is an Australian delicacy served at children's parties and is simply bread, butter and sprinkles cut into triangles - some more keen to try it than others on this one.



Stamperland Prayer Meadow

Marie Wilson & Grace Scott



For a number of years we have used the Prayer Meadow which is sighted in the vestibule of the Church for people to write prayer requests either for themselves or for friends.

People have faithfully prayed and from time to time folks have posted on the meadow answers given to these prayer requests.

The Pastoral care group would like to extend this and plan to meet monthly for a time of prayer in the church from 11.45 -12 15 . Our first meeting is planned for March 18th.

If you would like to come along, we would be delighted. If you have a prayer request, Fraser McIntosh (644 3801) will be happy to receive this .

Netherlee Sunday Club & Senior Sunday Club

Elaine Murray



Netherlee Sunday Club

In February we enjoyed gathering with our friends in Stamperland and sharing worship. Our creative skills were challenged though when we made origami boats and flying fish as we learned about Jesus calling the Fishermen. Thank you for the great fun we had together, and we look forward to getting to know everyone more over the coming months.

Back in Netherlee, we enjoyed learning to mime, as we explored healing faith. Using some of the sign language we had learned, we told the story of Jesus healing Jairus' daughter seeing that faith can lead to amazing things. Our Sunday Club lessons then turned to look at some of the stories in Luke's gospel. We started by thinking about Heaven by talking about parties we had enjoyed. It was great being joined by the Senior Sunday Clubbers, who clearly know how to party! The children heard how God will welcome us in heaven, and that we need to accept his invitation to follow him and remember to say 'yes' when Jesus asks us to be his friend.

Sunday Club would not be Sunday Club without sheep, and the story of the lost sheep is always a favourite. No matter our background, we know we are loved and valued, and that God cares for us as individuals and will always welcome us back.

We are looking forward to a visit to meet the Friends of Linn Park. Our prize for winning the Christmas Tree Festival competition was the opportunity to donate a gift to the volunteers who help maintain and develop the amazing green space we have on our doorstep. We hear a wheelbarrow would lighten the load, but we will tell you how we get on next month!

Some of our kids attended the Silly Games Night. There were 'children' of all generations and the competition was intense. Jenga, Operation, Golf, Skittles and Reindeer Hoopla were just some of the skills (or not) required. Well done to the team from Daniel House, and friends, who scooped the trophies. Thank you to Helen Illingworth and the Youth Ministry team for organising and hosting a great evening of fun, food and fellowship that was enjoyed by all ages.

We extend a warm welcome to all children, nursery to P7, to Sunday Club as well as S1 and beyond for Senior Sunday Club! Just come along, we'd love to see you. Joining us for the first time? Don't hesitate to get in touch via the Church Office to find out more, or simply meet us on a Sunday morning when services are held in Netherlee. We also meet during joint services in both Netherlee and Stamperland. Everyone welcome!

Stamperland Church Finance

Kay Bolton



On 1st January 2020 Stamperland Parish Church and Netherlee Parish Church united to form a new church - Netherlee and Stamperland (Church of Scotland). This means that from that date, all monies, funds and investments were amalgamated and there is now one bank account in the new name along with one charity number. As a result, in future only one set of accounts will be produced annually.

The final set of accounts for Stamperland Church for the year ended 2019 shows details as follows: In 2019 the Church's income totalled £106,036. Of this amount, £51,209 was in the form of offerings with £2,313 contributed by fund raising activities. £12,163 came from the use of our premises by non-church organisations. Those organisations which kindly contributed to our running costs were as follows: The Guild £400, Scouts £325 and BB Company and Junior sections together £300. Tax claimed on offerings donated through Gift Aid amounted to £10,495. It is thanks to those who "Gift Aid" their donations that we are able to claim this substantial amount from the Government at no cost to ourselves.

Over the year our total expenditure was £118,572, an increase of £25,700 on the previous year. £55,077 of this sum was our contribution to the National Ministry and Mission Fund. This amount includes our contribution to our minister's stipend and to the wider work of the Church of Scotland. We also paid £2,819 to Glasgow Presbytery. We have no control over these items of expenditure which represent over half of our income.

Expenditure associated with fabric amounted to £38,986, £25,700 more than in 2018. The main items of expenditure were renewal of the roof covering of the large hall £13,800 (an unexpected expense), installation of new double glazed windows throughout most of the hall accommodation £15,570, refurbishment of the concrete steps leading to the front of the Church £4,000 and the painting of the ceiling in the large hall. Our heating and lighting costs were £4,394, a reduction of £240 from last year.

Stamperland Manse is being let. Whilst the rental income goes to the General Trustees in Edinburgh we are able to reclaim this money and use it for fabric expenditure. In 2019 we claimed a total of £23,300 which included

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£13,913 accumulated from the previous two years.

We continued to share the ministerial costs of Minister’s Travel, Minister’s Telephone and Internet, Manse Council Tax, Manse Fabric and Manse Insurance with Netherlee Church. Costs associated with the printing and publishing of “Connections” were allocated on the number of magazines required by each church.

Despite ending the year with a deficit of £12,536 we were fortunate to have a healthy amount of funds in the bank – a total of £117,959 together with investments valued at £4,726. In addition the General Trustees held £1,334 of rental income on our behalf.

Thanks are due to everyone for their efforts in supporting our Church throughout the year, both financially and in the organisation and support of fund raising activities. Many thanks also to those on the Finance Committee for their support throughout the year.

Stamperland Copper Fund

Kay Bolton



The Millennium Fund was started in the year 2000 with the purpose of enabling members of the congregation to put their pennies in a jar as a way of raising extra funds for our Church.

Several years later the name was changed to the Copper Fund. Over the years income from the fund has been used to provide the Church with new microphones, garden barrels, number cards for the hymn boards, tea pots, Christmas trees and more.

Lately, donations of coppers have been diminishing and the time is now probably right, twenty years later, to close the fund.

The balance at the end of 2019 has been put towards the cost of cleaning the curtains in our halls. Anyone who wishes to get rid of their unwanted coppers in future is welcome to put them in the offering bag any Sunday.

Behind every successful man is his woman. Behind the fall of a successful man is usually another woman.



A clear conscience is the sign of a fuzzy memory.

Diary of Social Events - Save the Date!

Barbara Cochran



Date	Church		Event
4/3	Stamperland	7.30 _{pm}	Philharmonic Choir
7/3	Netherlee	7.00 _{pm}	Beetle Drive
14/3	Eastwood Halls	10 _{am} - 4 _m	Christian Aid art Show
15/3	Netherlee	7.30 _{pm}	Chamber Music Concert
21/3	Netherlee	2 - 4 _{pm}	Starter Packs event
28/3	Netherlee	1 _{pm} - 5 _{pm}	Starchild Event
12/4	Netherlee	After early service	Easter Breakfast
2/5	Stamperland	10 _{am} - 1 _{pm}	Spring Fair
9/5	Netherlee	2 _{pm} - 4 _{pm}	Poppy Scotland Afternoon Tea
17/5	Netherlee	From 10.30 _{am}	Christian Aid Brunch

See Orders of Service in each church and the respective web sites for further updates nearer the times of the events.

Talking Points

Grace Scott



Talking Points are places in your community where you can come along and get information, advice and support about adult health, wellbeing and local community activities going on where you live.

Dates for Talking Points March - June 2020 are :

Tuesday's 10am- 1pm on 3rd March, 7th April, 5th May, 2nd June in

Eastwood Health and Social Care Centre

Drumby Cres, Clarkston G76 7HN.

For more information phone 0141 800 7850 or

email talkingpoints@eastrenfrewshire.gov.uk

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Sunday School



A Sunday School teacher began her lesson with a question, "Boys and girls, what do we know about God?"

A hand shot up in the air. "He is an artist!" said the kindergarten boy.

"Really? How do you know?" the teacher asked. "You know - Our Father, who does art in Heaven..."

Communications

After digging to a depth of 100m last year, Scottish scientists found traces of copper wiring dating back 1000 years, and came to the conclusion that their ancestors already had a telephone network one thousand years ago.

So as not to be outdone, in the weeks that followed, English scientists dug 200m, and the headlines in the London newspapers read: "English scientists have found traces of 2000 year old optical fibres, and have concluded that their ancestors already had advanced high-tech digital telephone 1000 years earlier than the Scots."

One week later, the Irish press reported the following: "After digging as deep as 500m, Irish scientists have found absolutely nothing. They have concluded that 5000 years ago, their ancestors were already using mobile phones."

Dear Lord,

I NEED HELP. Help me to be a good secretary, and help me to have the memory of an elephant, or one at least three years long. Help me by some miracle to be able to do six things at once, answer four telephones at the same time while typing a letter that must go out today. And, when that letter doesn't get signed until tomorrow, give me the strength to keep from going over the brink of hysteria. Never let me lose patience, even when the boss has me searching the files for hours for data that is later discovered in his desk.

HELP ME to have the intelligence of a college professor; help me to understand and carry out all instructions without being given clear explanations. Let me know always just where the boss is, even though he left without telling me where he was going. And when the year ends, please let me have the foresight not to destroy records that will be asked for in a few weeks, even though I was told to destroy them all.

HELP ME to keep a level head and my feet on the ground, so that my secretarial performance will be a proper reflection of the pioneer women who made a place for me in the business world, and those who established me in a profession.

Netherlee Forum - Session 2019 - 2020

Netherlee Forum Team



In a talk entitled Singing While Earth Burns, Reverend David Coleman spoke to the Forum in January about his belief that climate action must be central to what the church does in the twenty-first century. David is the chaplain to Eco Congregations Scotland. His work involves promoting behaviour change within Scottish churches, encouraging members to consume and waste less of the world's scarce resources, and to reduce carbon emissions wherever possible.

David began by encouraging us to make small, but radical, changes in the way the church operates. Planting a tree instead of lighting a candle, or using eco-friendly toilet paper, will not make an immediate difference to the rapidly changing climate, but millions of small steps amounts to a movement for change that could help to halt and reverse climate change. From this perspective, no behaviour change is too small.

David argued that the Church needs to think of itself primarily as a green organisation. On an individual level, members need to think of themselves as part of a green organisation when they identify themselves as church members. The more involved congregations are in deciding how much the church consumes and emits, the easier it will be for churches to operate as green organisations and promote a green lifestyle in the wider community. By becoming green organisations, then, churches can effect change well beyond the walls of the church itself.

David acknowledged the risk that he is preaching to the converted and that, in any case, it is difficult for people to live a perfectly green life. Even manufacturing an electric car is very carbon intensive. People find it hard to do right from doing wrong. Whatever the challenges, David emphasised that humans owe it to all creation to consume fewer resources and reduce our carbon emissions, a point he made with reference to scripture. As much as the "church-y waffle" loses its impetus while the world around us burns, David argued that we must act to stop voluntarily destroying the Heaven that's all around us – there is no greater mission for Christians.

David's concluding thought was that the church is very good at giving hope to people, and now more than ever people need hope that climate change can

be halted and reversed. Even a mountain that looks unscalable is, at least, partially scalable. Even if we cannot completely reverse climate change, we must, at least, be prepared for the challenge. We were very grateful to David for his advice on the actions we can all take to address the damaging effects of climate change.

The final meeting for this session is as follows:

16th March Jan Savage Learning disability and inclusion. Are we there yet?

Starter Packs

Margaret Fleck - 0141 389 3322



Firstly, thank you to the children of Netherlee and Stamperland Sunday Club for donations of toys, games, etc. at the Christmas Gift Service. These were received with open arms for children who are not so fortunate, especially at this time of year. Secondly, to the congregation of our joint churches for the collection of £570 at the "Soup & Pud" luncheon for Starter Packs, Thanks to you all.

A big thank you to all who helped donate household items all year round giving people a "step forward" in their lives. A note here, that they do not accept Duvets unless they are new.

If you need help with transport for larger items, furniture etc. their phone number is 0141 440 1008 or my number is as above.

Thank you for your continued support.

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The Kind-hearted Scotsman



My wife and I walked past a swanky new restaurant last night. "Did you smell that food?" she asked. "Incredible!"

Being the considerate person I am, I thought, "What the heck, I'll treat her!"

So we walked past it again.

On Waking

"Somebody has said there are only two kinds of people in the world. There are those who wake up in the morning and say, "Good morning, Lord," and there are those who wake up in the morning and say, "Good Lord, **it's morning.**"

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 chosen for March are as follows:

Cartons of fruit juice, Dried pasta & pasta sauce, Tinned meat/fish, Instant mash potato, Jam/marmalade/spreads

Ladies/Gents toiletries including sanitary products.

Stocks of UHT Milk and Creamed rice/custard are in short supply and would be appreciated.

If you would prefer to donate any other items please refer to the list as shown. If you are unable to carry heavy items please do not be deterred from donating, there are always lighter options available on the list.

At the date of writing this article (early February) no food has been delivered to the Foodbank in Barrhead. Full details of the quantities collected during January and February will be advised next month.

If you would prefer to donate any of the other items from the East Renfrewshire List

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

Other than on a Sunday morning donations of food can be brought to the Church on a Wednesday morning between 10am and 12noon when the Church is open for Open Door. Please come along and join the fellowship and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee.

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.

Changes to the Roll - Netherlee

Mabel Bell



By Profession of Faith

Name	Location	District	Elder
Ms Lorna Clingan	Muirend	1	P McKenzie
Ms Fiona MacDonald	Muirend	1	P McKenzie

Death

Date	Name	Location	District	Elder
15.10.19	Mrs Duffy Wood		91	M Bell
24.11.19	Mrs Edith Rennie		29	V Anderson
28.11.19	Mr Ron Dobson		43	M Bell
8.12.19	Mr Jim Mackie		91	M Bell
7.1.20	Mr Bill Malcolm		6	W Povey

Disjunction

Name	Location	District	Elder
Mr A & Mrs D Henderson	Netherlee	30	J Dunbar

Change of Address

Name	Location	District	Elder
Mrs C Bartholomew	Netherlee to East Kilbride	91	M Bell



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



Please give two weeks notice of any requirement for transport for medical appointments

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 liked 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



Free Dementia Friendly Art Group

Stamperland Parish Church
Stamperland Gardens

Every Friday
2-4pm



No previous art skills needed.
Art Tutors are on hand to help!

Pop in for a chat
Tea and cake provided!

Email heartfor.art@crossreach.org.uk
Facebook [CrossReachHeartForArt](https://www.facebook.com/CrossReachHeartForArt)
Call 0141 620 3092

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.

Start of a journey . . . in faith . . . into the familiar and also the new . . .

Stuart Buchanan



On the evening of February 3rd 2020 the Kirk Session of Netherlee and Stamperland (Church of Scotland) met for the first time. The Elders began discussing three areas – **purpose / structure / worship** – in relation to where our faith journey might take us within ourselves, our congregation and our community.

Rev Scott Blythe moderated the meeting and at the beginning raised the following points:

We need **people’s ideas to emerge for consideration**, and hopefully by next session we will at least have a new group and committee structure in place

These ideas and discussions are not top secret, so we encourage open and constructive dialogue amongst us all as we seek our way forward

When change takes place it is **inevitable that not everyone gets what they want**, so everyone is going to have to compromise

The Elders will be discussing these topics again at their Conference on March 8th 2020.

If you have any ideas, thoughts or comments you wish to make then please do so either via your Elder, or directly to the Session Clerk or Minister.

Eco-Congregation

Evelyn Graham & Sheena Wurthmann



The team has met to start the process of applying for the Eco-Congregation award. We have taken the sections suggested by the organisation and started an audit of our current activities and from this we have identified things we would like to develop. There are eight of us currently in the team but others are welcome.

Our next meeting is going to be a conducted tour of one of the church buildings. This is so that we are all familiar with the premises and to share experience. If you are interested please contact us.

Why do the signs that say "Slow Children" have a picture of a running child?
Why do they call it "chili" if it's hot?



Poppy Scotland--- News

Anne Mann



The final total raised in the 2019 Poppyscotland campaign is a wonderful £6,790.88. A huge thank you to everyone who helped in any way. We now look forward to seeing you at the under noted events.

Upcoming Poppyscotland dates for your diary:

March 7th 2020, Beetle Drive, 7pm, Netherlee Church Hall. Entry is £3 for adults and £1 for children. Raffle prizes would be much appreciated.

May 9th 2020, Coffee Afternoon 2 - 4pm in Netherlee Church Hall to commemorate the 75th anniversary of VE day.

November 7th 2020, Coffee Afternoon for Remembrance Weekend, 2-4pm in Netherlee Church Hall.

Netherlee Guild

Margaret Fear, Secretary



We are now into the second half of the Guild Year and it has been good to have some joint meetings with our Guild friends in Stamperland.

Upcoming Guild Events for your Diary

Wed 4th Ranald Mair - Social Work within the Kirk

Fri 6th World Day of Prayer at St. Aiden's

Tue 10th Friendship Lunch with Stamperland Guild

Wed 18th A.G.M. All members are asked to attend if possible.

Thu 26th Annual Daffodil Tea (Thur) at 2.00pm in the Large Hall to which all are invited. Come and be entertained whilst enjoying tea and cakes! What could be better?

Police arrested two kids yesterday, one was drinking battery acid, the other was eating fireworks. They charged one and let the other one off.

"You know, somebody actually complimented me on my driving today. They left a little note on the windscreen. It said, 'Parking Fine.' So that was nice."



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

Alistair Haw, Captain

alistairhaw@yahoo.co.uk 07434521928



Anchor Boys (Monday 6pm

- 7pm): Twelve of our Anchors attended the Cathkin District Junk Art event at Moncrieff Parish Church, East Kilbride. Teams were invited to produce a model from a variety of recyclable waste materials. Whilst the various robots produced by our boys could well have been in with a shout for the



Turner Prize, they ultimately proved a little too 'alternative' for the judges, who instead plumped for the considerably more mainstream dinosaur - produced by the leaders of our hosts at 4th East Kilbride - as their winner. Good day though.

Meanwhile on Monday nights we have been focussing on the Old Testament, covering the 10 Commandments, Daniel and the Lions, Jonah and the Big Fish and David & Goliath. The latter proved particularly popular as it was followed by an opportunity to throw (fake, fluffy) boulders at one of our young helpers who volunteered to act as Goliath. No sooner had he done so than a complaint was issued forth that he was "too skinny to be Goliath" and, therefore, a more challenging target to hit. Amongst the other fun and games over the period was the Welly Boot Throwing Championships 2020, the winners of which are pictured.

Junior Section (Tues 7pm – 8.45pm): Following on from the fantastic effort of our boys at the annual Athletics Championships at the Emirates Arena, as covered in the last edition of Connections, it was great to see the boys' endeavours highlighted in The Extra. If you missed it you'll find a link to it on our Facebook page.

Since then the boys have been pleased to welcome a new member into their ranks. A variety of new games have been tried out, including "ultimate rock-paper-scissors" and activities designed to boost teamwork skills, including trusting your team to catch you when falling backwards and to transport you along the hall in a chain.

Company Section (Friday 7.30pm – 10pm): Company Section has been among the medals at the Glasgow Battalion Table Tennis Championships. John Cowan and Robin Fleming entered the Intermediate (S2-S3) tournament, returning with gold and silver respectively! Six Netherlee boys entered the Junior (p7-S1) tournament, with Jacob Haw returning with silver and Alfie White just missing out on a medal in the bronze medal play off. Well done to the boys, and indeed to Mr Cowan for coaching, encouraging and generally masterminding our efforts throughout.



Friday night Bible talks have included further discussion on the apparent inconsistencies of the Gospels and a brief foray into philosophy with an examination of Pascal's Wager. The section has also welcomed a new member.

As Connections goes to print it is great to see a feature on the recent growth of Glasgow 278 BB within the Glasgow Battalion Annual Review. Should it be of interest this can also be viewed via our Facebook page, highlighted in our article title.



Cub Pack

The Cubs have started the New Year by working towards the Playmakers Award. This is being run by one of our Assistant Leaders, Claire, and aims to help the Cubs gain a better understanding of how to organise & lead games and general leadership qualities, but through a fun, games-based method.

Hopefully by the end of February most of the pack will have gained this award as well as the Cubs Team Work Challenge badge which links very closely to the Playmaker Award. I also think a number of the Cubs will be close to gaining their Team Leader award as well.

Otherwise the Cubs have welcomed a number of new faces this year. 5 Beavers have moved up to Cubs and we welcome Ruan, Christopher, Scott, Noah and Blair to Cubs. We also welcomed Jay to the pack from our waiting list. Jay moved to the area in the summer and was previously a Beaver in Southampton.

Group News – We have our AGM being planned for March 5th which gives us a chance to update parents on activities and plans across all the sections and what support we need from them. We have a new Chairperson and Treasurer, so will report on progress to build out an Executive Committee to support the group over the next while.

Philip Moseley - Cub Scout Leader & Group Scout Leader

Tel: 0780 398 7020

Email: Stamperlanscouts@btinternet.com

Scout Troop & Explorers

The Scouts had their Burns Supper on the 30th January as is the tradition with our Scouts. This time the food was provided by John, assisted by the rest of the Explorers. It was very good and they did us proud. A number of the Scouts also shared jokes, played a musical instrument or read a poem.

I would like to mention that the Explorers are still very much active under the guidance of Sam, Connor and Grieg. Giving myself, Megan, John and David much appreciated assistance when needed in running Scouts

The start of this session has seen the Scouts very much working towards the Scout Associations aims of “Skills for Life” by learning about different electrical wires to wire a plug and socket, using a mitre-saw to cut wood at angles and sewing (hopefully a few more badges might appear on uniforms!!).

Some of these are helping as we work towards their Science and Astronomy

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badges, with a stargazing night hike planned to help with the latter badge – hopefully on a clear night...

Gregor Macfarlane – Scout Leader

Tel: 0141 644 2712



Stamperland Church Spring Fair

Kay Baird



The Spring Fair will take place on the proposed date of Saturday 2nd May 2020. A new event to be tried is a Talent Auction for anyone to donate their time/talent for an auction to be held in the church. All kinds of talent will be gratefully accepted. Please email Kay Baird with your offer. kaybaird007@yahoo.co.uk.

Is it true that cannibals don't eat clowns because they taste funny?

If you try to fail, and succeed, which have you done?

If the "black box" flight recorder is never damaged during a plane crash, why isn't the whole damn airplane made out of that stuff?



If you spin an oriental man in a circle three times, does he become disoriented?



WEDNESDAY, 4th MARCH 2020 7.30 pm
concert featuring

Glasgow Philharmonic Male Voice Choir
Stamperland Church
Adult - £8.00
Includes light refreshments

Congregations Personal Messages

Netherlee & Stamperland



I would like to thank the Rev Scott Blythe for his kind visit to me when I was in hospital. Also the ladies in the Flower Committee for the beautiful flowers and card, and all the other ladies for their cards and best wishes.

Jean Fairweather (Stamperland)

Congratulations to Mrs Jenny Scott on reaching her 100th birthday on 8th February 2020.

The Congregation of Stamperland Church



Thank you for the lovely flowers we received from the church. This kind gesture was greatly appreciated by the family at this sad time,

Willie & Morelyn McDoawell

Netherlee GSE Food Bank



Anne Hind on behalf of Glasgow South East Foodbank

Ongoing list of items required.

Tinned custard/rice, tinned fish, tinned meat, tinned fruit, shaving foam, razors, shampoo and shower gel.



Starchild are looking for some home baking for our baking stall at Stars for Starchild March 28th 1pm – 5pm. Any donations can be left in the kitchen of Netherlee on Friday 27th, or please contact ; Michaela 07796843442.

Any contributions would be greatly appreciated!

www.starchildcharity.com

www.michaelaonline.com

Modernising Communion



Dear Mr. M - I was quite interested when I read your letter with your suggestions for modernising 'Holy Communion'. I do think it's rather rash of you however, to take the matter of the watered-down wine to the office of fair trading, or to stand outside the church waving a banner stating, 'Fair Shares for All'.

I know the vicar always finishes up both the wine and the bread, but it does go with the job you know. Bearing in mind what you tell me of your Scottish ancestry, I tend to sympathise with you, but no, I don't think you'll have a leg to stand on demanding whisky instead, even though you are prepared to take that with a drop of water.

As for haggis instead of bread, I don't think the church is quite ready for that yet, do you? Though I must say I like your suggestion of you piping it into church each Sunday (what does 'Bread of Heaven' sound like played on the pipes).

Suggestion - Perhaps you might be able to arrange a one-off trial with your vicar.

Breakable Packages



There was a very gracious lady who was mailing an old family Bible to her brother in another part of the country. "Is there anything breakable in here?" asked the postal clerk. "Only the Ten Commandments." answered the lady.



Christian Aid Team,
Vicky, Sandra, Marjorie, Walter & Russell

Our next fund-raising event will be the Annual Art Show and sale in Carmichael Halls on Saturday 14th March, please put this in your diary now.

This is an opportunity to view art work from local artists and purchase an original piece of art, you will also be able to have a coffee and a scone!!!!

We would be grateful for any help on Friday morning 13th March to help set up the hall for the art show and also help on Saturday afternoon to dismantle same.

Also, if anyone could spare a couple of hours on Saturday to help in the tea-room, it would be appreciated.

If you can help at any of the times could you please speak to any of the Christian Aid team.

On behalf of the Christian Aid committee I would like to thank everyone for their continued support

Time for a Spring Clean
Marjorie Lang & Barbara Cochrane



On Saturday 21st March there will be a "Recycle Day" at Netherlee Church.

We will be collecting items for Starter Packs which enables homeless people who have been given a house, basic items for same , e.g. crockery, kitchen utensils, etc. A list will be provided in the order of service nearer the time.

We will also be collecting any old electrical equipment , whether computers, TVs, etc A specialist firm will collect and reuse where appropriate. If you wish more information of what the company does this is the web site.....

www.weescotland.co.uk

There will also be tea, coffee and baking provided so now is the time for a clear out!!!

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I went to the butchers the other day and I bet him 50 quid that he couldn't reach the meat off the top shelf. He said, "No, the steaks are too high."

My friend drowned in a bowl of muesli. A strong currant pulled him in.





Down Memory Lane in Stamperland - March 1982

Pat Roller

An item selected from Bob Liddell's Session Clerk report was as follows;

Organisations: The leaders of Organisations are reminded that they are responsible for ensuring the halls, kitchen & toilets are kept clean and that all lights are switched off after use. Doors between halls should be kept closed to prevent children going from hall to hall, and finally — children must not be allowed to run up and down to Williamwood Garage to purchase sweets etc.!!

And they say children are less disciplined today? (obviously before the days of the BB Tuck Shop)

The Sunday School, amongst other things, were planning a good old fashioned trip and planned to go to Largs in the now traditional double decker bus.

This was also the year of the "Chocolate Express" when a Mr Peter Abbott from Oban planned to drive to Poland with urgent medical supplies and bars of chocolate for the children, something in which the whole Sunday School wished to participate along with the insertion of a note or name to be translated on receipt. Arrangements would be made to deliver all the chocolate collected to Oban.

In the Scouts one name sprung out from many others when Philip Moseley was awarded his Collector Badge" in the Cubs. All the Cubs were the envy of the Group when they had a visit from Celtic goalkeeper, Pat Bonnar.

In the Treasurers Report for 1981 it was a good year with the weekly offerings exceeding budget and £7036 received in donations, £100 short of target. A 30o/o increase in offerings was sought for 1982 to combat problems in the future. This was put forward as a realist and not a pessimist, reported John Duncan.

The Junior BB had trips planned to the Glasgow Herald Office, Fire and Police stations as well as their day trip North Berwick, which was the first year that we hired a coach from David Syme Coaches, and continued to do so for a further 25 years. Reports on many activities in the Organisations from Drama Club, Young Woman's Group, Sunday School, Guild, et al, too many to record here, of days gone by.

Stamperland Guild

Evelyn Graham



It is hard to believe that we are coming to the end of the Guild winter programme.

We start the month with Craig Mains telling us about Grahamston the Forgotten Village. Grahamston is a village located beneath Glasgow Central Station. This will be a most interesting and informative talk.

Friday 6th March is the World Day of Prayer Service at St Aidan's at 10.30am. This year the service has been written by the women of Zimbabwe and is always an enjoyable Service.

As intimated in February's magazine we are holding our main fundraising event on Tuesday 17th March. During the evening Taylor Fashions will display various items of clothing which will be described by their very entertaining compere, Brian Taylor who says "Great fun! Great Bargains!" Tickets priced £5.00 are available from any Guild member.

Our final meeting at Stamperland prior to our AGM is a Musical Evening with Grace Nevin. Grace is a very accomplished pianist and this will be an enjoyable evening with the opportunity to join in a sing along.

The members of the Guild wish everyone an enjoyable summer break, hopefully in good weather.

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3 rd	Grahamston the Forgotten Village,	Craig Mains
6 th	(Fri) World Day of Prayer	St Aidan's **
10 th	Joint Friendship Lunch with Netherlee Guild in Williamwood Golf Club **	
17 th	Fashion Show	Taylor Fashions
24 th	Musical Evening	Grace Nevin
26 th	(Thur) Netherlee Daffodil Tea **	
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Man goes to the doctor, with a strawberry growing out of his head. Doc says, "I'll give you some cream to put on it."



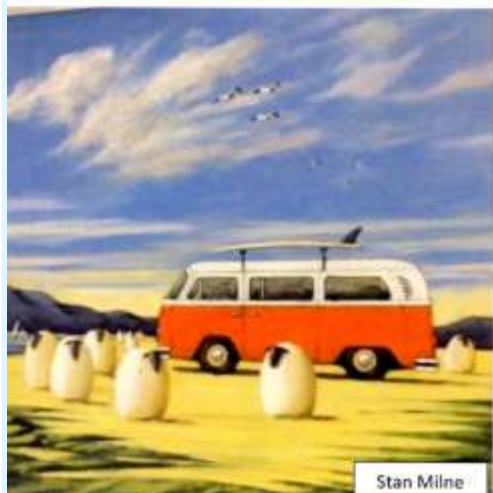
"Doc I can't stop singing The Green, Green Grass of Home." "That sounds like Tom Jones syndrome. " "Is it common? " "It's not unusual."



Ian Elliot

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