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A Message from the Editor

Fraser Neilson



Welcome to another year of "Connections" and this joint edition for Sept/Oct. From November there will be the usual monthly edition, excluding January, until June 2020 inclusive.

Anyone who would like to submit an article is welcome to do so, subject to the submission date deadlines and any constraints on space that may hold the article over until the next month, if it still remains relevant.

Contributors should also submit their email address to me for inclusion in a round robin reminder list for upcoming items for the magazine.

I expected a deluge of input this month but as time went on it all dried up so it had to be filled with little anecdotes here and there which I understand are welcome. One long ditty is spread over three pages and may be known to you before, but they say the old ones are the best!!!

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Nov 19	Mon 14th Oct	Fri 18th Oct	Sun 3rd Nov
Dec 19	Sun 12th May	Fri 17th May	Sun 2nd Jun
Jan 20	No Publication		

Changes to the Roll - Stamperland

Bill Paterson



Change of Address	Name	From	To
	Mr I McNab	Stamperland	Clarkston
	Mr C Kirkwood	Newton Mearns	Netherlee
	Mr P Dale	Stamperland	Netherlee

Deaths	Date	Name	From	
	8-6-2019	Mrs Grace Esler	Stamperland	

Our Minister's Message

Reverend Scott Blythe



A few Fridays ago, some of the congregation and some members of Netherlee joined others at the Iona Community's offices in Carlton Court near the Clyde to hear the Australian cartoonist Michael Leunig be interviewed by Graham Maule. It was a wondrous evening for those who attended as we took the time to listen to this creative man speak of how he works and creates and seeks within his work to be deeply human and to raise deep questions affecting our lives.

The image below is one of his and it goes along with the following words:

**God help us to change,
To change ourselves and to change our world.
To know the need for it. To deal with the pain of it.
To feel the joy of it.
To undertake the journey without understanding
the destination.
The art of gentle revolution.**



Amen.

These words for me have come to mean a great deal. They speak of the need for us to recognise change within our lives, within our wider world, within the whole of humanity. However, the writer understands that this is not a simple process - it is a truly traumatic one.

In the months ahead we will be seeking to move forward as two churches together. We will be looking at ways in which we might:

Work more closely together
Be seen to be working more closely together
To be finding new ways to worship together

These are products of people's exploration together in the last year. I know that process will be just as traumatic as that outlined within these words. However, the power of these words for me is the importance of journeying into the future with a willingness to find what it might bring. Just as the butterfly emerges from the cocoon into new life, I pray that Christ might bring insight, gentleness and wisdom to the choices we make in the year ahead.

Peace be with you!

Scott

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Netherlee Sunday Club & Senior Sunday Club

Elaine Murray



As we look ahead to a new session, we thought you would like a reminder of what the Sunday Club got up to last year as was shared by Karen at the promotion service in May.

After last year's promotion service we had a fun day out in Strathaven Park with the Sunday Clubbers. The weather was kind and we enjoyed all the park has to offer including the train, the kiddi cars and the boats as well as our picnic and traditional games. We also had a super day out in June with our senior group when we went by train and ferry to Millport. We all managed to cycle round Cumbræ (despite talk of a search party for Karen) then enjoyed a browse round the shops and even a paddle for some.

When we returned in September we took the decision to amalgamate Sunday Club and the Sunbeams as we could not see a future for the latter group with one maybe only two children. Most weeks we have had no under 5s so in some ways it has been business as usual, but our overall numbers have at times been very low. However, the children who attend are a joy and over the year we have explored a number of themes through stories, drama, games and craft. We have followed Samuel, David, Elijah, and Saul and hopefully the children will retain something of these journeys in faith. Our Senior Group have also continued to meet and have discussed a number of contemporary issues whilst enjoying their hot chocolate.

We took part in the Christmas Tree festival where we created a 'peace tree'. We were delighted when we won in the children's category. We invited the congregation to take one of our tree decorations home and £100 was donated and sent to Christian Aid's peacemaker programme. We also supported Christian Aid this year, with your help, by sending the foreign currency we had picked out from our brown penny collections and any donated over the summer by the congregation. Our Nativity Service was early so we could join our friends at the pre-Christmas service in Stamperland. Max and Sorcha told the story so well, our children played their parts beautifully, we were assisted by our international crowd, and it was lovely to welcome Ben Crawford back as the man Jesus. Surely a highlight of the Church calendar. We once more celebrated the run up to Christmas with a party including a hunt to find what Santa had left for the children. Games, party food and ice cream were enjoyed and everyone had a great time.

This year we have tried to help a number of groups in need through our brown penny collection. We once again responded to the call for socks and pants for the Lodging House Mission. Christine McGowan took our donations to add to those from other members of the congregation. We also sent a

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shopping trolley full of items such as kitchen cleaner, pan scourers and shampoo, 64 items in all, to Starter Packs to support them in their work. Thank you to all the members of this congregation and beyond, who pass us their pennies to add to our jar. The new service times gave us food for thought on how to run our annual fundraiser for Tearfund. The result was a cream tea after the service on 24th February where you, our congregation, supported us brilliantly as always. The children made posters and labelled stalls, then set and cleared tables and helped with tombola, raising a fantastic £525. Once again we can't thank you enough for your generosity.

With money from our weekly offerings we remembered baby Scott Love by sponsoring Victoria Cameron, who was running the London Marathon for the Scottish Cot Death Trust in Scott's name. We were delighted when, having successfully completed the race, Victoria came to tell the children about her training, the run itself and to show her wonderful medal. The children have taken part in the worship in church this year. We took part in the Dedication Service, the Family Service on 23rd December at Stamperland, the Christingle, and the Palm Sunday Service. A busy year with lots of fun and fellowship.

Although all the ages are now together we are continuing with the former structure when it comes to promotions, although sadly no Sunbeams to promote this year. We hope our Primary 7s will join our Senior Sunday Club. With high school in August we send you to this new chapter in your lives with our love and every blessing.

Our Primary 2s – Isla MacLachlan, Emma Nicolson and David Patterson.
Our Primary 5s – Cameron Hill, Simon Patterson and Rhea Wilson
Our Primary 7s – Sorcha Cook, Max Docherty, Zak Gilmour and Lewis Lawrie.

On Saturday 8th June the weather did not give us the confidence to hold a picnic in Eastwood Park but we did attend the matinee performance of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat. Having spent the previous few weeks following the story, we all enjoyed seeing it

Our new session is already underway, but it's not too late to join us. We extend a warm welcome to all children P1 to P7, just come along any Sunday and meet us in the Welcome Hall from 9.45am or contact Netherlee church office if you wish more information.

I know you have missed these!!

- Does killing time damage eternity?
- Why is it that night falls but day breaks?
- Why is the third hand on the watch called a second hand?
- Why is lemon juice made with artificial flavour, and dishwashing liquid



Worship Rota – September to December 2019**Rev Scott Blythe**

Dates	Service	Service Times
September 22	Normal Sunday	10/11:30
September 29	Normal Service	10/11:30
October 6	Netherlee - Harvest/Dedication of Leaders Stamperland - Normal	10/11:30
October 13	Normal Service	10/11:30
October 20	Normal Service	10/11:30
October 27	Netherlee - Normal Stamperland - Harvest/Organisations Service	10/11:30
November 3	Normal Service	10/11:30
November 10	Joint Remembrance Service - Stamperland	10:30
November 17	Normal Service	10/11:30
November 24	Normal Service	10/11:30
December 1	Advent 1: Joint Communion Service - Netherlee	10:30
December 8	Advent 2 - Normal Service	10/11:30
December 8	Service of Remembrance - Netherlee	3:00
December 15	Advent 3 - Nativity Services	10/11:30
December 15	Choir Lessons and Carols Service - Netherlee	6:30
December 22	Advent 4: Joint Service - Netherlee	10:30
December 24	Joint Family Christmas Service - Stamperland	5:00
December 24	Joint Watchnight Service - Netherlee	11:30
December 25	Joint Family Morning Service - Stamperland	10:30
December 29	Normal Services - Choice of Carol Singing	10/11:30

ER. Foodbank Stamperland

Parish & Beyond Committee



SHOPPING LIST

Thank you for your support!

- * Milk (UHT or powdered)
- * Sugar (500g)
- * Fruit Juice (carton)
- * Pasta Sauces
- * Tomatoes (Tinned)
- * Tinned Veg
- * Cereals
- * Dried/ Boil in bag Rice
- * Tinned Meat/Fish
- * Instant Mash Potato
- * Sponge Pudding (Tinned)
- * Rice Pudding or Custard (Tinned)
- * Tea Bags/inst coffee
- * Tinned Fruit
- * Jam/Spreads
- * Biscuits or snack bars

ALSO COLLECTING

- * Toiletries men and women
- * Nappies & Baby Food
- * Treats

East Renfrewshire Foodbank is a project of churches and community working together under charity no: SC029653

The foods selected for September/October months are as follows:

Tinned soup/ packets cuppa soup

Tinned peas/carrots/baked beans

Tinned meat/tuna

Breakfast Cereals/porridge

Biscuits or snack bars

Ladies/Gents toiletries including sanitary products.

UHT Milk and Creamed Rice or Custard (Tinned) are acceptable at any time.

If you would prefer to donate any other items please refer to the list as shown.

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

The food delivered in July amounted to 78kg. This feeds 7 single people for 3 days. There have been more single people than any other category requiring food. In

one week in July the Foodbank in Barrhead had 33 clients, the largest number in any one day. Another delivery of food will be made at the beginning of September, details regarding weight will be advised in November Connections.

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.

Being Thankful : A Rabbi said to a precocious six-year-old boy, "So your mother says your prayers for you each night? That's very commendable.

What does she say?" The little boy replied, "Thank God he's in bed!"



Changes to the Roll - Netherlee

Mabel Bell



Change of Address	Name	District	Elder
	Mr D Neil	45 to 61	Vacant

Deaths	Date	Name	District	Elder
	8.6.2019	Mrs E Davidson	29	V Anderson
	14.7.2019	Mr R Bridges	91	M Bell
	22.8.2019	Mr T Fraser	33	B Cochrane

Disjunction	Name	District	Elder
	Mrs M Copeland	64	S Moore

Congregations Personal Messages



I would like to thank my friends in Church for the lovely "Get Well" cards and good wishes that were sent to me after my recent knee operation. Also Scott for suggesting that I have the Church flowers. All the greetings have helped with my recovery,

Mary Loose (Netherlee)

I would like to say "Thank You" for the Church flowers which I received recently. They were very much appreciated,

Beryl Richmond (Stamperland)

Christine, Johnny and Sammy Finnigan would like to thank Scott for the beautiful service following the sudden loss of Johnny's mum, Elma, in June. Scott's guidance and wise counselling were also much needed and appreciated. We would also like to thank Stamperland Church for the flowers sent to us. (Stamperland)

I would like thank very much, the flower arranging Committee for the lovely flowers I received a few Sundays ago, when I was unwell in Church. Thanks also to Evelyn for taking me home,

Ray McNiven (Stamperland)



Pastoral Care

Please contact Grace Scott, 0141 637 2226



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

Transport to Church

Hospital

Doctors Appointment

Shopping

Could do with a chat

Have a prayer request



A few months ago, we introduced a Library service to you, and this month would like to commend this to you again. Kay is able and willing to exchange your library book, assist you with future choices of your favourite authors, or like authors. Additionally, she can provide listening books and large print books. If you are not already a member of the library Kay will happily see to this for you, why not make use of this great service? We hope you will.

Remember that we are only a phone call away to help you with shopping, getting to Church, hospital and doctor's appointments and any other assistance that we can help you with.

Stamperland Church Open Door



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.



Down Memory Lane in Stamperland - September & October 1979

First up this month are baptisms for Steven Black The Oval, Martin T Russell, Stamperland Hill, & Graeme McCorkell of Monteith Dr. who will all be celebrating their 40th birthday this year.

John Duncan and Ronnie Henderson became elders, whilst Scott Brown transferred to Greenbank Church.

Effie Campbell who stood in for Rev David Speed during the holiday period was congratulated on obtaining first prize in Practical Theology in her recent exams and a Divinity Student by the name of A Cherry won second prize.

Changes in the Sunday School teaching staff saw the departure of Margo Struth, Cath Martin, & Margaret Mullen, to be replaced by Margo Neilson, Helen McDonald, Lesley Bell, Cath Fearn, Bill Coulter and Alistair Graham, and for some of them you could say "the rest is history"!! By October there were 200 children enrolled in the various departments.

It's amazing how life changes. An appeal went out for two people to type two of the pages of the Focus magazine as requested by the Magazine Committee. Typewriters could be provided!!!

In the Scout Group, Cath Fearn joined as Assistant Cub Leader and the Beavers began their 2nd year of existence led by Christine and her dad Matt Wilson.

In October the Guides bade farewell to Mrs Martin & Mrs Fisher who have moved to handicapped Rangers and Brownies respectively.

The Drama Club welcomed 3 new members, Mary Cameron, Gerry Devlin and Arthur Sutherland as well as an ex member returning, Norma Baptie. Perhaps the title of the play for that period being "Wanted! One Body" by Raymond Dyer, had something to do with it?,

The Origins of the Internet (Pages 10, 11, & 14)



An old, bearded shepherd with a crooked staff walked up to a stone pulpit and said, "And lo, it came to pass that the trader by the name of Abraham Com did take unto himself a young wife by the name of Dot. And Dot Com was a comely woman, broad of shoulder and long of leg. Indeed, she had been called Amazon Dot Com.

And she said unto Abraham, her husband, "Why doth thou travel far, from town to town, with thy goods when thou can trade without ever leaving thy tent?" And Abraham did look at her as though she were several saddle bags short of a camel load, but simply said, "How, Dear?" And Dot replied, "I will

Netherlee Guild
Margaret Fear, Secretary



It seems no time since I was writing about the end of the Guild Session. Now a new one is about to start and detailed below is our Wednesday Evening Syllabus for 2019/20.

We will continue to enjoy our informal Thursday afternoons at 2.30pm starting on 10th October with a report on the Annual Guild Rally. All are welcome to come along on Wednesdays at 7.30pm for enjoyable fellowship both entertaining and instructive.

Oct	02	Rev Scott Blythe - Communion
	16	Rev John Martindale - "Optical Confusion"
Nov	05	Ms. Marie Wilson (Tuesday at Stamperland)
	20	Mrs. Dagmar Kerr - Berwick Coastal Path
Dec	04	The Scottish Council of Jewish Communities
	18	The Christmas Party

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Jan	07	Ms. Sheila Gordon - Crossreach (Tuesday at Stamperland)
	22	Ms. Christine Finnigan - BBC News
Feb	05	Dr. P. Cairns - Seema's Project
	19	Dr. Duncan McIntyre - Iona
Mar	04	Ranald Mair - Social Work within the Kirk
	06	World Day of Prayer at St. Aiden's
	10	Friendship Lunch
	18	A.G.M.

place drums in all the towns and drums in between to send messages saying what you have for sale and they will reply telling you which hath the best price. And the sale can be made on the drums and delivery made by Uriah's Pony Stable (UPS)."



Abraham thought long and decided he would let Dot have her way with the drums. And the drums rang out and were an immediate success. Abraham sold all the goods he had, at the top price, without ever moving from his tent. But this success did arouse envy. A man named Maccabia did secret himself inside Abraham's drum and was accused of insider trading. And the young man did take to Dot Com's trading as doth the greedy horsefly take to camel dung. They were called Nomadic Ecclesiastical Rich Dominican Siderites, or NERDS for short.

Gift Day—Stamperland **Kay Bolton, Treasurer**



It has been five years since we were last asked to review our offerings to our church. In that time there have been many changes at Stamperland. Since linking with Netherlee Church in September 2018 we have been sharing some of our ministry costs with Stamperland paying one third and Netherlee paying two thirds. This arrangement benefits both churches. We each pay less than the full cost for the Minister's Travel, Telephone and Internet, Manse Council Tax and Netherlee Manse Insurance.

However, each church still pays their full amount of Ministries and Mission allocation. This year Stamperland's contribution is £54,000 - an increase of £4,400 from 2018. We each pay our general running costs such as gas and electricity, organist, cleaner, printing and stationery, insurances, maintenance of buildings, grounds and equipment and Presbytery dues. All these costs have increased with inflation year-on-year whilst, for most members, regular offerings have remained the same.

If you have not increased your offering for several years then perhaps now is the time to consider doing so. If you donate through regular Standing Order all you need to do is to tell your bank to increase the value of the Standing Order. Member's offerings represent the largest source of our income and we really do need to increase our regular offering donation.

For various reasons the number of annual Fund Raising events has reduced and were it not for income we generate through hall lets we would be facing a serious shortfall in our annual income versus expenditure. This year the Trustees agreed that we would replace the old, single-glazed, metal-framed windows throughout our halls at a cost of £13,500. In July we discovered that we need to renew the covering on the roof of the Large Hall as a matter of urgency – an unexpected expense of £14,000. Whilst some of this fabric expenditure will be covered by the manse rental income, our "other running costs" are such that we could have a deficit this year of approximately £10,000.

It has, therefore, been decided to hold a Gift Day to reduce the shortfall in our income and minimise the inevitable deficit at the end of the year.

The Gift Day will take place on Saturday 19th October from 10am until 12.30 pm. You are invited to place your donation in the envelope provided and bring it along to the Session Room where tea and coffee will be provided. If you prefer, you can place your envelope in the offering bag any Sunday until the end of November, or post it to the Treasurer, Stamperland Parish Church, Stamperland Gardens, Clarkston G76 8LJ. Cheques should be made payable to Stamperland Parish Church. If you would like to increase the value of your donation you can do so by completing the Gift Aid information on the

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back of the envelope provided. Gift Aid boosts every donation by 25% so if you give £20 through Gift Aid the church would actually receive £25.

We hope that you will take this opportunity to make an extra financial commitment to our church so that we may continue to pay our way here in Stamperland in the years ahead.



Eco-Congregation - Sheena Wurthman

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At the Kirk Session meeting on 2nd September it was decided we should move to union of the two churches. Scott Blythe suggested that the real union will come as we work together on projects. One of the differences between Stamperland and Netherlee is that Netherlee is an Eco-Congregation. At a previous Session meeting Stamperland decided to take on the process of becoming an Eco-Congregation. Over the summer I have been thinking about this. If we are united, we really cannot have different Eco-Congregations. This needs to be a shared joint project.

Netherlee is registered as an Eco-Congregation. I think we can now call ourselves Netherlee and Stamperland and get the benefits of membership for the whole united congregation.

To gain an award I suggest that we work through the whole process together on both sites.

Eco-Congregation Scotland assessors will be looking for the team to have made a rigorous assessment of the current situation in the four areas of the award. These are:

General Aspects: This includes a “check-up” of the current conditions and identifying strengths and weaknesses of the congregation in environmental issues such as energy management, recycling, biodiversity etc. From this check-up the team will identify things that need to change and develop a plan/timetable for the changes.

Spiritual Living: The consideration of environmental issues in worship and church activity. How do we celebrate the environment in our praise and study? Do we make efforts to learn about environmental issues and know how we can change our lifestyle?

Practical Living: This where we read meters to know our energy consumption and how we are managing it. It is advisable for the team to identify

practical ways of encouraging change in the church and at home. Information on things like plastic recycling or refusing its use. This is about communication in the form of notice boards that are kept up-to-date, information online on the congregational website.

Global Living: How much does the congregation know about environmental issues as well as caring for creation internationally? At the bronze stage the criterion for this is about knowing about organisations such as Christian Aid. Having an understanding of local activities that have global effects like the plastics polluting the oceans.

To get this started we need a team. This is when you skip a line or two but this team should be no more than 10. Some elders who are interested in this area of work, members of the community, youth representatives. There must be others who are interested in ecology, environment and biodiversity. Netherlee Primary participates in the Eco-School programme and this means the young people could inform our work. Others who are interested such as Scouts, BB, Brownies. There was a suggestion that instead of asking the young people to attend the committee meetings, members of the team visit the youth groups and find out their concerns and suggestions.

The team will report regularly to the Session and progress to an award which will be shared with everyone.

In the new system for awards the congregations apply for the level of award the congregation considers most appropriate. If we feel we meet the criteria for a silver award rather than bronze, then that is what we should apply for.

I hope that we see this as an opportunity to work together and to learn together on this important area of our faith where we care for the world around us.

If you are interested in being part of the team please contact me.
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And lo, the land was so feverish with joy at the new riches and the deafening sound of drums, that no one noticed that the real riches were going to the drum maker, one Brother William of Gates, who bought up every drum company in the land. And indeed did insist on making drums that would work only if you bought Brother Gates' drumsticks. 😊

And Dot did say, "Oh, Abraham, what we have started is being taken over by others." And as Abraham looked out over the Bay of Ezekiel, or as it came to be known "eBay," he said, "we need a name that reflects what we are." And Dot replied, "Young Ambitious Hebrew Owner Operators." "Whoopee!" said Abraham. "No, YAHOO!" said Dot Com.....and that is how it all began.

Author Unknown
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Glasgow 278 (Netherlee) Boys' Brigade
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Our 2018/19 session ended with each section having their own display and prize giving.

The Anchor Boys (Mondays, 6pm – 7pm) more than doubled its number over the session finishing with 34 names on its books. A well attended display saw the minister provide a children's address which was followed by a keenly contested potato & spoon relay race, an ill-advised balloon game (which was subject to a pitch invasion from some of the younger spectators!), a Bible reading from Matthew Thomson then on to the awards. We were delighted to award Finlay Shenna and Orlin Cowie with their certificates & medals for being named joint winners of the Glasgow Battalion Easter art competition. Having been a fantastic squad Captain David Patterson was deservedly named Best Boy for 2018/19.

The Junior Section (Tuesdays 7pm – 8.45pm) also grew substantially over the year, starting with 12 names on its books and ending with 18. Its display treated attendees to some drill, some comedy sketches, a game of helicopter and a boys v audience catching competition – although nobody can quite remember who won. Awards were then presented to Michael McGuire (Sports Champion), Aiden Bianco (Sportsmanship), Jack Patterson (Football Award), Jacob Haw & James Smith (Bible Knowledge – tied) and Murdo Mackay (Best Boy). Thank you to Caroline Watson Sweeney and her team for another great session.

Company & Seniors (Fridays 7.30pm – 10.00pm) increased its number also, finishing with 19 boys. At their display the boys led a short service before moving on to drill, a team relay, an audience participation challenge and an interview with our Queen's man. We were delighted to have Mrs Margaret Fear in attendance to inspect ranks and present the awards, including to Jack Mackay (Best Christian Faith Paper), Christopher Watson Sweeney, Calum Murray and Jack Nairn (President's Badge), Jack Nairn (Best Boy) and Oliver Giles (Queen's Badge). Thank you to George Cowan and his team for all their fantastic work over the year.

The boys polished off 2018/19 with the annual week long camp, which saw around 30 boys and staff making the trip to Stillaig by Tighnabraich, where our founder Sir William Alexander Smith held the first BB camp way back in 1884. According to our young leader it was the best camp in many a year, a view clearly shared by the midges who turned out in force. Thank you to

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Calum Hunter and his team of young (and less young) helpers for making it all happen.

As of 2nd of September all sections are up and running again. We give thanks for the hard work and dedication of all our leaders and helpers, and would welcome your prayers that the year ahead will be another one of growth, happiness and safety for all concerned.



Yes! The Chance of a lifetime

Here is a proven system which will enable you to speak fluent German in less than 15 minutes. In the following section you will find a glossary of English/ German motoring terms.

INDICATORS - Die Blinkenleiten Tickentocken

BONNET - Pullnob and Knucklechopper

EXHAUST - Spitzenpoppenbangentuben

CLUTCH - Die Kuplink mit schlippen und schaken

PUNCTURE - Die phlatt mid Bludy Knacken

LEARNER - Die Twatten mit Elplatz

ESTATE CAR - Der Bagmerroomfuracbagginckineute

PARKING METER - Der Tennerpinscher und Klockenwerk

WINDSCREEN WIPER - Der Flippenflappenmuckenschpredder

ACCIDENT - Der Bledimess

GARAGE - Der Heiway Robberung

CYCLIST - Der Pedallpushink Pillokken

SKID - Der Banannan Waltzen

DOUBLE WHITE LINES - Overtaken und Krunchen



Lucy Kirkland, Community Fundraiser - Cancer Support Scotland, Calman Centre, Glasgow

We all know someone affected by cancer.

Last year, 16,300 women and 15,800 men were diagnosed with cancer in Scotland. Medical support is vital to support each person with cancer and their loved ones.

Emotional support, mental health and wellbeing are all so very important. That is why Cancer Support Scotland, a Scottish Charity, is dedicated to supporting people affected by cancer through free complementary therapy and counselling services, at no cost to them.

Cancer Support Scotland was founded in 1980 by the renowned oncologist Professor Kenneth Calman, a leading light in cancer research and previous Chief Medical Officer of Scotland. Professor Calman was ahead of his time. Inspired by his patients, his vision was to complement the work of the NHS by providing emotional and practical support for cancer patients. He understood the positive impact counselling and complementary therapy has on people and that it eases emotional and physical pain and discomfort.

The charity is based on the Gartnavel Hospital campus, within the beautiful old Gartnavel Royal Hospital Chapel. Following an extensive refurbishment, the church building was extended and includes therapy suites, counselling rooms, offices and peaceful tranquil garden. Tailored emotional and practical support comes from trained counsellors and qualified therapists specialising in oncology. In line with Professor Calman's vision the charity also has outreach centres in and around the West of Scotland from Dennistoun to Rothesay.

For 4 decades the charity has provided a haven for people affected by cancer and their families and carers. The door is always open. Often people visit Cancer Support Scotland because they simply want a quiet space to sit or have the time to talk over coffee with one of our volunteers, that's why the kettle is always on.

Next year marks the 40th anniversary of Cancer Support Scotland. And now more than ever the charity's services are in demand. A recent Scottish Government Cancer Patient survey highlighted that just over half of respondents (55%) felt they were completely supported emotionally/psychologically by

healthcare professionals during their treatment, showing an increasing demand for such support.

‘Emotional support and counselling services are essential to help people through the cancer journey,’ explains Rob Murray, CEO of Cancer Support Scotland. ‘Our services are proven to improve the wellbeing of people who have suffered the emotional, physical and mental strains of cancer. Our feedback surveys confirm that people sleep better, anxiety is reduced and physical pain and discomfort from chemotherapy and radiotherapy is eased.’

Cancer Support Scotland’s mission remains simple yet ambitious: to support the wellbeing of people who have suffered the emotional, physical and mental strains of cancer.

If you have been touched by cancer and would like to use our services or get involved in some way such as volunteering or fundraising call 0141 337 8199, or email info@cancersupportscotland.org

Stamperland Stepping Stones
Marie Owens & Karen Cramb



We hope everyone has had a lovely summer and are refreshed for the new term.

We would like to start off by saying a big thank you to three of the leaders who have been a part of Stepping Stones for a number of years, and who have left us due to personal reasons.

Louise McCallum left in December 2018 and has helped for about 6 years, Louise was a great help in particular, the Nativity and the Crafts. Leigh Coutts has helped for about 6 years and has been a great help with the great craft ideas, in particular. Colin Kirkwood has been with Stepping Stones for over 13 years, we are going to miss his fun starts to the session and his bad (but funny) jokes. Thank you all for your commitment and support over the years.

This has then left Stepping Stones with 2 leaders and 1 amazing teenage helper. We are looking for volunteers to join the team or for volunteers to help on an ad hoc basis if either Karen or Marie are off. If you would like any more information, please speak to either Marie Owens or Karen Cramb.

Stepping Stones started back on Sunday 15th September.

POPPYSCOTLAND--- DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES.

Anne Mann Netherlee



Coffee afternoon. This will be held on Saturday 9th December from 2-4pm in the large hall Netherlee Church. Tickets £2.50 for adults and £1 for children. Tombola prizes would be much appreciated. Over the summer Calum Murray, Jack Nairn and Christopher Watson-Sweeney supported the Lodging House Mission as they work towards their Queen's Badge.

278 BB Queens Men support Lodging House Mission

Elaine Murray



During their time at LHM they were helping in the kitchen, collecting supplies from the wholesalers, tidying up the stores, cleaning out the minibus, chatting to service users and still found time to beat Fergus from Williamwood Parish Church at pool!

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along over 20 boxes and clothing from the as Netherlee and



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Netherlee GSE Food Bank

Anne Hind on behalf of Glasgow South East Foodbank



Thank you to all of you who have donated over the summer months. This summer has seen no reduction in the number of people who have required to come to the Foodbank. In fact we are now needing to open on a Thursday evening to try to cope with demand. There are many sad situations presented to us on our day at the Foodbank and of course on the other days on which we are open. People have such difficult circumstances in which they require to live, and the lack of food and fuel is only part of it.

Current list of items Required.

Tinned fish, tinned meat, tinned custard/rice, chocolate, UHT milk, tinned potatoes, ladies and gent's toiletries, ladies sanitary ware (not tampons), tinned fruit and tinned macaroni cheese/ravioli.

We continue to have a surplus of teabags, pasta and soup.

Families struggle with the huge demands on resources and it is very difficult when your children are hungry too. We see the results of this when we share our lunchtime sandwiches sometimes and people are so hungry that they very quickly eat them while in the Foodbank. A terrible situation in these modern times.

Please continue to support us with food or monetary donations. If your organisation is about to begin in the new session perhaps you could organise a collection of food and if you would like Norma and me to come to your group and speak about the work of the Foodbank we would be happy to do that.

Garden Open Weekend 2019

Fraser Neilson



On behalf of our family I would like to thank all our friends, neighbours, Stamperland Church and Morrisons Supermarket for their support again this year, and all those who came along, despite the inaccurate weather forecasting, to support our chosen charity of "Dementia Dogs".

We had over 400 visitors over the two days and raised £1,376 plus £60 cash donations received after the event which has been sent to Alzheimer Scotland for the Dementia Dogs Project. A special thanks to all the young team who ran the ticket office and trains all weekend. See you all next year.

Stamperland Flower Calendar

Contact Mrs May Paterson—0141 571 8652



As organisations are starting their new sessions I would like to take this opportunity to thank **Jackie Silcock, Moira Allan, Sheena Skelton, Kay Baird and Violet Walker.** The ladies arrange flowers every Sunday of the year and displays are much appreciated and admired by the congregation.

September

22nd Mr B Phillips

29th Miss J Barr (Church) & Mrs D Findlay (Vestibule)

October

6th Mrs S Neil

13th Mrs E Graham

20th Mrs C Ferguson

27th Mrs O Greer

November

3rd Miss G Scott

10th Mrs S Jamieson

17th Mrs K Bolton

24th Miss E Robb &
Mrs J Cranston

Netherlee Gift Aid Scheme

Dennis Burt



There are currently 275 members in the Scheme.
223 members contribute by monthly direct debit.
11 members contribute by weekly envelopes.
13 members contribute quarterly.
28 members contribute annually,
70% in the first half and 30% in the second half.

Although income was well ahead of budget at 30th June 2019, annual payments in the second half of the year are always at a lower level, as shown above, and the current increase could disappear very quickly. Records show that many members have not altered their giving since 2012 and special thanks are due to 14 members who increased their giving in the new tax year.

The Church can also claim back tax on ordinary offerings up to a limit of £8,000. In the current tax year income at the end of the first quarter was £1,635, ahead of budget by £485. Which is an encouraging sign.

Treasurers Report - Netherlee

Allan Mathieson



General Fund : At the end of July the general fund shows a surplus of £12,191. This is £8,155 ahead of the Budget but £2,119 below the same time last year. I would highlight the following:

Income: Against budget the offerings including tax recovery on gift aid contributions are ahead by £3,171 as a result of members reviewing their givings and members moving to contributions under the gift aid scheme – most welcome. The income from the Use of Premises is £1,411 down on the budget but this will in part be reduced with the 7.6% increase in the rental rate kicking in on the 1st September. Unfortunately it now looks that income under this heading will show a deficit against budget at the year end as 2 of our clients, Enjoy a Ball and the Dance Foundation have now retired/semi - retired. It is estimated that against last year the income lost in the final 4 months from these 2 tenants will be in the region of £2,500. Clarkston after School Care have applied to use the large hall for the club they run when the primary schools are on holiday. If the care inspectorate approve our premises this could occur at the October week, February, Easter and the summer. It will operate 5 days a week although they will have no access when Monday Lunch Club is on. The income in October week will help to reduce the deficit mentioned above to below £2,000. Against last year after 7 months our Income is down £4,323

Expenditure : Ministry cost are running close to budget and last year's figures. The other cost are showing a saving against budget of £6,086. The 2 main areas of saving are under R & M (£3,021) and Heat and Light (£1,215). R & M benefitted for a receipt of a repayment of £1,002 of VAT from the LPW scheme. Unless there is a sudden acceleration in the rate of expenditure under R & M it would appear that a surplus against budget will be recorded at the end of the year. The same is unlikely to be true under Heat and Light as the 38% increase from 1st April in the electricity tariff will apply in full in the final 5 months of the year.

Reserves : Our Reserves have received £10,663 in dividends and interest. £1,200 was sent from the Thomas White Legacy Fund to Sri Lanka and £2,169 has been dispersed from the Common Good Fund, mainly to the East

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Renfrewshire Good Causes Fund. In August £3,416 was spent on the floor in the large hall and this will be also be funded from our Reserves.

Ministries and Mission Contribution : Our annual contribution to 121 George Street is based on our Total Annual Income based on the previous 3 years. As Total Income includes the dividends and interest received the Finance Committee decided at its May meeting that as the dividends and interest are not reported in the General Fund but in the individual Reserve Funds a transfer from the Reserve Funds should be made to the General Fund based on the dividends/interest these funds received. This change in presentation will be reflected in the Annual Financial Statements and Budgets.

In the current year a contribution of £6,298 will be made from the Reserve Funds to the General Fund.

Netherlee Church Flowers

Shirley Buchanan 585 3929



September

22nd Sarah Sinclair

29th Elaine Balfour

October

6th VACANT

13th VACANT

20th Carine Morrison & Margaret Fleck

28th Anne Mann

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

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

A Few More?

- Did Noah keep his bees in ArcHives?
- Have you ever seen a toad on a toadstool?
- How can there be self-help "groups"?
- How do you get off a non-stop flight?
- How do you write zero in Roman numerals?
- If Barbie's so popular, why do you have to buy all her friends?
- If tin whistles are made out of tin, what do they make fog horns out of?





Philip Moseley - Cub Scout Leader & Group Scout Leader

Tel: 0780 398 7020 Email: Stamperland-scouts@btinternet.com

As we approach the new Scouting session there are a few changes and moves across the group – mainly at the leadership level.

Megan will be moving from Cubs to concentrate on Scouts supporting Gregor. John will be spending more time with Scouts than Explorers this session. We also have a Dad helping us out in Scouts. All of which will add some stability to the Scout Section.

I am taking on additional responsibilities of the Group Scout Leader role – eek!

Beavers, Cubs and Scouts have waiting lists, so we are still looking for additional helpers and leaders across the sections to help us deliver a great programme for the local youth members of our community.

BEAVERS
cubs

All Sections now started !!

SCOUTS
EXPLORERS

Property Report Stamperland Church
Roy Allan



Over the summer months we have had contractors giving us quotes for replacement windows in all halls and rooms on the ground/first floor. The presbytery have now given approval for this work. A preferred contractor has been appointed and work will commence very shortly.

We found after one very rainy weekend a leak had occurred in the large hall roof. Presbytery approval was again sought and permission granted to recover the hall roof.

As the weather has been fairly kind, at the time of writing, this work has now been carried out.

There are some issues with wiring in the building and rewiring quotes have been sought and we will again seek the appropriate approval. Finally we have some minor repairs and paintwork to be carried out in the manse. This will hopefully also be completed shortly.

Netherlee Forum Session 2019 - 2020

Sheena Wurthmann



The schedule of meetings for the new session is as follows:

Date	Speaker	Title of talk
21st October	Daniel Beckett	My travels to Louisiana and the Mississippi Delta, inspired by song.
18th November	Lesley Orr	Suffragette Movement and Women's Response
16th December	Neil Young	The black bit at the end of the golden banana
20 January	David Coleman	Chaplain to Eco-Congregation Scotland
17th February	Simon Walker	Saving bodies and minds; Suicide, Spiritualism and support during the first world war.
16th March	Jan Savage	Learning disability and inclusion. Are we there yet?

We would encourage you to come along and enjoy the various talks. The meetings are held in the Lesser Sanctuary at Netherlee starting at 7.30. They last about 45 minutes to allow for time for questions and answers. We finish the meeting with tea and coffee and informal discussion.

The Battle of Cherry Coke



A mother asked her son what the lesson was about in Sunday School that morning. "Cherry Coke," he answered confidently. "Cherry Coke?" his mother asked. "Are you sure?" "Oh, yes," he replied. "We even sang a song about it. 'Joshua fought the battle of Cherry Coke, Cherry Coke, Cherry Coke.'"

A Date for your Diaries

Christine Finnigan



The skyline of Glasgow features spires, golden domes, minarets: have you ever wanted to explore the buildings boasting these fine features? Well, mark out next September as the time to look out for the annual Doors Open Day festival.

The festival has been running on selected dates in September for thirty years now, and gives people access to places that are either usually private, or only accessed at certain times.

I've been poking my nose behind usually closed doors since the festival started, when as a student I visited Govan Old church. The small, atmospheric kirk houses Viking-age stones and many other treasures. I lived in Govan at the time and had peered through the railings at the church on my way to the underground every day, but never thought to go in, and never knew of their ancient history and artefacts.

There are so many wonderful places to visit in this city, but it's the insight into other faiths that may enlighten the most. I've been to the Garnethill Synagogue, Glasgow central mosque, and most recently the extraordinary Glasgow Gurdwara, where Sikhs worship. Inside, the community take hospitality very seriously, serving free food every day. All they ask is that everything on the plate is eaten, so there's no waste.

Visitors on these days at all sites are made welcome, with guides on hand to explain what goes on and any do's and don'ts. I've also had many cups of tea and chats at churches of all denominations and been awe struck by the beauty of some interiors. The festival takes place across the country for the whole month, so explore and enjoy, and make a date in your diaries for next September.

Afternoon Tea—Pastoral Care

Margaret Armstrong



On behalf of all who attended the afternoon tea on Thursday 5th September, thanks to the Pastoral Care Committee and their helpers.

We were entertained by the "Loudon Band" and it was a joy seeing folk who don't manage to Church, singing along and enjoying the fellowship.

Pastoral Care did indeed "hit the right note".

Stamperland Guild

Evelyn Graham



We do hope that everyone had an enjoyable summer break. The weather was rather wet and disappointing but I can assure you that the Guild winter syllabus won't disappoint and is just what is required to brighten up cold dark winter nights.

If any member of either congregation would like to join us for any evening which they feel is of interest to them we would be very pleased to see you.

We meet in the Session Room at Stamperland Church at 7.30pm unless otherwise indicated.

**Oct 2nd (Wed) Joint meeting with Netherlee at Netherlee ; Theme
One Journey Many Roads, Companions on the Road**

Communion

Rev Scott Blythe

8th Windsor & the Order of the Garter Parade

Robert Keys

15th In House

22nd Fire & Rescue

Clarkston Fire Stn

29th Halloween Fun & Fish Suppers

**Nov 5th (Tues) Joint meeting with Netherlee at Stamperland
Journey to being Pastoral Assistant in Netherlee & Stamperland**

Marie Wilson

12th East Renfrewshire Foodbank

Ag Law

19th Evening visit to Strathaven Gift & Coffee Shop

26th Videos set to Music

Vivienne Macdonald

Dec 3rd Approach to Advent

10th Christmas Party

Scottish Country Dance Class

Margaret Wilson - Text to 075057472837



The Scottish Country Dance Class will resume in Netherlee Church large Hall on Monday, 7th October from 1.45 pm until 3.45 pm. This is a mixed ability class and new members will be made very welcome.



Standing Tall with Autism
Michaela Foster Marsh

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank both Netherlee and Stamperland church for their support during this very difficult and sad time. The Celebration of Life Service in memory of my beloved Rony was absolutely beautiful and just as he would have wished. Thank you to everyone

involved in making that happen!

I also wanted to thank those who so very kindly donated in memory of Rony after the service.

I will be going to Uganda on Oct 1st for three weeks with a friend Christina Manca, from America. Christina has visited Uganda with Rony and me two years ago.

I will be going there to start our project on autism. Jessica, who visited here from Uganda and spoke at Netherlee Church has very kindly just gifted Starchild the land to build our Sunflower Sanctuary on the banks of the River Nile in Jinja. Rony absolutely loved it there so it is very fitting. It seems like a miracle that we should be given this land and will now, with the help of others, be able to make our dream a reality. This is by far the most challenging project Starchild has undertaken but I believe, that God willing, we will be able to help this most marginalised group of children and their families.

By building this holistic sanctuary we can help to break down the horrendous myths and stigmas associated with autism in Uganda and give these families hope and some much needed compassion and support. If you would like to help in anyway please let me know. We also still have the donations page open in memory of Rony Bridges.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/sunflowersanctuary>

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