

# CONNECTIONS

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## A Message from the Editor

Fraser Neilson



All submissions should be delivered to 56 Stamperland Dr by the due dates or emailed to [cumbrae14@ntlworld.com](mailto:cumbrae14@ntlworld.com)

Due to ever increasing input from all contributors the final date for submission has had to be brought forward to allow time for input

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The hugely successful **Starchild Art for Africa** is back this year! In conjunction with **McTear's Auctioneers** and **The Hidden Lane Gallery** in Finnieston, the online auction will run from **April 22<sup>nd</sup> – May 12<sup>th</sup>**.

The works of art will be on display at the gallery until the last day of the online auction **May 12<sup>th</sup>**. You are also welcome to pop along to the Hidden Lane Gallery 1081 Argyle St, G3 8LZ until then to view the art.

With approximately 100 critically acclaimed artists contributing to this successful fundraising platform for Starchild you are bound to find something you would just love to hang on your walls, and without a gallery price tag! McTear's donate the buyers premium making sure that all proceeds go to Starchild Charity who work in Uganda and Scotland with vulnerable women and children. Art for Africa enabled Starchild to build a School for Creative Arts in Uganda which now has over 110 children in attendance. The money raised will help children with autism and disabilities access the arts.

For more information contact Rony and Michaela [info@starchildcharity.com](mailto:info@starchildcharity.com)

## Our Minister's Message

Reverend Scott Blythe



Easter is not just a day or a weekend as we with our modern diaries might be convinced. In the Christian Tradition, we find ourselves in these weeks after Easter before Ascension and Pentecost taking part in the whole 'Season of Easter'.

In the modern world, such lingering would be frowned upon as in so much of modern life there is no time for considering and pondering wondrous events. Quite simply, so much of our modern life is motivated by a culture that ticks off lists and then moves on to the next item as soon as possible.

A few years ago, I remember John Bell talking about his distaste of 'email' as against normal mail. For one of the things that he disliked so much about email is the desire for instant response by those who send it. John used to go crazy when follow-up emails arrived in his email inbox and he said the more they arrived, the more he was unlikely to respond to the first email. His reason, was always that he wanted to take time to consider things before honestly answering the first email.

I think this '*immediate-response tendency*' within so much of the modern world is something that needs to be challenged and thought about. For after all, I think that the church takes several weeks for us to process the news that is at the heart of our faith shows a wisdom. For, the truth is that what we proclaim is something that takes time to consider and to come really to terms with. We are celebrating the resurrection of someone who has died and what that means for him and for our future as human beings. This is not something that should be rushed!

It is news that should be savoured and pondered until such a time as we fully feel that we have grasped its meaning and purpose for our lives.

So, whilst I am sure those who have passed their Easter holidays might already be looking forward to their main summer holidays, we will spend the next few weeks considering the reaction of those who were around Jesus; and we will hear again some of the main teaching thrusts of what Christ's resurrection means for each of us.

So, friends, let us enjoy these weeks in which we bask in the joy of Jesus' returning and transforming the world. Let the truth of his new life permeate our being and shed light on the places within our own lives that are in need of renewal and transformation.

I pray that we might use and reflect on these weeks wisely!

Peace be with you!

**Scott**

## Netherlee Sunday Club & Senior Sunday Club

Elaine Murray



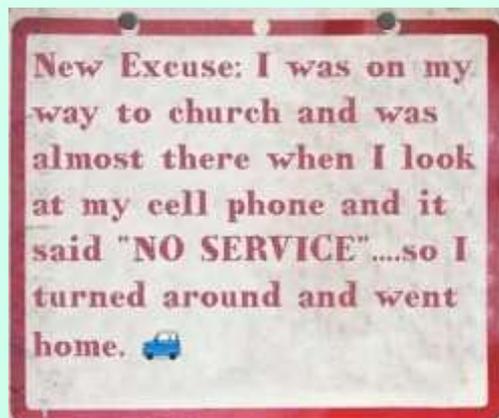
It is easy to think that the 23 Psalm is familiar to us all. Exploring it with our Sunday Clubbers for the first time was lovely, especially as the children have a soft spot for Shepherds and sheep! (Thank you Sunbeams) The children were able to explore their relationship with God, their families, friends and schoolmates as they explored the passages. Our studies have turned to Joseph, you will see why a little later!

On Mother's Day we gift wrapped mugs with a tea bag, cake, gift all decorated with flowers. Always fond of food we made Rocky Road as we reflected on Jesus' journey into Jerusalem. On Palm Sunday itself we enjoyed entering the church, waving our palms. A big well done to our members who took part in the service with their dramatic reading, 'He was going on a journey'. On Easter Sunday the Sunday Clubbers enjoyed seeing how a simple piece of paper could be folded to remind us that no matter how far we journey or where we might be Jesus is with us. From the boat, to the house, to the plane and rocket, a simple tear and we formed the cross. Joined by the Stepping Stones from Stamperland we were proud of our young members as they took Communion with their church family.

In a change to tradition our Sunday Club outing this year is to see Harlequin Youth Theatre perform Joseph and his Amazing Technicoloured Dreamcoat. Hopefully the weather will be kind enough to let us enjoy a picnic and Ice Cream too!

We extend a warm welcome to all children P1 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.

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## Care & Share - Netherlee

**Diane Levey**

Care and Share is an initiative that supports members of our community in difficult times by delivering some food to their homes when they are dealing with other challenges. This can be some baking or a meal. We are aiming to build up a bank of volunteers who would be willing to deliver the food.

It works like this. Frozen food is stored in the church kitchen and there is also a fund to support the purchase of food so you would not be required to cook anything if you didn't have time. You just go to the door and hand in the food. You don't have to do anything else. Care and Share works on a 'need' basis so there may be periods of time when your services are not required. If you are phoned to deliver and are unable to do so, we will contact someone else so there is no pressure. The more volunteers, the less onerous the task will be!

Please consider being a volunteer. E mail or phone me if you can help or need more information. [diane\\_levey@braidcarr.com](mailto:diane_levey@braidcarr.com) 07711 588677

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**Nursery Rhymes won't die out  
 if we keep them updated.**



**Humpty Dumpty sat on a wall  
 Humpty Dumpty had a great fall  
 The structure of the wall was incorrect  
 So he won a grand with Claims Direct.**

**It's Raining, It's Pouring  
 No doubt, it's Global Warming**

**Jack and Jill went into town  
 To fetch some chips and sweeties.  
 He can't keep his heart rate down  
 And she's got diabetes.**

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**More Writings from actual hospital charts**

On the second day, the knee was better, and on the third day it disappeared.

Discharge status: Alive but without permission.

Healthy appearing decrepit 69-year old male, mentally alert, but forgetful.



**The Church of Scotland**  
**Stewardship and Finance Department**  
**Scottish Charity Number: SC011353**

**March 2019**

Dear Friends,

I write to thank you for supporting the worship, mission and service of the Church through your regular financial offerings, It is important that you know what happens to your money and this letter explains how your congregation's Ministries and Mission Contribution will be used to enable the work of the Church in 2019.

<b>160885 Stamperland</b>	<b>£55,069</b>
<b>160877 Netherlee</b>	<b>£118,034</b>
<b>Total Contribution to Ministries and Mission</b>	<b>£173,103</b>

The contribution is used to provide over 720 ministers and parish workers in communities throughout Scotland and further afield and assists with recruitment and training costs. The 2019 cost of a parish minister at the top of the stipend scale is £42,912. I would invite you to compare this with your congregation's contribution. Many churches gave additional contributions in 2018 and these have been gratefully received.

Your contribution is also used to support work in: resourcing congregations for Christian education and outreach; to further the caring work of the Church to people in need through CrossReach, to accompany partners around the world on our shared Christian journey; to offer the Church's opinion in public debate; to provide administrative, financial and legal advice, plan the General Assembly and ensure the Moderator represents the Church. The contribution from your congregation ensures a diverse ministry is maintained, and that the Gospel of Jesus Christ is shared in many ways and in many places.

A new National Stewardship Initiative 'A Narrative of Generosity' will be launched at the Heart and Soul event which is taking place on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2019. This modular resource is easily accessible and can be tailored to respond to the particular needs of your congregation. Should your church require support with this new, or any other Stewardship resource please contact the National Stewardship Coordinator, David Lynch.

With grateful thanks, **Archie McDowell, Deputy Treasurer**

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**Going over our church finances** I found a receipt from a local paint store signed by someone named Christian. I wasn't aware of anyone buying paint, so I called the store to point out its mistake.

"I'm sorry," I told the manager, "but there are no Christians here at First Baptist Church."



## ER. Foodbank Stamperland

### Parish & Beyond Committee



East  
Renfrewshire  
**foodbank**

#### SHOPPING LIST

Thank you for your support!

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

#### ALSO COLLECTING

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

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

The foods selected for the month of May are as follows:

Diluting Juice

Tinned pasta shapes/macaroni

Tinned peas/carrots/baked beans

Breakfast Cereals, Sugar

Tinned tuna/salmon

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.

We have received a thank you letter from East Renfrewshire Foodbank Management Team, Steering Group and Volunteers advising us that the food delivered to them in

April weighed 51kg which will feed either 5 single people or 4 couples.

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

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.

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A Minister's wife was preparing pancakes for her young sons. The boys began to argue over who would get the first pancake. Their Mother saw the opportunity for a moral lesson. If Jesus were sitting here, He would say, "Let my brother have the first pancake. I can wait." The oldest boy turned to his younger brother and said, "You be Jesus."



## Changes to the Roll - Netherlee - Mabel Bell



### Change of Address

	Name	Locality	Elder

### Disjoined

Name	Locality
5993 Mr Colin Robertson	Netherlee to Cathcart U F Church
6359 Mr Archie Montgomerie	Netherlee
6350 Mrs Alyson Montgomerie	Netherlee

### Deaths

Date	Name	From	

## Changes to the Roll - Stamperland - Bill Paterson



### Change of Address *We hope you are happy in your new home*

Name	From	To
Mrs Sandra Diamond	Stamperland	East Kilbride
(Correction from Apr)		

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

Name	Locality

### Funerals

Name	From	



## 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. With winter coming in, why not make use of this great service? We hope you will.

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

## Stamperland Church Open Door

Stamperland 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.



### 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](mailto:heartfor.art@crossreach.org.uk)  
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## Down Memory Lane in Stamperland - May 1980

### Pat Roller



Rev D Speed reported that the churches in the Greater Glasgow area had united to plan an evangelistic Crusade at the Kelvin Hall in May 1991 and invited Luis Palau from Argentina as the evangelist. Mr Hans Skowron was appointed as our representative.

Baptisms for Alister Crawford, The Oval, and Lynne Currie of Stamperland Dr took place on 20th April and the wedding of Miss Lyn Fraser of Stamperland Dr to Mr Alan McGinlay of Williamwood Park took place on 28th This was preceded by the wedding of Elizabeth Weir, The Oval, and David Gillespie of Glasgow on 5th.

A letter from the Hon Secretary of the Netherlee and Hebrew Congregation was received congratulating Stamperland on its 40th birthday, the same number of years the former had been in existence.

Mr Robert Blackwood had tendered his resignation as Captain of the BB due to work commitments. He was due to join his local church in Hamilton. (Robert attended the recent BB 75th Anniversary dinner in Stamperland)

An appeal by the Treasurer John Duncan for a 20o/o increase in givings had resulted in a 1o/o result when he revealed the annual statement of accounts.

The Brownies had attended an Easter Pack Holiday for 33 girls at Ardrossan where it was reported that the girls had enjoyed "being outdoors" as reported by Janette Nisbet and Nancy Fisher.

The BB display resulted in awards to Sgt G Paterson, (Best All Round Senior) Pte C McKenzie, (Junior) D McIntosh (Best Recruit) L/Cpl M Fairweather (Band) Sgt G Paterson (Best Squad). This was followed in August with a camp to Redcar. In Capt. Blackwood's summing up he thanked Bryan Stewart, Andy Davis and David Waugh for their help in Company and Football during his tenure.

The following boys were discharged, S Clark, G Paterson, R Kidd, G Probert, and B Rioch all of whom were returning as Staff Sergeants in the new session.

Christian Aid had raised £650in a recent Coffee Morning in the Clarkston Halls as reported by Jennie Fraser.

Thanks were expressed to David Airey for installing the PA system in the

vestibule for the benefit of those on duty to hear the service.

The Drama Club at their show "Running Riot" bade farewell to Bob Logan who was retiring from the Group to be replaced by Stuart Bruce as Producer who was known to be a "glutton for punishment and hard work", whilst Sam Esler would be taking on the role of President. This show resulted in a donation to church funds for electrical work of £100.

The team on the church grounds reported that the Sunday School's efforts in planting bulbs were beginning to show results, as were the dandelions. The Turnbull family, David Guild and Jack Fraser were the team with John McCorkell out of action in hospital, and the foreman being told not use his right foot, an appeal for helpers was of paramount importance. (it can be reported that the same dandelions still make an annual appearance to this day)

A report on Kirk Care Housing revealed that the 30units of sheltered housing was likely to be ready for January, with over 100 applicants on the books. (Interesting to see where we are with it today)

The Scout Group had all attended the Gang Show for which their good behaviour was complimented upon by a nearby Guide leader. Local boys Andrew Macilraith and Ronald Ogilvie had taken part in this year's show.

Job Week had been a success but a flu virus had restricted numbers attending a school trip abroad for Scouts.

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**Murphy's Lesser-Known Dictums**

Flashlight: A case for holding dead batteries.

The shin bone is a device for finding furniture in a dark room.

A fine is a tax for doing wrong. A tax is a fine for doing well.

When you go into court, you are putting yourself in the hands of 12 people who weren't smart enough to get out of jury duty.

The things that come to those who wait will be the things left by those who got there first.

Give a man a fish and he will eat for a day. Teach a man to fish and he will sit in a boat all day.



## Author Unknown

If the mountain seems too big today  
then climb a hill instead  
if the morning brings you sadness  
it's ok to stay in bed  
if the day ahead weighs heavy  
and your plans feel like a curse  
there's no shame in rearranging  
don't make yourself feel worse  
if a shower stings like needles  
and a bath feels like you'll drown  
if you haven't washed your hair for days  
don't throw away your crown  
a day is not a lifetime  
a rest is not defeat  
don't think of it as failure  
just a quiet, kind retreat  
it's ok to take a moment  
from an anxious, fractured mind  
the world will not stop turning  
while you get realigned  
the mountain will still be there  
when you want to try again  
you can climb it in your own time  
just love yourself til then

**Glasgow 278 (Netherlee) Boys' Brigade**  
**[www.facebook.com/netherleeboysbrigade](http://www.facebook.com/netherleeboysbrigade)**

**Alistair Haw, Captain**

**[alistairhaw@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:alistairhaw@yahoo.co.uk) 07434521928**



We were delighted to receive a letter from the Director of BB Scotland and a certificate from the Chair of the Scotland Committee congratulating us on another year of steady growth. The certificate will be proudly displayed in the Netherlee Church Welcome Hall. Since 2015/16 the total number of boys, young men and leaders within our ranks has grown from 41 to 83, up from last month even thanks to the welcome return of Thomas and James Forbes to our Junior Section further to a two year stint in Arbroath. We are confident of additional growth before the end of the term, and are hopeful of finishing with closer to 90 than 80 members & staff. We give thanks to all who are making this possible, most of all the boys themselves for spreading the word and bringing their friends.



Both the Anchor Boys (Monday 6pm-7pm) and Junior Section (Tuesday 7pm – 8.45pm) have been focussing on the biblical narrative of Easter, before turning their attention to the more modern Easter narrative of chocolate eggs and where to find them. In the case of the former the poor soul who was attempting to tune the organ just as a crowd invaded the sanctuary in search of Easter eggs did not find it helpful to her cause. She kindly agreed to return at a more opportune moment.

Display dates for each of our sections have been set as follows: Company Section, Friday 31 May, 7pm; Anchor Boys, Monday 3 June, 6pm; Junior Section, Tuesday 4 June, 7pm.

Before then we look forward to our annual service & parade from 6.30pm – 7.30pm on Sunday 28 April. More on which next month.

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### **Even more writings from actual hospital charts.**

While in ER, she was examined, X-rated, and sent home.

The skin was moist and dry.

Occasional, constant infrequent headaches.

Patient was alert and unresponsive.

Rectal examination revealed a normal size thyroid.

She stated that she had been constipated for most of her life, until she got a divorce.

I saw your patient today, who is still under our car for physical therapy.

Patient has two teenage children, but no other abnormalities

Examination of genitalia reveals that he is circus sized.

The lab test indicated abnormal lover function.

Skin: somewhat pale but present

The pelvis exam will be done later on the floor.



**Do more.  
Learn more.  
Be more.**

Put your skills to use, learn new ones, and contribute to an amazing life-experience for you and your local community.

Volunteering is easier than you think. With full support and training, you can volunteer on a flexible basis.

We are looking for volunteers (male or female) to help lead our Scout Troop with fun, exciting activities.

There is no such thing as a typical volunteer and you could make a real impact to our local community.

Contact us via Facebook or on [stamperlandscouts@btinternet.com](mailto:stamperlandscouts@btinternet.com)

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Local contact in Stamperland - Gordon Robertson

## Netherlee Foodbank

**Anne Hind**



Thank you for your ongoing support of the Foodbank.

We continue to be busy with people experiencing difficult situations in many ways.

A man came in last week. He had been put into temporary accommodation by East Renfrewshire Council. He had no gas, electric or food and he had two children one of whom was Autistic. This just shouldn't happen. He was so very grateful for what we were able to do for him and thanked us.

This is all down to what you donate on a regular basis so keep going!

### Requirements for May

**Tinned fruit, Tinned potatoes, Tinned vegetables, Tinned fish, Tinned custard/rice, UHT milk, Jam, Diluting juice, Shampoo, Shaving foam and razors.**

## The Friendship Club - Stamperland

**Ray McNiven**

The monthly Friendship Club will recommence on Tuesday 28th May in the Session Room of Stamperland Church at 7.30pm. Our speaker will be the Rev Scott Blythe.

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

All are welcome.

## Stamperland Flower Calendar

**Contact Mrs May Paterson—0141 571 8652**



5 May	The Thompson Family	12 May	Mr G. Robertson
19 May	Mrs M. Mathieson	26 May	Mrs M. Malloch
2 Jun	Service at Netherlee	9 Jun	Mrs M Dundas
16 Jun	Rev C Murdoch & Mrs F Lamont Church	16 Jun	Mr G Fraser Vestibule
23 Jun	Mrs A MacKenzie	30 Jun	Donation

## **Notre Dame de Paris**

**Norman Bolton Sesion Clerk - Stamperland**



There would have been few people who were not shocked and concerned on hearing of the significant fire which ravaged Notre-Dame de Paris during Holy Week. The iconic building, dating from the 1100s, was endowed a special significance by many and, in the days following the fire, huge sums of money – around a billion Euros - were promised to ensure salvage, preservation and reconstruction.

Two opposing views seemed to be expressed regarding the financial pledges. One that the donations to save and develop the building were welcome and the promise of renewing the cathedral was a wonderful gesture. The second was that the money could be put to better uses – housing and feeding the poor, for example.

Throughout the history of the church there have been opposing views regarding church buildings. Some believed that God should be offered the best and finest and that nothing should be spared in creating grand, impressive, awe-inspiring places of worship. Others believed the opposite.

In pre-reformation Scotland there were many fine church buildings – St Andrew's Cathedral in St Andrews, Elgin Cathedral, the border abbeys to highlight a few. Many of these church buildings were actively destroyed and set on fire by the protestants who regarded them as typifying beliefs and ideas they despised. Some were simply abandoned and left to decay, finally becoming little more than sources of fine, dressed stone for the construction of

farm buildings, houses, etc..

Many of us are justly proud of our church buildings. Netherlee is a most attractive “traditional sandstone church”; Stamperland is open, bright, modern, sanctuary space. We are emotionally attached to the worship spaces; we are fearful for what the future might bring in relation to the buildings. Yet, we encourage our Sunday School children to sing:

*The church is not a building;  
the church is not a steeple;  
the church is not a resting place;  
the church is a people.*

The whole Church of Scotland is having to think carefully about the future of its buildings. Most of us (myself included) are pretty content to live in “the stone age” where buildings are considered important. However, the days of the stone age may be numbered.

**What can hedgehogs teach us about changing the world?**  
**Stuart Buchanan - Session Clerk Netherlee**

It was the coldest winter ever, so the hedgehogs decided to group together to keep warm. This way they covered and protected themselves; but the quills of each one wounded their closest companions.

After a while, they decided to distance themselves from each other, but they began to die, alone and frozen. So they had to make a choice: either accept the quills of their companions or perish.

Wisely, they decided to go back to being together. They learned to live with the little wounds caused by the close relationship with their companions in order to receive the heat that came from the others. The best relationship is not the one that brings together perfect people, but when each individual learns to live with the imperfections of others and can admire the other person's good qualities.

**More from the Irish Medical Dictionary**

- Secretion            Hiding something
- Seizure             Roman Emperor
- Terminal Illness   Getting sick at the airport
- Urine                Opposite of you're out





## Congregations Personal Messages Page

*Donnie Thompson and Family wish to sincerely thank all of Hazel's friends, neighbours and the members of Stamperland Parish Church for their overwhelming and unbending love and support shown to Hazel throughout her long, arduous but very brave battle against her illness.*

*Many prayers, good wishes and acts of kindness for Hazel kept her strong faith and hope enduring until she sadly passed away on the morning of 16 February at the Prince & Princess of Wales Hospice.*

*Sincere thanks to the Rev. Jack Drummond for all of his Pastoral care to Hazel during her entire illness and especially for his loving and very personal service at the Linn Crematorium and to everyone in attendance who donated to Hazel's chosen charity box "Target Ovarian Cancer" which raised the incredible total of £1,300 with two further very generous donations taking the overall total to £3,000.*

*Donnie Thompson. (Stamperland)*

*I would like to thank the Church Family for all the cards, visits, flowers, tapes and prayers received after my fall. They certainly helped turn my grey days blue,*

*Sincerely, Irene Laing (Netherlee)*

*We wish to thank everyone for the kind "congratulations" on the celebration of our Golden Wedding on 7th. April and for the lovely flowers delivered by Anne McKenzie after the service.*

*Bill and Joan Coulter (Stamperland).*

*We would like to thank all those who sponsored them for their recent Abseil in aid of Scouts Scotland and our own 79<sup>th</sup> Glasgow (Stamperland) Scout Group as we head towards our 79<sup>th</sup> Birthday. Money is still coming in and we hope partial fund matching too, so we will let you know the final total in June's Connections magazine.*

*Philip and Elaine (Scouts)*

*I would like to thank Scott and Anne for the beautiful flowers I received recently from the Church. They were very much appreciated,*

*Jean Marshall (Stamperland)*

**Mr Belser****Author Unknown**

The telephone rang. It was a call from his mother. He answered it and his mother told him, "Mr Belser died last night. The funeral is Wednesday."

Memories flashed through his mind like an old newsreel as he sat quietly remembering his childhood days.

"Jack, did you hear me?"

"Oh, sorry, Mum. Yes, I heard you. It's been so long since I thought of him. I'm sorry, but I honestly thought he died years ago," Jack said.

"Well, he didn't forget you. Every time I saw him he'd ask how you were doing. He'd reminisce about the many days you spent over 'his side of the fence' as he put it," Mom told him.

"I loved that old house he lived in," Jack said.

"You know, Jack, after your father died, Mr Belser stepped in to make sure you had a man's influence in your life," she said.

"He's the one who taught me carpentry," he said. "I wouldn't be in this business if it weren't for him. He spent a lot of time teaching me things he thought were important. Mom, I'll be there for the funeral," Jack said.

As busy as he was, he kept his word. Jack caught the next flight to his hometown. Mr Belser's funeral was small and uneventful. He had no children of his own, and most of his relatives had passed away.

The night before he had to return home, Jack and his Mom stopped by to see the old house next door one more time. Standing in the doorway, Jack paused for a moment. It was like crossing over into another dimension, a leap through space and time. The house was exactly as he remembered.

Every step held memories. Every picture, every piece of furniture...Jack stopped suddenly...

"What's wrong, Jack?" his Mom asked.

"The box is gone," he said.

"What box?" Mom asked.

"There was a small gold box that he kept locked on top of his desk. I must have asked him a thousand times what was inside. All he'd ever tell me was 'the thing I value most,'" Jack said.

It was gone. Everything about the house was exactly how Jack remembered it, except for the box. He figured someone from the Belser family had taken it.

"Now I'll never know what was so valuable to him," Jack said.

"I better get some sleep. I have an early flight home, Mom."

It had been about two weeks since Mr. Belser died. Returning home from work one day Jack discovered a note in his mailbox. "Signature required on a package. No one at home. Please stop by the main post office within the next three days," the note read.

Early the next day Jack went to the post office and retrieved the package. The small box was old and looked like it had been mailed a hundred years ago. The handwriting was difficult to read, but the return address caught his attention.

"Mr. Harold Belser" it read.

Jack took the box out to his car and ripped open the package. There inside was the gold box and an envelope.

Jack's hands shook as he read the note inside.

"Upon my death, please forward this box and its contents to Jack Bennett. It's the thing I valued most in my life." A small key was taped to the letter. His heart racing, as tears filled his eyes, Jack carefully unlocked the box. There inside he found a beautiful gold pocket watch.

Running his fingers slowly over the finely etched casing, he unlatched the cover. Inside he found these words engraved: "Jack, Thanks for your time! -- Harold Belser."

"The thing he valued most was my time!"

Jack held the watch for a few minutes, then called his office and cleared his appointments for the next two days.\*

"Why?" Janet, his assistant asked.

"I need some time to spend with the people I love and say I care for," he said. "Oh, by the way, Janet, thanks for your time!"

## Netherlee Church Flowers

Shirley Buchanan 585 3929



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

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

5 May Vicky Anderson 12 May Olive Leslie

19 May Rosemary Carle 26 May Jean Pearson

## Stamperland Spring Fair

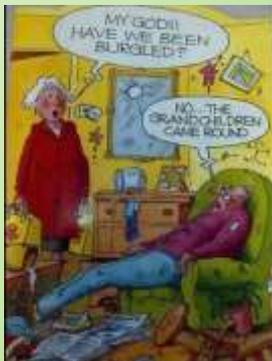
### Fund-Raising Committee



The 2019 Spring Fair will be held on Saturday 11th May from 10.am-1pm We are asking for your donations for the Bottle and Tombola stalls, Home Baking, Books, Children's Toys, DVD's but **no** bric a brac please. Ideas for the Tombola could be Toiletries (Men or Women) Boxes of Chocolates or Biscuits and Sweets. There will be two boxes placed in the vestibule to collect these donations and this will be ongoing until the 5th May.

If you would like to help at the Fair in any way for a time, however short or long, please approach a member of the Fund-Raising Committee. Further information will be available each Sunday throughout the forthcoming weeks. Thanking you in anticipation.

Committee Members to contact are Kay Baird, Jackie Silcock, Anne Mackenzie, Fraser MacIntosh, Alison Macfarlane, Norman Walker, or Margo Neilson.





*Stamperland Parish Church*



# *Spring Fair*

*Saturday 11th May 2019*

*10am to 1.00pm*

*Free Entry*



*Books for sale*



*Burgers for sale*



*Tearoom for Teas/Coffees  
& baking. Pay as  
You eat.*



*Trains and a  
famous town to visit.*



*Tombola*



*Bouncy Castle.  
Pay on entry.*

*And possibly  
even more*

