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A Message from the Editor Fraser Neilson

The undernoted time frame is for the submission of articles from both churches for the next two magazines, but I will still send courtesy reminders to all whose details I have on my distribution list. If you wish to be on my list, please submit your name and email address to cum-brae14@ntlworld.com

These time frames are extensive, and I am working closely with our printers and sorting teams to identify time savings to see if we can close the gap from submission to publication. This may take a bit of time and only be achievable through experience and your continued cooperation.

December Magazine

**Submissions from contributors on or before
Distribution day**

**Mon 8th Nov
Sun 2nd Dec**

No publication on 6th January

Thank you to everyone who sent in contributions for the first edition of Connections before and up to the final submission date. This made it much easier to compile the magazine for the first time.

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An opportunity for busy young families on a Sunday afternoon in Netherlee Church from 4-6pm to experience Church through games, crafts and activities; as well as something to eat as a family. OK to drop in at the last minute! Proposed dates



for the 2018/19 session are Sunday 18th November / 20th January / 3rd March. **SAVE THESE DATES NOW!**

Life & Work 2019 Subscriptions Stamperland Kay Bolton



The annual subscriptions for Life & Work have been advised to us for 2019. Would those members who receive their copies by way of the Church, please get in touch with Kay Bolton as soon as practicable to confirm continuation of the subscription, or advise otherwise.

The annual cost for a subscription will be £30.60 – this amounts to a 25p saving on the price of each edition of Life & Work.



Our Minister's Message

Reverend Scott Blythe



During the month of November, a whole host of things happen within the Christian Church. In the early days we are drawn to reflect on the lives of the saints who have shaped the church before us. In our own country we then remember those whose lives have been given in the service of their country preserving freedoms and hopefully preventing wars in the future. Finally, the Christian Year closes with the celebration of the 'Feast of the Reign of Christ the King'.

This feast is one that looks forward to our much longed-for consummation – of Christ returning and merging heaven with earth forever. It holds up the central belief of the church that God holds all time in God's hands. As creation began with God, so will it end with God. By having the last Sunday of the Christian year as representative of the consummation that is to come, we in the church hold up our conviction that our ultimate destination is with God.

Several years ago, I met an amazing Roman Catholic Chaplain to the University of Dundee, called Fr. Ken McBride. Every year, for this Sunday, Ken would arrange a huge procession involving the Principal of the University and other Civic dignitaries. They would all gather in the grounds of the University and process down to the Catholic Cathedral and there, would take part in a beautiful mass in which the best of music was shared. Thereafter, there would be a huge church lunch with the best food prepared and served for all who could attend.

The arrangements were extensive. However, one year when I went to visit Ken and caught him amidst this busy time, I asked him why he went about all these preparations. He answered, 'We are looking forward to the feast that Christ will one day host! We have to prepare our best!'

Those words have stayed with me all these years. November can so often feel like a month which we run into and out of very quickly as we get nearer the celebration of Christmas. Whilst the rest of the world has gone Christmas crazy, maybe we might spend time reflecting on the end that God has for us all – a unity of heaven and earth.

Maybe, rather than just crossing the days off in this month and getting too caught up in what will become the crazy Christmas rush, we can take some time to reflect on where our ultimate destination might be – with God, praising and celebrating forever!

Peace be with you!

Scott

Stamperland Church Advent Foodbank Collection

Parish & Beyond Committee



The majority of families in the Stamperland and Netherlee area have adequate food to put on the table. Sadly many other families, not too far distant from our homes, do not have enough food.

Many of you give generously week by week to the Foodbank but we are asking everyone to think seriously about those not as fortunate as ourselves. During Advent many of us think nothing of putting extra goodies into our baskets while others are struggling to feed their families on a daily basis.

For the weeks of Advent we are asking members of our congregation to donate one item of food each day. If every member brought just one item it would be our way of spreading the Christmas message and bringing love to families for whom Christmas does not bring joy and some of whom may never have heard of Jesus.

Please support this venture and bring your donations to the Foodbank box in the vestibule of the Church. All the gifts of food will be given to the Foodbank at Barrhead for distribution to needy families.



I HAVEN'T LOST MY MIND.. HALF OF IT JUST WANDERED OFF, AND THE OTHER HALF WENT LOOKING FOR IT.





Cranhill Cairngorm Challenge

Norrie Bolton—Session Clerk



A group of nine young people and three adults from Cranhill (#Cranhillcairngormchallenge) had a wonderful weekend in the Cairngorms at the end of September thanks to the generosity of friends and supporters around the world. Hostelling Scotland offered youth groups a residential experience, full board, as part of their widening access programme. We applied on behalf of our group of 8 young people who are part of the Discipleship Lab, attending church and meeting afterwards for lunch, games and conversation each Sunday.

With the support of Johnathan Hutchison, a youth worker with the GKExperience <http://www.thegkexperience.org.uk/>, we canoed, mountain biked, walked around Loch an Eilein and splashed in the Perth Leisure Pool as well as hanging about getting to know one another and enjoying time away.

The group (made up of Discipleship Lab, GB and a couple of their family members) did not all know one another beforehand and their willingness to make new friends and support one another was impressive. Several learned new skills, and that really impressed their peers. Miracle had never ridden a bike before the mountain bike session, and by sheer perseverance and getting back on when she fell off she had mastered cycling (in a fairly wobbly way) by the end of an hour and a half.



Feedback from the young people was hugely positive, and they relayed their experiences to the congregation on Sunday 7th October. We hope to hold an exhibition of the best photographs taken by the young people at the end of October. We are very grateful for financial support received from the congregation of Netherlee Parish Church which made the trip possible. In this Year of Young People this investment in young people is hugely significant. Thankyou.



Muriel Pearson, Minister, Cranhill Parish Church.



Session Clerk—Netherlee

Stuart Buchanan



Gathering our history events of 20th and 25th October

We are grateful for the contributions made to these events by members of both congregations. Hopefully this will help identify strengths and weaknesses that will in turn help us shape the dreams we have for both parishes. As this process continues by listening to those both within and out with our church we will seek to find new directions for future mission.

Please feel free to continue making suggestions on the friezes that have been created (Large Hall in Netherlee) in the spirit of the excellent article written by Connell Cranston and Gordon Robertson in the first edition of Connections.

Protection of Vulnerable Groups and Safeguarding

This important responsibility rests with the whole Kirk Session as well as the Safeguarding Coordinators. It is now advised that all elders attend a refresher Training Event at the least every 5 years. Contact your Safeguarding Coordinator if you are not sure when you last did such a Training Event. For many people it may be a lot longer ago than you think.

Netherlee Church is hosting such a refresher Training Event (lasts about 2hrs – details nearer the time) on the evening of Tuesday 12th February. We would like a strong turnout from Netherlee and Stamperland, so if you wish to attend please contact your Safeguarding Coordinator and book your place. It is open to Glasgow Presbytery so please book soon.

Netherlee Church Gardening Team Coordinator

After 25 years of diligent service Alan Edgar is stepping down from this role. On behalf of all those who over these many years have enjoyed the pleasant view created by Alan and his team as they approach the church we say a tremendous thank you for such dedication.

This of course provides the opportunity for someone else to step forward and take on this task. If you are interested please contact the Session Clerk as soon as possible, and definitely before everything starts growing again.

Now that I'm older, here's what I've discovered:

1. *I started out with nothing, and I still have most of it.*
2. *My wild oats are mostly enjoyed with prunes and all-bran.*
3. *Funny, I don't remember being absent-minded.*
4. *Funny, I don't remember being absent-minded.*
5. *If all is not lost, then where the heck is it?*



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

Donations requested for November

Tinned soup

Tinned vegetables (peas, carrots, corn etc.)

Instant mash potato

Tinned meat/fish

Ladies/Gents toiletries including ladies' sanitary products

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

The weight of the food uplifted at the end of September was 37.4kg. This will feed 3 single people for three days. The Foodbank stock has been dwindling quite a bit due to more clients requiring food. Also, their Thornliebank out-reach in Robslee is becoming busier too, so they are giving out more packages than ever before.

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.

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.

Save the Date - Carol Singing
Elaine Murray



On Tuesday 11th December we will be Carol Singing in the streets around Netherlee church. Please save the date and join us to sing that evening. The more we are heard, the more money we can raise for Shelter Scotland. Full details in December's Connections.

Changes to the Roll—Stamperland Bill Paterson



Christenings

Date	Name
September 2018	Emma Patricia Jane Dean
	Adam John Vernon Dean

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

Name	From	To
Mrs Isobel McIlwrick	Netherlee	Newton Mearns
Mr Howard Fisher	Giffnock	Clarkston
Mrs Nancy Fisher	Giffnock	Clarkston
Miss Susan Wright	Netherlee	Netherlee

New Members Welcome

Rev Scott Blyth	From USA	To Netherlee
Mr Kenneth Dean	From Cardross	To Netherlee
Mrs Jodie Dean	From Cardross	To Netherlee

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

Name	From	To
Mrs E Clark	Netherlee	Netherlee Parish

Funerals

Name	From	Date
Mr James Mathieson	Stamperland	October 2018
Mr Hugh Findlay	Busby	October 2018



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.



Free Dementia Friendly Art Group

Stamperland Parish Church
Stamperland Gardens

Every Friday
2-4pm



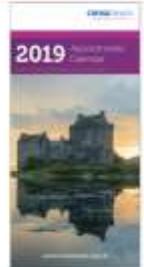
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231st Boys' Brigade Junior Section & Sparks

Scott Russell



Our Section has continued to grow since my last time of writing and I am now happy to report that we now have 38 boys on our role. We hope that Warren and Kai enjoy their time with us in the 231st. On Friday 14th of September we put our boys into groups for the first time. Lucas, Ben, Andrew, Max and Leon have been appointed Leading Boys for this session and we hope that they enjoy leading the younger boys in their group and being a good example.

In addition to boy members we have been lucky to welcome two new staff members to the team. Caoimhe McGourty and Kenny Stewart have volunteered to come on board and help with weekly activities which will greatly help the running of different events for the boys. Raymond Russell our BB elder has also agreed to come and help again this year with BB football training, and Cameron Walton will also now be helping on a Wednesday, gaining service in the company hours towards his Queens badge.

Help this year at football has been much needed as we have had 22 boys on a Wednesday night which is the largest number of boys at football training in many years, Saturday morning games has also resumed for the session with 10 boys so far this session having enjoyed playing various games and bouncing on the bouncy castle.

On Sunday 7th October our Section attended the Harvest and Dedication service at the church. The boys that turned out were a credit to themselves and our company, looking very smart and behaving impeccably in the church.

On Friday 12th October we had the first 'Superstars' evening of the session where the boys take part in a number of potted sports activities in a competition for group points. In what turned out to be a very tight contest Group number 1 managed to finish in first place, winning 100 group points. On this Superstars evening we were also visited by Alastair Haw and George Cowan, it was a pleasure to have them as guests at the 231st and we hope they enjoyed the evening. We look forward to working together over the coming weeks and months ahead.

In the coming month the boys are looking forward to our fancy dress party, learning about remembrance and taking part in our remembrance parade and service at Netherlee this year.



Christmas Tree Festival Netherlee

The Children and Youth Ministry Committee



Following the success of the first Christmas Tree Festival, planning is well underway for this year's event, which will take place in the Church on Saturday 8th December between 2pm – 4pm. We're hoping it will be even bigger and better! Refreshments will be served in the large hall throughout the event.

Last year showcased the creative talents of many of the organisations that use the Church premises. Will the 1st Netherlee Guides defend their title?

We are hoping for a fantastic display of trees and would encourage many people from the congregation and the local area to come along on the day to enjoy the festival.

It's an ideal activity to build into your organisation's programme planning for the next session. Here are a few more details;

Trees can be either 2 dimensional or 3 dimensional.

Small or large in size, real or artificial – if you're considering a large display please bear in mind constraints such as the height of the Church roof. We're not trying to compete against the Trafalgar Square tree!

Any tree lights should be battery operated.

Access to the Church to set up your tree will be from 11.30am on Saturday 8th December. Trees can be collected or dismantled from 4pm onwards.

The theme of your tree is up to you – the more creative the better. You might want to link your decorations to your organisation.

This is a great opportunity to get creative and have some fun.

Please email the Church office office@netherleechurch.org by Friday 16th November to confirm that your organisation is taking part.

Nearer the time we will provide a card that we will ask you to fill in with the name of the organisation, a little bit about what you do and your chosen theme. The cards will be displayed with your tree.

Lastly, there are prizes to be won! We are hoping for a good turn out from members of the congregation to see the display and will be inviting people to vote for their favourites on the day.

End



Slow Dance

Have you ever watched kids on a merry-go-round,
Or listened to rain,
Slapping the ground?

Ever followed a butterfly's erratic flight,
Or gazed at the sun fading into the night?

You better slow down,
Time is too short,
The music won't last
Do you run through each day

On the fly,
When you ask "how are you?,"
Do you hear the reply?

Ever told your child,
We'll do it tomorrow,
And in your haste,
Not see his sorrow?

Ever lost touch
Let a friendship die,
'cause you never had time
To call and say hi?

You better slow down,
Don't dance so fast,
Time is short,
The music won't last

When you run so fast to get somewhere
You miss half the fun of getting there.

When you worry and hurry through your day,
It's like an unopened gift thrown away.

Life isn't a race,
so take it slower,
Hear the music

Before your song is over.



278th Glasgow Company The Boys' Brigade

Alastair Haw - alastairhaw@yahoo.co.uk - 07343 521 928.



We are continuing to grow and the boys have enjoyed a varied and action-packed programme throughout all sections.

Anchor Boys (Monday 6pm-7pm)

The Anchors received an early visit from local actor and former Springburn B.B. man Rony Bridges, who spoke about his role as First Order Admiral in Star Wars. Rony also spoke about his support for charity "Starchild," which works to help orphaned children in Uganda. After several Star Wars themed games, each Anchor Boy was pleased to leave with a personally signed Star Wars photo and a Starchild leaflet.

The boys then teamed up with Friends of Linn Park for a nature trail and fed the ducks with healthy duck food (not bread). The following week they had a visit to a local farm to see horses, ponies and cows – and a wee shot at the steering wheel of a tractor. Particular thanks must go to Christine McGowan for removing all the—(let's call it "mud") from the inside of the bus the following day.

Having made good use of wellies for two weeks the boys returned to the kirk, where we celebrated the Brigade's 135th birthday with, among other things, the Sir William Smith game, a birthday cake and a rousing rendition of "Happy Birthday to Us/ Happy Birthday Dear B.B." Adding to the sense of celebration on the night was the arrival of a new recruit, taking us back up to 20 members as the Anchors continue to rebuild further to nine boys reaching the age limit at the end of last term. We were delighted to award the first recruitment badge of the year to Finlay Shennan for bringing along two pals. One of these has, in turn, recruited another and all going well will be the second to receive a recruitment badge in a couple of weeks.

On the horizon the boys have a Battalion Lego morning and Battalion Panto and the Company's own Anchor Boys' Halloween party, to which new faces are warmly invited.

Throughout it all the boys have been working their way through Genesis and have most recently switched to the New Testament to learn about Jesus choosing his disciples.



278th Glasgow Company The Boys' Brigade

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Junior Section (Tuesday 7pm – 8.45pm)

The Junior Section is working through a theme of brave men in the Bible, starting with the histories of Noah and Abraham.

We are continuing to grow and the boys have enjoyed a varied and action-packed programme throughout all sections.

Our 10 new recruits are being introduced to the basics of drill guided by the older boys, plus our excellent young officer Jonathon Watson Sweeney. There has also been a wide variety of games and an introduction to vaulting. A recent enjoyable activity was the making of lanterns, which were used the following week on a night walk at Whitelee Windfarm.

Following on from last year's visit to a Sikh Temple, the boys plan to learn about our Jewish friends with a visit to a Synagogue. They are also working on a project to establish family connections with WW1 as we prepare for Remembrance Sunday.

The Juniors also have a panto trip and a Halloween party planned, with friends and new faces warmly invited to join us.

Company Section (Friday 7pm-10pm)

Company Section starts each week with Bible study, and we were pleased to welcome Rev Scott Blythe to speak to the boys for the first of what we know will be many fruitful visits.

The boys also had a fantastic visit from a great friend of Glasgow 278, Sports Development Officer Graham Cossar, who put them through their paces with a number of cardiovascular exercises and a session on cricket.

The boys also recently announced that their collection for last year was to be donated to local charity Callum's Causes, in memory of Callum Lally who tragically passed away at Netherlee Nursery in February 2013 due to a cardiac arrest. We look forward to meeting representatives of the family and charity shortly for a formal cheque presentation. We hope and pray that our donation can help the family in some small way for their unbearable loss.

Company-wide activities

The 278 was well represented at Netherlee's annual Harvest Thanksgiving and Youth Organisation Dedication Service, with 25 boys and officers from across all sections in attendance. Anchor Boys David Patterson and James Smith lit the candles at the start of the service under the expert supervision of their peer Tobias Smith. Dylan Glen and Frankie White from the Junior Section performed an inimitable double act during the Minister's key illustration. And Max Docherty, of the Company Section, is to be commended for having prepared so thoroughly for the reading of Proverbs 8.

We look forward to working with our friends at 231 Boys' Brigade at the Joint Remembrance Day Service & Parade taking place at Netherlee Parish Church. It was great to read in last month's Connections that its growth is on a similar scale to our own. To have two strong and thriving Companies within the linked congregation must be a source of encouragement.

The B.B. celebrated its 135th birthday on 4 October, on which very date we received two marvellous gifts. The first a new recruit, the second feedback from a parent whose boys have experiences all of our sections:

"The BB is a fabulous organisation that gives young boys the opportunity to learn and nurture values that are beginning to get lost in the modern world of electronics and having everything at their fingertips, and also just to have great fun! One of the best things I have done with both my boys. The volunteers who run Netherlee Boys' Brigade are amazing, and to see the young men paying back and helping at each section is just brilliant, and testament to the Brigade."

It has been widely reported that our friend in the Scouts have their highest waiting list in history. We would encourage local boys on such lists to consider joining the Boys' Brigade. The B.B. is the world's first uniformed youth organisation and the movement from which the Scouts stemmed when founded by former B.B. officer Lord Baden-Powell in 1908, 25 years after his friend and mentor Sir William Alexander Smith founded the Boys' Brigade in 1883.

You can follow Glasgow 278 B.B. on Facebook at: [facebook.com/netherleeboysbrigade](https://www.facebook.com/netherleeboysbrigade) .

**Don't forget: Netherlee BB annual coffee morning on
24 November 10am – 12pm.**





Stamperland Guild

Evelyn Graham, Secretary



We had a most enjoyable evening at our opening meeting on the 2nd October when the ladies of Stamperland and Netherlee Guilds met jointly at Stamperland Church to hear Rev Scott Blythe speak to us about the Guild theme for this coming session "Seeking the Way". Duncan McClure very kindly agreed to come and play the piano for us and the singing was marvellous.

If anyone would wish to come on our evening outing to the Strathaven Gift & Coffee Shop please speak to a committee member at Stamperland or at Netherlee. The cost will be £6.50. The coach will leave Stamperland Church at 6.30pm re-

turning to the Church at around 9.30pm. On arrival at the Gift & Coffee Shop we are given a glass of wine or a soft drink if preferred. We then have time to browse round the shop hopefully picking up some items for Christmas. After our shopping is complete we are given a delicious supper of sandwiches and cakes, tea or coffee at no further cost.

Please come along to any of our meetings which may be of interest to you. We meet in the Session Room at Stamperland Church on Tuesday nights at 7.30pm with the exception of our evening outing to Strathaven on 20th November. We will be very pleased to see you.

Nov 6	Dr Graham's Homes
Nov 13	CHAS
Nov 20	Visit to Strathaven Gift & Coffee Shop
Nov 27	St Andrew's Night Jill Leavy & Rachael
Dec 4	Christingles
Dec 11	Christmas Party

Stamperland Church Open Door

Parish & Beyond Committee



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.

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Down Memory Lane in Stamperland

Extracts from Church Magazines in 1978

The Rev David Speed advised that Mrs Effie Campbell, a second year divinity student would be attached to Stamperland Church for six months.

It was reported that Julie Irene Boath was baptised on 3rd September, and the wedding of Louise Dodds and Alistair McIntyre took place on 2nd September at Stamperland.

Jeanette Nisbet, a new Brown Owl was introduced and would take over from Ann Hunter who had been Brown Owl for 10 years.

Around 200 children were enrolled in the Sunday school at the start of the new session, but there was still room for more.

There was theme then of a focus on a member of the teaching staff and in 1978 it was the turn of Bob Logan, who was affectionately referred to as the "father" of Stamperland Sunday School where he had taught for the past 26 years. He was also a member of the Dramatic Club and an Elder for 15 years standing.

The Social Committee had organised a Halloween Social night for Saturday 28th October to which all were invited whether in fancy dress or not. Tickets were 75p for Adults and 40p for children. An excellent band had been booked for the event.

The Cub Pack welcomed 5 new members and all were about to embark on a project about Japan. Members of the congregation were asked if they knew any Japanese person or anything about Japan.

It was reported that Gordon Mundie and Jim Bowman had begun work on their Link badge.

The Dramatic Club were putting on Comedy entitled "Cat on the Fiddle" and the cat was to be set loose from Wednesday to Friday 6th/8th December.

BB Summer camp had been attended by 40 boys and 4 Officers in Southport. Mr J Welch joined as a Warrant Officer.

It was announced that the BB Bible Class and Bible Class were to merge from this session. This had come about because of staff shortages.



18.

Share Sheena Wurtherman



The SHARE Bible Study Group is settling into our new time and study. We meet in the Waiting Room at Netherlee Church at 11.30 (after coffee and chat in the Large Hall). We had seen a book review by David Arnott in *Life and Work* - "Celebrating the Psalms" by Richard Gordon and managed to get a copy. We will use the chapters as our core study until our Advent programme.

Over the years we have used the materials produced by York Courses. This year the advent study in "Life to the Full". We will start this study on 25 November.

Please let me know if you would like to join the group or would like the study materials to use on your own.

Eco Congregation Sheena Wurtherman

Eco-Congregation Scotland recently welcomed the Rev. David Coleman as the chaplain for the organisation.

David comes from the United Reformed Church at Greenock. He will be with Eco-Congregation Scotland for five years. This is the second secondment of this nature from the United Reformed Church but it is unlikely they will support a third phase.

He is looking forward to travelling round the country and supporting congregations in their faith journey for the environment and sustainability.

Netherlee Book Club

Sheena Wurtherman



The next meeting for the Book Club will be our Christmas event.

We are planning to watch a Christmas film and have some suitable refreshments. This will be a very informal event with no reading necessary. If you want to meet the members or are considering joining the club this might be the event to come to. We will be meeting at 28 Deanwood Avenue at 8.00pm. on Saturday 15th December.

One Liners are back!

- I didn't like my beard at first. Then it grew on me.
- I dropped out of communism class because of lousy Marx.





Congregations Personal Message Page



Many thanks to the Reverend Scott Blythe for home and hospital visits when Tom was so unwell. Flowers from the church and caring wishes and cards from so many church friends were very much appreciated.

Laura McMillan

I would like to thank Anne McKenzie for the beautiful flowers from the Church and Connell Cranston for bringing them to George and me.

Jean Fairweather

A CAT GOES TO HEAVEN



A cat dies and goes to Heaven. God meets him at the gate and says, 'you have been a good cat all of these years. Anything you desire is yours, all you have to do is ask.'

The cat says, 'Well, I lived all my life with a poor family on a farm and had to sleep on hardwood floors.

'God says, 'Say no more.' And instantly, a fluffy pillow appears.

A few days later, 6 mice are killed in a tragic accident and they go to Heaven. God meets them at the gate with the same offer that He made the cat. The mice said, 'All our lives we've had to run. Cats, dogs and even women with brooms have chased us. If we could only have a pair of roller skates, we wouldn't have to run anymore.'

God says, 'Say no more.' And instantly, each mouse is fitted with a beautiful pair of tiny roller skates.

About a week later, God decides to check and see how the cat is doing. The cat is sound asleep on his new pillow.

God gently wakes him and asks, 'How are you doing? Are you happy here?'

'The cat yawns and stretches and says, 'Oh, I've never been happier in my life. And those Meals on Wheels you've been sending over are the best!'



Cub Pack:

The focus for the Cubs during September and October was geared around our Pack Holiday to Auchengillan in early October.

24 Cubs (including some that had just moved up to Scouts) spent a busy weekend away. We had great weather on Friday and Saturday, but not so good on Sunday. However waterproofs were on and it did not stop activities taking place.

We had sessions on the climbing tower, canoeing, playing lazer tag, lighting fires (using fire steels, matches and unusual fire-starters – did you know Doritos are good as a fire lighter?) and cooking on them, shelter building, putting up tents, playing wide-games in the dark and of course a traditional campfire with lots of songs, skits and a renewal of our Promise.

For many this was their first time away with us (and in some cases their first time away from home), but for others they were gaining their 7th, 8th or 9th night away with the Cubs. At the end of the weekend we were able to present 80 badges to those taking part including a Silver Chief Scout Challenge Award to James. This is the highest badge in Cubs so reflects a lot of work during James's time with us. He has now moved up to Scouts but can still wear this badge with pride on his Scout uniform.

As you would expect this takes lots of organising and we were very happy to have Scout leaders Joe and Euan assisting on the Saturday and some parents helping with the clean up on Sunday. It meant 5 very tired leaders could get home in 1 piece!

Please visit our page to see some of what we got up to: <https://www.facebook.com/Stamperland79th/>

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Highway Angel

I was driving home from a work when my car started to choke and sputter and died. I barely managed to coast, cruising, into a gas station, glad only that I would not be blocking traffic on the highway and would have a somewhat warm spot to wait for the tow truck. It wouldn't even turn over. Before I could make the call, I saw a woman walking out of the "quickie mart" building, and it looked like she slipped on some ice and fell into a gas pump! So I got out to see if she was okay. When I got there, it looked more like she had been overcome by sobs than that she had fallen. She was a young woman who looked really haggard with dark circles under her eyes. She dropped something as I helped her up, and I picked it up to give it to her. It was a nickel.

At that moment, everything came into focus for me: the crying woman, the ancient Suburban crammed full of stuff with 3 kids in the back (1 in a car seat), and the gas pump reading \$4.95. I asked her if she was okay and if she needed help, and she just kept saying "I don't want my kids to see me crying," so we stood on the other side of the pump from her car. She said she was driving to California and that things were very hard for her right now.

So, I asked, "And you were praying?" That made her back away from me a little, but I assured her I was not a crazy person and said, "He heard you, and He sent me."

I took out my card and swiped it through the card reader on the pump so she could fill up her car completely, and while it was fuelling, walked to the next door McDonald's and bought 2 big bags of food, some gift certificates for more, and a big cup of coffee. She gave the food to the kids in the car who attacked it like wolves, and we stood by the pump eating fries and talking a little.

She told me her name and that she lived nearby. Her boyfriend left 2 months ago, and she had not been able to make ends meet. She knew she wouldn't have money to pay the rent January 1st, and finally, in desperation, had called her parents, with whom she had not spoken in about 5 years. They lived in California and said she could come live with them and try to get on her feet there.

So she packed up everything she owned in the car. She told the kids they were going to California for Christmas but not that they were going to live there.

I gave her my gloves and a little hug and said a quick prayer with her for safety on the road. As I was walking over to my car, she said, "So, are you like an angel or something?"

This definitely made me cry. I said, "Sweetie, at this time of year, angels are really busy, so sometimes God uses regular people."

It was so incredible to be a part of someone else's miracle. And of course, when I got in my car, it started right away and got me home with no problem. I'll put it in the shop tomorrow for a check, but I suspect the mechanic won't find anything wrong.



Stamperland Flower Calendar

Contact Mrs May Paterson—0141 571 8652



4 th Nov	Miss G Scott	11 th Nov	Mrs S Jamieson
18 th Nov	Mrs K Bolton	18 th Nov	Mrs S Jamieson (vestibule).
25 th Nov	Miss E Robb & Mrs J Cranston		
2 nd Dec	Mrs N Fisher	9 th Dec	Mrs C Anderson
16 th Dec	Mrs J Silcock	23 rd Dec	Miss H Dunbar
30 th Dec	Mrs G Marshall		

Poppyscotland 2018 Appeal

Anne Mann—Netherlee 01355 231885



For those who do not know me, my name is Anne Mann and I am the local **Poppyscotland** area organiser.

This year I plan to continue the door to door collections along with the collections in Sainsbury's at Muirend.

As well as the above collections I am organising 3 events.

- 1) **Floral Demonstration** entitled "Flowers with Frances" 10th October at 7.30pm in the lesser sanctuary at Netherlee Church. Tickets £5 from Anne Mann.
- 2) **Coffee Morning** - 10th November 2018, 10am till noon, Large Hall, Netherlee Church, Tickets £2 for adults and £1 for children
Family Beetle Drive - 16th February 2019 at 7pm in Large Hall Netherlee Church, Tickets £3 for adults and £1 children.

Contributions of baking, tombola and raffle prizes will be greatly appreciated. Anyone who feels that they can help this year's appeal in any way should get in touch with me on 01355 231885 , email me at John.mann4@sky.com or speak with me at Church.

2018 marks the centenary since the Armistice of 1918. Let us make this year's appeal worthy of our Heroes.

Netherlee Treasurer's Report Jan to Aug 2018

Allan Mathieson—Treasurer



The General Fund shows that at the end of August we have a Surplus of £12,526, £10,233 ahead of the budget. We have been reporting a surplus for some time now and it was expected that it would decline in the summer months of July and August. In fact the decline was only £587.

On the Income side the positive variance is £4,658. It is expected that the current positive variance of £2,605, under Gift Aid/Tax Recovered will continue to decline due to timing differences, in the last 4 months of the year, although hopefully, it will not be totally eradicated. The 2 headings under which a surplus against the budget for the year is likely to be achieved is Donations from Congregational Organisations and Use of Premises. It is anticipated that a total positive a variance circa £2,000 will be reported over these headings.

On the expenditure side the positive variance at the end of August was £5,634. The main variances lie in R & M (£4,602) and Heat and Light (£1,625). In R & M after 8 months we have only spent £6,065 against a budget of £10,667 and a corresponding figure in 2017 of £10,629. The underspend has continued in September and no major R & M expenditure has yet been programmed. At this stage it would appear that we are in line for a saving under R & M for the full year of £3/4,000. The variance that will appear under Heat and Light at the end of the year will largely be determined by the weather in the last 4 months of the year. Traditionally the consumption in November and December exceeds the monthly average for the year. Only time will tell if we retain some of the current positive variance.

In summary our finances remain strong. The full year budget is for a Surplus of £3,350 and from the above it is clear that unless we are hit by a major decline in our income or increase in our expenditure that we are on course to exceed that figure. To offset that, you will remember, from the September report that we have spent some £28,000 from our reserves this year for the refurbishment of the lanterns in the Church and the final payment in respect of the halls refurbishment.



The Netherlee Forum

Sheena Wurtherman



We welcome the Very Reverend Dr. John Chalmers to the Netherlee Forum on 19th November at 7.30pm. John was the Moderator of the General Assembly 2014-2015 and Principal Clerk to the General Assembly 2010-2017. His knowledge of the Church of Scotland is probably unsurpassed. He is going to talk about the current debate on the "Radical Church". This should be an interesting evening with some insights into how the Church of Scotland is changing.

The speaker for the December meeting on 17th December is Dr, Lesley Orr (University of Edinburgh). She will be talking about "Building the New Jerusalem" Religious Dimensions of Women's Suffrage, Citizenship and Protest in Scotland. This is a recognition of the centenary of the granting of the vote to women.

These meetings are open to the community so please come along and bring a friend.

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- 19th Nov** Very Rev John Chalmers The former Moderator of the Church of Scotland will look at state of the Church of Scotland and include his view of its future shape.
- 17th Dec** Dr. Lesley Orr (Edinburgh) "Building the New Jerusalem" Religious Dimensions of Women's Suffrage, Citizenship and Protest in Scotland.
- 21st Jan** Dr. Valerie Wright (Glasgow) Women, Rent Strikes and Red Clydeside.
- 18th Feb** Bill McDougall "Football and Security"
- 18th Mar** Dr Simon Cuthbert (West of Scotland) Geology of Greenland

More One Liners!

- *All the toilets in New York's police stations have been stolen. The police have nothing to go on.*
- *I got a job at a bakery because I kneaded dough.*
- *Velcro - what a rip off!*



Netherlee Sunday Club & Senior Sunday Club

Karen McQueen



As we have moved from September into October the school holidays have been reflected in our numbers. We had great fun with Vivienne playing pointless to see what obscure animals we could name and filling in the outline of some of our members with words describing God to complete our exploration of The Creation.

The harvest service was well attended with many of our 'clubbers' sitting with their uniformed organisations, having made their donations to the Lodging House Mission. All the children took their dedication vow most seriously.

Over the next few weeks we plan to discover Samuel and his obedience to God, while making Remembrance our focus on 11th November. If any youngster would like to join us while visiting the Church they would be made most welcome.

Some more fun Reports from the Medical World



The patient has been depressed since she began seeing me in 1993.

Discharge status: Alive, but without my permission.

Healthy appearing decrepit old male, mentally alert, but forgetful

Patient had waffles for breakfast and anorexia for lunch.

She is numb from her toes down.

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.

A Halloween Tale

Christine Finnigan



This happened a few years ago.

I heard the door knock. A quiet knock, but enough to stop me from falling further into sleep, upstairs warm in my bed. Little hands had made that knock.

The door was opened, and I heard my husband's deep growl. Piping child voices, their mum's voice, more growl, then the door shut.

Good, I thought, he's doing what I told him to do.

You see I'd become caught up in the way we do Hallowe'en now, and there is very much a way. And it doesn't particularly involve monkey nuts or apples, or tural bags packed with bites of brand name shaped chocolate, like marshmallow had spent some time packing those bags. working very early the to bed early – and was relying on my husband to give out the bags.



We have a lot of little children in our street, and they come to every door at Hallowe'en.

So, I felt smug and prepared. I wouldn't be wrong footed this time, I thought, remembering the years of dismayed little zombies and Frankenstein's who were offered peanuts or fruit. I had got it right.

I felt content. My husband had begun the door-answering, sweetie bag-giving and I could fall off to sleep.

The door knocked again. I probably even smiled under my covers. I wouldn't be the rubbish mum this year. Not knowing how things are done. But I heard the husbandly growl this time. "Sorry pal. Nothing left."



The door shut.

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What? There must have been at least thirty party bags to give out. What was going on? I thumped downstairs, a wraith looking for revenge.



“Hey babe,” he said. Casually. Not feeling the full horror yet of my icy stare. I couldn’t see the bags. The treats. The hours worked and money spent.

He’d given it all away. Given it to the first childish mob that had knocked our door. Didn’t realise that each child should have been given one little party bag.

I shouldn’t have got caught up in the way we do Hallowe’en now.

I hope those of you who enjoy Hallowe’en had fun, and no pressure. Mine this year, if it goes to plan, will have been a gently scary movie, home made ornaments, and the lights out, pretending we’re not in.

The Last of The Medical World Reports



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

Both breasts are equal and reactive to light and accommodation.

Examination of genitalia reveals that he is circus sized.

The lab test indicated abnormal lover function.

Skin: somewhat pale, but present.

The pelvic exam will be done later on the floor.

Large brown stool ambulating in the hall.

Patient has two teenage children, but no other abnormalities.

The patient refused an autopsy.

The patient has no previous history of suicides.

Patient has left white blood cells at another hospital.

Patient has chest pain if she lies on her left side for over a year.

The patient has been depressed since first seeing me in 1993.



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**278th Glw BB Netherlee
Activities October 2018**



**79th Scout Troop - Outdoor
Activities October
2018**



**231st Glw BB - Stamperland
Activities October 2018**



1st A Stamperland Brownies

Kirsty Stewart & Alison Gill

