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Forthcoming Services



Sunday 1 May	10.30am	Morning Worship conducted by Rev. David Maxwell
Sunday 8 May	10.30 am	Morning Worship - Ordination of new Elders
Sunday 15 May	10.30 am	Morning Worship. Pentecost - Christian Aid Sunday
Sunday 22 May	10.30 am	Morning Worship - Sunday Club Promotion Service
Sunday 29 May	10.30 am	Morning Worship
Sunday 5 June	10.30 am 3.00 pm	Communion Service - All Age Sunday Club Communion Service

Summer Services begin

Sunday 12th	9.30 am	Morning Worship (Part 1) - Family Time
	10.00 am	Tea/Coffee
	10.30 am	Morning Worship (Part 2)

My dear friends,



For some time now, we have been talking with our neighbours in Stamperland Church about coming together as per the Presbytery Plan, but we are now at a very important stage in the process. The Kirk Sessions of both congregations, with the guidance of Presbytery, have agreed on a Basis of Deferred Linkage leading to Union and this has to be approved by each congregation by voting. The date for voting is likely to be sometime in early June. It is a major milestone in the history of both congregations but we believe it is the way the Spirit of God is moving us in order to continue to be an effective witness in our area. It is clear that the time is right to combine our considerable resources and enter a new sphere of ministry and service. The Basis of Deferred Linkage leading to Union forms a legal framework to guide us through the process over the next five years. It is a very important document, so it is included in this month's issue of Link in order to give everyone ample time to fully take on board what the future is likely to entail and to make clear what we are voting for. Should you have particular questions to raise please speak to me, the Session Clerk, or your elder as they visit in May.

Should both congregations accept the document then Presbytery would proceed with the formation of a joint Nominating Committee over the summer months.

I am very conscious that this is a major change for our congregation and change is never easy, but I'm also aware that God is in the business of moving his people on into new spheres of service as the world around us changes. The call of God on our hearts is a powerful motivation and I would ask that you give careful consideration to the document and pray for the wisdom to respond as God would have you do.

It is a strange situation for Catherine and myself facing a very uncertain future. We are all in uncharted territory but we look to our Gracious Lord to lead us as we follow Him in faith, hope and love.

May all the praise and glory be to our faithful God,

Basis of Deferred Linkage leading to Union between Netherlee Parish Church of Scotland and Stamperland Parish Church of Scotland, Clarkston.

The congregation of Netherlee Parish (Church of Scotland) SC015303 and Stamperland Parish (Church of Scotland) SC003155 shall be linked from the date of demission or translation of the Rev Thomas Nelson.

- 1. Name:** The name of the linked congregation shall be Netherlee Parish (Church of Scotland) linked with Stamperland Parish (Church of Scotland). Each congregation will retain their Scottish Charity number.
- 2. Transference of Property and Funds:** The property and funds belonging to or held on behalf of each congregation shall belong to or be held on behalf of each congregation as at present.
- 3. Places of Worship:** Both churches at present used and occupied by Netherlee Parish (Church of Scotland) and Stamperland Parish (Church of Scotland) shall be the places of worship of the linked congregations. Services shall be at times to be decided by the Minister and Kirk Sessions, subject to the approval of the Presbytery.
- 4. Territorial Responsibility:** The bounds to be served in the linked charge shall be the bounds presently served by the congregations of Netherlee Parish (Church of Scotland) and Stamperland Parish (Church of Scotland) or as the Presbytery shall determine.
- 5. Kirk Session:** The minister of the linked charge shall be the Moderator of each Kirk Session. The two Kirk Sessions shall meet together at least three times annually.
- 6. Congregational Management:** The temporal affairs of each congregation shall be administered as at present. The office bearers of the two congregations shall meet annually to decide on their portion of the contribution to stipends and related expenses and listed expenses, as may be agreed from time to time by the office bearers and subject to the approval of Presbytery.
- 7. Minister:** The congregations of Netherlee Parish (Church of Scotland) and Stamperland Parish (Church of Scotland) shall elect a Minister who shall be inducted in the first instance as Minister of

Stamperland Parish (Church of Scotland) and on the demission of the Rev Thomas Nelson from Netherlee Parish (Church of Scotland) the linking shall be completed and become effective under the Minister so elected and inducted, who will be Minister of the charge. The number of elected representatives from each congregation on the Nominating Committee shall be 7 members from the congregation of Netherlee Parish church and 6 members from the congregation of Stamperland Church.

8. **Manse:** The present manse used by Stamperland Parish [Church of Scotland] shall be the manse of first instance to be used by the minister called under article 7 above. On the date of demission or translation of the Rev Thomas Nelson and the subsequent formation of the linked charge, the manse shall be the former Netherlee Parish [Church of Scotland] manse at 25 Ormonde Avenue. During the Linkage, the costs relating to the maintenance of the manse shall be shared in proportion, according to each congregation's Ministries and Mission contribution. The manse of Stamperland Parish [Church of Scotland] shall be sold, let or otherwise disposed of, subject to the titles on which it is held, and subject to the approval of the Presbytery, and, if necessary, of the General Trustees or the General Assembly. The free proceeds of any such sale or let shall (a) if falling within the scope of Act VII 1995, be credited to the benefit of the Stamperland congregation in the Consolidated Fabric Fund or (b) if not falling within the scope of the said Act, be held and applied for fabric purposes in connection with the properties of the congregation.
9. **Ministerial Support:** The stipend of the Charge shall be paid in accordance with the terms of the National Stipend Scheme.
10. **Power to Readjust:** While the articles and terms shall form the Basis of Linking for the two congregations, the linked congregations shall be free like other congregations, to adjust arrangements under the authority of Presbytery as need may arise and with the approval of the Assembly's Committee on Partnership Development. The Presbytery Plan proposes a union between the congregations of Netherlee Parish (Church of Scotland) and Stamperland Parish (Church of Scotland) within 3 years of the linkage taking effect on the demission or translation of the Rev Thomas Nelson.

KIRK SESSION

When I was preparing last month's article we were looking forward to Holy week and the services leading up to Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

The **Maunder Thursday** service in Stamperland was well attended with an excellent service led by Rev Jack Drummond with Communion during the service. I always find this service very thought provoking and hits at the heart of my faith and belief in the Resurrection. The service at **2.00 pm on Good Friday** saw the largest turn out in Netherlee for some years, to hear what the rector from St. Aidan's had to say on "**from a distance**" The service in Netherlee that evening led by superb singing by our choir was quite exceptional and very contemplative. The joint **Easter Sunday** early morning service in the Linn Park was unfortunately rained off but undeterred the 25/30 people retired to our Lesser Sanctuary where a very well thought out service was conducted by the younger elders from Stamperland. Breakfast afterwards was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone and our thanks are due to Barbara Cochrane and her team for providing the catering. Our Easter day service was well attended by members and their families with a good number of children taking part in Communion. The Easter egg hunt afterwards was thoroughly enjoyed by the children – and we are still finding Easter egg cards in unexpected places!!

Towards the end of March, 3 of the **4 elders elect** met at the manse to hear more about what the role and duties of being an elder entailed. None were deterred so we hope to **ordain them at a service on Sunday 8 May.**

On 4 April we held our **next joint meeting** with Stamperland when we were joined by the Rev. David Sinclair and the Rev. Hilary McDougall from Presbytery to go over the revised **Basis of Deferred Linkage leading to Union Document.** It was a frustrating meeting as both Kirk Sessions had expected to decide whether or not to accept the document. In the event we had to agree to meet separately and make that decision. The result of the subsequent meetings was that Stamperland agreed by a majority to accept the document and Netherlee agreed unanimously to accept it. The Presbytery will now note this at its next meeting and will then arrange a date for both congregations to vote on whether or not to accept the

document. Details of when this will be, will be communicated to you in plenty of time. If both congregations accept the document we would then be looking to Presbytery granting us permission to appoint a joint Nominations Committee (used to be called a Vacancy Committee) to start the search for a new minister.

Our usual Kirk Session meeting was held on Tuesday 5 April when the first item on the agenda was the **Draft Basis document** referred to above.

We then went on to hear from the **278 BB on the need to replace the current mini bus** more of which you can read about in the BB article in this edition.

The Kirk Session was then advised that we had in our possession **2 pewter communion vessels inscribed as being the property of Paisley Abbey**. Ronald Crawford had visited the Abbey and discovered they already had 4 similar vessels but without any inscriptions on them. The Abbey no longer used these vessels having replaced them with silver Communion ware but had kept them as part of their heritage. How they came into the possession of Netherlee remains a mystery as Ronald's researches were inconclusive on the matter but what was abundantly clear to him was that Paisley Abbey would like to have them back. As we do not use them and as they clearly came from the Abbey originally, the Kirk Session agreed both vessels should be returned to their former home as a gesture of goodwill and that it should be marked in an appropriate manner. If anyone who reads this article has any knowledge surrounding how they came into the possession of Netherlee Church please get in touch with me or Ronald Crawford as we would love to clear up the mystery.

The **Communion Roll was noted at 609** with the Kirk Session resolving to admit Mr Duncan McClure, Mr Scott Reynolds and Mr Alistair Craig. The Moderator was also hoping to admit 3 people by profession of faith in early May. 215 people took communion on Sunday 6 March and at the mid week service on 9 March, 43 people took communion. On Easter Sunday 212 people took Communion which included 13 children.

On Tuesday 12 April our Property Register, Manse Condition Schedule, Session and Board minutes, Baptismal Register, Congregational Roll, PVG

Register and Annual Accounts were presented to **Presbytery for annual Inspection**. No silly comments or suggestions were made this year so all were passed without alteration, although the accounts have still to be scrutinised separately by the finance department. My thanks to all who so diligently maintain the Church records which makes my visit to the Presbytery office relatively straightforward.

Allan Mathieson the new Chairman of the **Finance Committee** presented his report to the Session. At the end of February the General Fund showed a deficit of £384 against a budgeted deficit of £1,000. Income was slightly ahead of budget and expenditure was greater than budgeted. The treasurer felt we were on track to meet the budgeted income for 2015 and overall we are on line to meet our full year budget.

Malcolm MacVey referred to the minutes of his February and March **Fabric Committee** meetings which showed the ongoing work of his committee. He drew attention to the work that was being done to the south buttresses to stop the ingress of rain and to remedy the state of the stonework in this area.

The various sub committee reports were noted. It was pointed out that Christian Aid Week was 15th May and not 8th May as previously reported.

On Correspondence the Clerk reported that letters of resignation had been received from **Blair and Eunice Smith**. Blair has been an active elder for 48 years and until he decided to retire was our second longest serving elder. Eunice too has served the Kirk Session for just over 32 years and both have been stalwart supporters of Netherlee Church, not just as elders but as supporters of the work of the congregation. We shall miss them both and wish them well in their retirement.

Mike Buchan reported on the current position with our compliance with **PVG safeguarding requirements** by the General Assembly. We currently have 100 people on our safeguarding register with a further 5 whose paper work has still to be completed. The Session noted Mike's report and he was thanked for the diligent manner in which he carried out this work which was seen by many as a thankless but necessary task.

An update on the current position with the **Halls Project** was provided by **Iain Alexander**. Applications had been submitted to the planning authorities including application for Listed Buildings Consent, Glasgow Presbytery Property Committee and the General Trustees as owners of the Church Buildings. There had been a couple of queries from neighbours surrounding the installation of the Air Source Heat Pump and related noise levels. On the alteration works Iain was still looking at improving the toilet accommodation, the possible re-location of the Flower Committee room, and the work on the heating system with possible separate zoning of the Vestry area and the Lesser Sanctuary. He has identified contractors to be asked to quote for the work and hopes to issue the tender documents in April. All being well the plan is still on track to start the works in mid June.

There was an appeal from Rosalind Gow for new helpers to assist with the **tea rota for the Mother & Toddler groups**. If you can assist (and it doesn't have to be ladies only) please let me know or contact Rosalind direct for further information.

Our neighbours at **Cartsbridge Evangelical Church** celebrate 125 years of worship and service to the community of Busby. We congratulate them on reaching this milestone and wish them every success for the future. My wife and I will be representing Netherlee Church at their celebratory community meal on 12 May.

John Montgomery
Session Clerk
16 April 2016

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E** The group is taking some time to review our studies while we wait for the Stephen Farris book to arrive from America. This time of reflection is a valuable part of the group dynamics.

Sheena Wurthmann

The Guild



The 2015/16 Session of the Guild closed with the Annual General Meeting on the 16th March when 21 members attended.

The 10th March was the Annual Daffodil Tea when we were entertained by Netherlee Primary School Choir. This was then followed by Afternoon Tea – good food, lots of chat and even the sun shining into the hall. Thank you to everyone who came along to support us.

Our new Session commences on Wednesday 5th October when we will celebrate Communion, and a warm welcome awaits everyone who wishes to join us. Do come along and swell the numbers! At present we have a total of 33 members but always room for more!!

Not keen to go out at night – what about our Afternoon Meetings, held on the 2nd and 4th Thursday at 2.30pm. An informal and enjoyable get-together.

Once again we are pleased to show how generous all our members have been over the session and show how we have used our 'Givings'.

Donations	Netherlee Church	£500
	Eastwoodhill	100
	Williamwood House	100
	Starter Packs	100
	Age Concern (Eastwood)	100
	Lodging House Mission	200
	Scottish Refugee Council	200
	Total	£1300

Thank You to all.

The Syllabus for the 2016-17 Session is already being prepared and will be available in the October Edition of LINK. We hope you will find something that will encourage you to come along and join us. We would be so pleased to see and welcome you.

Mary Cloggie
Secretary

278th Glasgow Company -The Boys Brigade Replacement Mini-bus Appeal

For over 24 years the 278 BB Minibuses, and their volunteer drivers, have provided a much needed and appreciated service to the Church and the wider community. They have been used regularly by the Church (on Sundays and Wednesdays each week), the Youth Organisations, the Monday Lunch Club and many other community clubs and associations in and beyond Netherlee.

The current bus has served us well but, with age (it is now 11 years old) and rust taking its toll, we believe it is now time to consider replacing it.

The staff of the BB consider the Bus to have provided a valuable resource for the Company, the Church and the Community. We feel that we can justify the cost, in time and money, which goes with ownership and we believe that a replacement must be found soon.

With the support of the Church, the BB Parents' Committee and the bus passengers we cover our running cost, however we cannot afford a reliable replacement without additional financial support.

A new minibus will cost around £30,000 compared to a low mileage used vehicle priced about £20,000. We currently have £10,000 available within our funds to put towards a replacement. At present we are trying to source a low mileage 2-year old bus, which is our first choice, but if we are unsuccessful we will need to consider purchasing a new vehicle. At best we are £10,000 short and at worst £20,000 short.

If you would like to show your support please make your donation, no matter how small, payable to "278 Glasgow Company-The Boys' Brigade" and hand it to one of our BB officers or if you prefer post it to John Montgomery, 2 Gordon Avenue, Glasgow G44 3TR.

Thank you for considering this Appeal.

David McGowan – Captain (0141 633 2029)

Alan McDonald --Treasurer (0141 633 1284)



Christian Aid Week



This year Christian Aid week falls from Sunday 15th - 22nd May During this week there is a door to door collection round the parish. In order for this to be carried out we need an army of volunteers from the congregation.

If you feel you could help in this worthwhile cause could you please speak either to myself or Vicky Anderson as soon as possible

Thank you very much in advance for your help

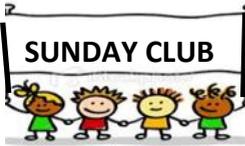
Marjorie Lang, Vicky Anderson



Date for your Diary – Queen Elizabeth University Hospital Renal Care and Research Fundraising Coffee Day. This will be held on Monday 20th June at 20 Netherpark Avenue from 9.30am – 12.30 & 1.30 – 4.30pm.

Home Baking, Plants and Tombola will be available.

Further details in June's Focus or contact Marie Lang on 0141 637 0306.



The weeks leading up to Easter are always filled with fun and activity.

We looked at the story of Mary anointing Jesus' feet at Bethany before his entry into Jerusalem. The kids drew round each others' feet and we put the footprints up leading to the cross - our journey to the cross. On the footprints we drew things associated with Easter both from the bible as well as eggs and bunnies!

Easter then brought two Sundays when we shared the full service with the congregation. On Palm Sunday the Sunday Club children entered the church waving their palms praising Hosannas to the Highest! On Easter Sunday we again enjoyed joining our church family to celebrate the resurrection. The Sunday Club teachers were very proud of our young people as Communion was also served to the children who wished to take part. Whilst some will be too young to fully appreciate the significance of this sacrament in our worship we hope that they will grow in faith as they learn of Jesus' love. The Easter Egg Hunt was a well deserved reward. There may well still be some undiscovered eggs around the church and halls. For a limited time only, Helen will reward the finder with a chocolate egg in exchange for the paper one.

Over the holiday weeks, we took a walk to Emmaus with Cleopas and his friend and met Jesus on the way. Using old maps we made crosses and remembered that Jesus shows us the way. We also managed to relax with a DVD and popcorn as we re-capped the wonderful Easter story before we turned our thoughts to Pentecost. Our promotion service will be held on Sunday the 22nd of May and our session will finish on Sunday 5th of June. More details on this and the end of session activities will be sent to the Sunday Clubber's parents.

On Palm Sunday two of our children held a bake sale in aid of Sport Relief. Sarah Hill and Karys Nairn banished all help from the kitchen and baked up lovely treats for us to enjoy. The girls were keen to raise money for Sport Relief after hearing about other fundraising events. The bake sale raised £40.40, a great result for a few of hours of work. Well done girls!

Are you in P1 – P7? Interested in learning more? Just come along to the Welcome Hall before the morning service and join the fun.

Elaine Murray

278 Glasgow Boys' Brigade-Company Section



Over the years the Company Section have had great success at the Battalion Cross Country and this year has been no exception. On a fine bright sunny morning in March, two of our boys, competed at Intermediate level. Unfortunately the date clashed with the Scottish Schools Cross Country event so we were limited in the number of boys available to take part. However it was an absolute delight to watch Jonathon Watson- Sweeney take first place and Fraser Lauder, achieve fourth place in a very competitive race.



The five Queen's men of the 278 successfully completed the residential section of their course at Auchengillan. Many thanks to Mr Montgomery for assisting with transport on this very busy weekend.

Just before our Easter break we invited the Sports Development Officers from Glasgow Battalion to attend all three sections of the Company to offer some much needed inspiration! Graham and Shabaz put us through our paces demonstrating some new sports and activities. The boys enjoyed it so much that we have invited them back in May to assist with outdoor activities when the weather improves.

Following our success at the Battalion Cross Country, we were invited to represent Glasgow Battalion at the Scottish event in Alloa. This competition is about team work but the boys do have the opportunity to win individual medals too. Oliver and Jonathon Watson-Sweeney both collected bronze medals in their individual races with younger brother Christopher being narrowly beaten into fourth place in the junior race. Overall Glasgow Battalion did well in the team events with the junior team taking first place on the day. Well done Christopher for helping this team achieve such a magnificent result.



As the session draws to a close we are preparing for our annual display and prize giving and of course Stillaig 2016!

Thanks to everyone who has contributed to another successful year.

God bless

David McGowan

278 Company Captain



Netherlee

Chamber Music Series

On Saturday 28th May at 7.30pm in the church we are delighted to host another Classical Concert by Kanako Ito and Martin Storey.

Tickets available from the Welcome Desk and at the door on the evening.

For further information, contact the church office, 0141 637 2503 or e-mail Kanako on kanakoitostorey@yahoo.com

Brownie News from 3rd Netherlee



April seemed to come and go in a burst of Springtime Crafts. We decided to leave Mother's Day out this year and concentrate on items that



make us think of spring. As always the Brownies surprised us with their lovely colours and designs but especially the use of glitter who knew you get glitter in so many places? Clearing up the Scout Hall after that craft night was a job and a half, but undeterred and determined to learn from the experience we had glitter the following week but in a different format. Suffice to say that the result of that evening is that all the Leaders have decided never to have glitter again! The Brownies however made lovely bright colourful pictures which really did invoke the arrival of spring and made a nice change from traditional ideas.

Next up, with glitter still in our hair it was spring time games: for this we had the traditional egg and spoon but with a twist, you had to hop like a bunny. We split into our packs for these games and ensured that the newest and youngest Brownies got to go first with the eager Pack Sixers encouraging their team on. The games proved to be much more difficult than the Brownies had thought and ended up being lots of fun. With the light nights now arrived it is planned to take the games outside of the Scout Hall to the surrounding grounds and make the most of the lovely weather when it comes.



We are very fortunate to have the space both inside and outside of the hall for our thirty Brownies. We also have lots of outdoor spring walks planned and we cannot wait to get started on our spring and summer friezes.

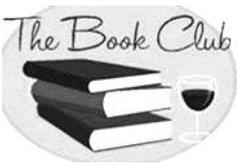
Jane Cowan, Brownie Guide Leader and Team www.girlguiding.org.uk



Eco-Congregation

As I write I am preparing to chair the Annual Gathering in Perth. This is my last task as I come to the end of my term as convener. I know that it will be an interesting meeting but it will mean a change to my life. The theme for the Gathering is biodiversity. This is a topic close to my heart as I have seen ecosystems regenerate and thrive as species diversity is allowed to develop. The UK Biodiversity Strategy looks to increasing and conserving diversity at three levels. These levels are genetic, species and ecosystems. If there is diversity at all levels there is a resilience and sustainability that is healthy for all species. It is this type of development that has developed where the beavers were released in Argyll. It is also a method of including flood resilience in some of our river systems.

Sheena Wurthmann



At our last meeting of the Book Club we discussed Anna Quindlen's book "Blessings". One of the members commented that we had discussed this book for longer than any other book since she joined the club! This is a fascinating story that is well constructed and developed.

At our next meeting (6th May at 8.00pm) we will be discussing Maeve Binchy's "Evening Class". If this a favourite or even if it is not – please feel able to join us at 28 Deanwood Avenue.

Our June meeting will be on 17th June when we will be discussing Cheryl Strayed's book "Wild". This is a memoir of the author's hike along the Pacific Crest Trail – just 1000 miles.

Sheena Wurthmann

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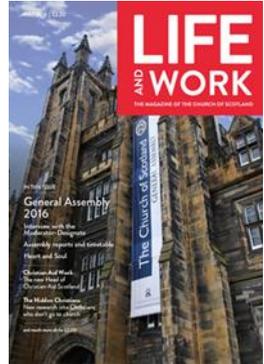
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