

NETHERLEE AND STAMPERLAND PARISH CHURCH NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2025 EDITION



From the Editor

It's February already! The days are longer and brighter, and signs of Spring are beginning to appear. The deadline for the next newsletter will be Tuesday **18th March 2025**.

Articles (and pictures in .jpg format) can be submitted at any time please to the mailbox

nandsnewsletter@btinternet.com.

We are currently developing a new community facing website for the church. If anyone would like to join a group to comment on the format, or to suggest, and or provide content, please send your details to the email address above, or speak to me, Dagmar Kerr, Neil Planner or Anil George.

Karen McQueen

(picture courtesy of Dagmar Kerr)

Services

Service times are 10.30 a.m. on Sundays and Wednesdays. For the past few months, we have been having a soup and pudding lunch on the last Wednesday of the month. Our next one will be on Wednesday 26th February. The usual coffee will be served after the morning service, and many have been able to stay on and enjoy the fellowship and lunch. We have also been delighted to see many come along later anytime from 10.30 to enjoy lunch with us at around 11.45. We hope that you will come along and enjoy the warmth of the company and a good bowl of soup!

Barbara Cochrane



Gift Aid Implications

Many members of the congregation take the opportunity of boosting their offerings to the Church by an additional 25% by signing a Gift Aid Declaration. If you have not already done this and pay tax, please consider doing this now; this gives the Church an extra 25% at no cost to you.

Please contact me on 0141 639 5822 for further information.

David Thomson

FWO/ Gift Aid Convenor

Shrove Tuesday Pancakes

Come along, bring friends and join us on **Tuesday 4th March**, when we will be serving coffee and delicious pancakes with toppings from **10 a.m. until 12 noon** in the small hall. Pancakes will also be available to take away to enjoy at home later.

Barbara Cochran



Thank you

I should like to thank all those who responded to the appeal to assist the 278 BB Company with the annual running costs of the Minibus. The response has been terrific, from individuals, the weekly coffee fund, the Sunday and Wednesday users, the Monday lunch club, the Forum, the Christmas card delivery service, and the

Christmas Tree Festival. All of these donations have left us in a very good place to meet the costs for 2025.

With kind regards,

John Montgomery

Trustee 278 BB Company

Poppyscotland News

Saturday 8th February saw the Beetle Drive. This was attended by an enthusiastic group of players. We were delighted to welcome some of the residents of Daniel House along with their Carers. It turned out to be a fun evening. Thank you to those who made it possible; the sum of **£150** was raised.



Thanks too to all of you who left raffle prizes in the Poppy Box. As always I, on behalf of Poppyscotland, am so grateful for your continuing support. The next event will be the Coffee Afternoon on **Saturday 10th May at 2pm** in the large hall. Please put this date in your diary. Thanking you all again.

Anne Mann



Sale of Art for Christian Aid

The recent art sale by Gillian Campbell has raised **£518** for Christian Aid. Gillian is downsizing and moving south to be with her son. Sincere thanks and gratitude to Gillian and our

best wishes for the future.

Russell Brown for

Christian Aid Committee & Netherlee and Stamperland Parish Church.

Congregational Meeting – Local Church Review

It was wonderfully heartening to have such a great turnout for our congregational meeting with the Local Church Review Team from Presbytery. I hope those attending found it worthwhile to have an opportunity to be reminded of, and reflect on, many aspects of our life as a church family, and not least to enjoy lively fellowship over delicious soup and home-baking.



While there are undoubtedly areas which give us cause for concern, such as the low numbers of young families attending, and the changing needs of some older members, we were reminded of, and much encouraged by the very many positive activities which take place under our roof and are so beneficial to all involved. We were also reminded of how our congregation is a much valued part of the local community. To complete the review process we are now required to submit an action plan for our church with priorities for mission over the next five years.

Perhaps you were at the meeting but did not get a chance to speak. Perhaps, having listened to what was said and having had more time to digest the points made, you would like to share your thoughts now. Perhaps you were unable to be at the meeting but have ideas for the future direction of the congregation. Whichever may apply, I would be delighted to hear from you before the action plan is submitted in the next couple of weeks. Please speak to me at church, or email me: helenillingworthks@gmail.com

Thank you!
Helen Illingworth
Session Clerk



Sunday Club

We started the year looking at God's power with Jesus calming the storm and feeding thousands of people. The children were learning that Jesus didn't just have God's power to help him, Jesus is God.

There are many stories in the bible about Jesus healing and we explored how Jesus' healing power came with love. We listened to different situations and heard how words can make a big change, especially when we say 'I love you'. We enjoyed exploring our bible stories with games, crafts and activities. We had fun playing snap where Jesus was God, joined in a rap about God's love, made healing hands, used ballons for prayers and made bead bracelets with one hand! We have welcomed new friends and visitors recently to join our faithful regulars. All are welcome in Sunday Club; we may be small, but we love our fellowship together.

Elaine Murray for The Sunday Club Team

Situations Vacant

Church Archivist

Got a passion for history? Enjoy reading old minutes and looking at old photos? This could be the very job for you! We are looking for someone who would be willing to take responsibility for the church archive.



A great many documents and other items of interest were recently sorted and delivered to Edinburgh where they will be collated and stored by the Church of Scotland, so the archive cupboard is in considerably better order. That said, we need someone to catalogue any documents and items of interest to be archived in the future, and who would be willing to be a point of contact for people who may have relevant items to donate.

If you are interested, please speak to Helen Illingworth or Marjorie Lang.

Data Protection Officer

Do you have experience with data protection? If not, would you be willing to learn more about what is involved?

The congregation requires to have a named Data Protection Coordinator who will monitor our compliance with data protection laws and be the key contact for individuals seeking advice on compliance. If you would be willing to serve in this role, please speak to Helen Illingworth.

Helen Illingworth
Session Clerk



Chocoholics News

Lisa and I are extremely grateful to many of you who have supported us over the years, when we have been selling chocolates at Easter and Christmas in aid of charity. This year, for the first time, The Chocoholics Company has decided to NOT print a paper catalogue for their spring and Easter campaign. I think this is a real shame and will make shopping more difficult

for some of you.

However, we know that the chocolates are popular and make for lovely and unusual chocolate gifts. Once the online catalogue is published later this month, we will advertise the link and will also bring a laptop to church so that anyone who wishes to buy the chocolates, but doesn't have access to the internet, can still do so on a Sunday. Our chosen Charity will once again be 'The Yard' - the adventure playground for children and young people with additional needs who will soon be opening their new facility in Linn Park.

With many thanks for your continued support
Dagmar and Lisa Kerr

Lunar New Year

My name is Thuy Hughes, and with the kind help of the Netherlee and Stamperland Church, we have now been running the annual Lunar New Year celebrations for our Vietnamese Families In Glasgow community since 2017!



When I first founded the community on Facebook ten



years ago, my aim was to offer my young children of mixed Scottish and Vietnamese descent, access to their Vietnamese cultural and language heritage. From a handful of mixed families back then, our community has since grown to over 70 families, with many new young children added over the years!

At this very meaningful event which celebrates the multicultural aspect of our community, we enjoy catching up with friends, peers and colleagues and their families around a delightful home cooked feast, get to wear our traditional Vietnamese outfits and share lucky money with the children.

Thuy Hughes



The staff and clients of the Foodbank continue to be grateful for all the practical help they receive from our congregation. They are needing tinned meat, tinned fish, tinned beans, tea and coffee as well as UHT milk.

The congregation are thanked for all the lovely knitting however they do not need any more at present. Donations to the foodbank can also be made via the card reader in the Welcome Hall if you are unable to carry any food donations to church. Thanks again for your continued support.

Marjorie Lang and Catriona Gomez

Cranhill Development Trust (CDT) continues to operate in the former Church Hall of what was Cranhill Parish Church. Within the building the nearly new shop



continues to raise money, from the sale of nearly new clothes and bric-à-brac, to help in the running of the Cranhill Development Trust. If you have any such items, could you please leave them in the cupboard adjacent to the ladies' toilet in the Welcome Hall clearly labelled 'Cranhill'. If there is no space available, please get in touch with Gordon Lang on 077458 43387 to make alternative arrangements. It's also worth mentioning clothes which might be considered rags can be donated and labelled accordingly.

For information on the great work the Trust offer please check out the [CDT](#) website. Again, many thanks in advance for your support which I appreciate as do, more importantly, the people in the area and surrounds of Cranhill.

Gordon Lang



The Guild

Our second half of the syllabus began very well thanks to Anne Mann on 9th January.

Through showing us her photographs on screen she took us on a cruise from the south of South America to The Antarctic via the Falkland Islands and South Georgia. We saw icebergs, whales, sealions, seals and lots of penguins. Her vistas of Antarctica were superb. All in all, we had an enjoyable and instructive cruise thanks to Anne.

On 16th January Stuart Nisbet gave us an enlightening, if slightly disturbing, take on the tobacco and sugar trade in Glasgow in the late 18th and early 19th centuries. Most of the wealthier Glasgow merchants were involved in trading in the West Indies. Included were Walter Stirling Co. (of Stirling's library in Miller Street and Royal Exchange Square) and 'Sugar' Campbell who owned a shipping line to the West Indies. Sir William Stirling-Maxwell of Pollok House sold the Linn Estate to the son of 'Sugar' Campbell in 1820. The Glasgow sugar trade was centred on Nevis and St. Kitts. Two of the Glasgow plantation owners were Colin Campbell and Col. William McDowall - both made wealthy from slavery. A rather sobering thought perhaps making us view our fine Georgian buildings in a new light.

The following week on 23rd January we enjoyed entertaining ourselves with several of the ladies reading or reciting their favourite poems. Being close to the birthday of Scotland's Bard, several of his poems were included though other poets were also quoted; a pleasant afternoon capped by having cheese and biscuits with our tea.

On 30th January we welcomed Marie Wilson back to hear more reflections on her faith, the basis of her dealings with people. She spoke about the people and members of the Clergy who influenced her as a child resulting in her having a very deep and strong faith. To underscore this, she chose three hymns for us to sing, each acting as a guide in her life and work. She recounted her pilgrimage to Assisi by crossing the Alps. She met a group of young boys who formed a musical group called Maltfriscans. On her phone she played a recording of them singing one of their songs of praise. As before Marie gave us an interesting insight, interposed with humour, to her approach to engaging with people.



On 6th February Tom Marchant showed us a very interesting film about the growth of Glasgow as a port. In the 18th century the wider part of the river was at Greenock. Upriver from there was too shallow for shipping so goods were unloaded at Greenock and transported to Glasgow. Wanting to compete with Greenock and Port Glasgow, Glasgow Council and City merchants formed the Clyde Navigation Trust in 1840 and decided to dredge the river. Work began in 1852 and was completed in 1880, the City's sewage system being improved concurrently. This dredging of the river allowed large vessels to enter the city's docks, thus creating a city of shipbuilding and heavy industry, leading to Glasgow being known as the Second City of the Empire. Now there is only one shipyard and one dock for small coastal vessels. /...

Guild (continued)

Tom concluded in saying that although some merchants were involved in the slave trade, it was its prominence as a port in world trade that created the wealth of Glasgow.

Through the weather being mostly good for this time of year we have had very high attendances which is gratifying. The programme for the next few weeks is:-

February

13 th	Valentine	Guild
20 th	The Daisy Chain	Crossreach
17 th	Friendship Lunch	Guild

March

6 th	Elsie Inglis	Liz Allan
7 th	World Day of Prayer Service at St Joseph's	
13 th	Operation Hope/Egypt	James Fraser
20 th	Holy Beetledrive and Annual General Meeting	Guild

Margaret Fear
Secretary



The Netherlee and Stamperland Forum

Netherlee and Stamperland Forum

Malcolm Brown, Technical Manager at the Glasgow Film Theatre (GFT), delivered a superb talk to the Forum on 20th January. Malcolm was born and raised in East Renfrewshire, and he has spent most of his career at the GFT. His talk was split into two halves, the first about the history of the GFT and the second about the technical aspects of his job there.

The Glasgow Film Theatre began life as the Cosmo, Scotland's first and Britain's second purpose-built arthouse cinema. The Thirties was a transformational decade in filmmaking across the globe, with rise of the 'talkies' and the subsequent decline of foreign language films in Britain. In those days, there were 114 cinema screens in the greater Glasgow area, totalling 175,000 seats. Today there are approximately eighteen cinemas in the same area, although many are multiplexes with several screens inside. Despite Glasgow's thriving cinema-going culture at the time, there was not a dedicated arthouse cinema in the city. George Singleton, 'Mr Cosmo', spotted this gap in the market and his new cinema opened its doors for the first time on 18 May 1939, the last cinema to be built in Glasgow before the outbreak of war. Its programme centred upon top-quality international films, and, from 1946, the Cosmo was the first in Britain to show French and German-language films. After three decades, economic pressures led to the sale of the Cosmo; it reopened as the Glasgow Film Theatre in 1974. The building was originally inspired by European modernism, designed by architects James McKissack and WJ Anderson II. Throughout its history, it has been renovated and expanded several times. Since the late 1980s, two additional screens have been added as well as a café, all in keeping with its original modernist design. /...

Netherlee and Stamperland Forum (continued)

The GFT does much more than screen films; it contributes to Scottish film culture by hosting the Glasgow Film Festival, developing community-led initiatives related to film, and engaging with educators to give students the opportunity to learn about film as a form of creative expression. Since its founding, the GFT has been a hub for Scottish film enthusiasts.

The second part of Malcolm's talk – complete with props! – was about the technical aspects of his job as a film projectionist. The role of the projectionist has changed a lot since Malcolm began working at the GFT some thirty years ago, and even more so since the Cosmo opened its doors in 1939. Film projection used to be quite a labour-intensive craft that demanded excellent timing on the part of the projectionist. Now, however, the role requires many of the skills of a professional computer programmer. Cameras use light to record images onto film which is then physically developed and cut after recording. When distributed on



celluloid, the projectionist had to handle the film, synchronise sound and image, and physically maintain the projection equipment. Digital cameras, by contrast, use electronic sensors to capture images and store them as digital files. There is, generally speaking, no longer a film to develop and, therefore, modern film projection is mostly a matter of creating a screening schedule on a computer system. This is not the case for Malcolm, though: the GFT often screens old, and sometimes new, films distributed on celluloid and his work remains something of a craft which demands a high-level of technical precision. The GFT is the only cinema in Scotland, for example, that can continue to screen films on 70mm celluloid. Even as filmmaking has changed in recent decades, the GFT continues to support some of filmmaking's earliest traditions and retains some of cinema's earlier charms.

We are very grateful to Malcolm for delivering what was, in many ways, the perfect Forum talk. He combined local and international elements in a talk that was, at once, accessible and intellectually stimulating. We would encourage everyone to visit the Glasgow Film Theatre, particularly during awards season when the programme is filled with high-quality new films.

On **17 February**, a representative from Voluntary Action East Renfrewshire will address the Forum on the topic of volunteering and society. All are welcome to attend and are especially welcome to bring along a friend. Our meetings take place in the **Lesser Sanctuary of Netherlee and Stamperland Parish Church at 19:30**.

Fraser McGowan
For the Forum

Netherlee & Stamperland @ Jan 2025

The popularity of our Services has increased again over the Festive Period –

Lessons & Carols – 305 views / was 260 in 2023

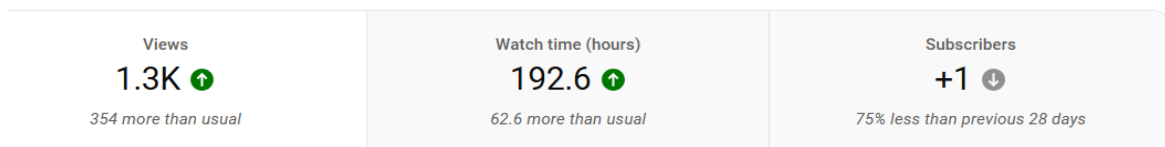
Nativity Sunday - 244 views / was 165 in 2023

Watchnight - 83 views / was 66 in 2023

Sunday 5th January 2025 – started with a record 21 watching at 10:30 (usually 6-9)

Total channels views from 2015 – 89,341, 310 subscribers

Your channel got **1,304 views** in the last 28 days



P.S. You Tube showed our total views passed the **90,000 mark just after Sunday 2nd February**.

We reached 80,000 last Spring, so likely we will reach 100.00 by late autumn this year.

February Update

The Kirk Session at their meeting on 3rd February agreed the proposal I made to upgrade our current video system (which was installed in 2012 with now ‘vintage’ CCTV security cameras), to High-Definition cameras and associated control systems. A new slightly wider 16:9 projector screen will replace the current 4:3 format screen in the same position.

The core reasons for this project are to align with the quality and format of the millions of other videos on YouTube, to make our services more attractive visually, to have a system which is more user friendly and to encourage those of any age who might like to help with AV. Faults in the current system and the increasing likelihood of more faults makes repairs, if they are possible, a poor investment.

Another rationale is to align with the same concept as the current work being done to upgrade our N & S Church Website - to make it outward looking and to connect with our community in a welcoming manner. To this end, our new Video system will have three additional cameras – one in the Chancel to e.g. capture the candles being lit at the start of each Morning Service, to provide an alternative view of participants during the ‘all age address’, and to capture a front view of any choir conductor (instead of the back view) which will enhance events such as Lessons & Carols, Watchnight Services, Schools concerts and the detail of the Christmas tree also be shown in an entirely new way. A second new camera above the organ keyboard will look vertically down on our organist’s hands playing the keyboard, not necessarily for just the Voluntary but the introduction, say, to the Introit and other appropriate moments. The third new camera will be positioned on the lower edge of the balcony woodwork, and likewise the current centre camera position will be lower – all to make the viewer feel more part of the congregation. /...

From the AV Team (continued)

This is by no means an exhaustive list of what the new cameras will be able to 'see'. We will be experimenting as the weeks progress.

Our installation company, Access AV, have just advised (on 6th Feb) that the work will start on Monday 10th March, 90% of which will be in the Sanctuary with brief visits to the three Halls & Lesser Sanctuary when they are not in use. I'm expecting that the Mid-Week Service can continue with any activity paused in the Sanctuary and likewise for the Monday Club – to be confirmed. We're planning on no interruption to our Sunday Live Stream & recording, Access AV are confident that key components of Control & Distribution will be in place by Sunday 16th.

Neil Planner

For the AV Team (Peter Diamond, Lorraine Johnston, Luke Brown)

Our 2025 Annual General Meeting
'Together we can'
Strengthen Relationships, Transform Lives


LHM
LIFE
HOPE
MEANING
360

With our Guest Speaker
Margaret Fraser
Director of
Together Leading Communities


Time 6pm Date 30th April 2025


Advert


Y'all ready for a rootin'-tootin' good time? Join **Starchild** in East Kilbride for a Wild West Hoe Down—a night of singing, dancing, and line-dancing lessons! Dust off your cowboy boots, grab your hats, and get ready for a night full of fun, laughter, and toe-tappin' excitement.




 Live music & entertainment

 Line-dancing lessons

 Cowboy & cowgirl dress-up encouraged!

 Classic Starchild fun & fundraising

Get your tickets now!  Head over to [Skiddle](#) or simply search "Hoe Down" to secure your spot!

Round up your friends and let's make this a night to remember!   



**LINE DANCING AND
ALL THE USUAL
PARTY FUN IN AID
OF STARCHILD**

Live Singer
DJ Papa G/POWER HOUR
Line Dance Instruction

**HOE DOWN
DISCO PARTY**

All profits from
ticket sales and
raffles going to a
great cause

7TH MAR 7.00PM
East Kilbride British Legion
Bosfield Place G74 4DY
Tickets £10
Graham@07762192317

 **Starchild**
IN MEMORY OF FRANKIE MARSH

 **Starchild**
IN MEMORY OF FRANKIE MARSH

Tickets available via Skiddle
<https://skiddle.com/e/40536223>