

NETHERLEE AND STAMPERLAND PARISH CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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From the Editor

Happy New Year to all our readers! We wish you peace and good health in the coming year. The deadline for the next newsletter will be **11th February 2025**. Articles (and pictures in .jpg format) can be submitted at any time please to the mailbox nandsnewsletter@btinternet.com.

Services

Service times have returned to normal after the festive season, i.e. 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 29th January. 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



Sunday Minibus Service - Additional Support Required

In a recent announcement, I mentioned that the Sunday minibus service is becoming increasingly popular. As a consequence, there are occasions where we are operating at full capacity. We have a culture of accommodating all requests for transport whenever possible. To support this ambition, I must now appeal to the congregation for volunteers who are willing to offer lifts in their cars on a Sunday morning. This could be availability on an ad hoc basis, but preferably as a more permanent arrangement.



I will now start posting a list in the Welcome Hall giving brief details (location and gender) of anyone seeking car transport. Respondents can contact me initially, and I will liaise with the person seeking transport as appropriate. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me after the Sunday service or by phone on 07947-348500. Thank you in anticipation.

Alan Fairlie



Festive Thank Yous

A big thank you to everyone who supported the fundraising for Parkinson's UK and the Lodging House mission by buying a Christmas cake. I was able to donate **£450** to each of the charities. Thanks again for your continued support and generosity.

Barbara Cochrane

Thank you so much to all those who used the Christmas card delivery service and to all the volunteer 'posties'. The Minibus Fund received **£390.40** as a result.

Elinor Mair

Many thanks for my lovely flowers and the breakfast pack you sent me. They were much appreciated.

Sylvia Johnston.

Sunday Club

We spent the Sundays in early December making Christmas decorations while we planned our Nativity service then we 'rehearsed' our parts. We also donated to Gift Sunday, bringing our gifts for the foodbank and Lodging House Mission, and lit advent candles as the season progressed.



Thank you to those young and not-so-young who took part with us in our service on 22nd, and thank you to everyone who joined the congregation. We hope, once again, you felt the awe and wonder of the Saviour's birth.

The Sunday Club Team (photo courtesy of the AV Team)



Daniel House

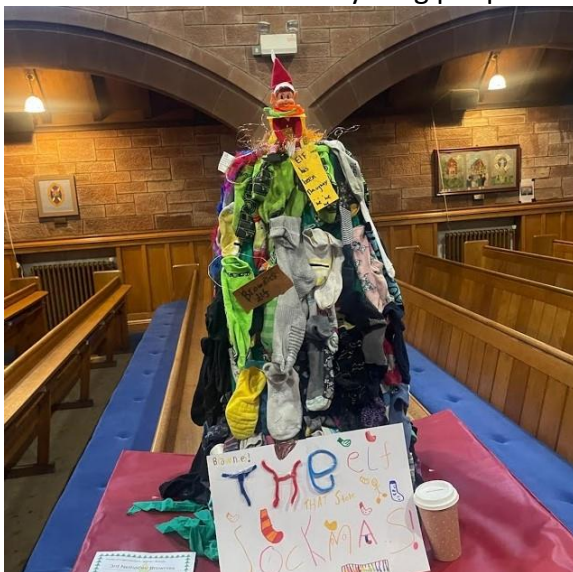
Many of you will be aware that Gordon McNally, a faithful member of our congregation, lives in care at Daniel House in Pollokshields.

Bernadette Ross, the Service Manager, showed me the nativity scene that the House bought with the money they were given by our church in 2023. It goes on display in the hall of the House for the residents and visitors to enjoy.

Niall Illingworth

Annual Christmas Tree Festival & Fayre

This year's event turned out to be the most successful yet. We were treated to a fantastic display of colourful, imaginative, and meaningful Christmas trees from church and external organisations. When choosing their favourite tree, many people commented that three votes per person were not enough, as all the trees were really wonderful. In the end, the count of tokens narrowly revealed two winners: The 'Friendship Tree' by the Lunch Club won the grown-up section and the 3rd Brownies won the young people's



Everyone put in enormous efforts to support the event, and in the end, we were delighted to have raised the amazing amount of £1452.99! The Minibus Fund received over £1100, £200 went to the Friends of Linn Park and £100 to Girl Guiding.

What a great way to start the festive season!
Thank you one and all!

Dagmar Kerr
For the Festival Team



section with their tree 'The Elf that Stole Sockmas'

The Large Hall was full of people, chat, stalls, crafts and, most importantly, festive cheer, while table decorations and other crafts were being created in the Small Hall. Of course, Santa made an appearance too. A huge thank you to all who participated, supported, prepared, took part, tidied up and not least, all who spent money on the lovely, crafted goods, tombola, guess the weight, to name but a few.



Happy New Year to All from your Safeguarding Coordinators

The Church of Scotland Safeguarding Department has recently been 'clearing it's feet ' of approximately 40,000 names of folk who no longer actively work in a position of trust within their congregation but whose names are still on the Safeguarding registers as being active. We have recently complied with their request for information in order to update Netherlee and Stamperland's data held by the Department.

The follow-up exercise is now to ensure that all those who recently (within the last year) obtained PVG clearance, or those who need to update their Safeguarding Training, have an opportunity to do so. This is a Church of Scotland requirement for all who hold a PVG certificate. There was a Training Course held in our own church approximately a year ago. Those who attended it have no need to 'refresh' for another year or two. If you have never attended a training course, or it is many years since you have done so, can we please direct you to the undernoted opportunities.

Safeguarding Introductory Courses

Tuesday 21st January. 7-9.30 pm delivered over Zoom.

Tuesday 4th February 7-9.30 pm delivered in person at Croftfoot Parish Church
318 Croftpark Ave G44 5NS

Tuesday 4th March. 7-9.30 pm delivered in person at Govan and Linthouse Parish
Church, 796 Govan Rd G51 2TO

To book a place on any of these courses, either telephone 0141 332 6606 or email safeguarding@presbyteryofglasgow.org.uk. Alternatively, please contact one of our own coordinators Bruce Young (on 07948 971952) or Jane Curror (on 07704 108750). Please let us know if you have successfully booked a place on one of these courses so that we can tick you off the list.

Bruce Young and Jane Curror

Safeguarding Coordinators, Netherlee and Stamperland Parish Church



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

The Guild

After decorating our tree on 5th December, we put it up in the Church for the tree festival on Saturday 7th. Its theme was 'Let Us Build A House'.



The following week, on the 12th we were duly amazed, entertained and confused by Rev. Martindale as he displayed his Christmas Confusion. With clever sleight of hand and props he confused us with his confusions while always stressing the real story of Christmas and God's gift to the world. A fun afternoon enjoyed by all. We also had fun and laughter at our party on the 19th. Several ladies performed a 'party piece', we sang carols and had mince pies; an enjoyable afternoon with friends.

We now move on to the second half of the syllabus on 9th January. Our programme for the next few weeks is:-

January 2025

9 th	Antarctica	Anne Mann
16 th	Netherlee to the Caribbean	Stuart Nisbet
23 rd	Poetry Please	Guild
30 th	Further Reflections	Marie Wilson

February

6 th	Clyde Port	Tom Marchant
13 th	Valentine	Guild

May I wish everyone a healthy and guid 2025.

Margaret Fear

Secretary



The Netherlee and Stamperland Forum

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The next Forum meeting takes place on Monday 20th January at 7.30pm. Our speaker will be **Malcolm Brown** and his topic is the **Glasgow Film Theatre and the importance of small, independent cinemas in the film industry.**

This promises to be a very interesting and entertaining evening. If you are concerned about getting to the church on a dark and cold evening, worry not – George Cowan has once again kindly offered the service of the minibus. Please speak to him directly if you would like a lift. his number is 07917592667.

Dagmar Kerr

For the Forum

Sale of Art for Christian Aid

A local artist, Sheila Campbell, is moving house and has donated a number of artworks for sale or raffle with the proceeds going to Christian Aid.

The paintings will be hung in the large hall for sale over three Sundays, January 12th, 19th and 26th. The signed print by Sturgeon will be raffled on Sunday 26th (£1 per ticket or £5 per strip). Payment for the artwork will be cash only for which the buyer will receive a receipt.

Russell Brown



Poppyscotland News

Hello everyone! This year I propose to hold a Beetle Drive on Saturday 8th February at 7pm in the Large Hall. This will be fun for the whole family, and I hope to see you on the night.

There will be the customary raffle at this event. Donations for this will be gratefully received; I will put the Poppy Box in the welcome hall next week. I also plan to have a Coffee Afternoon in May.

Thanking you all for your continuing support and wishing you all a peaceful, healthy and prosperous New Year.

Anne Mann

Save the date!

On Tuesday 4th March - Shrove Tuesday - we will be having our usual pancakes and coffee in the small hall. Further details will be in the next newsletter and the order of service nearer the time.

Barbara Cochrane



A very Happy New Year from all at the Food Bank! Everyone concerned extends their grateful thanks for the very generous donations over Christmas which definitely provided their recipients with some festive cheer.

Understandably there is still great need and so the request is, once again, for the staples. Therefore, UHT milk, diluting juice, tinned meat and tinned fish are at the top of the list.

Thanking you in anticipation for responding with your usual kindness and generosity.

Marjorie Lang and Catriona Gomez

As I mentioned in my previous piece in December's newsletter the Nearly New Shop is based in the former Church Hall of what was Cranhill Parish Church. All

monies raised from the sale of nearly new clothes and bric-à-brac, kindly donated by various groups and individuals like yourselves, are used to help in the running of Cranhill Development Trust. For information on the great work they do please check out their [website](#).



If you have any suitable 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 me on 077458 43387 to make alternative arrangements.

Again, many thanks in advance. It's very much appreciated.
Gordon Lang

Advert

HARLEQUIN YOUTH THEATRE PRESENTS

Cinderella
by Alan McHugh

EASTWOOD PARK THEATRE
Tues 14th - Sat 18th January 2025
Evenings 7.30pm | Sat Matinee 2.30pm

Tickets - £17 & £19 (+ booking fee)
Available from Seaty online booking platform
Please use the following link:
seaty.co.uk/hytcinderella
or scan QR Code

Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation No. SC052420

The poster is for a production of 'Cinderella' by Harlequin Youth Theatre. It features a central illustration of Cinderella in a white dress and carriage, set against a clock face with Roman numerals. The background is a soft purple and pink gradient with stars. The Harlequin Youth Theatre logo is in the top right corner. The text is in various fonts, including a large, stylized script for 'Cinderella'. A QR code is located in the bottom right corner.