

NETHERLEE AND STAMPERLAND PARISH CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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From the Editor

Well readers it feels like autumn has well and truly arrived! Those of you who haven't had the heating on yet, even just to dry you out, you are truly brave. From my recent trip to Kew Gardens, the picture is a plant that relies on a somewhat hotter environment; for those of you who like to know these things, it's an *Echinopsis candicans*.

The deadline for the next Newsletter will be Tuesday **14th October 2025**. Articles (and pictures in .jpg format) can be submitted at any time please to the mailbox nandsnewsletter@btinternet.com.

Karen McQueen

Sunday and Wednesday Services

Sunday and Wednesday Service times are **10.30 a.m.** with tea and coffee served in the large hall afterwards. The month-end lunch after the morning service on a Wednesday will resume on **Wednesday 24th September**. Please come and join us for lunch and fellowship from 11.30am.

Barbara Cochrane

Rev Jillian Storrie our Minister Elect

Thank you to all who attended the joy-filled service on 24th August when Jillian Storrie preached as our Sole Nominee and was overwhelmingly endorsed as the new minister of Netherlee and Stamperland Church.



Jillian's induction service will be held on **Thursday 2nd October at 7pm** and all are warmly invited to attend the service, and a welcome social to be held in the large hall afterwards.

We very much look forward to getting to know and working alongside Jillian as she leads us forward as a community of faith.

Helen Illingworth
Session Clerk



Finance

I reported to the Kirk Session at our meeting on 1st September that at the end of July instead of showing a shortfall on our General Fund we were showing a significant surplus of £23k. The August figures are now available and continue to show us in a surplus position (reduced slightly) but still at a figure of £21k. This has not happened for a number of years. The Finance Committee have been overwhelmed by the generosity shown by the congregation to our appeal earlier in the year, both in terms of reviewing weekly offerings and one-off lump sums. 2024 showed a great response but 2025 has exceeded our expectations.

As a congregation I have always recognised when the need arises you respond to that need. I should like to put on record our gratitude to all of our members who responded to the appeals in 2024 and 2025. Within the church we are exhorted to give of our time, talents and money and you do so in abundant measure. I am sure our new minister elect Jillian will be suitably encouraged that she is coming to a caring congregation who respond where need is shown. We are fortunate that good stewardship of our finances over many years will enable us to move forward with Jillian both within the Church and the wider Community we seek to serve. Thanks to you, our strong financial base will help us in our Missional, Pastoral and Temporal tasks that lie ahead.

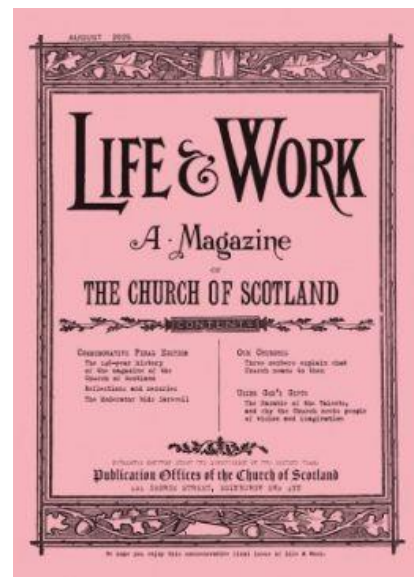
John Montgomery
Finance Convener

Life and Work

I imagine that by now most people are aware that, after 146 years in print, Life and Work Magazine has ceased publication. It is indeed the end of an era, not least for Bill Findlay who has faithfully organised the ordering, collection of subscriptions, and distribution of the magazines to members of this church for many years. Not perhaps 146 years, but not far off! We owe Bill our sincere thanks for carrying out this task on our behalf with such quiet efficiency, dedication and good humour, and wish him a restful 'retirement'. Unfortunately, he's going to have to find a different magazine to read when he puts his feet up!

As far as refunds of subscriptions are concerned, these will be paid pro-rata according to how many issues remain in your subscription after July. (No charge will be made for the August commemorative issue). We are asked to be patient as the publishers work through the repayments process. Our block repayment will be made directly to the church, and anyone who wishes to receive their individual repayment should please let me know as soon as possible. All unclaimed repayments will be donated to our friends at St Andrews Scots Kirk in Sri Lanka.

Helen Illingworth





With Thanks

Marie and Boyd, the new Mr. & Mrs. Thomson wish to express our thanks to the parish for the beautiful gifts we received from the congregation on Sunday 17th August, followed by the celebration that ensued with cake and bubbles. Our thanks too for the generous individual gifts, cards and good wishes we've received on the occasion of our recent marriage.

This picture was taken on the bowling green at

Gourock Park where we met.

Marie Thomson (nee Wilson)

Sunday Club

In recent months, having been notified by Bank of Scotland that the Sunday Club account was going to face bank charges, we began to look at how we will bank in future. As a first step we decided to spend some of the collection money we had been holding. As per the article in the August newsletter, our Lisa has secured employment at The Yard adventure playground on Netherlee Road, so we asked staff if there was anything they needed. As a result, Sunday Club has gifted an adult sized buddy bench in lovely rainbow colours to the project. We hope to be able to take the children for a tour of the facility soon and to see their bench in situ.



Sunday Club is back so if you are aged 3 years to P7, a regular or simply visiting the Church with friends and family, please feel free to join us.

The Sunday Club Team

An exhibition of
hand knitted
& crocheted blankets

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Sun	14 Sept	1pm - 4pm
Mon	15 Sept	10am - 4pm
Tues	16 Sept	10am - 4pm
Wed	17 Sept	10am - 4pm
Thurs	18 Sept	10am - 4pm

You are invited to the second exhibition of the hundreds of knitted and crocheted blankets that have been carefully crafted by churches, community groups and individuals. Admission is free and all are welcome.

As previously advertised in our Newsletters the blankets will be distributed later in the year to people experiencing homelessness and isolation across the city.

Elinor Mair

The Guild

Now that Autumn is round the corner it's time to look forward to a new Guild session.



Our first meeting is on Thursday 2nd October at 2pm; listed below is this year's syllabus.

2025

October

2 nd	Living Stones	Rev. Ian Galloway
9 th	My Life as a Freelance Musician	Jonathan Buchan
16 th	In Our Time	Guild
23 rd	Bibles for Bairns	Norman Liddle
30 th	Heroines of the S.O.E.	Roy Johnstone

November

6 th	A Trip to Malawi	Fiona Gunning
13 th	Tearfund	Representative
20 th	Glasgow Children's Hospital Charity	Lucy Ritchie
27 th	Restore Glasgow	Representative

December

4 th	Craft Ideas	Pearl Munro
11 th	Music By	Luckenbooth
18 th	Christmas Party	Guild

January 2026

8 th	Arran	Tom Marchant
15 th	South Africa	Anne Mann
22 nd	Starchild Catch-up	Michaela Foster Marsh
29 th	Back to Sunday School	John Dunn

February

5 th	Glasgow City Mission	Jack Geddes
12 th	Nostalgia Revisited	Kevin Smith
19 th	The Automobile Association	George Cowan
26 th	Friendship Lunch	Guild

March

5 th	Persecuted Christians	Roma
6 th	World Day of Prayer Service	
12 th	Beatrix Potter	Liz Allan
19 th	In House	Guild
26 th	Annual General Meeting	Guild

May

14 th	Annual Outing	Guild
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I look forward to greeting both familiar and, I hope, some new friends in October. Anyone is welcome to come and join us to hear some things of interest and to have some friendly fellowship.

Margaret Fear
Secretary



Stained Glass Repair

As those who have been in the sanctuary over the past few weeks will be aware, we have sent the Christ Glorified Window away to Rainbow Glass in Prestwick for some much needed repair and restoration.

The window design shows, on the left side, the figure of the risen Christ, glorified by all nature. "After the Lord Jesus had talked with them, he was taken up to heaven and sat at the right side of God." (Mark 16:19). The figures below have wings and their outstretched arms, in the posture of praise, lead the eye constantly upwards to Christ.

There are small elongated whitish pieces of glass leading to a design at the top right panel, which might depict the brilliance of the sun, and at the centre top to the bird with outstretched wings. It has a two-toned halo and therefore represents Christ. Perhaps it represents the dove of peace ascending to heaven, having descended at Jesus' baptism. This window was designed by Sax Shaw of Edinburgh and was provided by a special congregational fund. It was dedicated in April 1967.

The picture to the right shows the window being carefully removed. It will hopefully be refitted later this autumn.

Tony Ireland

Fabric Convener



Soup and Pudding Lunch

A big thank you to all the helpers who made the Soup and Pudding lunch on Sunday 14th September so enjoyable. We had a fantastic array of puddings and delicious soup to eat. The donations for the lunch raised **£446.66** which will be divided between the Lodging House Mission and the

Glasgow South-East Foodbank to support their valuable work.

Barbara Cochrane

Date for Your Diary

There will be a concert on **Saturday 15th November** at 7 p.m. in the church by Bearsden Fiddlers followed by a supper in the large hall. Proceeds from the event will be split between Christian Aid and Poppy Scotland. Tickets will be on sale from next month and we hope to see you there for what will be a very enjoyable evening.

Christian Aid Team and Anne Mann





Poppy Scotland

Hello Everyone

And just like that, it is September and before we know it it will be November and time for the PoppyScotland Coffee Afternoon. Incase anyone has missed the details, it is being held in the Church Hall on **8th November** between 2 & 4pm. The tickets, priced £5 will be available from me nearer the time. They will also be available on the door on the day. Everyone is welcome so please put the date in your diaries. As usual there will be the ever popular tombola. Now is the time to start looking out those wonderful prizes. The Poppy Box will be in the Welcome Hall from 12th October to receive your donations.

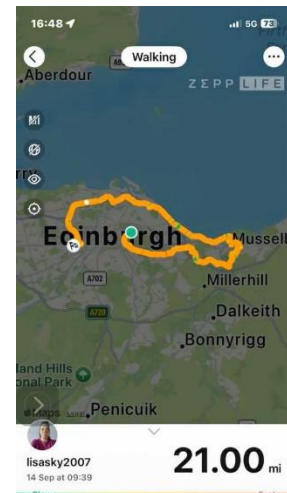
Thank you to those who have already offered help with this year's campaign. If you have any ideas or can offer help, please contact me on 07796277544 or by email at john-mann4@sky.com. Thanking you all for your ongoing support.

Anne Mann



Thank You

A heartfelt thank-you to all who sponsored Lisa for the recent Edinburgh Kiltwalk, where she completed the 21 mile long 'Mighty Stride'. As we write this, her fundraising total stands at a whopping **£945**. A large proportion of these donations come from family, and friends at Netherlee and Stamperland Church.



The full amount (plus many pledges for gift-aid) will go directly to The Yard Scotland. Our own Linn Park Yard will make very good use of their share of the money and local children and young people with additional support needs will benefit when they visit this wonderful facility. We cannot thank you enough for your kindness.

Lisa Kerr and Family

Glasgow South-East Foodbank continues to fulfil a need in the area it serves. They are asking for tea, coffee, tinned meat, uncooked rice, UHT Milk, tinned tomatoes and red split lentils. As always, they are very grateful for the support from Netherlee and Stamperland Church. Many thanks too to the Monday Lunch Club for their generous donations.



Thanks again for your continued support.

Marjorie Lang and Catriona Gomez

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Lodging House Mission – Harvest Donation Requests 2025

We are so grateful to you for supporting LHM year after year, it means a lot to us. We've put together a short list of the things we need most. If you're able, please pick from these - we've thought it through, so it reflects what we actually use. We've also included a few everyday essentials we usually have to buy, donating these would save us money that we can redirect to other areas of our work. Your help allows us cook hot, nutritious lunches and put together food parcels for clients who are struggling. If a cash donation is easier, we'll use it to buy fresh fruit, veg and other perishables we need, keeping meals healthy and cutting waste. Thank you from The LHM Team.

Cereal	Tinned Fruit	Tinned Meat / Fish
Com Flakes/Crunchy Nut	*Peaches	Tuna/Salmon
Weetabix	*Pears	Comed beef
Rice Crispies	*Pineapples	Ham
Sugar Puffs	*Mandarin	Tinned mince, stew etc
Frosted	*Fruit Cocktail	Other Tinned Food
Coco Pops	*Rice Pudding	*Baked Beans
Cheerios	*Custard	Spaghetti in sauce
Muesli		*Tinned Soups – tomato, vegetable, chicken, lentil, scotch broth, minestrone, pea & ham, chicken noodle
Jars/Pastes	Other	
Pasta bake sauces	Full Fat UHT milk	
Curry Sauce/paste	Coconut Milk	
Tomato paste	Small juice cartons	
	Diluting/fresh juice	Other
Dried Goods	*Coffee	Brown Sauce
Mixed herbs	*Biscuits	Tomato Sauce
Garlic powder	Crisps	Vinegar
Ground turmeric	Tea Bags	Porridge oats
Chilli powder	Kettle Foods	Dried peas
Crushed chillies	Pot Noodles	Lentils / Broth mix
Ground coriander	Cuppa Soups	Olive oil
Black pepper	Tinned Potatoes	*Vegetable oil
Salt	Sachets dried mash potato	*Bisto
Pasta	Ring Pull Ham tins	*Veg Stock cubes/ bullion
Long grain rice	Breakfast bars	Jelly
	Cereal Bars	*Sugar
Toiletries (all types)	Individual packets sweets	Jam
Washing up liquid, Toilet Roll, Washing Powder		
	*OUT OF STOCK – URGENTLY NEEDED	

Not Required List		
Salad Cream/Mayonaisse	Shredded Wheat Cereal	Red Kidney Beans
Pearl Barley	Prunes	Chickpeas
Marmalade	Alpen	Grapefruit
Clothing	Bedding/towel	towels

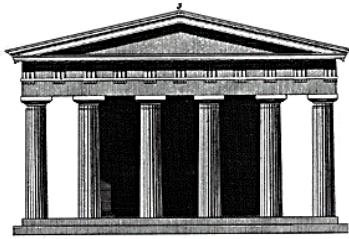
LHM360 ANNUAL HOMELESSNESS SERVICE

With Guest Speaker
Rt Rev Rosie Frew
Moderator of the General Assembly of
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9th October 2025 at 7pm
at
**35 East Campbell Street,
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The Forum

We were delighted to welcome Dr. Johnny Canning to address our first meeting of the new session. Johnny, who lives in Netherlee with his wife and five children, is a GP and an award-winning musician. He spoke to us mainly about his working life before playing us out with a

charming musical envoi on his fiddle. Raised in the southside of Glasgow, Johnny was educated at the University of Dundee and, since graduating in 2006, has worked across Scotland – from Benbecula to Ayrshire via Glasgow. His current practice is in Rutherglen, and, despite the pressures of work and family life, he still manages to run to and from work twice a week.

After sharing with us his journey to general practice, Johnny reflected that one of the main advantages of being a GP is the variety his work entails. During the day, he can go from treating a toddler with croup to delivering vital end-of-life care to a dying nonagenarian; or from supporting a middle-aged man suffering with depression to treating a baby who has developed positional plagiocephaly ('a squinty head'). One thing that stood out is that he takes great pride in being able to help people. In some cases, he has treated three or four generations of the same family, something which rarely goes unnoticed by the families themselves. He emphasised that he thoroughly enjoys his job and cannot imagine spending his working life in any other way. It was gratifying to hear of someone who derives such a high degree of satisfaction from their work.

Part of our discussion was about the controversial issue of euthanasia, which some people refer to as 'assisted dying' and others call 'assisted suicide' – even the terminology is controversial. Johnny declared his opposition to the Assisted Dying for Terminally Ill Adults Bill, currently making its way through the Scottish Parliament, and expressed his concern about the whole concept of an assisted suicide. His view is that assisted dying already exists in the form of palliative care, and the priority should be to resource it properly. The discussion that followed pursued many of these issues, from bodily autonomy and ending unnecessary suffering; to the wealth gap in palliative care provision and the possibility that euthanasia could be normalised to the point of becoming routine. There was a respectful exchange of views informed by a range of perspectives and experiences.



To close our proceedings, Johnny played two beautiful Irish songs on his fiddle, a waltz and a jig. It is always a pleasure to have some live music at the Forum, and especially so when the music is provided by an accomplished musician. Johnny was the All-Ireland Fiddle Champion in 2009, and music continues to be a big part of his life, whether that be playing at family weddings, cèilidhs, or even just in the pub with some friends. There is plenty of musical talent in the Canning family besides Johnny. One or two of their neighbours were in the audience.

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The Forum continued

They were happy to share that Canning family gatherings are often a feast of musical entertainment for the whole neighbourhood, as the family typically plays traditional folk music in their back garden on warm summer evenings. A lovely thought as the summer draws to its end. We are very grateful to Johnny for making the time to deliver such a thoughtful, convivial, and varied talk.

The Forum will meet again on **Monday 20th October at 19:30**. Historian and novelist Dr. Stuart Nisbet will talk to us about the historical links between Caribbean slavery and the local area. Everyone is most welcome to attend; do please bring along a friend or neighbour.

The Forum Organising Committee



Reflecting on my Time as Church of Scotland Mission Partner in Israel/Palestine

In September 2021 I was commissioned for the role of Church of Scotland Mission Partner based in Tiberias. I set off on the adventure never imaging the twists and turns on the way. I also could not have imagined the shocking circumstances of events since 7th October 2023, when so

many have been killed and injured and displaced in Gaza and the UN has declared a famine 'in sight of food'. Or on the West Bank where settler violence has increased in shocking ways. Awda Hathaleen, teacher and community activist in Masafa Yatta in the South Hebron Hills was shot dead by a settler and just today news comes that the settlers have cut off electricity and water to the brave beleaguered community. This is one story among many. Many Palestinians have been rounded up, imprisoned without charge and mistreated in detention. Houses in East Jerusalem and the West Bank have ben demolished and the Israeli government's stated intention to further divide Palestinian territory and extend illegal occupation is going deeper and further than ever.

Against this backdrop of immense suffering and ongoing humiliation, the Church of Scotland's presence and activity seems insignificant. Yet it matters. Our partners tell us it matters. As well as the small English speaking congregation in Jerusalem and Tiberias (in better times bolstered by pilgrims who were often deeply moved by worship in the land where Jesus walked) we have two hotels and a school and many partners ecumenical, interfaith and with groups committed to a just peace.

Much of my experience of leading worship has been via Zoom, but I have come to value this eclectic group of Jesus followers who often feel and think differently than I do, yet who faithfully worship together and pray the prayer for peace in English, Arabic and Hebrew. As a denomination who were in the Land before 1948 we have a privileged place, and our presence is a mute reminder that the narrative of the formation of Israel is not as uniform and straight forward as is often presented by Zionists. We hear and reflect the stories of Palestinians remembering the Nakba and still experiencing it.

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Reflecting on my time ... continued

Our hotel in Jerusalem provides employment for Palestinians from Bethlehem and East Jerusalem. When work permits are greatly restricted this is a lifeline for many families. At the moment, most guests are Israelis who are not used to meeting Palestinians and Arab Israelis, and who do not expect the welcome and hospitality they receive. In Tiberias our staff is Jewish, Christian, Muslim and Druze and there are very few places where a large and diverse staff team work so well together and demonstrate that co-existence is possible. This is also the story of Tabeetha School, which like the Scots Hotel (founded as a Medical Mission Hospital) welcomes diversity and promotes acceptance and kindness. At a time when 'decent people do indecent things', the witness and work of our establishments is really important. It has been my job to listen, to stand alongside and share stories of injustice and resilience and bravery with folks in Scotland.

I know from speaking to folks in Scotland who were volunteers in Tiberias before the hotel was upgraded that their lives and faith journeys have been forever marked and enriched by their experiences there. Experiencing hospitality from a man whose house has just been demolished, meeting women who despite the polarization in society are determined to weave a common path for peace, hearing from young people why they value Tabeetha and how Tabeetha values shape them: these things have shaped me. Things have not been able to go as planned. There have been few pilgrim groups and planning for a revitalized prayer garden around the church building, which would reactivate the Church of Scotland volunteer tradition, and expand it, have had to go on hold. I spent far longer out of the country than was ideal. Nevertheless, I have found the experience enriching, and value the range of relationships forged in different places. I have found my faith deepened. My understanding of 1st century Palestine as a place of occupation and Jesus as non-violent confronter of injustice from the state and from religion has expanded. I have been challenged and stretched by Palestinian theologians crying out to God and asking where is God amidst the suffering. I have seen the difference brave individuals make when they tread the path of peace contrary to the direction of travel of their society. And I am in awe of the faith and bravery and determination shown by those who lead schools and shape young people, who navigate bringing up their own children in a stifling atmosphere of suspicion and fear and who nevertheless are kind and hospitable and loving. There are many who, like the Nassar Family at Tent of Nations, 'refuse to be enemies', and who know this is not the quietist or escapist option. This is a hard option of confronting evil and ignorance and holding on to the belief that God is love.

At the end of October I move on to a new role in Scotland as an Interim Minister accompanying a group of congregations in Forth Valley and Clyde Presbytery. My role will be to listen to them and to help them tell their story, to find a new common story as a faith community. I have learned a lot about the value of sitting and just listening, the preciousness of shared hospitality and the importance of reflecting in the light of God on their current context and understanding. My interest in Israel and Palestine will remain, as it has for so many others over the years, and I will continue to work for a just peace for all the people of the Land.

Muriel Pearson

You can read Muriel's latest blog on the situation in Gaza on her [website](#).

The nearly new shop at Cranhill Development Trust (CDT) is still 'open for business' on Tuesdays (2:30 pm to 4:30 pm), Thursdays (10:30 am to 12:30 am) and on Saturday mornings. As you are aware it continues to fill

a need for some of the folks in that area of Glasgow. Donations of nearly new clothes and bric-à-brac are very much appreciated. If you could leave any such items, clearly labelled for Cranhill, in the cupboard in the Welcome Hall opposite the ladies' toilet. If this is full, please get in touch with me so I can make alternative arrangements regarding storage and/or collection.



More information on [Cranhill Development Trust](#) and the amazing work they do will appear soon on the new notice boards in the Welcome Hall.

Again, many, many thanks for your kind generosity.

NLS Coordinator Gordon Lang

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