

# NETHERLEE AND STAMPERLAND PARISH CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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## From the Editor

October, and the school holiday week is upon us. We hope families throughout the parish enjoy a break from the routine. We will start to see the 'C' word appear in this edition; the garden centres have been full of it since August so maybe we are not so early. The deadline for the next Newsletter will be Tuesday **11<sup>th</sup> November 2025**. Articles

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

[nandsnewsletter@btinternet.com](mailto:nandsnewsletter@btinternet.com).

*Karen McQueen*

*(Picture courtesy of Dagmar Kerr)*

## 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 this month be on **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> October**. Please come and join us for lunch and fellowship from 11.30am.

*Barbara Cochrane*

## Sunday Club

The Sunday Club were delighted to be present when our new minister, Jillian Storie successfully preached as sole nominee. Well done to Anna who then presented the element of Baptism at the Induction service and spoke so well. At Jillian's first service, harvest, we learned the parable

of the mustard seed which teaches that the Kingdom of God, though starting small and with few followers, will grow into something immense, providing shelter and sustenance for many. Jillian challenged us to grow some mustard seeds, so Netherlee and Stamperland may soon flourish with mustard trees! In our own lesson we looked at different seeds and what they grew into and will also be hoping our pepper seeds will sprout in the mini greenhouses we made.



A BIG thank you for the brown, and often other pennies that so many of you have donated to the Sunday Club recently, your generosity is very much appreciated and helps us to continue to support good causes like Starter Packs.

*The Sunday Club Team*



## From the Minister

I hope this article finds you all well. I am delighted to be the minister of Netherlee & Stamperland Church, and I am really looking forward to getting to know you all as we journey as Kingdom people in our church and community.

I thought it might be helpful to give you a brief introduction to my background as I start this exciting time with you all. I was brought up in Glassford, or the Glessert as it is more fondly known and lived there until I moved to Stonehouse in 1991. I've always been churched; it's something that has always played a significant part in my life. Glasford Parish Church and the Shiloh Hall in Glassford were where I spent most of my time as a child/teenager. I moved from Glassford to Stonehouse and started going to St Ninian's Parish Church in Stonehouse in 1991. I was baptised in May 1993 by Rev Tom Nelson in St Ninian's at the same time as my eldest son Stuart. My mum & dad were in the Salvation Army, so I wasn't baptised as a baby. I was always heavily involved in St Ninian's; I taught Sunday School, Bible Class and ran the YF for many years. I co-organised and ran many, many holiday clubs. I became a Board Member when I was 24 and became an elder when I was 31. Other duties I held included Clerk to the Congregational Board, Clerk to the Finance and Property Committees, Congregational Roll Keeper. I filled in all the grant forms and organised Burns Suppers and Children's Christmas Activities.

I am married to Bill, and have three grown up children, Stuart, Kirsten & Cara. I have a nearly 9-year-old Working Cocker Spaniel, Theo, who certainly keeps us all on our toes and usually has something he shouldn't have in his mouth when you meet him, like a remote control, a pair of socks or something else very random!

Looking back, I have always felt a Call on my life, and from 2004 I attended several Church of Scotland Vocations Conferences, but I always made excuses as to 'why I couldn't'. God eventually caught up with me, as He always does, and I enrolled and completed the Presbytery Word & Worship Course early 2019; this was my first-stepping stone to be guided on God's path into ministry. My discernment period in June 2019 with Rev Gordon Palmer in Claremont Parish Church East Kilbride (pictured). During this time of discernment, I applied to go to university to complete my theology degree and began studying at Highland Theological College in September 2019 for a Bachelor of Arts in Theology Degree, which I graduated from in June 2022. I was delighted to be accepted for Ministry Training within the Church of Scotland in June 2020, which, through the Covid pandemic, was completed by assessment conferences online.



Nearly one month to the day after being accepted for ministry my husband Bill had a cycling accident in North Ledaig, where we were holidaying with our touring caravan.  
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**From the Minister** continued ...

Bill suffered a spinal cord injury and was diagnosed as tetraplegic (incomplete) and we told he wouldn't walk again or eat independently (which through sheer determination, stubbornness, and the power of prayer he has overcome). Bill spent nearly 5 months in the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital National Spinal Unit. On paper I honestly didn't think I would manage to continue my training, but God, it seems, always had this plan for me and has sustained me all the way and I feel I am right in the place he wants me to be. Bill's injury has been life-changing for us all as a family but through God's Grace, Compassion and Love we have adapted well to our new way of living. This was a valuable lesson for me to 'let go and let God'.

My 1<sup>st</sup> placement was with Rev Bryce Calder in St Mary's Parish Church in Motherwell. My 2<sup>nd</sup> placement was a full-time 4-month placement with Rev Jill Clancy in HMP Barlinnie. I absolutely loved this placement in prison chaplaincy, which due to my long involvement with the Children's Hearing System was a valuable experience for me. The



latter part of my 2<sup>nd</sup> placement saw me move to St John's Parish Church in Hamilton (pictured) with the Rev Joanne Hood, a person well-known to many of you. I left St John's to complete a 10-week full-time placement in Moncreiff Parish Church in East Kilbride with Rev Sarah Ross. I then returned to St John's in Hamilton to begin my 15-month probation period. Here I gained vast experience in many parts of ministry, especially within the role of school chaplaincy. In September 2022, I started as Chaplain to

Hamilton Academical Women's Football Team – this remains to be one of my favourite parts of my job! You may see me going around with my training kit on, being the biggest cheerleader of 'my girls'!

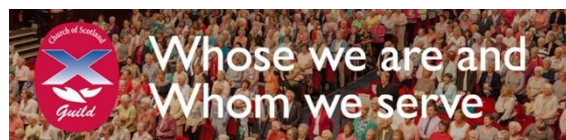
I was Ordained on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2023 at St John's Parish Church and remained there to begin an assistant minister's contract. In February 2024 I was delighted to be offered the opportunity to join Cambusnethan North Parish Church in Wishaw as their 'minister', albeit still on the Assistant Minister Scheme contract, where I remained for 21 months. I learned so much about me and my ministry when I was there, and they have the most amazing choir too! After prayer reflection, I applied for the vacancy at Netherlee & Stamperland Church, and this is when God's tapestry of my faith journey very much became apparent. My friendship with both the Nelson family and with Rev Joanne Hood became very much part of the weave of my Calling to be your minister. I want to take this opportunity to thank you all for everything you did to make my Induction so special. I have to admit to being annoyed that I didn't get to even see the amazing buffet, let alone taste it! We'll just have to organise another social event so that I can have a taste, and a glass of wine!

I am really looking forward to getting to know you all, getting to know all your names, and journeying alongside you all. I'm excited to see where God takes us on this part of the journey. With my love and blessings.

*Jillian xx*

## The Guild

On 2<sup>nd</sup> October Rev Ian Galloway opened the new session by giving us his thoughts on



the Guild Theme for 2025/26. "Let Us Build a House with Living Stones ". He spoke about his own experience during his ministry, of the help and encouragement he received from the Guild. Ian stressed that the Guild is the cornerstone of the community and that each stone is needed for strength and stability just as Jesus is our corner stone and foundation. He concluded by telling us how much he enjoyed his time with us this past year.

The following week we were entertained by Jonathan Buchan. He told us about his life as a Freelance Musician. He is at present Organist at King's Park Church. Jonathan holds several senior positions in the Organist community and adjudicates at the Mod. He sang two of his favourite hymns and two favourite Burns songs. Jonathan obviously likes his work with the variety it gives so we had an entertaining afternoon.

It was great to meet up again with everyone and we welcomed two new members whom we trust will enjoy their time with us.

## 2025

### October

|                  |                        |               |
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| 16 <sup>th</sup> | In Our Time            | Guild         |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup> | Bibles for Bairns      | Norman Liddle |
| 30 <sup>th</sup> | Heroines of the S.O.E. | Roy Johnstone |

### November

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| 6 <sup>th</sup>  | A Trip to Malawi | Fiona Gunning  |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> | Tearfund         | Representative |

*Margaret Fear*  
*Secretary*

## 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*





### Thank You for Your Help

A huge thank you to all who helped with the catering for the Induction of our new minister, Jillian Storrie. It was a lovely evening and I am sure that all the visitors to our church enjoyed the hospitality along with the Induction service. Again, so many willingly gave a helping hand which makes it such a pleasure to be able to offer hospitality to our visitors.

*Barbara Cochrane*

### Thank You from Lisa

The final amount of donations towards Lisa's Kiltwalk in aid of The Yard Adventure Playground was the wonderful sum of **£1,050!** Thanks again to all who contributed. Lisa is extremely grateful.

*Dagmar Kerr*



### Poppy Scotland

Hello Everyone

Time seems to be marching on so quickly. We are now only 3 weeks away from this year's Poppy Appeal. Carole Diamond will be in touch with those who have helped with the instore collection in our local Sainsbury's. If you could spare 2 hours to help with this very worthwhile collection, please let me know as soon as possible on 07796277544 or by email at [john-mann4@sky.com](mailto:john-mann4@sky.com).

The Coffee Afternoon is on **Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> November** between 2 and 4pm in the Large Hall. Tickets will be on sale from me or at the door on the day. Everyone is welcome to this fun social event. The popular Tombola will there and donations for this can be put in the Poppy Box which is in the Welcome Hall.

As always, thank you in advance for your ongoing support.

*Anne Mann*

### Fiddle Concert for Christian Aid and Poppy Scotland

There will be a concert on **Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> November** at 7 p.m. in the church sanctuary by Bearsden Fiddlers, including our very own John Currer!!!! The ticket price will be £10.00 (£5 for those under 18) which includes a supper afterwards in the large hall. The proceeds of this concert will be split between Christian aid and Poppy Scotland. We have been assured of a very enjoyable evening and we hope to see as many of you as possible.

*Christian Aid Team and Anne Mann*





## Christmas Tree Festival

We are on the countdown to the annual Netherlee Christmas Tree Festival! The event will take place on **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December** from 2 to 4 p.m. We hope your planning is well underway and with our open category of 'Have-A-Go' trees, alongside our traditional church community and youth organisation group trees, we're keen to showcase the tree-making talents of anyone who wants to **Have A Go!** We're also inviting expressions of interest

from those of you who may indulge in a spot of crafting and would like to consider selling your wares on the day.

Please contact me at [dagmar.kerr@ntlworld.com](mailto:dagmar.kerr@ntlworld.com) for more info and please make a note in your diary for Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December!

*Dagmar Kerr*

## Christmas Cakes

Orders are now being taken for Christmas cakes. As usual, 2 charities will benefit from the proceeds, one of which will be the Lodging House Mission. I have had the privilege of seeing the valuable work they do when volunteering with them each week.

The other charity is yet to be decided, so any recommendations for a local charity may be considered. Cakes as usual will be available with Royal (spiked) or fondant (smooth) icing and also available as gluten free. Cost remains unchanged at £7.50. A sheet will be put on the welcome desk or please contact me.

*Barbara Cochrane*



## Christmas Cards

Lodging House Mission Christmas cards can be ordered, for delivery to the Church, by completing the form which will be available on the welcome desk in the Lesser Sanctuary. To avoid postage charges, completed forms can be passed to me with payment, and orders collected once I have received them from LHM.

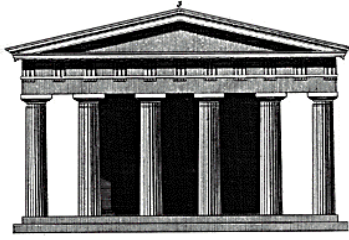
*Christine McGowan*

## 2026 Calendar

I am selling copies of my 2026 calendar in aid of The Yard Scotland. The calendar is called 'On our Doorstep' and is made up of photos from Linn Park and beautiful Scottish areas like the Ardnamurchan Peninsula and Rannoch Moor. The cost of the calendar is £8.00. If you would like to order a calendar, please speak to me after Church or call on 07969982621.

*Dagmar Kerr*





### The Forum

The Forum will meet again on **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> 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*

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 again too to the Monday Lunch Club for their generous donations. Thanks again for your continued support.

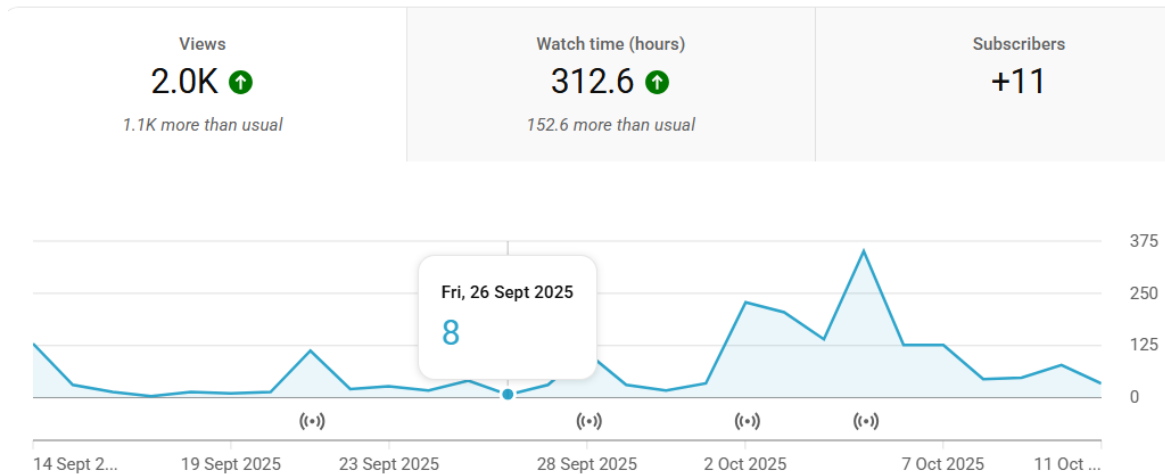
*Marjorie Lang and Catriona Gomez*



### The Only Way Is Up!

Our You Tube Online audience data as at 12<sup>th</sup> October 2025. The figures say it all....

### Your channel got 2,043 views in the last 28 days



Jillian's Induction Service on 2<sup>nd</sup> October has now reached an all-time (for us) record of 813 views since it was live streamed. No other Service or event has reached anywhere near this figure a mere 10 days since being streamed. Other recent Services and videos have benefited from viewers finding more content in our channel to explore.

A big thank you to Peter for handling a lot of last minute 'unknowns' on the 2<sup>nd</sup> October and Stuart Buchanan and Malcolm McVey for standing in for AV tasks at short notice.

*AV Team. - Peter Diamond, Lorraine Johnston, Luke Brown, Neil Planner*

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.

*N&S Coordinator Gordon Lang*

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