

NETHERLEE AND STAMPERLAND PARISH CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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From the Editor

Welcome to our pre-Easter edition! Every blessing of the season to all our readers. The deadline for the next issue will be Tuesday **14th April 2026**. Articles (and pictures in .jpg format) can be submitted at any time to the mailbox nandsnewsletter@btinternet.com.

Karen McQueen (picture courtesy of Dagmar Kerr)

Church 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 25th March**.

Warm Easter Greetings

Dear Friends,

As Easter approaches, I would like to send you warm greetings from everyone at Netherlee and Stamperland Church.

Easter is at the very heart of the Christian story, a message of hope, new life and the promise that light can overcome darkness. In a world that can sometimes feel uncertain or heavy, the message of Easter reminds us that renewal is always possible and that God's love meets us wherever we are.

Our Church is very much part of this community and whether you come regularly, occasionally, or have never visited us before, you are always welcome among us. We would be delighted if you would join us for our Easter services as we gather to reflect, pray, sing and celebrate the joy of the resurrection together.

But above all, please receive this simple Easter blessing:
May the hope of Easter bring you peace,
May the promise of new life bring your encouragement,
And may you know that you are always welcome here.

With every good wish for a joyful and peaceful Easter.

Warmly

Jillian



For Your Diary – Holy Week Services and Events

31st March 7.00 p.m. at Greenbank Parish Church, Eaglesham Road.

1st April 7.00 p.m. at Busby Parish Church, Church Road, Busby

2nd April 6.30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Communion at Netherlee & Stamperland Church, Ormonde Avenue, Netherlee.

3rd April Good Friday Pilgrimage (see below), then at 6.30 p.m. the choir led service at Netherlee & Stamperland Church.

5th April 8.00 a.m. Early Morning Service in Linn Park, followed by Easter Community Breakfast at 9.00 a.m. and Easter Morning Worship at 10.30 a.m.

Please note the Choir led service on Good Friday was omitted from the list of services sent out to members – please accept our apologies. Come and join us at 6.30 p.m.



**Clarkston Churches Together
Good Friday Pilgrimage: 3rd April 2026
Reflections from Matthew's Gospel**

7am – Carmunnock Parish Church
Betrayal: Matt 26. 17-25

8am – Cartsbridge Evangelical Church
First Communion: Matt 26. 26-30

9am – Busby Parish Church
Gethsemane: Matt 26. 36-46

10am – Greenbank Parish Church
Arrested: Matt 26. 47-56
(with refreshments)

11am – Williamwood Parish Church
Before the Sanhedrin: Matt 26. 57-67

12noon – St Joseph's Catholic Church
Tried by Pilate: Matt 27. 11-26

1pm – St Aidan's Episcopal Church
Mocked by soldiers: Matt 27. 27-31

2pm – Netherlee & Stamperland Parish Church
Crucified: Matt 27. 32-44

3pm – Orchardhill Parish Church
Jesus died: Matt 27. 45-56
(with refreshments – and a labyrinth)

All Welcome

Knit Together

Our group of enthusiastic crafters has now been meeting for a year, so I thought this would be a good time to let you know what we have been getting up to every Tuesday morning, apart from drinking tea and coffee, eating biscuits and blethering. We started off by taking part in the Glasgow 850 Knit Together project. We knitted and crocheted squares, sewed them together and delivered them to the [Lodging House Mission](#). Our blankets - over 50 - were included in two exhibitions. The first was in the Briggait and the second was in Kelvin West Parish Church.



The blankets were again displayed at the LHM Carol Service before being distributed through the LHM to people experiencing homelessness and isolation across the City of Glasgow. Fourteen of our group climbed onto the minibus and made our way into East Campbell Street where, along with dignitaries from Glasgow City Council and Glasgow Presbytery, and LHM service users, we enjoyed a Service of Lessons and Carols followed by mince pies.

The Glasgow 850 Knit Together project was the initiative that brought us together in the first place. However, we have kept the needles clicking and over the year we have been very productive. The following is a list of our various projects :



Glasgow 850 Knit Together - over 50 blankets, each made from 54 squares (>2,700).
400 knitted Christmas trees distributed to Netherlee & Stamperland church members.
Approximately 200 green squares to cover our tree for the Christmas Tree Festival.
Pompoms and other 'knitting' themed tree decorations - lost count of these.



Over 150 hats for newborn babies, sent to Aberdeen Maternity Hospital.
Cardigans and blankets for the neonatal unit at the Royal Alexandra hospital in Paisley.
400 Easter bags for Netherlee & Stamperland church members.
8 inch squares in a variety of colours to be joined to the green squares from our Christmas tree.

We have made a connection with the [Daisy Project](#) in Castlemilk which supports survivors of domestic abuse. Every person who comes through their door is given a resilience blanket. These blankets are made up of 6 inch squares, some knitted by our group and some by the women supported by the Project. We sew the squares together and add a crocheted daisy to each blanket. Two representatives from the Daisy project visited us in February and were very pleased to take away several resilience and single bed size blankets.



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Knit Together (continued)

Our Knit Together group consists of 23 members with an average of 18 attending every week. We are also supported by a few contributors who can't manage to join us on a Tuesday but want to be involved in our activities. If you would like to join us, please come to the Small Hall from 10.30 am to 12.30 pm.

Elinor Mair



Sunday Club

At the start of Lent, having shared the story of Jesus in the wilderness, we discussed how this was a time when we could try to think more about what it means to have faith in God and to live out that faith in our daily lives. Instead of giving things up for Lent we talked about taking things up, and each have a chart of simple daily challenges to try to achieve, like performing mindful acts of kindness, or praying for a particular group of people. With an Easter egg sticker for each task completed, hopefully the chart will be covered by Easter Day.

We were warmly welcomed into the communion service after sharing a discussion on measuring God's love and the meaning of baptism. We also enjoyed a lesson about what it means to be part of a team, like Jesus' disciples, and had fun trying different games and activities where we both challenged each other and supported each other to try to get the best outcomes.

On Mother's Day we challenged our knowledge of the Bible by trying to match the names of biblical sons, to their mothers, before making decorated baskets filled with sweets to give to our Mum's to show how much we love them.

We are looking forward to our Easter Egg Hunt on 5th April after the service and would love any visiting children to join in.

The Sunday Club Team



Pancake Day

A morning of pancakes, coffee and a lot of chat and fellowship was enjoyed on Shrove Tuesday. Having heard from the [Daisy Project](#) at the Knit Together group, we were able to donate **£200** to their work with some of the money raised.

Our next event is breakfast on Easter Sunday following the early morning service.

Many thanks

Barbara Cochrane

PoppyScotland News

The Beetle Drive took place on Saturday 28th February. It was a small select group who took part. It was the usual mix of fun and competitiveness. Thanks to all who contributed to the raffle. The money raised on the day and by donations given amounted to **£300**. Thank you to all of you.



The next event is the Spring Coffee Afternoon. This will be held on the 25th of April from 2-4pm. Niall Illingworth has kindly agreed to look after the ever-popular tombola. The Poppybox will be in the Welcome Hall to receive donations for this from early April. As always thank you for your continued support for this very worthwhile cause.

Anne Mann



**Alzheimer
Scotland**
Action on Dementia

Would you like to support us?

On Sunday 26th April, Dawn Zuberi and I are going to take part in the Kiltwalk - doing the Big Stroll on behalf of Alzheimer Scotland. If anyone would like to join us on the walk and also with any walks we do for the training, you would be most welcome. If anyone would like to sponsor us, using our [justgiving page](#), we would be most grateful.

Barbara Cochran

A poster for the LHM 360 Easter Egg Appeal. The top left features the LHM 360 logo with the words 'LIFE', 'HOPE', and 'MEANING' stacked vertically. The background is decorated with a green garland, white daisies, and several colorful Easter eggs (orange, green, blue, red, yellow).

**Easter Egg
Appeal**

Join our mission
initiative to share the
message of *life, hope
and meaning*

**DONATE EASTER EGGS WITH A
LABEL "A GIFT OF HOPE" TO
BE SHARED WITH OUR GUESTS**

A poster for the Christian Aid Art Show. The top left features the Christian Aid logo, which is a red arrow pointing right with the words 'christian aid' in white. The background is a plain, light grey.

**THE 44th ANNUAL CLARKSTON
CHRISTIAN AID**

ART SHOW

Clarkston Hall

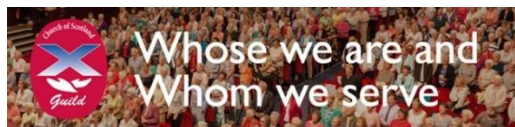
Friday 20th March 7.30pm to 9.00pm
Saturday 21st March 10.00am to 4.00pm

Two hundred paintings by local professional and
amateur artists on show and for sale.

Entrance: Adults £5, Children £2
Includes tea and coffee

The Guild

On 19th February we rejoined to the Golf Club for our annual Friendship Lunch which we all thoroughly enjoyed -- no kitchen duties, a tasty meal and the chance to have a good blether and a laugh. It was a tonic better than medication to brighten dull February weather.



George Cowan came on 26th February to tell us about his life in the Automobile Association. He explained the origin and history of the organisation including its role navigating and leading convoys during the First World War in France. He had us laughing at amusing anecdotes meeting prominent people and some celebrities through his P.R. work. So, congratulations George for entertaining a group of ladies for whom the car is basically a mode of transport. We really enjoyed your talk.

Since our speaker for 5th March was unable to come we asked members to bring an object mentioned in the Bible. We had corn, stones, ships and a star etc. Each person referenced their object to its inclusion in the Bible. We then had to find a recipe from a series of biblical references. A relaxing afternoon entertaining ourselves.

We were transported back to childhood on 12th March remembering the stories of Peter Rabbit and Friends. Liz Allan had come to tell us about the famous Children's author Beatrix Potter. We learned that her love of her pets, other animals and her deep interest in fungi were nurtured during her summer holidays in Perthshire till she was fifteen. She then settled in the Lake District buying [Hill Top Farm](#). To preserve them and the countryside she purchased 14 farms which were left to the National Trust on her death in 1943 thus helping to ensure the survival of the Lakeland landscape. Visitors still flock to Hill Top Farm preserved in her memory.



Our next meeting is "in house" on 19th March followed by the A.G.M on 26th March. On 14th May we are having Afternoon Tea at 3.00 p.m. in the Busby Hotel. Have a good summer!

Margaret Fear
Secretary



Netherlee and Stamperland Forum

On February 16th, the Forum was delighted to welcome photographer Jacki Gordon. While Jacki describes herself as an “enthusiastic amateur,” the quality of her work and her growing number of accolades suggest that she is a master of her craft. Her photography journey began

fifteen years ago, sparked by a genial touch of envy over a friend’s published photograph in *The Herald*. Resolving to do the same, she began capturing images of her dog, Luca, and honed her skills by observing wildlife photographers in action. Today, she remains a “purist,” handling every technical adjustment herself rather than letting the technology take the lead.

Jacki’s creativity reached new heights during the COVID-19 pandemic, when she turned her focus to her collie, Ollie, and came up with the idea of her now world-famous “Totie Photies.” Miniature photography is the art of positioning small-scale models alongside full-sized, everyday objects to make them appear as realistic, full-sized scenes. As the viewer, it is a little bit like an optical illusion as you are not actually seeing what you think you are looking at initially.



For all these photographs are masterpieces, they demand a greater deal of technical skill on the part of the photographer, requiring specialised lenses and manual dexterity to achieve the right perspective in the composition of the image. They are, nonetheless, very entertaining, and to entertain the viewer is one of Jacki’s aims as a photographer.



This philosophy has clearly paid off: her work has been featured on the BBC, Susan Calman’s TV show, and even caught the eye of Hendrick’s Gin who worked with her in the development of one of their marketing campaigns. In 2024, one particularly striking image of her mother’s hand was shortlisted for a prestigious British Photography Award in the fine art category – the fourth time that Jacki has been shortlisted.

Beyond the studio, Jacki’s passion for wildlife takes her into the thick of nature. Whether she is crouching in the mud in Linn Park to capture the local otters or travelling abroad to photograph brown bears in Finland or pelicans in Greece, her mantra is the same: get close to the subject. This dedication even saw her brave Iceland’s elements to photograph the Arctic fox, enduring a touch of frostbite for her efforts! From the Countryfile calendar to Grayson Perry’s Art Club, Jacki’s work reminds us that, for a photographer, with patience comes beauty in the form of striking, vivid photographs. We are very grateful to Jacki for sharing her passion and enthusiasm on the night.

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The Forum (continued)

Next month's Newsletter will feature our final speaker for the season, Ian Galloway. If you have any suggestions for speakers at the Forum or know of anybody who may be keen to join the organising committee, do please make your suggestions to Dagmar Kerr or anyone else who sits on the organising committee.

Fraser McGowan for The Forum Organising Committee

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Anything from the following list would be appreciated for donations - tinned goods (chickpeas, macaroni cheese, meat, ravioli, tuna), cup-a-soup, microwavable pasta packs, diluting juice, instant coffee, long-life milk, bars of soap, shampoo and toothpaste. There are many clients who do not have any method of cooking therefore the cup-a-soups are invaluable as are the microwavable pasta meals to any family which does not have a cooker to make meals.



As well as the list above, [Foodbank](#) staff would currently appreciate Easter Eggs or other seasonal goodies to augment the basic grocery bags. As always, the staff and clients of the Foodbank are very grateful of your continued support.

Marjorie Lang and Catriona Gomez



**CRANHILL
DEVELOPMENT
TRUST**

The nearly new shop at [Cranhill Development Trust](#) (CDT) is as I am sure you know, open for business.

Thankfully, it continues to fill a real need for some of the folks in that area of Glasgow. Your donations

of nearly new clothes and bric-à-brac are most welcome. Not only do these serve a real need but raise money to help with the running of the Trust.

Diane and her mum, Mary, who help run the shop are also keen to accept any unwanted gifts of toiletries (clearly labelled) for their Christmas tombola 2026. If you could leave any such items clearly labelled '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.

As well as on their website, more information on Cranhill Development Trust and the amazing work they do is displayed on the noticeboard in the Welcome Hall.

Again, many, many thanks for your kind generosity.

N & S Coordinator Gordon Lang

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