

NETHERLEE AND STAMPERLAND PARISH CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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From the Editor

Spring has well and truly sprung. It is hard to believe that some of our organisations are already at the end of their 2025-2026 seasons. The deadline for the next issue will be Tuesday **12th May 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 29th April**. This lunch is a “drop in” any time from 11.00 a.m.; there is no necessity to have attended the service, all are welcome.



Please call George Cowan on 07917 592667 if you require minibus transport.



PoppyScotland News

The clocks have gone forward and hopefully the weather will get warmer. It is now time for the Spring Coffee Afternoon. This will take place in the large hall on **Saturday 25th April 2026** between 2 and 4pm. The cost is £5, and tickets will be on sale after the Service on Sunday 19th April or at the door on the day. The ever-popular Tombola will take place at this event. Donations for this can be put in the Poppybox which is in the Welcome Hall. I look forward to seeing you all there.

Summer will be here before we know it and the preparation for the 2026 Poppy Campaign will begin. If there is anyone out there who has wonderful fundraising ideas or would like to assist with the planning and execution of this, please contact me on 07796277544 or by email at john-mann4@sky.com. I shall leave you with a future date for your diary - the Coffee Afternoon on **7th November 2026**.

Thank you for your ongoing support of PoppyScotland.

Anne Mann

From The Minister

Dear friends,

As we find ourselves now a couple of weeks beyond Easter, the joy and wonder of that glorious morning still lingers. Easter is not simply a single day in the Christian calendar, but a season, one that invites us to continue living in the light of the resurrection. The risen Christ meets us not only in moments of celebration, but in the ordinary rhythms of our daily lives, offering hope, renewal, and the assurance that love is stronger than death.



In these weeks after Easter, we are reminded that the story did not end at the empty tomb. The disciples went on to discover what it meant to live as resurrection people, people of courage, compassion, and deep faith, even in uncertain times. That same calling is extended to us today. Wherever we find ourselves, may we be bearers of that Easter hope to one another and to our wider community.

As part of our life together, I am pleased to share that we will be introducing a weekly Vestry Hour on Thursday evenings from 6.30-7.30pm beginning on **Thursday 21 May**. This will be a relaxed and open time where anyone can come along for conversation, reflection, or simply to connect. Whether you have something on your mind, a question to explore, or just want to spend some quiet time in a welcoming space, you will be most warmly invited.

I would also like to extend a particular invitation to anyone who has been thinking about becoming a member of the church. If you feel that this may be the right time for you to take that step, I would be delighted to speak with you. Please do not hesitate to get in touch with me for an informal conversation, we would love to welcome you more fully into the life of the congregation.

As always, thank you for your continued support, encouragement, and faithfulness. It is a privilege to share this journey of faith together.

With every blessing,

Jillian

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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 Cochrane

With Thanks

A huge thank you to Jillian and the church family for their care while John was in hospital and after his death. The cards, flowers, food, phone calls and messages were much appreciated. Thanks to the generosity of those attending John's church service, we were able to donate £1,250.00 to the British Heart Foundation.

Norma, Kenneth & Nicola Montgomery



I wish to express warm thanks to the Knitting Together Group for the delightful Easter gift and to the Planning and Communications Committee for organising its distribution along with Jillian's Easter message.

Sincerely
Jean Edgar

Sunday Club

Since our last article we have been tackling some difficult topics with our Clubbers. We looked at Jesus's miraculous raising of Lazarus from the dead. We made the most frustrating example (pictured) of motion 'miraculously' being created without touching anything (using the static energy from a balloon) – it took forever to get the pennies and matchstick to balance but we eventually succeeded!



On Palm Sunday we enjoyed waving our palms along with the rest of the congregation. Later in Sunday Club we made rocky road



chocolate ones!

(recipe on page 4) remembering all of the features of Jesus' Palm Sunday journey and made Easter cards that opened to a pop-up flower to celebrate the joy of Easter. On Easter Sunday our members joined us or their families and quietly took communion with the other members of the congregation, before a fantastic Easter egg hunt took place throughout the church. Who knew plastic eggs could be traded for yummy

On 12th April we welcomed visitors for Rosie's baptism into our number. We read the story of doubting Thomas and decorated cut outs of our hands to join together just as the disciples were brought together when they saw Jesus's hands when he appeared to them.

As ever we welcome all children into Sunday Club so please let any visitors know we are here for their children every Sunday (with the exception of a few in the summer school holidays).

The Sunday Club Team

Easter Rocky Road

Explore the rocky road through Holy Week with this Special Recipe

sunhatsandwellieboots.com



Ingredients

- 60g Raisins
- 12 Glace Cherries
- 100g Bag of Mini Chocolate Eggs
- 3 Mars bars
- 135g Bag of Maltesers
- 4 x 100g Bar of Milk chocolate
- 80g Small White Marshmallows
- 20g Green Jelly Sweets
- 5 Digestive Biscuits
- 30 Silver sugar balls
- Plus a 10" square baking tray

Method

- 1 Add the green sweets to a large mixing bowl.
A reminder of the green palm leaves waved on Palm Sunday. (Matthew 21:11)
 - 2 Break the chocolate into rough pieces & place in a glass bowl for later.
A reminder of Jesus turning over the tables in the Temple. (Matthew 21:12-22)
 - 3 Add the raisins to the large bowl.
These remind us of Jesus' lesson of The Fig Tree. (Matthew 24:29-35)
 - 4 Place 30 silver sugar balls on a dish ready for later.
Representing 30 pieces of silver Judas used to betray Jesus. (Matthew 26:14-16)
 - 5 Break the biscuits into small sections & cut the cherries in half, add both to the large bowl.
A reminder of the wine & broken bread that Jesus shared at the Last Supper. (Matthew 26:17-75)
 - 6 Slice the Mars bars into chunks & add to the large bowl. Mars bars have 3 layers & represent the cockerel crowing 3 times when Peter denied Jesus. (Matthew 26:31-35, 69-75)
 - 7 Add the white marshmallows to the large bowl.
These represent the white linen used to wrap Jesus' body after he died. (Matthew 27: 57-59)
 - 8 Empty the bag of Maltesers over the white marshmallows.
A reminder of the round stone that sealed Jesus' tomb. (Matthew 27:60-61)
 - 9 Melt the broken chocolate & stir into the dry ingredients until everything is coated in chocolate. Add the mixture to a lined baking tray & sprinkle over the 30 silver balls.
 - 10 Finally place the mini chocolate Easter eggs on the top.
The eggs remind us of the JOY of Easter Day & the promise of New Life. (Matthew 28:1-13)
- Place in the fridge to set for a couple of hours. Before serving leave to stand at room temperature for around 30mins & use a warm knife to slice. Share & enjoy!

Top Tip:
Weigh out all
the ingredients
before you
start

As Christian Aid week is fast approaching (May 10th to 17th) we will be placing envelopes in the pews on the two Sundays for anyone to add a donation. We will also be hosting a 'brunch' after the morning service on the 17th when you will be able to have a roll with any combination of bacon, sausage, tattie scone and French toast for a donation. If anyone would like to do a collection in the street where you live (or perhaps a street where you know no one) or if you would like to do one in your block of flats, please contact any of the Christian Aid team who will gladly give you some envelopes and a collector's badge.

Thanks as always for your support.

Marjorie Lang for the Christian Aid Team





Netherlee Cottage

Netherlee Cottage in Colombo, Sri Lanka, celebrated 20 years of service to the Sri Lankan National Institute of Mental Health. The small party was organised around all the people that have helped the residents over the years.

The Cottage opened in October 2005 in a different location and moved to Thaladena in 2008. Our residents are blessed with friends and a fantastic local community who accept them, support them and help them. This has allowed the residents to develop social awareness and social etiquette all of which has been so hard to teach. The party included many neighbours and representatives from the mental health hospital, house mothers and retired housemothers plus Rev John and the Netherlee management team. We had soft drinks, sandwiches and cake all served by the residents and donated by Cinnamon Lakeside Hotel.



We have had a tough year trying to find the best staff for the Cottage and we are continuing to monitor the performance of the current staff. A performance review was completed recently of the longest serving housemother giving her help and direction to improve. Conversations with the hospital have been continuing and we are going through the preparation of taking a new lady to the Cottage in May. The College of Psychiatrics' are also involved in identifying suitable candidates and we are waiting to hear their feedback. Rs52,000 has been spent on maintenance this year so far at the Cottage involving the repair of fans, kitchen cupboards, window stays, a cupboard in the lounge, the back door frame and the skylight in the 4th bedroom.

The Netherlee budget for 2026 has been completed and is being reviewed by the team, it shows some financial challenges later this year. At the end of the first two months of the year we are over budget for water, wages and maintenance but better than budget overall./...

Netherlee Cottage (continued)

Netherlee Parish Church have had a huge hand in making this project successful.

The residents will attend the General Hospital this month for ears, eyes and blood tests to assess cholesterol.

Gillian Mailler for the Netherlee Team

I am aware that there are members of our congregation participating in the Kiltwalk and have asked for sponsorship. However, Glasgow Southeast foodbank staff have asked me to promote their [Kiltwalk adventure](#).



The following is the [Foodbank](#) wish list. As you can see there are some hygiene products. If folks have no money to buy food, they definitely do not have any money to keep clean!!!! Needed are bars of soap, toothpaste, shampoo, diluting juice, long-life milk, tinned food (fruit, tuna cold meat, chickpeas, tomatoes), instant coffee and red lentils.

Thanks as always for your unending support to this, unfortunately, very necessary cause
Marjorie Lang and Catriona Gomez



**CRANHILL
DEVELOPMENT
TRUST**

The nearly new shop at [Cranhill Development Trust](#) (CDT) is open for business. As you know it continues to satisfy 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 does this serve a real need but raises money to help with the running of the Trust.

CDT have placed a 'Bra Bank' in the shop. Monies received from the donations of such items are also used to help with the running of the Trust. If you can help with this, please mark your bag 'Cranhill Bra Bank' and leave in the usual cupboard.

All other items should be labelled for Cranhill and left 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 is on their website and displayed on the notice board in the Welcome Hall.



Many thanks.

N & S Coordinator Gordon Lang



Netherlee and Stamperland Forum

In March, the Forum was delighted to welcome the Reverend Ian Galloway back to Netherlee and Stamperland Church, for a series of reflections which he named *Through a Glass Darkly*. With his typical grace and good humour, Ian wove a fascinating life story, shaped by both adverse childhood experiences and extraordinary good fortune. To begin, he recounted a dramatic childhood fall from a first-floor window in the village of Eaglesham where his family then lived. Ian fell from the window just as his mother entered the room, landing on his rear end at the feet of a stranger. Many years later, he met with an extraordinary coincidence. When discussing the incident with a friend at a party in Eaglesham, Ian discovered that his friend had lived in the same flat with his family some years later. When relaying this coincidence to the person hosting the party, the host, somewhat shocked, revealed that *he* was the unknown stranger whose feet Ian had landed at all those years before. The incident, Ian believes, could be regarded as an adverse childhood experience, but, when reflecting upon it, it has given him reason to think about the nature of chance encounters.

Ian told us about other difficult childhood experiences, including the untimely death of his father when Ian was still at school. He learned of his father's death when he was just about to go on stage in a school production of Gilbert and Sullivan's *Trial by Jury*, a detail that brought some comic relief when Ian added that he was just about to go on stage dressed as a bridesmaid. He told us candidly about his early years, including the physical toll wrought by grief. From Hutchesons' Grammar School, he went on to be a foundation scholar at George Heriots School in Edinburgh before reading economics at university. He eventually joined the Iona Community. It was there that his faith really took root.

Some of the most poignant, and humorous, moments of Ian's talk came from his time living with his wife and children in a "stair community" in West Pilton, Edinburgh. This experiment in intentional living saw Christian families inhabiting adjacent flats, sharing their lives at close quarters. Ian recalled a particularly telling afternoon when he passed a man in the street carrying a television remarkably like his own, only to realise upon reaching home that he had, in fact, witnessed his own burglary. Notwithstanding the inconvenience of being burgled, Ian viewed such experiences as practical lessons in what Christianity looks like when it is lived out in the complexities of the real world. His time in West Pilton prepared him for ministry in the Gorbals, where he spent a very large part of his career as a Church of Scotland minister. /...



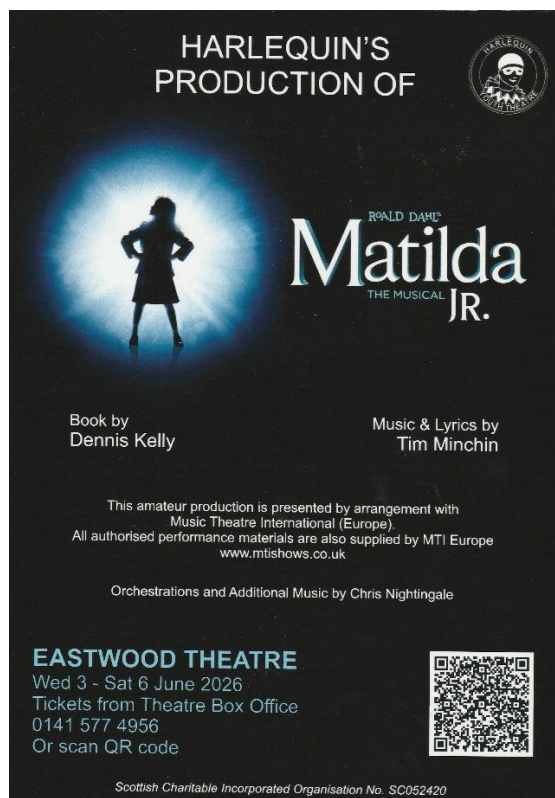
Netherlee and Stamperland Forum (continued)

Ian used an interesting expression during his talk: instead of 'going to' Church, he described people as 'being church'. These words are, perhaps, indicative of the theological practise for which he has become well known: *people are the church*. This spirit of togetherness was perhaps best exemplified in his friendship with the local Catholic priest, Father Brian McGrath. Together, they found a common fellowship in serving those most in need, including many local asylum seekers. Ian concluded by talking about the story written upon his face. Nearer the end of his career, he sat for a couple of portrait photographs intended for publication online or in print. When, afterwards, the photographer airbrushed away his wrinkles and blemishes, Ian requested the original image be restored. He felt the edited version erased the story of his life, with all the happiness and sadness that has led him to live with purpose and grace. We are very grateful to Ian for making the time to tell us his story with all his characteristic warmth and good humour.

The Forum will reconvene in September, and the 2026-27 programme will be published shortly. In the meantime, **we are looking for one or two people to join the Forum organising committee**. We would be **very keen to hear from anyone who would be willing to deliver the short introductions or the votes of thanks**, as we aim to expand the range of voices our audience hears at the beginning and end of our meetings. If you would like to join the committee and would be willing to take on some of the 'speaking parts' then do please let Dagmar Kerr know at your earliest convenience. Thank you for attending the Forum and reading our articles in the newsletter.

Fraser McGowan for The Forum Organising Committee

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