

NETHERLEE AND STAMPERLAND PARISH CHURCH NEWSLETTER

MAY 2026 EDITION

From the Editor

Welcome to the May edition and an update to our cover picture of the church, which Dagmar Kerr has kindly provided. The deadline for the next issue, which will be our summer edition (there is no publication in July) will be Tuesday **16th June 2026**. As always, articles (and pictures in .jpg format) can be submitted at any time to nandsnewsletter@btinternet.com.



If you have some spare time, please take a look at the [Church website](#) and let me know (at the email address above) if there are any updates required or if you think we are missing some content. We are a small team so any input would be gratefully received.

Karen McQueen



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 27th May**. 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

Hi Everyone.

What can I say. On Saturday 25th April we were blessed with a glorious sunny day for the Coffee Afternoon. **£715.52** was raised at that event. Thanks are due to everyone who baked, helped to set up, collected tickets, to serve the tea and coffee and to run the tombola. Thanks for all the wonderful gifts for the Tombola; it sold out in the first hour.



Now to enjoy a, hopefully, sunny summer and prepare for the 2026 Campaign. All bright fundraising ideas will be gratefully received. Date for your diary - the Coffee Afternoon on **7th November 2026**.

Thank you for your ongoing support of PoppyScotland.

Anne Mann



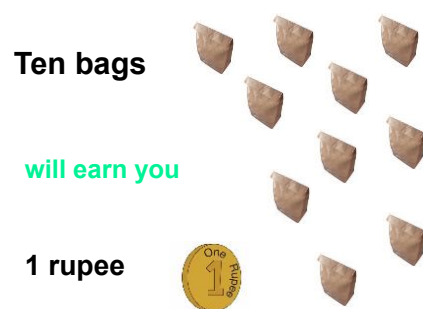
Sunday Club

On 19th April, we joined the Disciples on the road to Emmaus. We saw an animation of the story, recognising voices when they call us by name. We then folded pictures in such a way, so Jesus appeared and disappeared just like he did to the Disciples.

The following week, joined by some of the lovely children from John's baptism we explored the post Easter bible passage of the risen Jesus preparing breakfast by the shore for his disciples. We enjoyed a breakfast of bread and 'fish' (well, Haribo snakes look a bit like eels?); George even braved the two combined! Then it was the battle of the genders as we played the magnet fishing game with the girls winning 2-1.

We then explored 'the way, the truth and the life', by drawing maps to buried treasure. We followed the map to the communion cupboard where we then discovered we needed a key. We learned that Jesus is like a map to where we want to be and a he is a key, unlocking the door to the treasures of heaven. The picture above shows the Clubbers racing pom poms through a maze.

We began Christian Aid week in the large hall (for the wifi!) where we saw the [Paper Bag Game presentation](#). After looking at how our lives differ from those in poverty in India, we made the type of paper bag, used by shopkeepers for rice and spices, which people who come to Kolkata make to earn enough to survive. We learned that crop failures force many people into the city to find work. We discovered that someone would have to make 260 high quality bags per day simply to live. We also committed to do something for Christian Aid, like attending the brunch or donating our collection.



As ever we welcome all children into Sunday Club so please let any visitors know we are here for their children. Our last Sunday Club meeting of the session will be Sunday 21st June and we will start back on Sunday 6th September 2026.

The Sunday Club Team



Daniel House Afternoon Tea

Daniel House in Nithsdale Road, Pollokshields, are having an Afternoon Tea on **Saturday 16th May** at 2pm in memory of Gordon McAnally (Gordy).

Anyone interested in going along please contact me at gordonlang231@btinternet.com.

Gordon Lang

Our Heroes of Kiltwalk 2026

I would like to thank the many people of this congregation who supported me so generously for walking 23 miles from Glasgow Green to Balloch in the April Kiltwalk. I loved the atmosphere, walking with 10,000 people who were all supporting good causes. 7½ hours and several blisters later, I was proud and delighted to receive my medal. I am even more delighted, that I will be able to send the fantastic sum of £925 to [The Yard](#). Thanks again for your generosity.

Lisa Kerr

Ps All the staff at The Yard are very grateful for your support and we look forward to February 2027, when Rachael Grant, the Manager at the Glasgow Yard will speak at The Forum about the work they do.



We would like to thank everyone who donated to our fundraising for Alzheimer Scotland for the Kiltwalk on 26th April. We raised **£1,488**, with the majority of that gift aided. We were taken aback by the good wishes and amount of sponsorship for this very worthwhile cause.

We had a very good day, managing the 14 miles in around 5 hours. We were blessed with good weather, sunny but not too hot. It was a lovely walk along the canal from Clydebank to Balloch. The organisation of the walk was excellent with plenty of refreshments and snacks. The atmosphere was so friendly and happy that we hope to do it again next year and would love if others would like to join us.

Thanks again for all your support.

Barbara Cochrane and Dawn Zuberi

This week is Christian Aid Week. There were envelopes in the pews on Sunday and there will be some this Sunday (17th). If you cannot attend church but would like to make a donation to Christian Aid please either contact your elder for an envelope or contact me at marjorie35@hotmail.co.uk and I will ensure you receive one.



There will also be a brunch after the service on Sunday 17th May, the proceeds of which will go to Christian Aid. Please come along if you can, to enjoy the food and fellowship while supporting a worthwhile cause.

Marjorie Lang for the Christian Aid Team



The Great N&S Bake Off

That's right, The Great British Bake Off is coming to Netherlee and Stamperland! Put on your aprons and dust off the recipe books. On Saturday 29th August, we're having a baking competition. Categories will include Preserves, Decorated Sponge Cakes, Traybakes, Biscuits and Shortbread. And one for the men to share their talents - Scones. There will be a Decorated Cup Cake category for our younger bakers. An esteemed panel of experts will judge the entries and select the star bakers amongst you.

If you don't fancy entering, come along for the fun. There will be a tearoom serving tea and coffee and delicious home baking. We're in for a fun afternoon. Look out for more details in the next edition of the Newsletter but, for now, get practising. Happy baking!

Alison McKean for The Planning and Communications Group

Stained Glass Windows

Following the repair to the stained-glass window at height closest to the balcony, the Fabric Committee, on the advice of Rainbow Glass our specialists, instructed the cleaning of the remaining stained glass windows in the sanctuary to remove the surface film of grime arising from the passage of the years and from the recent roof project. Hopefully the congregation will appreciate the enhanced display the cleaning has delivered. There is much to admire.



As an aside to this, Connell Cranston has passed on a note of the conversation he had in relation to our gallery window with the specialists who carried out the cleaning work. The men enthused endlessly about the quality of the window and about the installation. First all the glass is an inch thick with many pieces deliberately chipped at the edge so that the light is highlighted in the facets of the glass. This special style of window is known as a Dalle de Verre with the glass set in a resin and then panel by panel placed meticulously into the stonework frame. The panels are thought to weigh around 350 kilos (7 hundredweight) so that it must have been a nerve-wracking installation back in 1965 when the window was gifted by the estate of Mrs Roberta Thomson. It is more than worth the effort to ascend the balcony stairs not just to take in the craftsmanship but to reflect on the symbols and artefacts within the Crucifixion scene. Spear. Thorns. Dice. Nails. Pliers. Ladder. Hammer. Stick with sponge.

Tony Ireland



From an Old Friend

I am Mike Mair, son of Stanley, and myself a minister. Indeed, I've preached in Netherlee Stamperland a few times over the years. I'm now 84 years old - how did that happen? I know that there are a few people in Netherlee who have kept in touch with me, especially in my occasional supply ministry at Newtonmore in Speyside. I shall be leading public worship for the last

time on May 31st, in St Bride's Church Newtonmore (pictured). This will signal a real retirement from active ministry, a last gig.

With thanks and blessings.

Mike Mair

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

and bric-à-brac are most welcome.

As I mentioned previously the CDT have a 'Bra Bank' within the shop. Monies received from this and all other donations are used to help with the running of the Trust. Please label any such bags accordingly. Similarly, if you are donating items considered as rags please mark those bags appropriately. As always 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. For more information click the link to their website above.

Many thanks.

N & S Coordinator Gordon Lang

Adverts

Note By Note
**SPRING
CONCERT**

Adults- £5 | Concession- £3
(Under 18/Over 65's)


An evening filled with...

- Student Performances
- Student Awards
- Teacher Performance
- Guest Soloists
- And more to be announced...

Thursday 28th May 2026, 6:30pm
Netherlee and Stamperland
Parish Church

Tickets can be purchased via messaging 07757796803
or emailing notebynote24@outlook.com



HARLEQUIN'S PRODUCTION OF 

ROALD DAHL'S
Matilda
THE MUSICAL JR.


Book by
Dennis Kelly

Music & Lyrics by
Tim Minchin

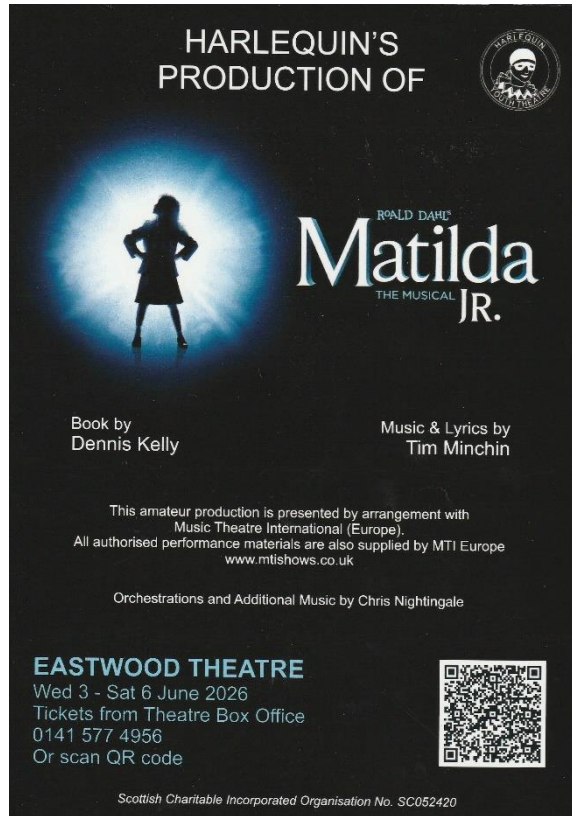
This amateur production is presented by arrangement with
Music Theatre International (Europe).
All authorised performance materials are also supplied by MTI Europe
www.mtishows.co.uk

Orchestrations and Additional Music by Chris Nightingale

EASTWOOD THEATRE
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Tickets from Theatre Box Office
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