

NETHERLEE AND STAMPERLAND PARISH CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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From the Editor

The days are getting a bit longer and there are signs of blooming Spring everywhere. Yeah! The deadline for the next issue will be Tuesday **17th March 2026**. Articles (and pictures in .jpg format) can be submitted at any time to the mailbox nandsnewsletter@btinternet.com.

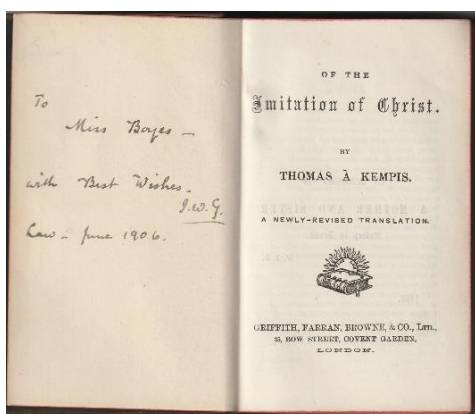
Karen McQueen (picture courtesy of Dagmar Kerr)

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 25th February**. This will be a "drop in" any time from 11.00 a.m., after the service. There is no need to have attended the service, all are welcome. Please call George Cowan on 07917 592667 if you require minibus transport.

Barbara Cochrane



Lost and Found

This 'hand sized' study guide was found by our Session Clerk in the mail trays. We would love to return it to its rightful owner.

If it's yours or you know who it belongs to, please either approach me at Church or email me at nandsnewsletter@btinternet.com.

Thank you.

Karen McQueen

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

Beginning the Journey Together

Lent arrives quietly. No fanfare, no fireworks, just an invitation. An invitation to slow our pace, to notice what we carry, and to listen again for the still, small voice of God that can be crowded out by the noise of ordinary days.



In Scotland, we know something about seasons that ask patience of us. The light lengthens only gradually; the ground does not rush to bloom. Lent shares that same honesty. It does not pretend that life is easy or that faith removes struggle. Instead, it offers us forty days to be truthful before God, about our doubts as well as our hopes, our weariness as well as our love.

Many people think of Lent in terms of giving things up. There can be wisdom in that, especially if it creates space. But perhaps the deeper question is not what will I give up? but what will I make room for? Room for prayer that is less rushed. For kindness, that costs us something. For silence. For repentance that is not about self-criticism, but about turning again toward grace.

Lent is not a solitary journey. We walk it together as the people of God, supporting one another, stumbling and beginning again. And we walk it knowing where it leads, not to darkness, but to Easter morning, to life renewed beyond our imagining.

As this season begins, may God meet you gently. May these days be a gift rather than a burden. And may we discover, once again, that even in the wilderness, God is already at work, bringing life.

Blessings to you

Jillian

With Thanks



Jillian and Netherlee and Stamperland Church family. I would like to thank everyone for the prayerful support I was given during my recent stay in hospital. For those of you who are blood donors my especial thanks for your gifts of recovery and hope. And also my joy on receiving the beautiful church flowers on my return home.

My appreciation and gratitude go to you all. Thank you very much.

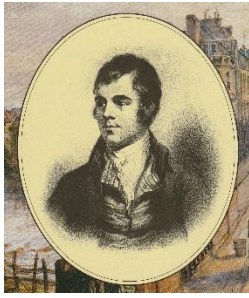
Irene Carmichael

Thank you very much for the lovely church flowers, good wishes, prayers and visits. Vicky is settling into Abbeyfield Eastpark Gardens, Rutherglen. She is enjoying joining the Sunday services online and hearing news from Netherlee.

With love to all the church family.

Vicky Anderson and family x





Sunday Club

The Sunday Clubbers celebrated Robert Burns' birthday by looking at how his poetry celebrated even the smallest of creatures, like a mouse and even a louse. God sees everyone as precious, no matter how small, shy, different, or overlooked. We said the Selkirk Grace and enjoyed our shortbread. We encouraged the children to do a 'wee act of kindness', something small but meaningful.

Jesus calls us by name was the theme at the end of January. The children said it felt good when people remembered their name. We read how the good shepherd knew all his sheep by name, how Jesus called Zaccheus by name, and how Mary Magdalene only recognised Jesus when he said her name. We drew friendship trees naming those who were important to us.

Sufficient to say Karen's experiment to illustrate how Jesus wants us to be the 'salt of the earth' didn't quite go to plan but we had fun trying, and the salt came in handy to flavour the popcorn Jillian had made during the all age address! We also tried to draw blindfold, without the 'light of the world'. Best effort was Lucy and her attempt at drawing a bowl of popcorn. Well done!

The Sunday Club Team

PoppyScotland News

Hello Everyone.

The next PoppyScotland event is the Beetle Drive which will take place on **Saturday 28th February** in the Large Hall. This year it is at the new time of 2.30pm. For those of you have not tried Beetle, it is a game that can be enjoyed by all ages: no previous knowledge of the game is necessary. The cost is £5 for adults and £10 for a family and there will be prizes and a raffle. Donations for the raffle will be gratefully received and can be left in the Poppy Box which is in the Welcome Hall. **Date for your diary.** The Spring Coffee Afternoon will be held on **Saturday 25th April 2026**.



Looking forward to seeing you at both these events, having fun while supporting PoppyScotland. Thank you.

Anne Mann



Donations for Starter Packs

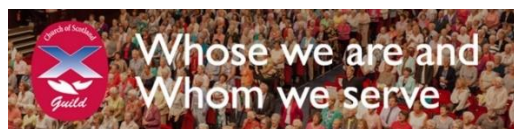
It would be really helpful if anyone leaving a donation for [Starter Packs](#) could label the box/bag with the contents. This will help the team sort between items for the individual packs and items to go to the Magpie's Nest, their charity shop. Bedding should be labelled with what size it is (single, double or king size) if possible.

Thank you so much for your help.

Marilyn Love

The Guild

We were treated to some super pictures of Southern Africa on 15th January.



Anne Mann came to share her photographs taken on her African trip. Her first port of call was on the border between Zambia and Zimbabwe on the Zambezi River to view the Victoria Falls. The noise and the spray proved to be much more spectacular than she had imagined. Anne then stayed on the banks of the River Chobe beside the floodplain where

their Tour Guide took them to view the local wildlife. She showed us impala, lions, elephants, hippos, other species and vultures; just some of the varieties of wildlife on the floodplains. Through her pictures it was great to be able to appreciate Anne's pleasure in all she saw.

We had a welcome return visit from Michaela Foster Marsh on 22nd January to bring us up to date on Starchild. She explained how covid changed things, but the building of the Sunflower Sanctuary went ahead. She showed a video of her opening the building in memory of Rony with Frankie's brother in attendance. With disabilities being more accepted in Uganda the School of Creativity has a varied programme. To improve hygiene, showers are being built for wheelchair users. Michaela would also like to obtain a van for wheelchair users. At present the Sanctuary has a Projector Co-ordinator called Sophie Kibirge and a lawyer named Pope Ahimbisibwe who, in his role as Starchild Ambassador, is trying to get funding in Uganda. Michaela thanked the Guild for our support but admitted funding was difficult - a continuous struggle.



On 29th January we had a fun afternoon revisiting the choruses and old CH3 hymns we remembered from Sunday School. John Dunn very kindly and bravely played for us – a room full of not-so-young "girls" singing with the actions. We all enjoyed ourselves, so thank you John and Carole Bartholomew.



Jack Geddes came on 5th February to speak about Glasgow City Mission in its bi-centennial year. It was founded in 1826 by a young Christian man named David Nasmith who was motivated by the poverty and overcrowding in Glasgow. It is a multi-denominational Christian charity now with centres worldwide. At their premises in Gilmour Street, they daily provide lunch and dinner to those in need. /...

The Guild continued ...

The Mission holds basic and intermediate English language classes, gives assistance in getting accommodation, help to prepare for interviews and where possible arranges drug rehabilitation accommodation. They now have a mother and child unit which now allows women to receive some tuition. After 200 years the Mission is continuing to embrace David Nasmyth's Christian ideals for the betterment of the needy people of Glasgow.

On 12th February we had an afternoon of nostalgia thanks to Mr Kevin Smith. On screen he showed us clips of shops and stores no longer on Glasgow's High Street. Then we had to guess the singer or pop-group on clips of winners of 1970's 'top twenty' so we had a singalong as we recognised the hits. A very enjoyable afternoon down memory lane.

We are looking forward to our lunch on 19th February at 12.30 pm at the Golf Club. On 26th February we will hear from George Cowan who is a retired AA patrolman, and on 5th March, we will hear from Roma on the topic of Persecuted Christians. The World Day of Prayer Service is on Friday 6th March at 10.30 am in St. Aidan's Church Clarkston; all are welcome to attend. We then have meetings on 12th (Beatrix Potter with Liz Allan) before our final meeting and AGM on 19th March.

Margaret Fear
Secretary

Clarkston Christian Aid Art Show

The long-awaited Art Show is in the Clarkston Halls on Friday evening 20th (7.30 to 9.00 pm) and Saturday 21st March (10.00 am to 4.00 pm). Admission is £5.00 which includes coffee and cake. Please come and view the

artwork which is on display from local artists and perhaps purchase a picture or two.

There is also a tearoom on the Friday evening and Saturday; Netherlee and Stamperland are responsible for the running of the tearoom on Friday evening and Saturday until 1.00 pm. If anyone can help, please contact one of the committee members. This is usually a fun event. If anyone could help set up the show on the Friday or dismantle after 4.00 pm on the Saturday again, please speak to a committee member. Thank you in advance for your support.

Marjorie Lang for the Christian Aid Committee



We have been extremely busy in January and as always appreciate your generosity. 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, toothpaste.

Thanks again for your continued support.

Marjorie Lang and Catriona Gomez

Netherlee and Stamperland Forum

Since the last edition of the newsletter, the Forum has met twice. On 19th January, we enjoyed hearing from George Cowan about his varied career as an AA mechanic. George began by telling us about the history of the Automobile Association, more commonly known as the AA. Founded in



1905 by a group of motoring enthusiasts in London, the AA started life as an anti-establishment organisation. Its original mission was to help drivers avoid 'speed traps' set by police enforcing the twenty miles per hour limit. Its first 'patrols' were bicycle scouts who used a unique system of signals. Famously, a scout would salute a passing member only if the road ahead was clear of police, a tactic that led to legal battles and an eventual shift in the salute's meaning by 1910. Membership cost two guineas per year and, after a period of considerable growth until the outbreak of the First World War, the organisation became an unmistakable part of the motoring firmament. The size of its membership even led Prime Minister Harold Wilson to suspect that the AA was involved in a plot to overthrow his government in the late 1960s, when the membership fee unexpectedly increased.



George's talk was generously punctuated by little-known facts – did you know the AA opened the UK's first roadside petrol station? – but it was equally interesting to hear about the role he played in the AA. He began working with the organisation as a teenager in the early 1970s, not long after the introduction of its long-distance vehicle recovery service. The first vehicle he drove for the AA was an ex-military truck of a pre-war design! During his career, George was deployed and redeployed across the country, carrying out a wide variety of work and meeting many fascinating people along the way, including many celebrities and, much more importantly, the lady who was later to become his wife. It is often said that people are always pleased to see an AA patrolman, but we were particularly pleased to welcome our very own, and much loved, AA patrolman to the Forum in January. Thank you to George for delivering such an interesting talk with great warmth and humour.



The Forum was addressed by Jacki Gordon in February, and there will be more on her talk in next month's newsletter. In the meantime, the Forum is due to meet again on **16th March 2026** when we will be addressed by the Reverend Ian Galloway, a retired minister known to many within the church community. The Forum meets at **19:30 in the Lesser Sanctuary**. Everyone is most welcome to attend – do please bring along a friend or a neighbour!

Fraser McGowan for The Forum Organising Committee



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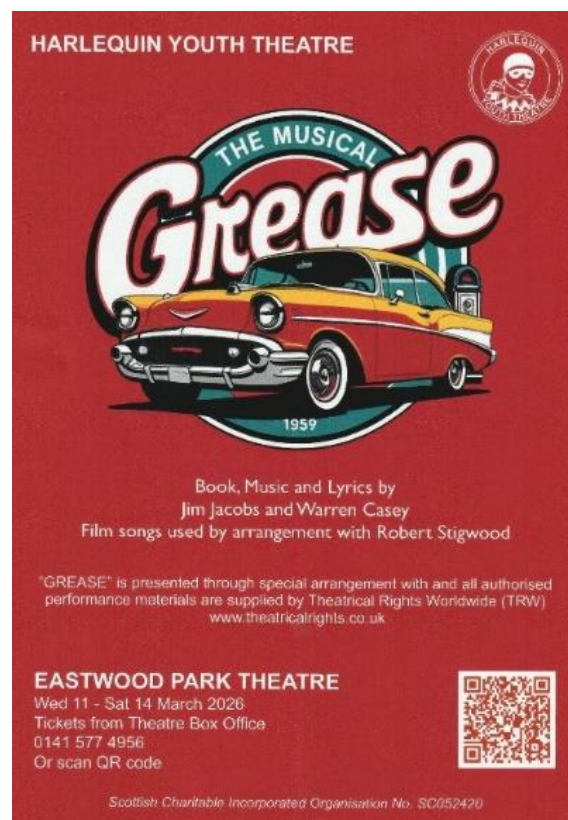
The nearly new shop at [Cranhill Development Trust](#) (CDT) is now 'open for business' four days a week. As you are aware it continues to fill a real need for some of the folks in that area of Glasgow. Your donations of nearly new clothes and bric-à-brac helped make the shop a fantastic £700 in January which helps fund the Trust. It does make a difference! The shop would also accept any unwanted gifts of toiletries (clearly labelled) for their next Christmas tombola. That's right you read that correctly. There's nothing like planning ahead!!

If you could leave any such items labelled for Cranhill in the cupboard in the Welcome Hall opposite the ladies' toilet. If this is full, please get in touch with myself so I can make alternative arrangements regarding storage and/or collection. More information on Cranhill Development Trust and the amazing work they do is displayed on the new notice board in the Welcome Hall.

Again, many, many thanks for your kind generosity.

N & S Coordinator Gordon Lang

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