

Netherlee and Stamperland Church Newsletter November 2022

Worship during Advent

Sunday 27 November - Advent 1: 10:30 am Morning Service

Sunday 4 December - Advent 2: 10:30 am Communion and Gift Service
(Please bring children's toys, games and books for donation to Starter Packs
and/ or selection boxes which will go to the food bank and Lodging House Mission)

Sunday 4 December 3:00 Time to Remember service

Sunday 11 December - Advent 3: 10:30 am Morning Service

Sunday 18 December - Advent 4: 10:30 am Nativity Service

Sunday 18 December – Nine Lessons and Carol Service: 6:30 pm

Saturday 24 December - Christingle Service: 5:00 pm

Saturday 24 December - Watchnight Waiting Service: 11:45 pm

Sunday 25 December - Christmas Morning Service: 10:30

This year the Watchnight Service is going to be one that meets in low light and hears the Christmas Story from the voices of those involved. During the service we will focus on the Nativity Scene and populate the Nativity Scene.

Please note that the work on the roof has started. For the duration of the Roof Project, our contractors will maintain access to the sanctuary via the rear ramp access, via the Welcome Hall and via the main door. Members of the congregation are, however, encouraged to make increased use of the ramp access and the Welcome Hall access to avoid the combination of steps, stairs and scaffolding at the main door.

Church Office Hours

The Church Office is now running on a hybrid basis. Elspeth is working from home on Tuesdays and Wednesdays and on Thursdays and Fridays, she will be in the office from 8.30am until 11.30am. Phone messages and post are picked up on Thursdays and Fridays and emails answered all week.

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL



Our annual Christmas Tree Festival will take place on

Saturday 10th December

From 2pm - 4pm

In Netherlee and Stamperland Church

130 Ormonde Avenue G44 3SL

Please come along, admire the creative designs, vote for your favourite and enjoy some festive refreshments and crafts in the halls.

If you'd like more information on how to submit a tree please contact the Church Office 637 2503, nethandstamchurch@gmail.com

The Guild

Another year of the Guild started on 6th October when the minister spoke on the Guild Theme for this session namely that good - even great things - can be achieved from the smallest of beginnings

The following week one of our members, Muriel, brought along some of her embroidery work to show us. Not old -style tray-cloths, but an array of pictures, panels, landscapes and some cats. All beautifully sewn and much admired by the ladies.

On 20th October we learned about Blythwood Care from Alan Swanson; they are much more than just shoeboxes at Christmas. It started in Glasgow and it's mission remains to transform lives through the impact of education, community action and gospel activities. In collaboration with other charities in Romania and Serbia they provide Disaster Relief, Social Care and Mission to Europe, Africa and Asia.

On 27th October Mark Cook from Pioneers UK, a charity involved in projects worldwide including Chocolate Heaven which is a small island in SE Asia with a large population producing chocolate. Big companies are not offering a sufficient price for their chocolate. Funds were made available from Edinburgh and Canada to give Chocolate Heaven a viable income - essential to feed and clothe the children so they can go to another island for Secondary education.

November started with Jenifer McFarlane taking us on a tour of Sydney City and Harbour, Australia by showing photographs taken when visiting her daughter.

Glasgow may mean green city, but Sydney appears to be a rival as there are innumerable trees throughout the city. It also has some splendid buildings such as the famous Opera House and Bridge. It was sad to see the sunshine turned into night light from the bush fires miles away

The following week (10th November) this year's Guild Theme was explored further by the members. They thought about what some seeds can grow into, in particular, trees and their leaves. Some ladies read poems and Willi gave them two quizzes to answer. The members enjoyed contributing themselves.

Two new ladies have joined us this year and we are enjoying having good attendances. One or two of regular members, however, are temporarily not with us at present. We wish them a speedy return to health.

Daily Readings for Advent

<https://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/worship/advent?fbclid=IwAR2D3bv2mfkUlq-2DeIvKp7EEg8TnGd5tB5PhrtL84iAOiJrbywpBpY16S8>

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

While I shall doubtless be accused of being a busybody - which I shall strenuously deny - may I first of all say how touched I was by the Reverend Tom Nelson's recent shrewd observation in our pulpit to the effect that we are richly blessed as a church and congregation in possessing such a gifted organist and wonderful choir. In retirement now for some years past, since, in fact, he ceased to be our minister, Tom explained that he had acted as locum in several churches and in most cases the music had been led without a choir and, in some, by a piano alone.

Which brings me to my point in composing this letter. At the end of each Sunday morning service, after the Bible has been removed from the pulpit lectern and the minister is on his way to the front door, Stephen entertains us with a short recital of a piece he has chosen for the occasion. For your correspondent, as for many other devotees of serious music at Netherlee, this is frankly one of the highlights of the service and perfectly illustrates the point Tom Nelson was making. We should be proud of our reputation as a church with a great musical tradition and should guard it jealously.

That said, it pains me to record that we may be in danger of taking all of this for granted. Over a long time now I have been irked at the chatter that often persists throughout Stephen's playing of the recessional music. Some among us clearly take it as a signal to let the chatter begin and, let it be said, if the music is loud, to contrive somehow to drown it out by increasing the volume on their part too. Others, no doubt for good reason, stand up and turning their back on the organ, head for the nearest exit.

Let me therefore appeal for a measure of respect while Stephen is playing at what should be, in my judgment, a tranquil time for reflection on what has gone before.

Sincerely,
Ronald Crawford

Save the Date - Carol Singing for Shelter Scotland

On Wednesday 14th December we will be Carol Singing in the streets around the Netherlee and Stamperland Church. Please join us to sing that evening and enjoy hot chocolate and goodies on our return. The more we are heard, the more money we can raise for Shelter Scotland. Meet in the Welcome Hall at 6.30 - 6.45 and bring a Santa hat, torch or lantern No audition required!! All welcome, but children must be supervised.

Sunday Club

The Sunday Club always enjoy the autumn season. We got messy at Halloween when prepared a pumpkin together. We saw how pumpkins are full of slippery seeds and fibre when we first open them. In order to use the pumpkin, we have to clean them out and carve our design. This reminded us of Jesus who cleans out our sin and makes us into something new. We can then take His light out into the world. We took time to reflect on the Lord's Prayer, something we say every week, but how do we put our words into actions? With COP 27 approaching we made praying hands and wrote on the small changes we could make to take action. We were very proud of our Sunday Clubber's when they marked remembrance with respect and enjoyed making our own poppies. As we end the Christian year, we thought about what it meant to be a King, and what came to mind when we thought about King Charles and Jesus. Two very different Kings, but with many similarities and differences. We learned that we can show Jesus is King by loving God and loving one another. The Sunday Clubber's realised that it is not always easy to change to live like Jesus, but we had fun watching our brown pennies changing to shiny pennies with some salt and vinegar. With Advent around the corner, we are all looking forward to our Christmas activities. All our young people are welcome to join us.

Elaine Murray

Cranhill Development Trust

The nearly new shop at Cranhill Development Trust would like to thank their friends at Netherlee and Stamperland Church for their continued support. It is very much appreciated.

Any future donations for the shop of nearly new clothes and bric-a-brac should be bagged and clearly labelled for Cranhill and left in the cupboard in the Welcome Hall.

If any further information or clarification is required please contact Gordon Lang.

SE Foodbank

The foodbank would like to thank all at Netherlee and Stamperland for their continued generosity to the foodbank. If you wish to donate any Christmas itemsincluding selection boxescan they please be placed in box by Sunday 11th December in order that they can be delivered before Christmas. The Christmas wish list is printed below.

Marjorie Lang



Christmas Food Appeal

In the 3 weeks leading up to Christmas the Glasgow SE Foodbank will provide up to 500 Christmas food parcels for local individuals and families in crisis.

On the list are the items we put into the Christmas parcels but we also give presents to all the adults. We usually give toiletries to the ladies and socks or toiletries to the gents. Please feel free to donate these as well.

Thank you for helping us to help others.

Christmas List



- * Toiletries
- * Selection Pack
- * Mince Pies
- * Snacks/Nibbles
- * Diluting Juice

DONATE
to your local foodbank.

For further details of the work of the foodbank and how you can be involved contact

Glasgow SE Foodbank, Elim Church,
42 Inglefield Street, Glasgow G42 7AT
Tel 07456868628
Email: admin@glasgowse.foodbank.org.uk
<http://glasgowsefoodbank.org.uk>
Reg Charity No SC043981



A Message from Starchild



**ROCK
CHOIR**

**ROCK
CHOIR**

LIVE

 **starchild**
www.starchildcharity.org

**Enjoy a magical, uplifting performance from
the UK's favourite contemporary choir**

**Sunday 27th November
Netherlee, Stamperland Church
Ormonde Avenue. G44 3SL
Doors: 3.30pm**

Buffet Reception
Suggested donation on door £10
Kids under 15yrs free
www.starchildcharity.com

This concert is in aid of the Sunflower Sanctuary in Memory of Rony Bridges. This will be a holistic Sanctuary for people with autism and disabilities in Uganda. Starchild would love to see you all there Let's raise the roof to build a roof. There will be some food and drinks in the large hall following the concert.

Michaela Foster Marsh

Senior Sunday Club

Recently the Senior Sunday Club took part in a Bake-off Competition. Here are some photos of Pru and Paul judging the Competition. It was a hard-fought battle, with two tough old judges, but Erin and Freya were the eventual winners and all their families were the beneficiaries of the girls' wonderful efforts.

Helen Illingworth

