

Worship

Following an ease in lockdown restrictions we can now worship in our church sanctuaries. There will be a service in the Netherlee Sanctuary at 10.00 am, and a service in the Stamperland Sanctuary at 11.30 am. Both services are restricted to 50 people so you can book a space by ringing the church office (0141 637 2503) between 10 and 12 on Tuesday mornings or between 2 and 4 on Wednesday afternoons.

The service is live streamed from the Netherlee Sanctuary on our YouTube channel at 10 am. The recording is then downloaded and can then be watched at anytime.

The Wednesday morning service has recommenced. It takes place on Wednesday mornings at 10 00am in the Netherlee Sanctuary. There is no need to book for this service at present.

This is a real step forward towards worshipping together.

Keep Fit

Lillian Flannery, who has been running a keep fit class here in the large hall for nearly 50 years has decided to stop taking the class due to the current constraints of Covid constrictions. This is an opportunity for someone to take over the class! Lillian is still as fit as a fiddle, and if someone does take it over, she'd come along! We wish her all the best and will keep her posted!

Starchild – the paperback is out now!

Michaela Foster Marsh and her brother Frankie grew up as "twins" in Glasgow, Scotland in the sixties. Born only weeks apart, Michaela was white and Frankie was black, and they were an unusual sight in their dual pram. Despite the doting of his parents and the unceasing love of his sister, Frankie's life was rarely easy, and it ended far too soon when a fire took him when he was only twenty-six. But for a devastated Michaela, Frankie's effect on her life was only beginning. She embarked on a search to learn what she could about Frankie's birth family, a journey that takes her to Uganda, to a culture and a family she never knew, through twists and turns and remarkable coincidences – and to a mission and to a connection with her African brethren she never could have imagined.

Starchild is a remarkably candid memoir that plays out on both a personal and global scale. It is the story of the intimacies of siblinghood and the complexities of multi-racial adoption. It is the story of the unique connection of extended family and the unique commitment to an adopted homeland. It is the story of long-held secrets revealed and long-maintained barriers broken. And it is ultimately the story of a sibling relationship that transcends borders, time, and life itself.

Click on this link for more information

[Paperback Edition is Out Now! \(mailchi.mp\)](#)

Heart for Art

We are delighted to be launching our first Heart for Art online gallery on the 3rd May. Please see attached the invitation including a link to access the exhibition. Myself and Paula hope you will enjoy viewing the wonderful work that's been produced virtually. A huge congratulations to everyone who has taken part this is a fantastic achievement! Click on the link below for more information and look at the last page of this Newsletter.

<https://www.flipsnack.com/8A56FE5569B/heart-for-art-gallery/full-view.html>

Maureen

SE Foodbank

The food bank continues to meet needs in the area and is grateful for the help of Netherlee and Stamperland Church. The food bank continues to meet the needs of the community with the help of our church family.

Currently there is a need for chapati flour, tinned fish, tinned vegetables (not baked beans), however all donations will be put to very good use.

Christian Aid Donations

The Christian Aid committee would like to remind you that you can donate using the link below. If you are unsure about donating online, envelopes are available at both sanctuaries. If you would like an envelope and are unable to collect one please contact your elder who will arrange a delivery for you.

<https://envelope.christianaid.org.uk/envelope/clarkston-district-churches?channel=status>

Christian Aid Afternoon Tea

We are going to supply an afternoon tea on 22nd May following Christian Aid week. The donation will be £3.00. If you would like to receive one.....or more!!...please contact Marjorie Lang. There is still time to order!

Clarkston Christian Aid committee are hosting a quiz on the evening of Tuesday 11th May. Details can be had from the church office.

M.Lang

Poppyscotland News

Thank you to everyone who was involved in the virtual afternoon tea.

Thank you to those who helped by baking, packing, ordering and delivering which joined together to produce a successful event. There is still money to come in so the total raised will have to wait until next month.

Thank you again.

Anne Mann

Thank you!

Lisa Kerr would like to thank members of Netherlee and Stamperland Congregation for their wonderful support of her virtual Kiltwalk in aid of ENABLE Scotland. Over the course of the weekend, Lisa walked 27.53 miles and your generous donations helped her reach the magnificent total of £1260.00. The Tom Hunter Foundation is going to top this by a further 50%, which means that Lisa's effort and your help resulted in a donation of £1890.00 to ENABLE Scotland. What a great achievement! THANK YOU!

The Book Club

The Netherlee and Stamperland Book Club continues to meet via zoom and we are delighted that a few new members have joined us for the past few meetings. At our April meeting we discussed American Dirt by Jeanine Cummins, a harrowing story about a mother and her 9 year old son who have to flee from Mexico to the United States after their family was murdered by a drugs cartel. We had a most interesting evening where we raised many questions, discussed politics, history and drugs. We had more questions than answers but all agreed that the book had been compelling and well worth reading. If you like reading and a good chat, please join us for the next Book Club on Friday, 28 May at 8pm to talk about 'Blood and Sugar' by Laura Shepherd-Robinson. You can get the Zoom link from Sheena Wurthmann or Dagmar Kerr.

Virtual Afternoon Tea and Chat

The next virtual afternoon tea and chat is on Thursday 20 May via Zoom at 2 30 pm and you are all invited. This is a great opportunity to catch up with folks over a cup of tea/ coffee and to see some faces you may not have seen for a while. This will be our fifth get together and we just have a chat about what we've been up to, what is going on and generally putting the world to rights! The Zoom link is available from the church office.

Sunday Club

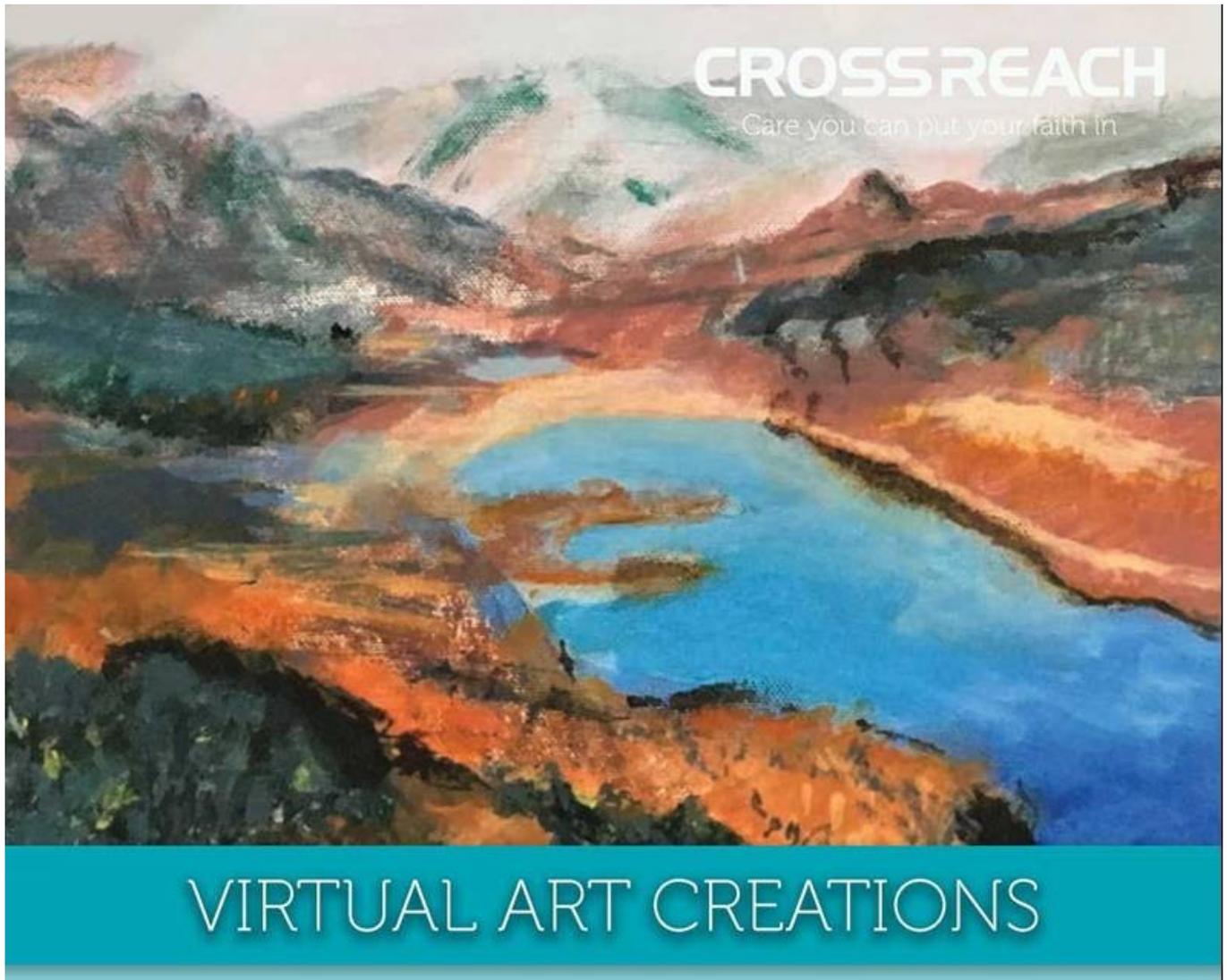
We may have missed the last Newsletter, but the Sunday Club has still been busy!

We started April with a show and tell session, thinking about how Peter showed his faith too before looking at Jesus' path to Easter and his total trust in God. Able to meet outdoors when the weather is good, we spent Palm Sunday in the Linn Park decorating pebbles to put around the crosses in the church gardens. We enjoyed making the Easter Card that was distributed to members, but sadly no Easter Egg hunt this year. After Easter we looked at Prayer and learned that using our hand can be a good way to remember those we pray for: Thumb – points to ourselves so we pray for those close to us; Peter Pointer – teachers, guides, people looking after us, police, ministers; Middle, tallest finger leads the way, Government, Queen, Leaders in all walks of life; Weak or ring finger – pray for those who are weak or in trouble and the Small finger – yourself!

Still online, we talked about Doubting Thomas, questioning the things in everyday life and what we believe in. To celebrate Earth Day we watched a video of amazing animals and plants. We talked about our favourites and how we can look after our world and all of God's creation. On World Story Day we had a quiz, guessing the names of films from picture clues before enjoying bible stories with the parable of the lost sheep and the parable of the lost coin. Lockdown has been challenging for all ages, so at the start of Mental Health Awareness Week we drew positivity pictures. It was our first week back face to face so a joy to hear what everyone had found positive over the last year from friendship, music, caring, baking walking, nature to using inspirational quotes. We also made get well cards for one of the leaders who's been under the weather. Do you remember our Rainbow Colours Prayer Chains we made during Lent? We have used them to decorate the Welcome Hall in the Netherlee sanctuary.

The Senior Sunday Clubbers have kept in touch too, meeting up and having fun with a photograph challenge. They are planning a get together later in May and hopefully an outing to Culzean in June.

E Murray



You are cordially invited to visit the launch of our online Heart for Art gallery. Showcasing the work produced by the Heart for Art artists through our virtual sessions and art packs by post. We hope this fantastic exhibition will bring joy to our artists, families and everyone who visits. Please Enjoy!

Launch date: Monday 3rd May 2021

To access the exhibition please follow the link:

<https://www.flipsnack.com/8A56FE5569B/heart-for-art-gallery/full-view.html>

If you wish to find out more please contact us



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