



**Netherlee and Stamperland
(Church of Scotland)
Newsletter October 2021**



Worship

Netherlee and Stamperland Church now has one morning service at 10 30 am.

You will see from the Worship schedule below, that the morning services have been arranged in blocks so that there is equitable use of each sanctuary. If you would like transport to a sanctuary that is not so close to your home, please let the church office now as we are making plans to make this possible . This can be done by email Office@netherleechurch.org or by phone 0141 637 9736.

The Wednesday morning services have resumed and start at 10 am. Coffee is available after the Sunday morning service. It is no longer self service so you will be served at your table.

The Worship Schedule for the year is printed below.

2021-2022 Worship Schedule

Key

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Block 1 of 4

Month/Year	Date	Sanctuary	Service	Time
SEP 2021	5	Netherlee	Communion	10.30am
	12	Netherlee	normal service	10.30am
	19	Netherlee	normal service	10.30am
	26	Netherlee	normal service	10.30am
OCT 2021	3	Netherlee	Harvest	10.30am
	10	Netherlee	normal service	10.30am
	17	Netherlee	normal service	10.30am
	24	Netherlee	Leader dedication	10.30am
	31	Netherlee	normal service	10.30am
NOV 2021	7	Netherlee	normal service	10.30am
	14	Netherlee	* Remembrance	10.30am
	21	Netherlee	normal service	10.30am

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Month/Year	Date	Sanctuary	Service	Time
NOV 2021	28	Stamperland	Advent 1	10.30am
DEC 2021	5	Stamperland	Advent 2 / Communion	10.30am
	5	Stamperland	Time to Remember	3.00pm
	12	Stamperland	Advent 3 / Nativity	10.30am
	12	Netherlee	Choir Lessons & Carols	6.30pm
	19	Stamperland	Advent 4	10.30am
	24	<i>Stamperland</i>	<i>* Christingle</i>	<i>5.00pm</i>
	24	<i>Netherlee</i>	<i>* Watchnight</i>	<i>11.30/45pm</i>
JAN 2022	2	Stamperland	normal service	10.30am
	9	Stamperland	normal service	10.30am
	16	Stamperland	normal service	10.30am
	23	Stamperland	normal service	10.30am
	30	Stamperland	normal service	10.30am

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FEB 2022	6	Netherlee	normal service	10.30am
	13	Netherlee	normal service	10.30am
	20	Netherlee	normal service	10.30am
	27	Netherlee	Lent 1	10.30am
MAR 2022	6	Netherlee	Lent 2 / Communion	10.30am
	13	Netherlee	Lent 3	10.30am
	20	Netherlee	Lent 4	10.30am
	27	Netherlee	Lent 5 / Palm & Passion	10.30am
APR 2022	3	Netherlee	Lent 6	10.30am
	10	Netherlee	normal service	10.30am
	11	<i>Stamperland</i>	<i>Holy Week</i>	<i>7.00pm</i>
	12	<i>Stamperland</i>	<i>Holy Week</i>	<i>7.00pm</i>
	13	<i>Stamperland</i>	<i>Holy Week</i>	<i>7.00pm</i>
	14	<i>Stamperland</i>	<i>Holy Week Communion</i>	<i>7.00pm</i>
	15	<i>Netherlee</i>	<i>Holy Week Choir</i>	<i>7.30pm</i>
	17	Netherlee	Linn Park (breakfast)	7.30am
	17	Netherlee	* Easter Communion	10.30am
	24	Netherlee	Youth Parade	10.30am

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MAY 2022	1	Stamperland	normal service	10.00am
	8	Stamperland	normal service	10.00am
	15	Stamperland	normal service	10.00am
	22	Stamperland	normal service	10.00am
	29	Stamperland	normal service	10.00am
JUN 2022	5	Stamperland	Communion	10.00am
	12	Stamperland	normal service	10.00am
	19	Stamperland	normal service	10.00am
	26	Stamperland	normal service	10.00am
JUL 2022	3	Stamperland	normal service	10.00am
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	28	Stamperland	normal service	10.00am

Poppyscotland News

Poppy season is coming round again.

It is hoped that this year the appeal will be nearer normal.

I am hoping to run a coffee afternoon on 13th November. This will depend on the restrictions in place at the time, however I am an optimist and have booked the Church Hall at Netherlee. Please add this date to your diary.

I am also hoping that we will be able to do door to door collections and have a presence in Sainsbury's. Help with this collection In Sainsbury's would be much appreciated. Tombola prizes for the coffee afternoon should be put into the Poppy box in the Welcome Hall.

There will also be cans in as many local businesses as possible which need to be delivered and collected. To make the appeal the success that has been enjoyed over the last years, volunteers are needed.



Thank you in anticipation.

Anne Mann



Thank you

Lisa Kerr would like to express her sincere thanks to all who sponsored her during her recent Kiltwalk in aid of ENABLE Scotland. She achieved to raise the magnificent sum of £3630.00. The Tom Hunter Foundation then decided to add a further 100% to every pound, which takes the total amount for the charity to £7260.00 ! This will support ENABLE Scotland in their mission ***to create an equal society for every person with a learning disability.*** Lisa and her family are extremely grateful for ALL the support (not just financial) our church community has shown them over the years.

Lisa and Dagmar Kerr

CHURCH FLOWERS

It has been lovely to have fresh flowers in church again. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to our larger joint arrangements, they have been much admired, and the bouquets very much appreciated by those who have received them.

We are fortunate to have several members who volunteer to arrange the weekly flowers and another team who deliver them after the service.



If you would like to contribute to providing flowers in church either on a date which is special to you or simply to contribute to our flower fund for church floral decorations, then please contact Shirley Buchanan or May Paterson.

Should you prefer, you can find a labelled envelope on the welcome desk in the lesser sanctuary in our Netherlee building or on the side table at the entrance to our Stamperland building, which you can use then put in the collection basket on the way into church.

Shirley Buchanan

A Message from Rev Muriel Pearson

On Sunday 26 September we welcomed the Rev Muriel Pearson as visiting preacher. She was minister of Cranhill Parish Church from December 2004 – August 2021. She is about to go to Tiberias as Associate Minister of St Andrews Jerusalem and Tiberias.

Muriel writes:

For many years there has been a relationship between Netherlee (and now Netherlee and Stamperland) and Cranhill.



For several years the board of the new community project in Cranhill was supported by Netherlee members Gordon and Helen, and for many years the Nearly New Shop which is a major fund raiser for the congregation has been supported by members bringing in quality used clothing which have been transported across the city by Jean and Ruth.

Since the late 1990s when 'regeneration' brought many of the sub-standard council houses tumbling down, Cranhill has always been a small congregation: but their focus was always on the community of their parish. In the 90s the congregation took the courageous decision to demolish the 'round church' built in the 60s and regroup in old hall church built in 1952 which has the sanctuary upstairs and a suite of halls below. At the same time, a community project was set up, involving folk from across the community (the catholic church, the credit union, the women's forum as well as the Church of Scotland congregation). A Mission Outreach Worker was employed under the Church of Scotland's National Mission Council. She thought she was coming to develop youth work but quickly refocussed because as she began work Glasgow accepted a number of asylum-seeking families, 60 of whom were housed in the multi-storays adjacent to the church building.

Housing policy has changed. Most asylum seekers are now dispersed into low standard private lets. The wee community project has grown into Cranhill Development Trust which is still a major player in Integration Support. There are ESOL classes, advice, community meals and conversations and opportunities to volunteer. A café has just re-opened in the building. Last year the CDT budget exceeded £0.7 million. CDT offers employability support, health and wellbeing opportunitites, family and older peoples' activities as well as the integration support already mentioned. They run a community shop offering quality food at accessible prices and a community garden with allotments.

Over the years, the congregation has been involved in outreach work such as the GB company which is still going strong with over 30 girls enrolled this year, Come and Sing dementia café, The Out of the Box and Heart for Art projects and presence at gala days, Christmas carol services and other community events, as well as holiday activities for families. And of course, the Nearly New Shop. The Church of Scotland Mission Development Support worker (MDS) associated with Cranhill as a Family Worker works with around 30 families with very young children, providing safe space to meet, to support one another and to try to support stressed parents with stressed children.

There were 43 members on the roll when I went to Cranhill as minister in 2004. There are now just under 30. Folk have come and gone. Half the congregation are of African origin. Much of my ministry was spent in the wider community: care home, schools, veterans' accommodation and supporting the work of the Cranhill Development Trust

Permissions are all in place for CDT to buy the church building, and there are ambitious redevelopment plans. The congregation will have space in the refurbished building and worship will continue: at least that's been the plan. A combination of my leaving, some significant deaths, the Pandemic and the inherent fragility in a small congregation attempting to fulfil all the requirements of Health & Safety, OSCR and pastoral care within the context of the current Church of Scotland context of the Presbytery Mission Planning process combine to raise questions about the future of the church in Cranhill.

When I felt a call to St Andrews Jerusalem and Tiberias, I felt a strong reassurance that God has plans for Cranhill. It is dawning slowly that none of us knows what that means. We can be sure it won't look like the past.

Visitors to Cranhill Church and CDT, especially from a church background, have been known to say, 'This is all wonderful, but is it church?' CDT is not church, but signs of the kin-dom of God perhaps best summed up in Isaiah's vision of the peaceable kingdom (Isaiah 65:17-25) or Mary's Song (Luke 1:46-55) are in plain sight: people flourishing, justice done. Cranhill and some of the other Priority Area parishes of the Church of Scotland are some of the most marginalised communities in Scotland. Despite facing the funding vagaries of all Third Sector organisations, CDT is currently in a healthy situation with a great staff team and stable funding for the next wee while.

So, what about the congregation? Jesus said, 'Where two or three gather in my name, there I am in the midst of them.' (Matthew 18:20) When you add together the 30 of the congregation with the 37 of the GB and the 10 or 12 involved in Come and Sing and Heart for Art there are easily 20 times that. There are consistently 400 engaging with the congregation's Facebook page. Given all the constraints of funding and personnel familiar in Netherlee and Stamperland as across the church, what will it mean to be church in Cranhill going forward? Courageous decisions are needed again. Commitment to Gospel Priorities are needed. My prayer is that the Spirit of God and not market forces will decide.



You are invited you to join the service to commission Rev Muriel Pearson as Associate Minister to the Church of Scotland congregation in Jerusalem and Tiberias on Tuesday 26th October at 7pm in Stepps Parish Church, 17 Whitehill Avenue, Stepps, Glasgow, G33 6BL

The service will be live-streamed on YouTube:

https://youtube.com/channel/UCI7mTSz5OI-vW_qMkKjcXAw

Glasgow Southeast Foodbank



As always, the food bank organisers wish to express their heartfelt thanks for all the contributions over the past month. An anonymous benefactor has donated money to buy food vouchers. They are being bought from Farmfoods and will be distributed to families .

The fresh food initiative is up and running and thanks are sent to everyone who has donated to this. The clients are receiving eggs, bread, milk, onions, carrots and oranges weekly . The food bank has also applied for a couple of small grants to help funding and they ask you to keep them in your prayers.

If you would like to contribute goods there is a need for tinned ham, corned beef, hotdogs, diluting juice and UHT milk.

Thanks again to all who contribute and to Jean who leaves knitted jackets and hats for the mother and child project.

When services shift to the Stamperland building on 28th November the basket will be in the entrance vestibule to receive contributions.

Marjorie Lang

Church Website

The Netherlee and Stamperland website is a great way of reaching out to our local community so please use it as a means of communication.

To this end we would ask leaders to contact our webmaster with details of meeting arrangements. An easy way of doing this is to complete the form on the "contact us" page of the church website - <https://www.nandschurch.org/contact-us>

Save the Date - Carol Singing for Shelter

On Tuesday 14th December we will be Carol Singing in the streets around the Netherlee Sanctuary. Please save the date and 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. Look out for further details in the next newsletter and orders of service nearer that time.

E.Murray



Covid Booster Injections

With the programme of Covid booster injections well underway, we are aware that several of our members have been asked to attend venues which are difficult to reach if you do not have access to a car and are relying on public transport.

If you find yourself in this situation, and need a lift to your appointment, we would be very happy to organise this.

Please contact Helen Illingworth.

Sunday Club

The children were happy to be involved in the Harvest Service, and discussed the value of their gifts in supporting the work of the Lodging House Mission.

We have continued to explore Mark's gospel, with activities that helped us to see how Jesus teaches us the difference between what we want and what we need, and the importance of being servants to one another, and equal members of the community of God.

The Senior Sunday Club enjoyed a trip to Edinburgh, and a fun craft evening led by Helen MacVey. They were also delighted to assist with the marketing of crafts made by the ladies of Netherlee Cottage, and thank everyone for their generosity which raised £150.

H. Illingworth

Service for COP26



**UN CLIMATE
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UK 2021**
IN PARTNERSHIP WITH ITALY

Clarkston Churches Together are coming together to worship at our Netherlee Church building on Sunday, 31st October at 6.30pm.

The focus of the service will be COP26 and the impact of Climate Change on God's Creation. The liturgy will be one that comprises a mixture of Iona Community and Eco Chaplains' Liturgies.

The service will be followed by tea/coffee in the Large Hall.