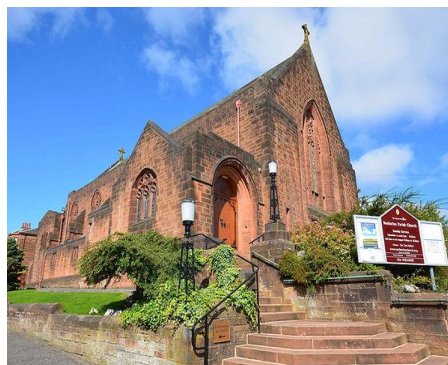


# NETHERLEE AND STAMPERLAND PARISH CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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## From the Editor

Hope you had a chance to have a lovely break over the last few weeks; thank you to everyone who submitted pictures and postcards for the Sunday services. The deadline for the October newsletter will be **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2023**. Articles (and pictures in .jpg format) can be submitted at any time to the mailbox [nandsnewsletter@btinternet.com](mailto:nandsnewsletter@btinternet.com). I look forward to hearing from you.

*Karen McQueen*

## Services

The Sunday services in the coming weeks are at 10.30 a.m. as usual. On **8<sup>th</sup> October** we will be celebrating **Harvest Festival**. Our harvest will be donated to the Lodging House Mission so please, if you can, bring along an item(s) from the list shown at the end of this newsletter (noting too the 'not required' list). Thank you in advance for your kindness.

## What are We Facing?

There has been a lot going on lately within our little church – not least all the normal patterns as we approach another full year of life. However, I thought I might speak to some news that we have just heard. Rev. Jeanne Roddick, Minister of Greenbank Parish Church, has decided to retire and she will complete her time towards the end of October. Jeanne has been a very faithful servant to her parish, and it will mark a big change when she departs to her well-earned retirement.



For us, this news points again to the changes that have been going on for a while now. We are nearing completion of the roof work project thanks to the work of Tony Ireland; we will be turning our heads to the visiting within districts in the year ahead. The cluster now will be focussed on finding new initiatives for ministry as well as seeing what will emerge as Greenbank and Busby Parish Churches move towards uniting.

Over the last couple of years, I have been completing a Masters Degree in Theology, and I have focussed my research on the new forms of ministry that have begun to emerge in England called *Fresh Expressions*. *Fresh Expressions* are new forms of church being used in different places to connect with new segments of our culture. To give you a sense of the variety, I found one place where the Methodist Central Hall had been sold to allow a new ministry in the city centre based around baking and sharing bread.

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## What are We Facing? (continued)

I heard of a crocheting and knitting group that was meeting to produce shawls for people in hospital and overseas, and I heard of new worshipping communities of various kinds as well of a rural church that had completely turned its sanctuary into a coffee place and soft-play venue for families. In these different groups, I found experiments of finding new ways to touch into the very diverse communities that we all now live within – in particular, communities that have less orientation towards the church. What I found was that projects that sought genuinely to engage with where people are today and were willing to keep adjusting to the needs of that changing community, were those that were working well. It is a way of doing ministry that is a lot more responsive and discerning than our more traditional approach. It will mean seeking to find some new ways forward together, but I believe that this will be the best steps into our future.

In the process, my tutor, Rev. Dr. Mark Johnstone, shared the following link with me of a project that has been exploring this type of journey now for several years, so try and bring it up and have a watch of the very good video that is there:

<https://www.kiwichurch.org.nz/about>

I think what is significant here is this concept of a network of groups connected and working together in a variety of ways. I think our culture is more polarised than it has ever been and providing one form of church for everyone I think is something that we need to reflect upon and consider together. I think this approach is one that we should share within our cluster for the Clarkston Area, and it might well be the basis for some new approaches to faith as we move forward together in the next few years. Feel free to come and grab me to have a chat about what you think.

Cheers!

*Scott*



## Thank You!

I would like to thank everyone for their get well wishes and cards, and for the meals sent to me. I would also like to thank the congregation for the Church flowers; they were greatly appreciated.

*Helen Cochran*

## Sunday Club

The Sunday Club is enjoying being back and meeting together. We are following the stories in Mathew's Gospel learning about the challenges and rewards of following Jesus, as well as the difference we can make with friendship. We worked together to build the tallest spaghetti towers and made and shared friendship bracelets.

We enjoy quizzes and games and are looking forward to some time together to go shopping with all our brown pennies. If any nursery or primary age children wish to join the Sunday Club, please contact the Church Office or speak to any of the leaders.

*Elaine Murray*





## The Guild

Now that summer is over, we can look forward to another Guild Session.

We start on **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October at 2.00pm** and listed below is the syllabus and key dates for 2023/24. We would be delighted to welcome any member of the congregation to our meetings. We have speakers on many subjects both serious and entertaining with the added bonus of a cup of tea and a blether. What more could you ask!

### October

|    |                            |                  |
|----|----------------------------|------------------|
| 05 | New Wines, New Wineskins   | Rev.Scott Blythe |
| 12 | The Sewing Bee             | Jen Hogg         |
| 19 | BEATeating disorders       |                  |
| 26 | The Guild Annual Gathering |                  |

### November

|    |                                  |                  |
|----|----------------------------------|------------------|
| 02 | Scotland's Charity Air Ambulance |                  |
| 09 | More Reflections                 | Marie Wilson     |
| 16 | The Library                      | Kay Baird        |
| 23 | The Vine Trust                   | Robert Alexander |
| 30 | E.R. Good Causes                 | Russell McMillan |

### December

|    |                    |  |
|----|--------------------|--|
| 07 | Christmas Surprise |  |
| 14 | Christmas Party    |  |

### January 2024

|    |                      |              |
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| 11 | The Toledo on Film   | Tom Marchant |
| 18 | The Tapestry of Life |              |
| 25 | More Poetry Please   | Linda Biggar |

### February

|    |                                       |                   |
|----|---------------------------------------|-------------------|
| 01 | The Unintentional Novelist            | Niall Illingworth |
| 01 | Afternoon of Giving                   |                   |
| 08 | No Strings Attached                   | Ian Thomson       |
| 15 | Hat for Special Occasions             |                   |
| 20 | Friendship Lunch at 12.30pm (Tuesday) |                   |
| 22 | Quarriers' Homes                      | Anna Magnusson    |
| 29 | Church House                          | Angela Malloy     |

### March

|    |   |           |
|----|---|-----------|
| 01 | World Day of Prayer 10.30am (Friday) in Sanctuary |           |
| 07 | The Scripture Union                               |           |
| 14 | The First Lady                                    | Liz Allen |
| 21 | Annual General Meeting                            |           |

### May

|    |               |  |
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| 16 | Annual Outing |  |
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*Margaret Fear*  
*Secretary*

South-East foodbank staff and clients are grateful for the continued support from Netherlee and Stamperland Church. The wish list for this month is:- Coffee, tinned fish and U H T milk.



The foodbank is also still operating its fresh food policy where any financial donations from our church go towards buying fresh veg and fruit (in season), bread and eggs. This enables the clients to have some variety in their diets.

We are holding a coffee afternoon on **Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September at 2.00 p.m.** in the large hall in aid of the food bank. Entrance at the door is £5.00 or goods in kind for the foodbank. Please come along and support the less fortunate in our society and have a blether with your friends as well. Hope to see you then.

*Marjorie Lang*



**CRANHILL  
DEVELOPMENT  
TRUST**

The nearly new shop at Cranhill Development Trust is now 'open for business' on Saturday mornings. As you are aware it continues to fill a need for some of the folks in that area of Glasgow.

Donations of nearly new clothes and bric-à-brac are very much appreciated. If you could please leave any such items, clearly labelled for Cranhill, in the cupboard in the Welcome Hall opposite the ladies' toilet. If this cupboard is full, please get in touch with me so I can make alternative arrangements regarding storage and/or collection.

Again, many, many thanks for your kind generosity.

*Gordon Lang*

### **Starchild Celebrates 10 Years**

You are invited to join Starchild to celebrate its 10th anniversary in style - ***Attitude with Gratitude.***

Don your disco gear, and let's boogie to the excellent sounds of DJ Graham Collie. This event celebrates all the people who have helped us; it's a free event to celebrate your kindness over the years. There will be a finger buffet, and the drinks will be cheap. Please reserve as soon as possible, as space is limited. We look forward to celebrating with all you wonderful Starchildren out there! (Just so you know, disco gear is optional, but we think it will be fun...especially in our special photo booth!)

Much love and gratitude to you all!

*Michaela Foster March for Starchild*



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[www.starchildcharity.com](http://www.starchildcharity.com)

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### Rice Challenge-What is the significance of 90kg?

For a farmer in Malawi, it is about her family's survival. If she can sell 90kg of her rice crop she will be able to feed her family and pay for a year of secondary education for one child. That is a significant economic shift and changes her life from subsistence to stability and offers a range of employment opportunities. We purchased 90kg of Kilombero rice - 60kg white and 30kg brown; we have only 3kg of brown left!

I can vouch for the quality of both the brown and the white rice. I am selling it at £4.00 per kilo in the Welcome Hall before and after the service on Sundays. You can pay for the rice in two ways - cash or using the card scanner. If everyone bought a bag - just one bag - a child could be in secondary school by Christmas.

*Sheena Wurthmann*



**FAIRTRADE**



### A Poppy for Remembrance

Dear All. I hope you have all had a good summer.

We are now approaching the **2023 PoppyScotland** appeal. Over the last few years, I have been blessed with the level of support and generosity for this campaign. The emphasis has moved, accelerated by covid, from door-to-door to supermarket collections. This is less onerous on the volunteer, however more people are always needed.

If you feel you could gift two hours of your time to join the collecting team in our local Sainsburys, please contact me on 07796277544 or email me at [john-mann4@sky.com](mailto:john-mann4@sky.com). The aim is to have a presence in Sainsburys, for as much of the two weeks running up to Remembrance Sunday as possible. There will also be collecting cans in local businesses and Schools as usual.

On **November 11th** there will be a Coffee Afternoon between 2 and 4pm in the large hall. This event will include the ever-popular Tombola. The Poppy box will be in the Welcome Hall to receive donation for this from mid-October. If you or anyone you know has any fundraising ideas which could spice up the Coffee Afternoon, I would be delighted to discuss them. Looking forward to a successful fundraising season.

Thank you in anticipation.

*Anne Mann*

### Greetings from Tiberias!

### PARTNERPLAN

My latest article can be accessed at <https://murielpearson.com/2023/08/23/hope-is-a-flickering-candle/>. I believe it is really important that Christians here and around the world are made aware of the dreadful situation in the Holy Land, so please take time to read this article if you can.

*Muriel Pearson (daughter of Jean and Forbes)*



## Twenty years of the Netherlee and Stamperland Forum

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September marked the beginning of the twenty-first session of the Netherlee and Stamperland Forum. We were lucky to be addressed by **Professor Sir Jim McDonald**, the Principal and Vice-Chancellor of the University of Strathclyde. Twenty years ago, Sir Jim was the Forum's inaugural speaker. Back in the autumn of 2003, he addressed us on the prospects for sustainable energy in Scotland. Since then, the climate crisis has intensified and rightly climbed the political agenda. Jim updated his thesis with a timely address on the challenge of achieving net zero carbon emissions by bringing together technology, people, and policy in Scotland and around the world.

The key point of Jim's talk was that, in order to achieve the legally-binding net zero target by 2050, global society needs to undergo a 'system-level' change in how it generates energy. 'Net zero' is a state in which the amount of greenhouse gases emitted into the atmosphere is balanced by the amount of greenhouse gases removed from it, a balance which will prevent further debilitating climate change. Achieving net zero is a necessity that presents a challenge which Jim called *the energy quintilemma*. Generating energy in a sustainable way (*decarbonisation*) is vital, but sustainable energy must be drawn from dependable sources (*reliability*) in such a way that is cost-effective for commercial and domestic consumers (*affordability*). In addition to that basic challenge, the public has to consent to decarbonisation (*public acceptability*) and consideration of the costs and benefits for everyone has to form part of the energy policymaking process (*community impact*). Balancing these competing pressures is essential to achieving an equitable transition to a carbon neutral economy.

Jim underlined that human consumption is driving climate change, but, despite the scale of the problem, there is much that governments, businesses, and individuals can do to neutralise emissions and stabilise the climate. Wind, hydrogen, and nuclear energy are all viable alternatives to fossil fuels as an energy source, and governments the world over are starting to change their energy policies with greater urgency. In a domestic setting, electric vehicles and heat pumps are becoming commonplace. As the global population grows – and the number of electric devices and machines grows with it – the world will need significantly more electricity. On present trends, the International Energy Agency estimates that the world will consume 90 per cent more electricity by 2050 compared with 2020. Jim suggested that Scotland alone will consume three times as much electricity by then. In short, a changing climate and greater demand will force global society to produce more electricity in a more sustainable way. Engineers will play a vital role in meeting this dual challenge.

Innovation is central to the net zero target, and trust between academia, civil society, government, and industry is the lifeblood of innovation, according to Jim, who advises governments and industries on energy-related issues. Technology is changing in a way that makes renewable energy even more attractive as an investment opportunity; the public now understands the need for change as the climate crisis worsens, and there are vast opportunities for wider society as new jobs are created along the way (e.g., as the on-shore and off-shore electrical grid is renewed). The political challenge lies in making sure that ordinary people are ready to take part in this change (e.g., through education and retraining); that British industry has the capacity to build for change (e.g., by designing and building next generation wind turbines); and that governments do all they can to support change at scale (e.g., expanding the use of small modular nuclear reactors). /...

## Twenty years of the Netherlee and Stamperland Forum (continued)

Climate change is certainly an existential threat, but human society is still in a position to face it down.

We are very grateful to Jim for his inspiring talk about sustainable energy, given with great energy and eloquence. Many members of the audience noted that, although the topic had the potential to be technically complicated, he explained it with great clarity and concision. Professor Ronald Crawford, who first came up with the idea for the Forum twenty years ago, was good enough to introduce Sir Jim and thank him at the end of the evening. On **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October**, we will hear from Professor Crawford again about the 1770 trial of Mungo Campbell for the murder of the 10<sup>th</sup> Earl of Eglinton. Everyone is welcome to attend, and we hope to see as many people there as possible.

*Fraser McGowan for the Forum*

## Lodging House Mission – Harvest Donation Requests 2023

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## Lodging House Mission – Harvest Donation Requests 2023

| Cereal                                 | Tinned Fruit              | Tinned Meat / Fish  |
|--|---------------------------|---|
| Corn Flakes/Crunchy Nuts               | *Peaches                  | Tuna/Salmon   |
| Weetabix                               | *Pears                    | Corned beef   |
| Rice Crispies                          | *Pineapples               | Ham   |
| Sugar Puffs                            | *Mandarins                |   |
| Frosties                               | *Fruit Cocktail           | <b>Other Tinned Food</b>  |
| Coco Pops                              | *Rice                     | *Baked Beans  |
| Cheerios                               | *Custard                  | Spaghetti in sauce  |
|  |                           | * Tinned Soups- tomato, vegetable, chicken, lentil, scotch broth, minestrone, pea & ham, chicken noodle |
| <b>Jars/Pastes</b>                     | <b>Other</b>              |   |
| Pasta bake sauces                      | Full fat UHT milk         |   |
| Curry Sauce/paste                      | Coconut Milk              |   |
| Tomato paste                           | Small juice cartons       | <b>Other</b>  |
|  | Diluting/fresh juice      | Brown Sauce   |
| <b>Dried Goods</b>                     | *Coffee                   | Vinegar   |
| Mixed herbs                            | *Biscuits                 | Tomato Sauce  |
| Garlic powder                          | Crisps                    | Porridge Oats   |
| Ground turmeric                        |                           | Dried Peas  |
| Chilli powder                          | <b>Kettle Foods</b>       | Lentils   |
| Crushed chillies                       | Pot Noodles               | Olive oil   |
| Ground coriander                       | Cuppa Soups               | *Vegetable oil  |
| Black pepper                           | Tinned Potatoes           | *Bisto  |
| Salt                                   | Sachets dried mash potato | *Veg stock cubes/bullion  |
|  | Ring Pull Ham tins        | Broth Mix   |
|  | Breakfast bars            | Jam   |
| <b>*OUT OF STOCK – URGENTLY NEEDED</b> | Cereal bars               | *Sugar  |
|  | Individual packets sweets | *Jelly  |

### Not Required List

|                        |                       |                       |
|------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Pasta                  | Shredded Wheat Cereal | Grapefruit            |
| Pearl Barley           | Muesli                | Prunes                |
| Marmalade              | Alpen                 | Long grain rice       |
| Salad Cream/Mayonnaise | Red Kidney Beans      | Chickpeas             |
| Toiletries             | Clothing              | Bedding/duvets/towels |