

## **Netherlee and Stamperland Church Newsletter September 2022**

### **Worship**

Sunday worship takes place at 10 30 each Sunday morning. We look forward to welcoming you.

The work on the roof has started. While, for the duration of the Roof Project, our contractors will maintain access to the sanctuary by way of the rear ramp access, by the Welcome Hall and by the main door, the congregation are encouraged to make increased use of the ramp access and the Welcome Hall to avoid the combination of steps and stairs and scaffold at the main door.

### **Come and See- Saturday 1 October 1-4 pm**

The Planning and Communication Committee have organised a 'Come and See' event for the Netherlee and Stamperland community in our church buildings. We want to share with the local community all that goes on in our building and beyond. All the organisations both church and non church have been invited to take part so there will be displays and information about the activities that take place. We support people beyond the immediate community in a variety of ways and we want to tell folks about that. It's also a chance for people to have a wee peak behind our doors if they have never been in the buildings before.

We are reaching out beyond our church community to our neighbours, friends and of course, to you, our members. Please come along and have a look at what is happening on your doorstep. It may be an opportunity for you start something new!

We are going to provide some tours of the church and the afternoon will punctuated by music from a range of musicians . Tea and coffee and a little treat will be provide free of charge. So what better way to spend a Saturday afternoon!

If you can help by publicising the event in any local WhatsApp or Facebook group you may be in that would be great. Also, if you would like to help in any way you will be most welcome! Please contact Diane Levey for more information.

Looking forward to welcoming you all!

The Planning and Communication Committee

## **JAMES FINDLAY NELSON TRUST FUND**

The Trustees of the James Findlay Nelson Trust Fund met last month in person, after a long gap, and it was suggested that a short article for the Church newsletter would be helpful to inform members of recent activity. The Fund continues to receive regular donations from members of Netherlee and Stamperland Church and from family and friends who choose to remember James in this way, often on the occasion of his birthday or some similar anniversary. Tom and Catherine are particularly grateful to all who have contributed to the Fund. At 30<sup>th</sup> June 2022, the Fund stood at £12,419.

Not surprisingly, there have been very few mission trips or Christian training conferences organised over the last couple of years, but the Fund did manage to support three endeavours over the period and allocated grants totalling £4,300.

The Fund supported Andrew Robertson from Burnside, who travelled to Bolivia in November 2019 and worked there with Latin Link for over two years. Based initially in Santa Cruz and then Oruro, he worked mainly in the prisons and also supported the prisoners' families in their homes.

Jack Mowatt of Hazelden Gardens received a grant in August 2021, to attend a year-long course at the SpeakLife Foundation in Eastbourne, enabling him to learn more of theology and develop skills in on-line and video communication of the gospel.

In April 2022, a group of young people from Netherlee and Stamperland, under the leadership of Rev Scott Blythe and Helen Illingworth, made a trip to Iona and the Fund was able to offer a grant to them as they learned about Iona - its history and its early Mission to Scotland.

All the above recipients were very grateful for the financial support provided by the Trust Fund and many have shared their experiences with us first-hand, describing the impact these trips have made on their lives and on the lives of the children and families they worked with.

### **Andrew Robertson reported:**

*"I have been working in two projects, one of which is Angel Tree. This project works with the children of prisoners and their families. As a team of six (the rest of the team are all Bolivians), we have been visiting children to give out devotional material, educational supplements and offer pastoral support. It has been nice to slowly get to know the children..... We are also delivering food packages and last week celebrated 15 years of the project."*

*"The other project I have been involved in is Onésimo, which works on discipling prisoners in the male and female prisons. We were going into the male prison, San Pedro, three mornings a week, to do one-on-one devotionals."*

*"The work here is challenging and varied. I feel that this is where God wants me to be, and I am looking forward to the next few months."*

*"I want to express my deep thanks to you once again for all your support and love. It has been a huge blessing. If you have been supporting me financially, please know how much I have appreciated that too. I am so grateful for all your support over the last two years in so many ways."*

**Jack Mowatt had this to say:**

*"I want to thank you all very much for your practical support and prayer for my SpeakLife internship. Everything you did and do to help me be where I am and support me while I'm here means so much to me."*

*"SpeakLife itself has been great! We've got a pretty good schedule running from Monday to Friday. Monday mornings start with a meeting where we study a passage of the Bible together and then pray for each of us, going over our recent events, plans, fears, etc. The rest of the day is typically spent preparing for the Monday SpeakEasy, the weekly livestream on the SpeakLife YouTube channel. Setting up the set, camera and subjects is done throughout the day and I've been called on to do anything from managing the stream to providing a quiz or game for them to do during it."*

*"Fridays are spent doing the "Foundry Unlocked", which is an organised day of lectures and discussions on various topics, mainly theological ones, creative ones and where the two intersect. ....These days bring in other people, either physically or over Zoom, to participate, so they're much bigger events."*

*"The rest of the week, us interns are typically editing videos together of the Foundry Unlocked sessions or tending to the studio. And though it's infrequent, we also work on SpeakLife video projects when they come up. I was Production Assistant on their latest Christmas video, Christ-Mouse. ....From the internet and through story, we can reach an audience of people that may otherwise have no interest in Christianity."*

*"The experience has been really good and has helped in my faith and growth. I thank all of you for the support you've given me and give me*

On their trip to Iona, the young people of Netherlee and Stamperland explored Mission today and how their group might contribute to Mission in the future - they thought about ways in which they could regularly commit themselves to helping and serving within the congregation. We are looking forward to hearing more of their experiences as they contribute to the service in Netherlee and Stamperland Church on Sunday 2 October.

The Trustees would like to encourage other young people to consider some form of short term Christian mission or service and to apply for financial help from the Trust Fund. Requests for funding to attend Christian training courses, and in particular the Keswick Convention would also be welcomed. The Fund generally supports requests from teenagers or students not in full time employment who have associations with Netherlee and the locality or Williamwood High School, or have a connection with the Nelson family. We would be pleased if the congregation would make this known amongst young people in the congregation and local area, in the youth organisations and in the schools.

Catherine Nelson

## **Cranhill Development Trust**

Cranhill nearly new shop, which is located in the former church building, appreciates any donations of nearly new clothes or bric-à-brac. All such donations should be bagged and clearly labelled for Cranhill and left in the Welcome Hall.

If any further information or clarification is required please contact myself.

Thanks again.

Gordon Lang

## **The Guild**

Another session for the Guild starts on 6th October and we would welcome any member of the Congregation to come and join us on Thursdays at 2.00pm.

Owing to the building work on the roof of the Sanctuary we will be meeting only in the Small Hall and not in the Lesser Sanctuary.

This, I am sure, will not detract from our enjoyment of the syllabus printed below.

### **2022**

06 Oct	Wee Seeds: Big Trees	Rev Scott Blythe
13 Oct	21st Century Embroidery	Muriel Baker
20 Oct	Blythswood Care	Alan Swanson
27 Oct	Chocolate Heaven	Mark Cook
03 Nov	Australia	Jennifer McFarlane
10 Nov	Sitting Down Exercises	Sheena Macdonald
17 Nov	Lunch Club	Niall Illingworth
24 Nov	Evacuee's Story	Anna Magnusson :Joyce Deans
01 Dec	The Foodbank	Audrey Flanagan
08 Dec	Mince to Ministry	Rev Catherine Beattie
15 Dec	Christmas Party	

## 2023

05 Jan	Lodging House Mission	Deacon Claire Herbert
12 Jan	R.E.A.C.H	Elaine Clarke
19 Jan	Poetry Please	Linda Biggar
26 Jan	R.N.L.I.	David Cowie
02 Feb	Hear Our Voices	Graham McGeoch
09 Feb	Reflections	Marie Wilson
16 Feb	Rag Week to Riches	Jean Macdonald
23 Feb	The Eggheads	Guild Style
02 Mar	C.H.A.S.	Mairead Macleod:Rachel Yedge
09 Mar	TBA	
16 Mar	Annual General Meeting	
21 Mar	Friendship Lunch	
03 Mar	World Day of Prayer	
18th May	Annual Outing	

I trust you will all have had a good summer and will be ready to support another year at the Guild

See you all in October

Margaret

Secretary

### **Thank you**

Ronald and Evelyn Crawford recently celebrated their diamond wedding and would like to thank so many kind people in our wonderful congregation for their flowers, cards and good wishes. In particular, they were overwhelmed by the beautiful decorated 60th anniversary cake provided by Barbara Cochrane and her ladies at morning coffee for everyone to enjoy.

R. Crawford

## **Prayers at a Time of Grief**

I would like to share some resources as we come through this time of collective grief which you may find of some use whilst each person, regardless of their relationship with the Queen, may have experienced some triggers of grief from losses in their own life. Some prayers available on the Church of Scotland website;

M.Wilson

Let us pray For Queen Elizabeth and her exceptional reign, her deep affection for her people, her lifelong desire to serve the common good, her humility and grace, hard work and dedication, we thank You, Living Lord.

Be with the King and members of the Royal Family as they mourn the loss of a mother and grandmother as well as a friend and monarch – in the royal palaces, crown them with Your loving-kindness.

Be with our national leaders – the First Minister and the Prime Minister at this time of uncertainty and change – in the corridors of power, crown them with Your heavenly wisdom.

Be with her people in nation and Commonwealth as they mourn a monarch and peacemaker and rejoice in the cultural diversity celebrated under her reign – in the four corners of her realm, crown us with peace and goodwill.

Be with the hidden folk throughout the world who are struggling to make peace, longing for healing, grieving the loss of someone they love – in pain and grief, crown the nations of the earth with the light of Your love.

In silence, we remember with thanksgiving the life of Elizabeth, Your servant and our Queen, that she may rest from her labours and rejoice in the One whom she worshipped as King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

Almighty God, whose Son, Jesus Christ, was crowned not with gold but with thorns and whose blood was shed to give life to the world – crown us with Your love that we may serve one another with humility and joy and Your Kingdom come with peace on earth, through the same Jesus Christ who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit ever One God, now and for evermore – Amen.

The above prayers were contributed by the Revd David Scott. A link to Marie Curie website offering us all some guidance on grief and bereavement during such a time of collective loss is: <https://www.mariecurie.org.uk/help/support/her-majesty-queen-elizabeth>

## **Glasgow South East Foodbank**

The Glasgow South East foodbank are working with other agencies in Govanhill so that they can target their help where it is most needed. This includes the heated throws. Another agency will check for cheapest prices and target households where the need is greatest.

The foodbank are also giving out £30.00 prepaid cards for meters this month as the higher tariffs will not come into play until the first topping up of the meter after the beginning of October. This means that the clients will have some cheaper electricity if the meter is topped up at the very end of September.....every little helps !!

The shopping list for this month is as follows:

UHT milk, Tomatoes/pasta sauce, Tinned fish, Breakfast cereal, Diluting juice, Baked beans, Nappies....no smaller than size 3, and toilet rolls

Thank you once again for your continuing support.

Marjorie Lang

## **Sunday Club**

The Sunday Club are meeting again and have had fun thinking about the parable of the lost coin: we made money boxes to save our coins for Starter Packs, and continue to be very grateful to all the people in the congregation who support us with their bags of brown pennies.

We learned what Jesus had to say about the importance of thinking about the consequences of our decisions as we built high jenga towers - though knocking them down was great fun too.

More recently, following the death of Queen Elizabeth, we've thought about what it means to be a wise leader and to serve others.

All children of primary school age are very welcome to join us on Sunday mornings. Do come along and enjoy the fun



**SENIOR SUNDAY CLUB**...is a group for young people of secondary school age.

We meet once a month on Sunday evenings in the church for fun and fellowship, and would be delighted to welcome any new members- particularly if you've just started in first year.

Our planned meetings will be on 2/10/22, 30/10/22, 27/11/22 and 18/12/22. (There's a Bake-off competition planned!!) Further information from Helen Illingworth .

Way back in May some members of the Senior Sunday Club enjoyed a weekend pilgrimage to Oban and Iona, and we look forward to sharing some of our adventures with the congregation when we lead the service on 2nd October.



### **Poppyscotland News.**

As November approaches, so does the annual Poppy Appeal. This year we should be able to collect in all the usual ways. I shall be contacting those who have been kind enough to spare time in the past, however if there are any yet unmet Poppy friends could they please make themselves known to me. Volunteers are needed with the collection in Sainsbury's, door to door and with the coffee afternoon ( 12th November, 2-4pm in the large hall).

Let's make this year a great year for Poppyscotland. Contact Anne Mann

Thank you in anticipation. Anne Mann- Area Organiser

## Collateral Damage

Here is the latest blog from Muriel Pearson from her posting in Tiberias. Muriel was formerly minister at Cranhill and is the daughter of Jean and Forbes Pearson who have been members in our church for many years.

*Since this blog was written on Saturday 6th August, more children and women have been killed in Gaza and rockets fired from Gaza have reached the edge of west Jerusalem. More collateral damage.*

Five year old Alaa Qaddoum was killed on Friday during an Israeli assassination strike against a leader of Islamic Jihad. The Gaza strip is 365 km<sup>2</sup> and has a population of between 2.1 and 2.2 million. Gaza city has an estimated population of 590,481. The Isle of Jura, off the west coast of Scotland, has similar dimensions and area, and a population of 196. It is impossible to fire rockets into Gaza without 'collateral damage'. Alaa Qaddom and a 23 year old woman are dead, along with a number of Palestinian Islamic Jihadists (PIJ)



Alaa Qaddoum, photographer unknown

The BBC reported, 'On Monday night, 1<sup>st</sup> August 2022, Israeli security forces arrested Bassem Saadi, reported to be the head of PIJ in the West Bank. He was held in the Jenin area as part of an ongoing series of arrest operations after a wave of attacks by Israeli Arabs and Palestinians that left 17 Israelis and two Ukrainians dead. Two of the attackers came from the Jenin district.' Following the arrest Palestinian Islamic Jihad issued threats which Israel says were specific. This led to Friday's airstrike which killed 10, including Alaa.

Israel says over 100 rockets have been fired from Gaza into Israel. There are no reports of any casualties. Yet. Hamas, which governs in Gaza, while reacting angrily to the attack, has not launched any physical retaliatory action yet. The calculation is that they cannot win militarily. Also, they want to protect the jobs of Gazans who have been working in Israel and maintain the flow of goods necessary for 'normal' life. It is a

difficult line to hold when feeling will be running high in Gaza and among many Palestinians whether in the West Bank or Israel. Memories of the violence across Israel last May 2021 are still raw.

There is some cynical speculation that caretaker prime minister Yair Lapid is bolstering his reputation in a time of election. Traditionally when Israelis have felt threatened support for the government ruling party has increased.

World reaction has been predictable, and has fallen along familiar lines. The UN condemns and calls for restraint. The US says it supports Israel's right to self defence. John Kirby, US National Security Council coordinator for strategic communications, defended Israel's attack on Gaza and urged both sides to de-escalate the situation. "We remain unwavering in our commitment to Israel's security, and we will continue to work to strengthen all aspects of the US-Israeli partnership," he said.

Meanwhile in Tiberias I went for a swim in the Sea of Galilee this morning. I put on a washing which will be dry by lunchtime. I'm preparing for worship in St Andrew's Tiberias tomorrow where we will baptise a little boy.

When the war of words and the rocket attacks subside, as they will, what will have been achieved? It is an impossible situation. Tension and violence have been increasing. Increased Settler violence against Palestinians in the West Bank is a worrying trend. Live ammunition used against stone throwing youths means the death toll mounts; along with the grief, the trauma, the anger and for some, the urge for revenge. In 2022 there has been an increase in attacks by individual Palestinians against Israelis.

But the disproportionate death toll (documented by human rights organisation B'tselem <https://statistics.btselem.org/en/all-fatalities/by-date-of-incident?section=overall&tab=overview> ) shows where and how most deaths occur.

It all seems so pointless, so intractable, so inevitable. While occupation and injustice persist, while Israelis believe Palestinians want them gone, attacks like Friday's will continue.

Alaa Qaddoum is dead. Her family mourn a bright, beautiful girl. Every human being, made in the image of God, should be allowed to flourish. So many, here and all around the world, are not given that opportunity. The Christian community in the Holy Land advocates non-violent means in pursuit of justice, along with many Muslims and Jews who also yearn for peace. But peace without justice is at best temporary. In memory of Alaa Qaddoum and Shireen Abu Akleh and countless others, Lord, help me pray for and work for true peace.