

## Netherlee and Stamperland Church Newsletter April 2022

### A Word From Scott

I don't know about the rest of you, but I always find the change of the clocks is something that has an immediate effect upon me. The increase in the amount of light in the evenings that comes at this time of year always stands out. The light feels like a gift, especially as it increases as we go through the next few months to the summer solstice.

Increasing light is a deeply biblical theme and it is one that we think of clearly at this time of year. In John's gospel, the use of light and darkness is a constant theme that runs all the way through the text. Times of light symbolise times where God is present in Jesus and the times of darkness speak of a times where evil is more prevalent.

After Jesus enters Jerusalem, he speaks with the crowds and makes reference to staying with the light and remaining within the light and not following the path to darkness (see John 12: 20-50). The days that follow find Jesus being surrounded more and more by the testing of chief priests in the Temple and the background plot to arrest him.

Yet, throughout it all, Jesus remains committed to the path that lies before him. He struggles on the night in which he is betrayed, to teach his disciples his final message. Having gone to the garden, in the darkness, Jesus comes to terms with the road to the cross that looms before him.

Yet, the cross and the tomb are not permanent locations for Jesus.

Against all hope, on the third day after his death we find the women flabbergasted at the empty tomb. Mary Magdalene, travels to Emmaus and then, finally the disciples are greeted by the risen Lord who tells them to go out into the world and spread the news of his new life, given for all who believe.

Such good news frames the light of the good news that rests within each of us. As the days of spring lengthen into the summer ahead, I hope that we might hold on to this light at the very heart of the gospel.

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

May God bless you always with Easter light and hope!

Amen.

### Worship Schedule April until June

Month/Year	Date	Sanctuary	Service	Time
APR 2022	3	Netherlee	Lent 6	10.30am
	10	Netherlee	Palm Sunday	10.30am
	14	Stamperland	Maundy Thursday & Communion	7.00pm
	15	Netherlee	Good Friday with Choir	7.00pm
	17	Netherlee	Linn Park (breakfast)	7.30am
	17	Netherlee	Easter Service & Communion	10.30am
	24	Netherlee	normal service	10.30am

Month/Year	Date	Sanctuary	Service	Time
MAY 2022	1	Stamperland	normal service	10.00am
	8	Stamperland	normal service	10.00am
	15	Stamperland	Family 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

## **News Update**

Our church community has had to wrestle with the most difficult of issues recently and now that we have decided to transfer our activities to the Netherlee building, we are making plans to do this with sensitivity and respect. A Transition Working group has been set up to consider the transfer of items and records and the disposal of a huge range of other items. They are liaising with the organisations that currently use and store things in Stamperland and identifying solutions in Netherlee. A huge task of which you will hear more as the work proceeds!

A closing service will be held at Stamperland on June 26 at 10 30am.

Following the latest change in Covid rules stating that the wearing of masks in Church is no longer compulsory, the session have decided that the choice is very much a matter for each individual. Please be respectful of those who prefer to wear a mask in church and who prefer to be physically distanced.

Now that Covid restrictions are being lifted bit by bit, a number of events have been organised over the months of April and May. They are detailed below. We look forward to enjoying these together.

## **Dates for the diary**

### **Easter Sunday Breakfast – 17<sup>th</sup> April**

At Netherlee – 8.15am

Come and enjoy breakfast including bacon rolls and coffee

### **Afternoon Tea - Poppy Scotland**

At Netherlee – Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May

### **Evening Concert**

At Netherlee – Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May

Organized by Kanako and Martin Storey

Enjoy snacks and drinks after the concert

### **Hunger lunch – Christian Aid**

At Stamperland after the service – Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May

### **Takeaway afternoon tea – Christian Aid- 21 May**

Collected from Netherlee or delivered to your home

### **Jubilee event**

Netherlee – Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June Afternoon Tea – 2.30-4pm

For more information check the order of service/ facebook or web page

## **Booksale**

Following our recent AGM where the need to fundraise to cover the financial shortfall for the roof it was decided to have a book sale on the first Sunday of the month during coffee after the service.

As we just launching this, we are having the sale again on Sunday 10th so if you forgot your money last week you have another chance to buy a book or two this Sunday!

Marjorie Lang

## **Foodbank**

As always, the foodbank are very grateful for the donations from Netherlee and Stamperland.

They are currently short of diluting juice, cooking oil, tinned meat/hot dogs and tinned fish.

Thanks very much for your continuing support.

Marjorie Lang

## **Church Email Address**

We now have a new email address for Netherlee and Stamperland church. Please use this email address for all contact with the office and delete any previous email addresses from you contact list.

[nethandstamchurch@gmail.com](mailto:nethandstamchurch@gmail.com)

## **East Renfrewshire Good Causes**

Many of you know of our connection with Russell McMillan of the East Renfrewshire Good Causes Charity. He is to be featured in a Songs of Praise programme to be broadcast on BBC on Sunday 24th April 2022. Filming has been taking place at his home and at Maxwell Mearns Church recently.

Jim Ferguson

## **A Note of Thanks**

Eileen Beaton would like to thank everyone who sent cards on the death of her husband Stan. She would also like to thank the Care and Share team for their very welcome food bags and the Flower Committee who sent beautiful flowers to bring her comfort at a difficult time.

## **Christian Aid**

Door to door collections are not going ahead again this year, however the Christian Aid team have decided to have two fund raising events instead.

- On Sunday 15th May, a 'hunger lunch' will be held after the morning service in the church hall where soup and bread will be served for a donation. We will also be serving tea and coffee.
- On Saturday 21st May we will be arranging a takeaway/delivered afternoon tea. The suggested donation is £3.00. To order this for friends or yourself please email Marjorie Lang.

Both dates coincide with Christian Aid week and this is the only time in the year we fund raise as a church for this worthwhile cause. Thank you in advance for your support.

The Christian Aid Team

## **PoppyScotland**

The next event for PoppyScotland is the coffee afternoon on Saturday 7th May.

This will be held in The Large Hall in Netherlee from 2-4pm. Tickets are priced £3 for adults and £1.50 for children.

Donations for the popular tombola will be gratefully received. The Poppy box will be in the Welcome Hall from Sunday 10th April.

Donations for the baking stall will also be very welcome on the day.

Now that we can meet together, come and enjoy a cup of coffee and something good to eat whilst supporting PoppyScotland.

Thank you in anticipation.

Anne Mann.

## Sunday Club

Sunday Club continue to meet and despite the low numbers we get a lot done! We have looked at our values and how they align with those of Jesus, created grassheads, in response to the story about the gardener giving the fig tree another chance to grow, heard about a mother's love in the story of baby Moses and made our mothers a gift of kind words, chocolates and lip balms. We also learned to say thank you in fifteen different languages and made thank you cards for our kind brown penny donors. We are always happy to welcome visitors and new members to join in our fun



Our Senior Group too have been busy. On 20th March they held a bake sale to raise funds for their upcoming trip to Oban and Iona and raised £250 thanks to the generosity of the congregation. Well done girls!



## Harlequin - Eastwood Theatre for Youth

Harlequin are delighted to be returning to Stamperland Church in May having secured the rights to perform Matilda Jr. We are turning the sanctuary into a professional performance space to ensure our audiences get a true theatre experience. Come and join us for live music and the joy of seeing what our members can do. Tickets available using the link on our flyer.

HARLEQUIN - EASTWOOD  
THEATRE FOR YOUTH



ROALD DAHL'S  
**Matilda**  
THE MUSICAL JR.

BOOK  
DENNIS KELLY

MUSIC & LYRICS  
TIM MINCHIN

Thurs 19th - Sat 21st May 2022  
Evenings 7.30pm | Saturday Matinee 2.30pm

STAMPERLAND CHURCH  
Stamperland Gardens, Clarkston, G76 8LJ

**BOX OFFICE OPEN**

Tickets | £13 & £14 (plus booking fee)  
To book tickets, please use the following link:  
<https://www.seaty.co.uk/harlequin-matilda>  
or scan the QR code



## **The Forum**

In March, Dave Pearson, the group sustainable development director of [Star Refrigeration](#), was kind enough to address the Netherlee and Stamperland Forum. As the name suggests, Star Refrigeration deals mainly in refrigeration systems, but some years ago the company diversified and started to produce water and air source heat pumps. In what was a forward-thinking talk, Dave gave a candid account of the opportunities and challenges of heat pumps. With soaring gas bills, heat pumps are a more affordable way to heat homes and commercial premises. As well as being close to carbon neutral, they can half the cost of energy in some buildings. On the other hand, heat pumps are more expensive than gas boilers. According to the Energy Saving Trust, a standard gas boiler costs £2,300 on average. The cost of a domestic heat pump, by contrast, is between £6000–£8000 (air source) or £10,000–£18,000 (ground source). These are important considerations but, as Dave reminded us, there is a bigger picture, too: climate change. Carbon emissions are polluting the environment and damaging our health. Heat pumps are a practical solution that would improve energy efficiency, cut emissions, and underpin sustainable economic growth in the future.

Dave mentioned some of the heat pumps that Star Refrigeration has installed over the years, demonstrating that the technology already exists and can be feasibly installed. The challenge for society is securing the vital public and private investment needed to roll out this technology affordably, on an industrial scale. Dave briefly addressed innovation and incentives: what can, for example, Glasgow City Council do to create a *fairopoly* between the council, building owners, and energy providers built around heat pumps? How can governments cooperate to ensure nation-wide consistency in energy policy? And, as a first step, what can local authorities do to encourage people to turn their thermostats down by as little as one degree? Dave posed many big and small questions in this timely talk and concluded his remarks by reminding us that we are faced with a *throppportunity*: a threat (climate change) that creates an opportunity (heat pumps) that results in a more desirable outcome for everyone (a cleaner environment and lower energy bills). We were very grateful to Dave for showing us that, although heat pumps have been around in one form or another for decades, they will help to secure a greener future for us all.

The Forum will next meet on **Monday 25 April 2022 at 19:30 in the Lesser Sanctuary of Netherlee Church**. Stewart Carle, a former president of the Association of Scottish Police Superintendents, will share his reflections on the policing reform programme that created Police Scotland almost a decade ago. The Forum is, invariably, an enjoyable opportunity for mutual learning and everyone is welcome to attend.

### ***Save the date!***

*We are delighted to confirm that we were able to re-arrange **Ken MacIntosh's** talk which had to be cancelled due to Covid restrictions.*

*The new date for '**Confessions of a presiding officer**' will be on Monday, 16 May at 7.30pm in the Lesser Sanctuary. The format will be a conversation with Ken and a chance to ask questions.*