

West and Wardlawhill News

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Dear Friends,

I am writing this on the 1st of February, thankfully the start of a new month after what seems a never-ending January. One of my friends on social media suggested that the 31st of January was more like the 147th of January. It is of course particularly long for those on end of month salaries, especially after the Christmas overspend. However, months and years do inevitably come to an end. “Thank goodness!!” some might say.

Maybe it’s because I am an optimist that I believe there is no such thing as an ending, only a new beginning. You do of course need both, but if we emphasise only the ending it takes away the power, the energy, and the emotion to deal with the new beginning. How many of you are still working on your New Year’s resolutions by the 1st February, indeed how many are still making resolutions at the beginning of the year?

The history of the church has shown the importance of new beginnings in so many historical contexts. Even our own denomination is part of a movement called the Reformation, suggesting the importance of a new beginning. Many of the congregations we know of or have been part of, have seen change, some quite profound. Our own congregation has been through a number of changes over the last century – The West Church, then the Munro Church, back to the West Church and now West & Wardlawhill. Each step an ending but also a new beginning.

On a personal level, beginnings and endings are of course a constant part of our lives. The joy of births and marriages as new beginnings are deeply embedded in our church’s liturgy and are rightly celebrated. So too is death rightly recognised, but celebrated? The Salvation Army has a phrase I love for these occasions – “promoted to glory”. It emphasises for me the new beginning for those who have passed, an entry into a new way of being we can only dream of this side of death.

For those of us left behind it is inevitably painful. I have dealt with enough grief over the years to know and appreciate the profound loss of a loved one dying. People generally do not realise the psychic pain of bereavement when we have lost a part of ourselves as the two becoming one in marriage is torn apart, or in the death of a child, part of ourselves is lost in an untimely tragedy.

Nevertheless, the truth still holds. By focusing on the loss, we fail to heal, and look to the new future. I do not know what 2023 will hold for you, but sooner or later you will be caught up in major changes at a personal and church level. I would urge you not to cling to the past, but to move forward with the God we worship, a God of the present and the future, and seek his strength for all that is before us.

In the Transfiguration, the disciples on the mountain top wanted to stay there and continue to enjoy the idyllic moment of revelation, but for Jesus the future was waiting

at the foot where a child needed healing. In the resurrection which we will be celebrating soon, Jesus goes through death and enters into a new future in relationship with his followers.

So “let your hopes, not your hurts, shape the future” (Robert M. Schuller) and let us face whatever 2023 may throw at us positively.

Malcolm

PS The snowdrops are out again. Hallelujah!!!

PASTORAL LIST

Funerals (*Denotes Members)

18th Jan *Mrs Betty Johnston, Burnhill Quadrant
20th Jan *Mrs May Gordon, Duncraggan Care Home
20th Jan Mr Charlie Madden, Liddoch Way
26th Jan Mrs Mary Bole, Glasgow Road
27th Jan *Mrs Rea Buchanan, Landemer Drive
30th Jan Mrs Iris Grey, Belmont Drive



**URGENTLY REQUIRED
FABRIC CONVENERS FOR
CHURCH & HALLS**



We are still looking for someone who can check that work scheduled to be done, has gone through the process of reporting to the Board, securing workmen to do the job when the finance has been agreed and generally to identify with others work that needs to be done. Handiness with a screwdriver and paintbrush is desirable, but **NOT** essential. Would suit a retired handyman or woman. (Being a member of the congregation is not required for this post.) (A similar position is available for our Hamilton Road Halls).

GIFT AID CONVENERS -



Ian Brown and Margaret Cruthers will be stepping down in March 2023 from their positions as Gift Aid Conveners. The role involves collating all the information regarding monies given to the church by tax payers and submitting this to HMRC to reclaim the Gift Aid monies due. Ian and Margaret will be delighted to give you more information. (Being a member of the congregation is not required for these posts).



For more information on any of the above positions, please do not hesitate to contact Rev Malcolm Cuthbertson, Session Clerk, Alistair McInnes or Treasurer, Kim Jackson. Your help is urgently needed.

Our Daily Bread is selling Easter cards and books this year.



Our Daily Bread
Ministries

Easter Cards - "Easter Blessings" and "He is Risen" - both are packs of 5 mixed cards for £2.50.

Also, they have two books:

Windows on Easter: Have the events of the Saviour's passion become overly familiar to you? See the death and resurrection of Christ through the eyes of those who were there! *Our Daily Bread* writer Bill Crowder provides a fresh perspective on the Easter story by looking through the "windows" of some of the people who were there: Malchus, Judas Iscariot, the centurion, Joseph of Arimathea, the women disciples and the disciples on the Emmaus Road. As you see what these witnesses saw and feel, what they felt, you will learn the life transforming lessons that they learned.

Paperback (124 pages) £3

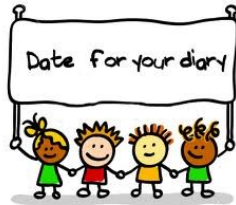
40 Days 40 Words: Take a 40-day journey from Ash Wednesday to Resurrection Sunday. From important words found in the gospels - repent, palm, cross - to words identifying traditional Christian practices - Maundy, ashes, abstain - these readings will give you a fuller appreciation of our Saviour's death and resurrection. Tying in stories from across the Bible as well as original Hebrew and Greek meanings, the authors show the relevance of each key word for you today.

Paperback (160 pages) £6

If anyone is interested in supporting Our Daily Bread by purchasing either the Easter cards and/or books, please speak to me and I will place a bulk order on Monday 6 March, 2023.

If anyone would like the 40 Days 40 Words book which runs from Ash Wednesday (22 Feb) I will place a separate order for this on Monday 13 February, 2023.

Jean Duncan



FUTURE MAGAZINE ISSUES

MARCH	Information to Editor Sunday 26th February	Pick Up Sunday 5th March
APRIL	Information to Editor Sunday 26th March	Pick Up Sunday 1st April
MAY	Information to Editor Sunday 23rd April	Pick Up Sunday 30th April
JUNE	Information to Editor Sunday 28th May	Pick Up Sunday 4th June

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OUR SUNDAY MORNING CHURCH FLOWERS

First of all, can I say thank you to Margaret Feeney and June Doherty who, along with myself, make sure flowers are placed in the church every Sunday for our Services. These flowers are delivered to the halls each Saturday morning by our long-standing supplier, Janette Mitchell Flower Designs of Burnside. We receive many comments after the Services on how nice they look, which of course is very nice to hear.



However, the flowers are not just for OUR enjoyment at the Services but also needed, either for handing to people attending church or for delivery to those members who are no longer able to join us on a Sunday morning. In particular - members now in residential care - members who have just spent time in hospital and recovering at home - members who live on their own and no longer feel able to come to church - or perhaps there has been a bereavement in the family - perhaps a happier occasion such as a Special Birthday, a Baptism, a Wedding. Whatever the reason, and there are many, our Flower Rota would like to hear about it. With **YOUR** help we can make sure, through the delivery of church flowers, our members will know we are thinking of them and especially through happy, and sad times. Without your help and details, we are not able to do what I am sure you would wish us to do.

Do have a word with either Margaret, June or myself any Sunday morning, before or after the Service, giving us details of someone YOU feel would appreciate a delivery of flowers from yourself on behalf of the church. Of course if you are a car driver, this will make delivery a lot easier.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank those members who continually over the year, pass donations to me for the Flower Fund, through their own very special Dedications "In Memory of Loved Ones", these are very much appreciated.

OUR FLOWER FUND DONATION BOXES - A wee reminder that these boxes are situated at the front door of the church and also at the side exit from the sanctuary. Apart from the special Dedications, mentioned above, your general donations however small or large, put into these boxes as you leave church, will also help to ensure our present church's very important 'Flower Ministry'.



Last, but not least, if there is anyone out there - male or female - who would like to join our Flower Rota, we would love to hear from you. There are only three of us at present, another one or two would be a great help. For further details, have a word with me any Sunday morning. Honestly no Degrees or Certificates in 'Floral Art' required for this position!!!! Just a love of flowers.

Morag Smith
Flowers Convener



The Boys' Brigade
195th Glasgow Company

Since our last magazine, the Anchor Boys and Junior Section have had their Christmas Parties. We've even been to the pantomime – oh yes we have!! All sections of the company had a very enjoyable evening watching Beauty and the Beast at Rutherglen Town Hall. The New Year celebrations are now past and we have started the second half of our BB Session and have a couple of special events planned.

The first event for the Company is the **Annual Coffee Morning on Saturday 25th February 2023** from 10 am – 12 noon, in the Hamilton Road Halls. All are welcome to come along for a cake and a cuppa. Tickets, priced at £3.00 each, are available from any BB Leader, or just pay at the door. We look forward to seeing you all on the 25th.

We then have the **Family Quiz Night on Thursday 16th March 2023** starting at 7 pm. This is a relaxing evening with all the participants working in teams. Questions are set for all ages, from 5 – 99. Entry is £2 for adults and no charge for children. As well as a night of fun we even provide tea, coffee and juice and a bite to eat. Maybe the 16th will be a lucky night for someone.

We look forward to seeing you all at either or both events.

We are always keen to encourage new boys to join us any Thursday evening where they will be very welcome. All sections now meet on Thursday nights.

As a reminder of the details for each section and when they meet, these are as follows:

Anchor Boys (for boys in P1 to P3) from 6.30 to 7.30 pm
Junior Section (for boys in P4 to P6) from 7.00 to 9.00 pm
Company Section & Seniors (for boys P7 to S6) from 7.30 to 10.00 pm.

If you have any sons, grandsons, or even great-grandsons, aged from 5 to 18, and you think that they would enjoy the Boys' Brigade, please encourage them to come along to the Hamilton Road Halls any Thursday night. They'll be made most welcome.

Alistair McInnes

Company Captain

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CHRISTMAS FAIR

SATURDAY 26th NOVEMBER 2022

FINAL TOTAL RAISED - £3949.97

What a wonderful total, I am sure you will all agree, bearing in mind not only the fact that this particular event had not taken place since November 2019, but also concerns at this time on the cost of living for everyone. Thank you all for a great turnout, from church members, your families and lots of people from the community at large. All the fundraising aspects and stalls at this Fair had outstanding results, as you will see from the final total break-down, listed below for your interest.

HUGE thanks go to each and every person involved with all the planning, work, time and donations - both during the weeks running up to the event and on the day itself, enabling our Fair to take place with our doors open at 11am on 26th November, where a warm welcome was waiting from everyone inside our halls, ready to serve so many customers.

WINNERS OF OUR FAIR COMPETITIONS

From our **Cub Corner** - the winner of an M & S Voucher & Calendar was Ray Brock who guessed the correct distance our beautiful toy train travelled - 2.37 Kilometres

Santa's Lucky Number - the number was SIX and the winner of a £50 Gift Voucher was Joyce Brown

Our 2 Christmas Hampers - the runner-up Hamper won by Margaret Cowie and the winner of the large First Prize Hamper was Rhona Fell

Congratulations to all our Winners and thank you to everyone who took part in our Fair's fundraising Competitions.

AND NOW, the break-down of the total raised -

FRONT DOOR	£ 82.45
GIFT STALL	£700.00
SOFT GOODS	£121.75
CAKE & CANDY	£282.50
CHRISTMAS GIFTS	£182.40
TEA ROOM	£630.75
SANTA'S GROTTTO	£ 70.00
ALLADIN'S CAVE	£590.40
BOTTLE & SWEET STALL	£194.95

HAMPERS	£277.75
SANTA'S LUCKY NUMBER	£150.00
CUB CORNER	£134.50
DONATIONS	£262.00
EVA'S SWEET TREATS	£ 80.50
KAREN'S CAKES & TABLET	£199.00

**CAMBUSLANG & RUTHERGLEN
ROCK AND POP CHORUS CONCERT
Tuesday 13th December 2022**

TOTAL RAISED £596.70

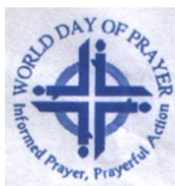
A lovely way to end the year, thank you to the Chorus for putting on this Concert for our church, enabling us to raise such a large amount, made up of Entrance Tickets and the generous purchase of Raffle Tickets. Thank you for a great turn-out and the many donations of raffle prizes. A lovely selection of well-known Christmas pieces by Chorus and soloists with our audience joining in. How nice too, to see five of our church members as part of the Rock and Pop Chorus, three of which - members of our own church choir. I will let you all work out who those five people are, if you attended the Concert then, of course, you will already know!

Thank you too, to the people who worked with the Committee that evening, such a help and very much appreciated.

FUTURE FUNDRAISERS? - For any news from the Committee, watch out under this section in next month's magazine

DATE OF NEXT MEETING:
Tuesday 21st February 2023
7.30pm in the Baker Hall

Morag Smith
Ways & Means Convener



**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER
Friday 3rd March 2023 2pm
Rutherglen West & Wardlawhill Parish Church
(prepared by the WDP Committee of Taiwan)**

DEDICATIONS

Margaret Madden
It's been three years since you went away
We miss you every single day.
Our hearts still broken, our tears still flow
We just can't seem to let you go.
From: Isobel, Charles & Stewart

Ian Duncan - 20 January, 2022

In loving memory of Ian Duncan who meant so much to so many people, my hubby and best friend. Ian has been missed so much this last year since his passing by the whole family, he held a special place in many hearts. "Though you are not with me on earth, you are forever in my heart, my thoughts, my memories. I'll love and miss you forever."

Jean and all the family

**ROTAS
FEBRUARY & MARCH 2023**

**DOOR & OFFERING PLUS
COUNTING DUTIES (C-)**

5th February & 5th March

C-S Harbinson, C-I Tennent, R Tennent,
C-L Fletcher, C-K Mann, C-D Fraser,
C-K Jackson

Beadle - C-D Smith

12th February & 12th March

C-S Brown, R Brock, C-A Chambers,
C-K Johnston, A Kennedy, C-M Feeney,
C-D Smith, C-K Jackson

Beadle - C-J Duncan

19th February & *19th March

*Communion

C-M Cruthers, C-J Brown, C-E Reid, C-E Ross,
C-S McDonald, C-D Smith, C-K Jackson

Beadle - C-A McMillan

26th February & 26th March

L Fotheringham, C-S Blakeley, C-S Kerr,
C-A McInnes, C-K Jackson, C-M McInnes,
C-D Smith

Beadle - C-T McEwan

Alistair McInnes

Session Clerk

CHURCH FLOWERS

February

5th J Doherty
12th M Smith
19th M Feeney
26th M Smith

March

5th M Smith
12th M Feeney
19th* M Smith
26th J Doherty

*Communion

Morag Smith

Church Flowers



T-Bar
Every Sunday following morning worship
Enjoy a cuppa and fellowship in the Baker Hall from 12 noon

**12th & 19th February and
26th March & 2nd April**
I White, N Hay, K Johnston,
E McMillan, J Doherty

26th February & 5th March
S Blakeley, E Reid, S Kerr, J Brown

12th & 19th March
L Fletcher, V Rowan, A Chambers,
G McMillan, H Mulholland

Morag Smith
T-Bar

BIBLE READERS

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

FEBRUARY

5th K Jackson
12th M McInnes
19th M Ross
26th I Tennent

MARCH

5th T McEwan
12th M Smith
19th* D Aitken
26th T Dingwall

*Communion

Alistair McInnes

Session Clerk

TREASURER'S REPORT - 2022

	DECEMBER	YEAR TO DATE
<u>RECEIPTS</u>		
OFFERINGS	2824	41254
TAX RECOVERED GIFT AID	0	9266
MINIATURE CHURCHES	0	265
CONGREGATIONAL DONATIONS	0	0
BANK/DEPOSIT FUND INTEREST	15	104
INVESTMENT INCOME	0	1688
RENTAL OF PREMISES	2053	28162
OTHER RECEIPTS	5432	15566
	<u>10324</u>	<u>96305</u>
<u>PAYMENTS</u>		
MINISTRIES & MISSION	5000	30000
PRESBYTERY DUES	0	1829
OTHER STAFFING COSTS	1476	10504
BUILDING MAINTENANCE COSTS	454	12980
HEATING & LIGHTING	2841	19048
INSURANCE	0	6180
PRINTING & STATIONERY ETC	63	804
OTHER PAYMENTS	897	11008
IT EQUIPMENT	60	720
	<u>10791</u>	<u>93073</u>
SURPLUS /DEFICIT	-467	+3232

* Included in this Month's other Payments - £282.44 Retiring Offering paid to Food Bank.

* Included in this Month's other Receipts is £4500 from Ways and Means

REDEVELOPMENT ACCOUNT: Balance as at 31st December 2022 = + £6,247.84
In December £28,432.41 paid for A/V, £540 to Wham
and £1181.60 to Brick & Steel

INFORMATION: Please note the church was unable to pay its expected Ministry and Mission Contribution during part of 2020 and 2021 due to the impact of the Covid pandemic on its finances.

Total contribution outstanding as at 31st December 2021 = £45772.00
This is made up of £23,178 outstanding from 2020 and the £22,594.00 remaining contribution to be paid for 2021.

Our M&M Contributions for 2022 has been reduced to £42,654.00
To date £30,000.00 has been paid towards this total