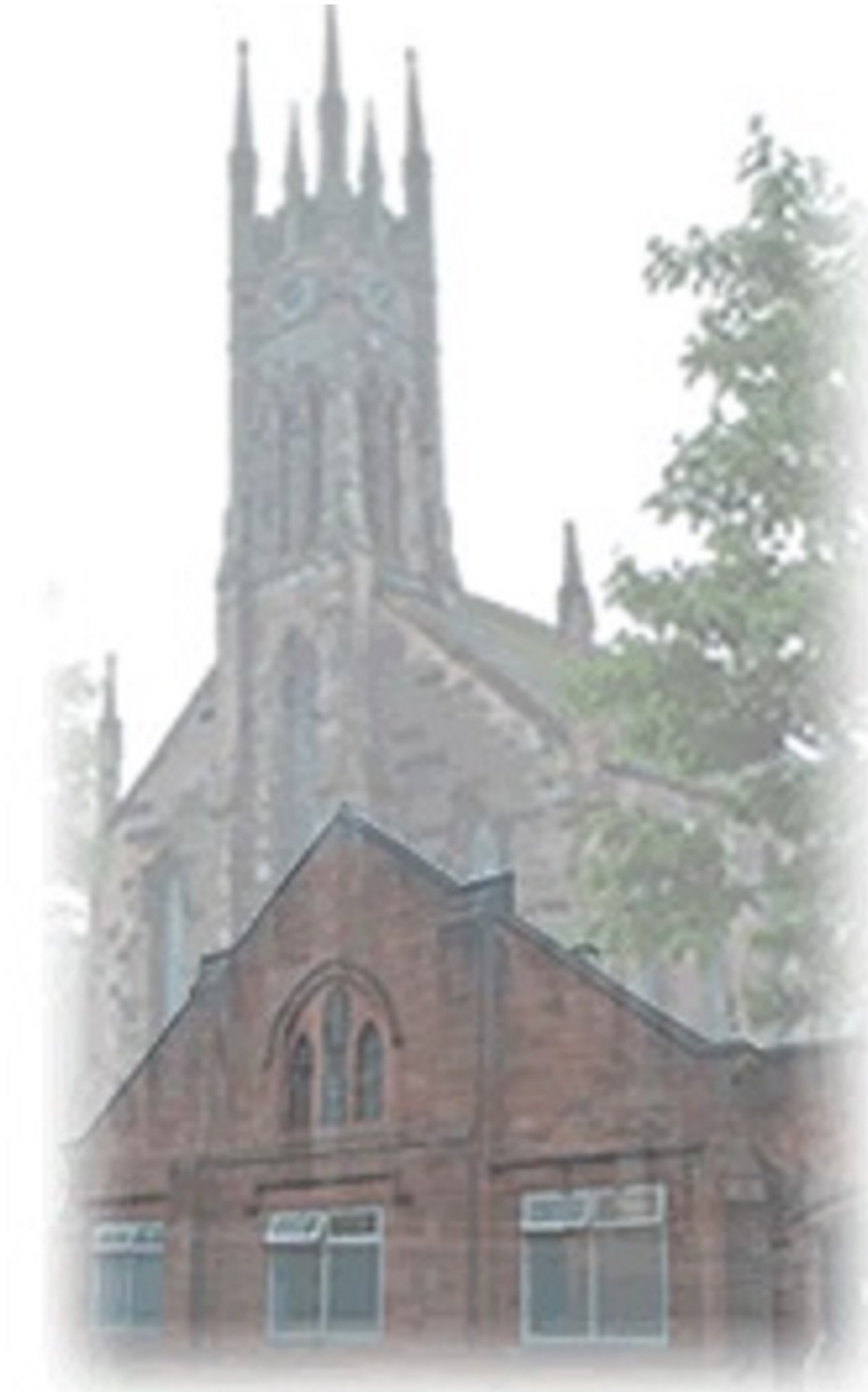


# West and Wardlawhill News

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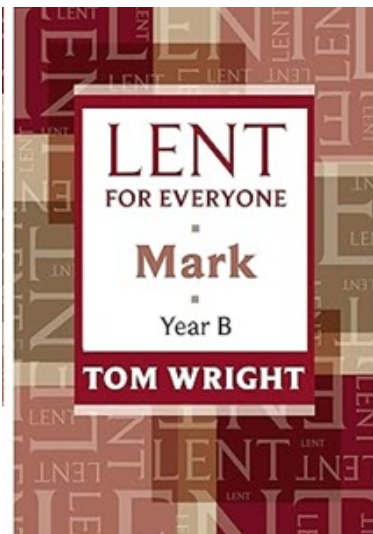
*Hello from the Manse,*

Firstly, in case I haven't said it to you all already, a Happy New Year to you – hope it's started well and gets better from here.

The idea, having just gone through Advent, that we now look towards Lent so early in February seems strange – I'm sure many would express the same sentiment. However, the 31<sup>st</sup> of March is Easter Sunday and so the 14<sup>th</sup> of February is the start of Lent. So, as the logo says, do something different this Lent. Rather than giving something up – I know that's the norm – why not take something on?



Whatever you feel God says is appropriate. So if that's giving up chocolate for Lent that's fine – but don't do it simply because you've aye done it – do something different for God this year. Would you think about helping out at Lodging House? Would you share your faith to somebody you don't know? Go on a journey and see where God takes you.



To that end, I've got a suggestion for you (if you don't go to a house group) or for your house group. Some material that would neatly fit into a Lent timetable and would take you on a journey on that most central of Easter themes: Mark. Anything by Tom Wright is worth reading – and if that's true generally and it is! – his stuff on Easter is gold dust. It's just six weeks long worth of daily material to go through the Gospel of Mark with an Easter focus. You can do it on your own or as a group – it has discussion questions for groups.

The two points to keep in focus are these: Lent should be a spiritual journey each year in the Christian calendar through the key elements of Easter – but you need to keep it fresh. That second point is so important. Do Lent but don't do it the same way every year. The point is being repeated but, please, do something different this Lent.

This certainly isn't the only way of doing something different this Easter. You may notice from my opening comments; I didn't say you *have to give up* chocolate for Easter. Chocolate is a crucial part of Easter and so it's a crucial opportunity to use for the gospel and bring Jesus to people who don't yet know him – and children too! The Meaningful Chocolate Company make the Real Easter Egg.

Their website has a range of Easter eggs with various



Christian resources inside each egg. Give them to friends and share the real message of Easter at the same time. You can go online at their website at <https://meaningfulchocolate.co.uk/> to find out more information.

In short, don't conform to a bunny-filled Lent. Don't let it just pass you by in a chocolate haze. Go on a Lent journey and see where Jesus takes you.

Yours sincerely,  
*Ian Cathcart*

## **PASTORAL LIST**

Funerals (\*Denotes Church Member)

15<sup>th</sup> December      \*John Hastie, Landemer Drive  
22<sup>nd</sup> December      Doreen Connolly, Dunard Road

*Alistair McInnes*  
Session Clerk

## **Eulogy to John Hastie**

John Hastie was born on the 16<sup>th</sup> of December 1938 to parents John and Margaret Hastie. He was brought up in Burnhill, Toryglen, and had a good childhood playing with his many friends in and around that area. John was registered at the Burgh Primary School and while going through his primary school years his sister Jean was born into the family. Jean was 10 years John's junior. However, the years made no difference because it didn't stop John from doting on his little sister, and they became very close. John then went on to Gallowflat Secondary School to finish his education.

On leaving Secondary School he took up his first job in the paper mill. This was merely a stepping stone for John because he found his calling at the British Oxygen Company where he worked for the best part of thirty years and stayed there until his retirement.

John loved many things - dancing was one of them and it was at the dancing that he met Jean McLeish. They fell in love and were married on the 17<sup>th</sup> March 1961 at Barlanark Church. John and Jean went on to have three children,

Steven - born 23<sup>rd</sup> May 1962  
Gary – born 21<sup>st</sup> March 1966  
Lynn - born 7<sup>th</sup> July 1968

He was ordained as an Elder of Rutherglen West Parish Church in 1998 and served faithfully in his duties until recently.

John died on the 30<sup>th</sup> of November 2023 after an illness which he fought with great courage. He passed away in the Queen Elizabeth Hospital at the age of 84 years.

*Stuart Harbinson*



## The Boys' Brigade 195th Glasgow Company

As our final event before Christmas was a visit to the pantomime in Rutherglen Town Hall, which all sections of the company had a very enjoyable evening watching. The second half of our BB Session has started and we have a couple of special events planned.



- The Annual Coffee Morning on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2024 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 24<sup>th</sup>.
- The Family Quiz Night on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2024 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 14<sup>th</sup> will be a lucky night for someone.



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

New members are always welcome any Thursday evening. All sections now meet on Thursday nights.

As a reminder of the details for when each section meets, 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 8.30 pm
- Company Section & Seniors (for boys P7 to S6) from 7.30 to 9.30 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

## CHRISTMAS FAIR SATURDAY 25th NOVEMBER 2023

As promised in our December issue of the magazine, we can now tell you the FINAL amount raised from the church's Fair - A WONDERFUL - **£3562.25**

For your interest below, you will find a breakdown of that amount after all floats and expenses had been applied to each separate aspect of this fundraiser.

	£
FRONT DOOR	62.50
GIFT STALL	416.00
SOFT GOODS	123.90
CAKE & CANDY	387.10
CHRISTMAS GIFTS	157.95
TEA ROOM	581.22
SANTA'S GROTTTO	0.33
ALLADIN'S CAVE	446.95
BOTTLES & SWEETS	120.00
HAMPER COMPETITION	188.80
SANTA'S LUCKY NUMBER COMPETITION	200.20
CUB CORNER	63.00
DONATIONS	322.30
EVA'S STALL	134.80
KAREN'S CAKES/TABLET	357.20

On behalf of Ways & Means, a **HUGE THANK YOU** to you all for whatever part you played in last November's successful result - Your hard work during Fair week and on the day itself - Your generous donations whether in cash form, goods for all stalls including baking required for our T Room - Your bric a brac for Alladin's Cave - Last, but not least, for coming to the event and, after enjoying a visit to our T Room, leaving with your shopping bags full. Thank you SANTA for once again paying a visit to our Grotto, spending so much time that day chatting to the many children who visited you and who left with your special gift - you made a lot of children very happy on the run up to Christmas time. As we have enjoyed before, a THANK YOU to the Tesco Store on Dalmarnock Road for the very generous donation of all rolls required for use by our T Room.

## SPRING COFFEE MORNING SATURDAY 23rd MARCH - 10am till 12noon

Tickets on sale beginning Sunday 3rd March, further details in next month's magazine.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING:**  
Tuesday 20th February 2024 - 7.30pm Baker Hall

*Morag Smith*  
Ways & Means Convener



Hate no one, no matter how much they've wronged you.  
Live humbly, no matter how wealthy you become.  
Think positively no matter how hard life is.  
Forgive all, especially yourself  
Never stop praying for the best for everyone.  
Always pray to have eyes that see the best,  
A heart that forgives the worst,  
A mind that forgets the bad,  
And a soul that never loses faith.



To Quiz Lovers and not so Quiz Lovers – a date for your diary:  
**Christian Aid Quiz Night** at Hamilton Road Halls,  
**FRIDAY 8TH MARCH 2024**, commencing 7.30 p.m.

Tickets are priced at £5.00 and can be purchased from Isabelle Tennent.

This will be a team quiz, so come along, be part of a team, and enjoy a fun and undoubtedly competitive evening.

Teas, coffees and home baking will be served, with raffle tickets being sold as part of this fundraising event to raise funds for Christian Aid.

Christian Aid is a charity that supports people in need across the world. They aim to create a world where everyone can live a full life, free from poverty. They are a global movement of people, churches, and local organisations who seek peace.

Your support will be greatly appreciated. Together we can unite the world in the fight against injustice.

Thank you and God's Richest Blessings.

*Isabelle Tennent*  
(W & W representative)



The members and friends of our group have been knitting tops and hats for "Fish and Chip" Babies.

These are babies born prematurely (some with Aids) in poor communities in Africa and as baby blankets are often not available, they are wrapped in newspaper, hence the title.

We have completed 92 sets to be despatched and give our heartfelt thanks to those outside

our group who have contributed and to the local co-ordinator who has kindly offered to send these on our behalf.

We do knit/crochet personal items, but our main focus is to concentrate on what is needed by charities. We have knitted hundreds of squares and made blankets, distributed trauma bears to NHS, dementia muffs, over the knee crochet covers and much more.

If you would like to come along and help us to provide for needy causes, you will be made most welcome each Friday, from 2 – 4 pm. in the Baker Hall. Can't knit or sew? You can learn from our most talented members, or you can make the tea and enjoy the banter.

Give it a try and we will be delighted to see you.

Until then, God Bless,

*Isabelle Tennent*



Come along each Tuesday from 10.00 a.m until mid-day and join members of the community and further afield as they enjoy warm-filled rolls, a selection of sandwiches and home treats washed down with tea or coffee in warm and welcoming surroundings.

Make new friends, meet neighbours and acquaintances, sit back, and let us serve you. We also have a library of books and CDs for you to choose from. We are wheelchair friendly, therefore our halls are quite accessible.

Come along for a chat, shared stories and experiences, and a smile from like-minded “friends”.

We look forward to welcoming you.

*Isabelle Tennent*

God's gentle song in the night may be the only melody the grieving heart can bear.

May you hear His loving whisper of comfort and peace.



The Foodbank Committee send their heartfelt thanks for the continuing support from West & Wardlawhill members. 10 years ago, when Rutherglen Churches Together recognised that there were many within our community experiencing food poverty, the foodbank was founded. It was not expected to be necessary for such a length of time. Without your support however, this would not have been possible. Unfortunately, week by week, we have experienced an increase in demand from those finding it difficult or impossible to put food on the table. The Foodbank cannot continue without your donations.

Thank you for caring and for your commitment to help those in crisis.

Blessings to all and please remember the needy in your prayers.

*Isabelle Tennent*

(Foodbank Duty Manager)



### **Welcome to The Nurturing Nook!**

Step into our cozy corner of community warmth, where volunteers are the heart and friendships are the soul.

Our mission is simple yet powerful: to create a safe haven for people of all ages and backgrounds to come together, connect, and cherish the beauty of meaningful relationships.

At The Nurturing Nook, we believe in the magic of community spirit. Join us for a delightful experience filled with friendship, laughter, and a free lunch to nourish both body and soul.

Behind every project, there's a lot of love, and The Nurturing Nook is no exception. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone supporting our mission. Together, let's make this corner of connection flourish with the power of community love!

Continue reading about our projects:



## **1. Community Café**

Mondays (Winter) 11am - 2pm

Escape the winter chill and step into our warm embrace every Monday! The Community Café is more than just a lunch spot; it's a haven where friendships blossom. Join us to share a meal with familiar faces or make new friends in the heart-warming ambiance. Together, we turn Mondays into a day of joy and connection!

## **2. Parent Café**

Thursdays (Except School Holidays) 12:30 - 2pm

Calling all parents of young adventurers! Thursdays are your day to unwind and connect at our Parent Café. Designed with your needs in mind, it's a haven where parents can find solace and companionship. While you enjoy heart-warming conversations, your little ones have a safe haven to play and explore. Let's build a supportive community where parenting is a shared journey!

We recently celebrated a Scottish day (rather than a Burns Day), where the children and parents were entertained by Laura (Healthy n Happy Development Trust) who taught them some old Scottish sing-a-long songs (which the 'older' folks present were happy to help with) – although it was all a mystery to Eddie (our Mission Development Staff Member)! Photos and video of the event can be found on the Facebook page – just search for The Nurturing Nook!

The Nurturing Nook is more than just a project; it's a celebration of community bonds. Join us, share the warmth, and let's make Mondays and Thursdays the highlight of your week!

Please feel free to pass on the flyer you will have received with your magazine. There are plenty more at the church if you can pass them out to friends, family, colleagues, or other groups you belong to.

Eddie, Kim, Megan, Dave, Sandra, Margaret, Sheena, Stephen and others who help out.  
The Mission Team

**BRAND NEW  
'WALKING AID'  
WITH SEAT AND SHOPPING BAG ATTACHED**

**Do YOU, or someone you know of, require the use of this walking aid? Enquiries to Karen Johnston [REDACTED] or have a word with Karen when you are down at church on a Sunday morning.**

**The walking aid, at this time, is available in our church halls if you wish to have a look at it for suitability.**

**ROTAS**  
February & March 2024

**DOOR AND OFFERING PLUS COUNTING DUTIES  
FEBRUARY & MARCH**

**4th February, 3rd & 31st March**

C-L Fletcher, C-K Mann, C-D Fraser, R Tennent,  
C-D Smith, C-S Harbinson, C-K Jackson  
**Beadle: C-I Tennent**

**11th February & 10th March**

C-K Johnston, C-M Feeney, C-S Brown, C-J Duncan,  
A Kennedy, C-D Baird, C-D Smith, C-K Jackson  
**Beadle: C-A Chambers**

**18th February & \*17th March**

**\*Communion**

C-E Ross, C-E Reid, C-S McDonald, C-M Ross,  
C-A McMillan, C-M Cruthers C-D Smith C-K Jackson  
**Beadle: C-J Brown**

**25th February & 24th March**

C-M McInnes, C-A McInnes, C-K Jackson, L Fotheringham,  
C-T McEwan, C-S Kerr, C-D Smith  
**Beadle: C-S Blakeley**

*Alistair McInnes*  
Session Clerk

**SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE READERS**

**FEBRUARY**

4th I Tennent  
11th T McEwan  
18th M Smith  
25th D Aitken

**MARCH**

3rd S Rowan  
10th A McInnes  
17th\* M Grieve  
24th A McMillan  
31st K Jackson  
\*Communion

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Session Clerk

**FROM THE EDITOR**

Items for the March edition of the Magazine to be in the hands of the Editor, Margaret Feeney for Sunday 25th February, magazine available Sunday 3rd March.

Items for the April edition of Magazine to be handed in for Sunday 24th March, Magazine available 31st March.



**4th February, 10th & 17th \*March  
 \*Communion**

S Blakeley, E Reid, S Kerr, J Brown, M Ross

**11th & 18th February, 24th & 31st March**  
 L Fletcher, V Rowan, A Chambers, G McMillan,  
 H Mulholland

**25th February & 3rd March**  
 I White, N Hay, K Johnston, E McMillan,  
 J Doherty

*Morag Smith*  
T-Bar

**CHURCH FLOWERS**

<b>FEBRUARY</b>		<b>MARCH</b>	
4th	J Doherty	3rd	M Feeney
11th	M Feeney	10th	M Smith
18th	M Smith	17th*	J Doherty
25th	J Doherty	24th	M Feeney
		31st+	M Smith
			*Communion
			+Easter Day



*Morag Smith*  
Church Flowers

***DEDICATIONS***

In loving memory of Ian Duncan. I can't believe two years have now passed without you. You are missed each and every day. You are in our hearts forever.

Jean and family

# Thank You

The Elves and the Shoemaker is my favourite fairy tale.

If you don't know it's about a Shoemaker and his wife. It's about a miracle, kindness, and charity. The Shoemaker is down on his luck. If he can't make shoes he doesn't make money. The elves come along in the dark of night when the Shoemaker and his wife have gone to bed. and make the loveliest pair of shoes. He sells them making enough money to buy leather for 2 pairs of shoes. The Elves make them. The Shoemaker and his wife see the Elves one night and they make some little clothes for them.

As always everyone lives happily ever after.

Sometimes we just need our own little Elves, whatever they do for us.

I would like to Thank my own Church Christmas Elf,

A Church member

## CHURCH FINANCES

DECEMBER 2023	AMOUNT	YEAR TO DATE
Receipts	£10,651	£95,714
Payments	<u>£11,355</u>	<u>£99,731</u>
Surplus/Deficit	<u>-£701</u>	<u>-£4017</u>

### **HE KNOWS IT ALL**

*He knows how long a road can be for He with strength far spent –  
walked the road to Calvary with blood-stained shoulders bent –  
beneath the cross from which He was to hang by nail pierced hands  
He knows how long a road can be .... He knows and understands.*

*He knows how words can wound the soul and how a heart can bleed –  
for He Himself has known the pang of every human need...  
He knows the sort of loneliness that none on earth can share.  
He knows the weight of every cross and how much we can bear.*

*He knows the measure of a man and what within him lies.  
He knows how deeply we can sink and how far we can rise...  
He knows it all: the strain, the heartbreak and the weariness.  
That is why He has the power to save and heal and bless.*

**Patience Strong**

The Nurturing Nook


# COMMUNITY CAFÉ

**MONDAYS  
11AM - 2PM**



Community Café available to all. Enjoy a warm welcome, conversation, free lunch (often homemade soup, sandwiches etc.) Come along alone or meet with friends. Drop in anytime, at NO COST!

## LOCATION

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# PARENT CAFE

**THURSDAYS**  
**12:30 - 2PM**



Parent Café available to all. Enjoy a warm welcome, conversation with other parents/guardians, and a space for children to play together. Activities include storytelling, games, crafts. Drop in anytime, at NO COST!

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