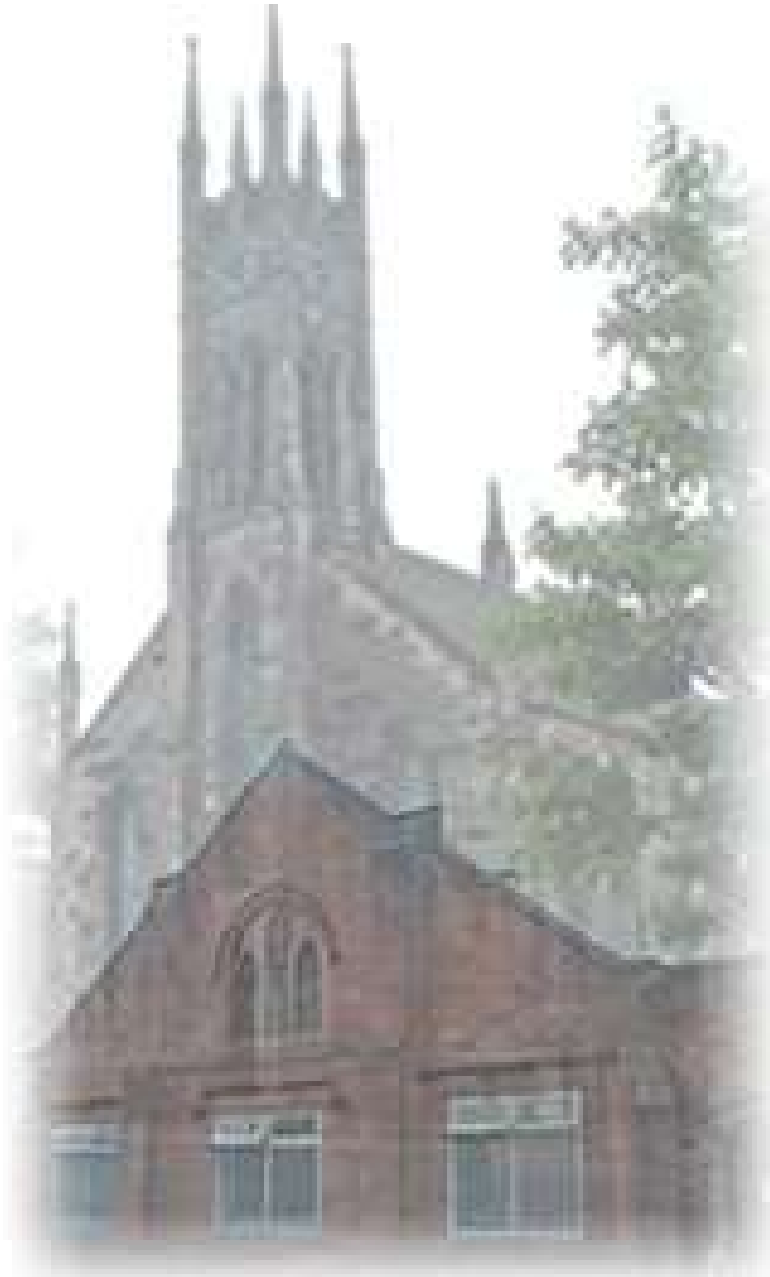




Rutherglen
West and
Wardlawhill

*At the heart of
OUR community*



MARCH 2023 NEWSLETTER

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PARISH REGISTER

FUNERALS

February *Denotes Church member

1st Helen Blackwood
8th David Kane
9th Helen McDuff
10th Barbara Wilson
22nd Helen Watt
*23rd Gordon McNeil
27th Jackie McCutcheon



Holy Week Services - ALL WELCOME

Monday 3 rd April 7pm	Rutherglen West & Wardlawhill
Tuesday 4 th April 7pm	Rutherglen West & Wardlawhill
Wednesday 5 th April 7pm	Rutherglen West & Wardlawhill
Thursday 6 th April 7pm	Rutherglen Old Parish Church (Communion)
Friday 7 th April 7pm	Rutherglen Old Parish Church
Sunday 9 th April 8.30am	Cathkin Braes Country Park, Car Park
Sunday 9 th April 11am	Rev Malcolm Cuthbertson's Retiral Service

St Columbkille's Bereavement Buddies

We are hosting a Bereavement Conference in St Columbkille's Hall 13.30-15.30 on Thursday 16th March.

We shall start with a hot lunch at 1.30pm, followed by a talk on accompaniment using the Emmaus story, then seeking suggestions for Bereavement group ministry. The conference is for people who are interested in offering bereavement listening, and for those who wish to speak about their bereavement.

You are all most welcome. Please share this with people in Rutherglen and Burnside.

For our catering, can we please know if you or friends hope to come along?

Please contact Miriam McKernan

USEFUL CONTACT INFORMATION

Until 9th April 2023

MINISTER

Rev Malcolm Cuthbertson BA BD
3 Western Avenue
Rutherglen G73 1JQ



SESSION CLERK

Alistair McInnes



TREASURER

Kim Jackson



At the February Congregational Board meeting, the Board took the decision to outsource the book keeping for the church. As a consequence of this, the Company, Data Developments (who were recommended by Church of Scotland) require information for those of you who are on the Gift Aid Scheme, and if you are happy to, that we provide them with a copy of the details we currently hold for you.

If you were previously on the Gift Aid Scheme and no longer are a tax payer, please let me know as soon as possible. If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to speak to me either after the service on a Sunday [REDACTED]

Kim Jackson
Treasurer

Countdown to Our Minister's Retirement

Many of you will know by now that our minister, Rev. Cuthbertson, will be retiring on Sunday 9th April, Easter Sunday. Malcolm was inducted as minister in West and Wardlawhill Church on 18th May 2017 and, over these past 6 years, he has guided us through the many changes within the Church of Scotland.

Two dates for your diary

Sunday 9th April – Malcolm's Final Service @ 11.00 am. This will be followed by tea and sandwiches in the Black Hall.

Friday 14th April – We can't allow Malcolm to retire without organising a social get-together. The problem is what do we call it:



No matter what the evening is called, it's to be held in the Black Hall in Western Avenue starting at 7.30 pm. Drew Fraser has offered to provide the music, so we're in for a good time. There will be nibbles but, **as we're not licenced to sell alcohol, you'll need to bring along your own refreshments** – we can provide glasses and maybe tea or coffee. Tickets for this event will shortly be available at no charge. Please contact me to reserve yours.

Alistair McInnes
Session Clerk

(by the way - It's to be called "Malcolm's Retirement Soirée")

FUTURE MAGAZINE ISSUES

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

Margaret Feeney

Magazine Editor



Our recent coffee morning raised £1,181.74. This was a great success and we thank everyone who supported this fund raising event.

In response to the emergency appeal relating to the recent earthquake in Turkey/Syria, the committee agreed to forward £235.00 (Our contributions, however small, have been critical in providing humanitarian response to the vast numbers of people affected, many of whom have been in need of shelter, food and medical aid. This amount was the balance from the events of 2021/2022. The total transferred to Christian Aid for this period was £8,136.73.

Cake and Choral by the Arietta Choir takes place on Sunday 12th March 2.30 p.m in United Reform Church, Johnstone Drive, Rutherglen. This is a ticket only event and we are delighted that all tickets have now been sold.

For your continuing support as we strive to raise funds for Christian Aid to help people in poverty around the world, the committee gives thanks.

Isabelle Tennent

(C.A. representative)



I am humbled by the donations of food and money received every week from members of our church family to support those in our community who are struggling with the rising cost of living crisis.

We, the volunteers of the foodbank are passionate about the care we provide, allowing those who find it necessary to come for assistance to retain their dignity. Although our clients are referred to us by outside agencies, for not only food, but other essentials, we are also able to signpost them to supporting charities, who can offer further advice.

We have been fortunate in obtaining financial donations from local businesses and of course, personal giving, which has allowed us to supply warm items of clothing and essential household items over the past winter months (spring is round the corner). We are also encouraged by the support of some food retailers who offer discounted prices, which allows us to make up soup-making bags of vegetables, pulses, stock cubes etcetera and of course a soup recipe, thus encouraging home cooking. There are many areas where we can offer assistance when urgent matters arise.

I can only give thanks that, after more than 10 years since the inception of our local foodbank, we still reach out to help those less fortunate and I would add that many of those struggling are from our own parish. Little did we know then that in 2023 our services would still be required.

Please contact me if you know of anyone who is in need or requires information regarding the assistance available.

All information is strictly confidential.

Foodbank at:

Rutherglen – Rutherglen Community Baptist Church, Reuther Avenue, corner of Greenhill Road/Stonelaw Road-Mondays and Thursdays 12.30 – 2.30 p.m

Whitlawburn – Whitlawburn Community Resource Centre, 57 Belmont Road, Cambuslang, G762 8PG, – Tuesdays 6.00– 8.00 p.m

Cambuslang: Romanian Pentecostal Church Halls, Corner of Cadzow Drive/Greenlees Road, Cambuslang G72 8ND – Fridays, 12.30-2;30 p.m

Isabelle Tennent

(Foodbank Duty Manager)



The name speaks for itself!! Come along and enjoy not only friendship, but a varied selection of light bites.

Could be a sausage/tattie scone buttie, a freshly made sandwich of your choice of fillings and of course sweet delights, all washed down with coffee or tea. Tempted?

We are in the **Baker Hall** each **Tuesday** from **10.00 a.m. - mid-day**.

We will be delighted to welcome you.

Isabelle Tennent



Some thought an appropriate name for our group was Knitter Natters!! I looked up the definition of “natter”. It comes from the northern England dialect gnatter. If you gossip with your neighbour for a few minutes, you can say that you natter, and if you chat with your friend in a light-hearted way, you also natter. Well, I guess we are natters.

However, we most certainly have “busy fingers” and we can multi task. Beautiful crocheted blankets, baby garments, toys, etcetera, etcetera are made while we are nattering. Good stories, good laughs, great finished products.

Please come along and experience a good old natter with good company. Don't knit or crochet ?– we have experienced ladies who would be delighted to teach you.

Join us in the Baker Hall each Friday from 2.00 – 4.00 p.m.

We don't ask for much, £1 per week to transfer to the church funds. £300.00 was transferred last month. All are welcome!!

Isabelle Tennent



Caring for Veterans since 1916.

Following our Soup and Sandwich fundraising event last year, I have received the following from one of the residents, who sent the undernoted Thank You letter. I would like to share it with you.

“My name is Peter Knowles, I am a resident at Erskine Bishopton Home. Since coming to Erskine, I have enjoyed being able to go to a wide and varied selection of functions, events and outings. This has all been made possible by the care and support of Erskine Staff and also through the support and donations made to Erskine by all our supporters. So on behalf of my friends and comrades at Erskine, I would like to thank you for your care and support.

Cheers, Peter.

Accompanying Peter's letter is the following:

“Everyone here at Erskine echoes Peter's thanks for the very kind donation of £550.00 which we received from you recently. At Erskine we really appreciate the continued support that you have shown and given to our Veterans.

Your donation will give nearly 1,000 Veterans and their spouses across our 3 homes the very best possible care, but more importantly their social welfare will be enhanced by your marvellous donation. Thanks to you we can provide a broad range of support and activities such as physiotherapy, speech and language, entertainment, recreation sessions, days out and much more.

We send our heartfelt and sincere thanks. You really are making a difference. Yours sincerely”

God willing, we, the soup and sandwich makers, look forward to continuing this project each Remembrance Sunday.

Isabelle Tennent

Please remember the work of Christian Aid, the Foodbank and Erskine Homes in your prayers.

God's Richest Blessings to all

Isabelle Tennent



Thank you all for supporting the Company's Coffee Morning. It was a really busy morning and we had many generous donations of baking. To top it all we raised a fantastic total of £602.

Our next event is the Family Quiz Night on Thursday 16th March starting at 7 pm. This is a relaxing evening with all participants working in teams. Questions are set for all ages, from 5 – 99. We look forward to a fun night on the 16th. Cost £2 per adult, children free – pay at the door.

Regards

Alistair McInnes

Company Captain

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&
MEANS**

EASTER COFFEE MORNING

SATURDAY 1ST APRIL

10am till 12noon

WELCOME to our Easter Coffee Morning. We look forward to the marvellous attendance which we enjoyed so much at both of last year's such events.

Tickets priced £3.00 available as from Sunday 12th March from either Vicky or myself (also available at our Tuesday morning Cafe, if required please have a word with Sheena or Sandra).



As I am sure you have become used to, we have one of our regular Coffee Morning competitions, which adds so much to the event's fundraising success, available in the T-Bar as from Sunday morning 12th March -

OUR BEAUTIFUL SPRING HAMPER

Full of many items associated with spring-time. "What's in the Hamper?" - you will just have to wait till Sunday 12th March when all will be revealed.

OUR EASTER CHOCOLATE HAMPER

We also have a smaller hamper full of many chocolate items as the runner-up prize, Mmmm Yum Yum!

Thank you to my Committee members for donating these two prizes. Tickets priced £2.00 available as from Sunday 12th March when both hampers will be on display in the T-Bar, also available at the actual Coffee Morning, before winner is drawn.

As always, your kind donations of baking and small gifts are always appreciated towards our Coffee Morning event. Don't worry if you are not able to be at church before the event, of course you can pay at the door!

DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Tuesday 21st March 2023

7.30pm in the Baker Hall

Morag Smith

Ways & Means Convener



The Church of Scotland
Rutherglen West and Wardlawhill

FREE

PARENT CAFE

THURSDAYS
12.30 - 2PM

DROP IN

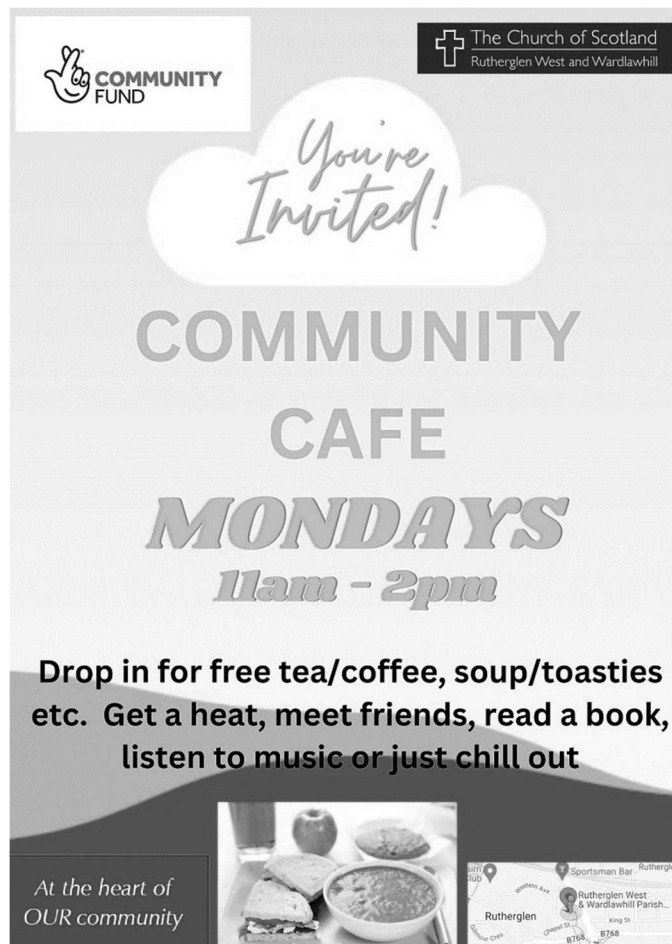
ACTIVITIES:

- TEA/COFFEE
- SNACKS
- STORY TELLING
- GAMES
- CRAFTS

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COMMUNITY FUND

The poster features a central image of a parent cafe session with children and adults sitting around a table. It also includes a map of the Rutherglen area and the Community Fund logo.



The Church of Scotland
Rutherglen West and Wardlawhill

COMMUNITY FUND

You're Invited!

COMMUNITY CAFE

MONDAYS

11am - 2pm

Drop in for free tea/coffee, soup/toasties etc. Get a heat, meet friends, read a book, listen to music or just chill out

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**ROTAS
MARCH & APRIL 2023**



DOOR & OFFERING PLUS COUNTING DUTIES

5th March, 2nd & 30th April

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 March & *9th April

***Easter Day - 'Malcolm's Retiral Service'**

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 March & 16th April**

***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 March & 23rd April

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

MARCH

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

APRIL

2nd M Feeney
*9th M Smith
16th J Doherty
23rd M Feeney
30th M Smith
***Easter Day**
- 'Malcolm's Retiral Service'

Morag Smith

Church Flowers



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

5th March, *9th & 16th April
S Blakeley, E Reid, S Kerr, J Brown
***Easter Day - 'Malcolm's Retiral Service'**
Tea and Sandwiches in the Black Hall

12th & *19th March, 23rd & 30th April
L Fletcher, V Rowan, A Chambers,
G McMillan, H Mulholland
***Communion**

26th March & 2nd April
I White, N Hay, K Johnston,
E McMillan, J Doherty

Morag Smith
T-Bar

**BIBLE READERS
SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP**

MARCH

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

APRIL

2nd S Rowan
*9th A McInnes
16th M Grieve
23rd A McMillan
30th S Harbinson
***Easter Day -**
'Malcolm's Retiral Service'

Alistair McInnes

Session Clerk

Dedications:

Sunday 5th March

"In Memory of Loved Ones"

Robert Rowney

Happy Birthday Mum and Dad

To my mum Barbara, Happy Birthday on March the 18th.

To my dad George, this would have been a big birthday, 100 on the 10th of March.

Gone but never ever forgotten.

Forever in our hearts.

Karen and Family

Happy 60th Birthday on the 5th of March to Jaqueline (Woodburn)

Hope you have a lovely day.

Karen x



I would like to thank the Church for the lovely flowers I received, they were brought to me by Liz McMillan and much appreciated.

Mary Fraser

BB Coffee Morning

It was great to be able to attend another event. the BB's coffee morning on the 25th of February, the first since before lockdown.

It was great to see so many people getting together over tea and cakes and, I did buy a Quiz. I have to say Alistair can you do a Quiz that is a bit easier!

No pressure for your Quiz Night coming up on the 18th of March. I will need to find some knowledgeable friends to take with me for that one.

A Church Member

A Big Thank you to Robert Rowney who managed to persuade my son to return to the Beavers/Cubs/Scouts Group.

Robert, I don't know how you managed to persuade him away from a computer even for a short time. It's a miracle.

Kids are so addicted to iPad's, gaming and phones that they just don't leave their bedroom. They don't socialise.

So if you have youngster in your family, I hope you can encourage them away from their screen and come along on a Wednesday night to one of the Scout Group meetings at Western Avenue Halls.

Get them out to make some new pals, play 'real' games not computer games, learn new stuff, find something different to do and detox from their device.

A Grateful Parent

DEAR LORD

Dear Lord,

Please let me Win the Euro Lottery. This week it's a massive £185 million. I could do a lot with that, I could help lots of people, I could help my church
Amen.

Dear Lord

I didn't win that big Prize. I'm disappointed you didn't help me.
Amen.

Dear Lord

The Lottery is £167 million this week.
I could do vast amounts of good with this win. My life would be changed for the better.
Amen.

Dear Lord,

I don't think you are listening to me at all, you didn't help me win the £185 million or the £167 million. I think you are ignoring me.
Amen.

Dear Lord

The lottery is only £45 million this week. It's a lot less than when I prayed to you before. I won't be so greedy this time. £45 million would not only change my life but help so many others.
Amen.

Dear Lord

I didn't win anything. I definitely don't think you are helping me, or listening. In fact, Dear Lord, I think I am going to stop speaking to you. I don't think there is any use to this praying.
Amen.

In one of the late Ian Duncan's sermons, he said

'Don't ask what the Lord can do for you, ask what you can do for the Lord.'

This was a light bulb moment! I remember exactly where I was sitting, the sunlight was streaming through the church window.

I thought that's it. I never ask anything of anybody, but I always ask the Lord for things. Ian spoke of gratitude and to be thankful every day. I now try to think of things that I can be thankful for.

One of my 'thank you's' is to Ian for these wise words. You may not be with us but your words and dedication to our church have left a huge legacy.

Ian also picked many of my favourite Hymns including 'What a Friend We have in Jesus' and 'Shine Jesus Shine'. At services in February we sang both. I thought of Ian when we sang and thought how happy and proud he would have been seeing everyone clapping and singing with joy at Shine Jesus Shine with the new Audio Visual Displays.

The sun shone in the church as if you were there. It's been just over a year since he was taken from us but, Dear Lord, thank you for Ian and his remarkable legacy.

A Church Member

TREASURER'S REPORT - 2023

	JANUARY	YEAR TO DATE
<u>RECEIPTS</u>		
OFFERINGS	3474	3474
TAX RECOVERED GIFT AID	0	0
MINIATURE CHURCHES	18	18
CONGREGATIONAL DONATIONS	0	0
BANK/DEPOSIT FUND INTEREST	16	16
INVESTMENT INCOME	0	0
RENTAL OF PREMISES	1832	1832
OTHER RECEIPTS	2700	2700
	8040	8040
<u>PAYMENTS</u>		
MINISTRIES & MISSION	2500	2500
PRESBYTERY DUES	0	0
OTHER STAFFING COSTS	844	844
BUILDING MAINTENANCE COSTS	437	437
HEATING & LIGHTING	1377	1377
INSURANCE	0	0
PRINTING & STATIONERY ETC	118	118
OTHER PAYMENTS	1228	1228
IT EQUIPMENT	60	60
	6564	6564
SURPLUS / DEFICIT	+1476	+1476

* Included in this Month's other Payments - £107.00 Retiring Offering paid to Church House

* Included in this Month's other Receipts is £2500 from Presbytery for overpayment last month

REDEVELOPMENT ACCOUNT: Balance as at 31st January 2023 = + £6623.72
In January received VAT of £376.93 also paid Bank Charges of £1.05

INFORMATION: Please note the church was unable to pay its expected Ministry and Mission Contribution during part of 2020, 2021 and 2022 due to the impact of the Covid pandemic on its finances.

Total contribution outstanding as at 31st December 2022 = £58,426.00
This is made up of £23,178 outstanding from 2020, £22,594.00 outstanding from 2021 and £12,654 remaining contribution to be paid for 2022
Our G for G Contribution for 2023 is £ 35,363
To date £2,500.00 has been paid towards this total