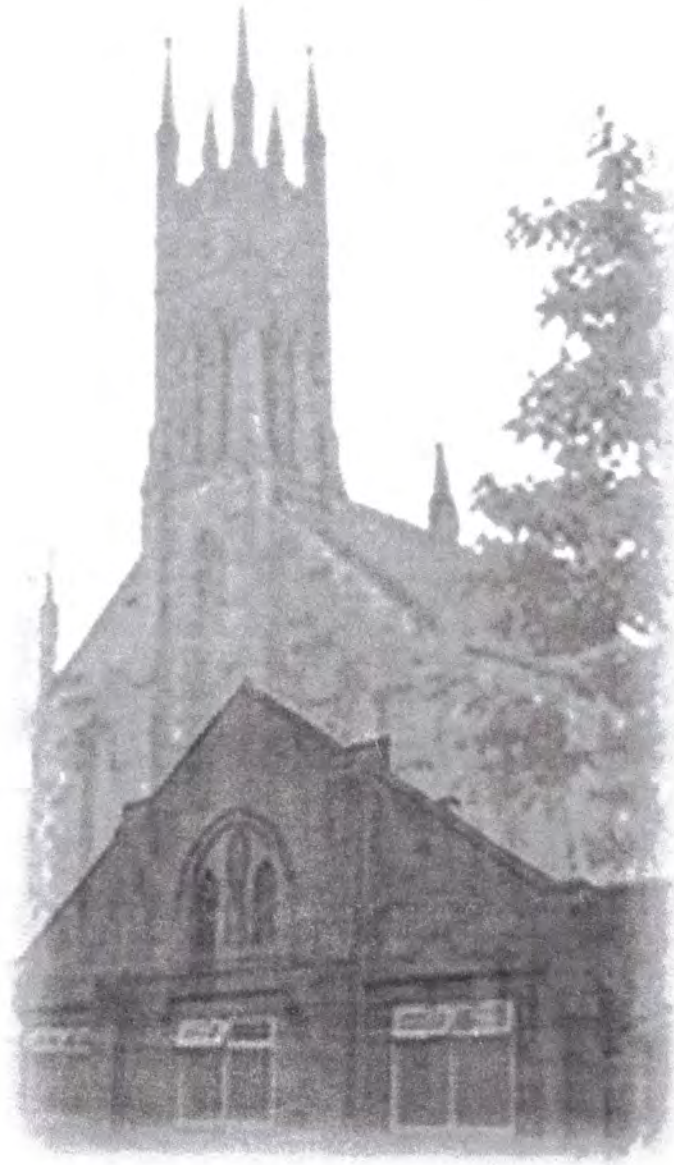


# West and Wardlawhill News

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## Hello from the Manse,

So the holidays are now absolutely, well and truly over. What recollections do you have of yours? Often holidays do feature on those top 10 lists of stressful things in life. Hopefully not in your case this past summer.

I went to Belgium with my wife to celebrate my 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary a few years ago. Even on a bad day Brussels' Grote Markt ranks among the most beautiful medieval squares in Europe – that's why it's a UNESCO World Heritage site. I knew that before going. What I didn't know was that every two years it is also home to the *Flower Carpet*. The Flower Carpet extravaganza dials up the charm factor of the capital's historic main square from merely scenic to positively spectacular, thanks in large part to hundreds of thousands of Ghent-grown begonias. So, for those who didn't know (and that was me until I visited Brussels!) every two years a new floral pattern, 75 metres long by 25 wide, is conceived by landscape architect Mark Schautteet and laid at the doorstep of Brussels City Hall by an army of over 100 volunteer flower arrangers.



The 20<sup>th</sup> 'Carpet' celebrated the relationship between Belgium and Japan – see the picture above. The beauty is all down to the begonia. Belgium is the world's largest producer of begonias: 60 million bulbs each year! 80% of the total production, cultivated almost exclusively in the area of Ghent since 1860, is exported, primarily to the Netherlands, France, the US plus a few to the UK too. Their range of colours is simply stunning and that's just during the day - at night the 'Carpet' comes alive in a massive sound-and-vision spectacle. A light show unfolds accompanied by an original soundtrack. I did get quite a pleasant surprise.

But all the statistics don't quite cover the main issue for me: if you are in the square at ground level, you don't actually see anything that makes sense – you are too close and viewing the design from too small an angle.

All the elite of Brussels' society long to get personal invites to the parties in the various ancient buildings around the square so they can see from a good vantage point. It's a 'big deal' to get an invite. Belgian TV cameras were everywhere! I got to visit a first floor building the second day. Seeing the Flower Carpet from higher up did get me thinking about how much perspective was crucial if I wanted to see this stunning floral spectacle.

Perspective was the defining issue. And not just for Flower Carpets. Look at the back cover if you don't believe me. Let me come back to that thought biblically. The *let the children come to me* passage is one you'll have heard many times before but its familiarity shouldn't stop us going back to it again and again. It's crucial. "Whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it" (Mark 10:15).

Why do people hear you share the gospel and dismiss it? Why do some folk 'get' church and others don't? Why do some children come to a holiday club and just leave it after the week and yet other children ask if they can have a Bible and come to church?

Without reducing everything to vacuous platitudes, the point remains valid: everything does come down to people's perspective. It's not the gospel that's the problem; it's the fact that people have a jaundiced view i.e. faulty perspective. We are all too close to our own lives. 'Standing back' to take a proper view of our lives here and in eternity is more than we are able to see. Your friends need you to stay friendly and offer the perspective that God alone can offer. Unless we can accept God as a child does, God seems false. Unless our perspective is 'heightened' by the Holy Spirit nothing changes – that needs to be our personal and corporate prayer point this September and this autumn.

Yours sincerely

*Ian Cathcart*

#### **AND THEN IT'S WINTER - A REFLECTION** (found online).

Read it slowly... I don't know who wrote it, but I am guessing it was a senior!!! I first started reading this and was reading fast until I reached the third sentence. I stopped and started over reading slower and thinking about every word. This is very thought-provoking. Makes you stop and think.

AND THEN IT IS WINTER You know. . . time has a way of moving quickly and catching you unaware of the passing years.

It seems just yesterday that I was young, just married and embarking on my new life with my mate. Yet in a way, it seems like eons ago, and I wonder where all the years went. I know that I lived them all. I have glimpses of how it was back then and of all my hopes and dreams. But, here it is... the winter of my life and it catches me by surprise...How did I get here so fast? Where did the years go and where did my youth go?

I remember well seeing older people through the years and thinking that those older people were years away from me and that winter was so far off that I could not fathom it or imagine fully what it would be like. But, here it is...my friends are retired and getting grey...they move slower and I see an older person now. Some are in better and some

worse shape than me...but, I see the great change....Not like the ones that I remember who were young and vibrant...but, like me, their age is beginning to show and we are now those older folks that we used to see and never thought we'd be.

Each day now, I find that just getting a shower is a real target for the day! And taking a nap is not a treat anymore... it's mandatory! Cause if I don't on my own free will... I just fall asleep where I sit!

And so...now I enter into this new season of my life unprepared for all the aches and pains and the loss of strength and ability to go and do things that I wish I had done but never did!

But, at least I know, that though the winter has come, and I'm not sure how long it will last...this I know, that when it's over on this earth...it's NOT over. A new adventure will begin!

Yes, I have regrets. There are things I wish I hadn't done...things I should have done, but indeed, there are many things I'm happy to have done. It's all in a lifetime.

So, if you're not in your winter yet...let me remind you, that it will be here faster than you think. So, whatever you would like to accomplish in your life please do it quickly! Don't put things off too long!

Life goes by quickly. So, do what you can today, as you can never be sure whether this is your winter or not! You have no promise that you will see all the seasons of your life...so, live for today and say all the things that you want your loved ones to remember...and hope that they appreciate and love you for all the things that you have done for them in all the years past!

"Life" is a gift to you. The way you live your life is your gift to those who come after. Make it a fantastic one.

**LIVE IT WELL! ENJOY TODAY! DO SOMETHING FUN! BE HAPPY! HAVE A GREAT DAY!**

**REMEMBER:....**

"It is health that is real wealth and not pieces of gold and silver."  
"Live happy in this year and every year!"

Lastly, consider the following:

Today is the oldest you've ever been, yet the youngest you'll ever be so - enjoy this day while it lasts."

- Your kids are becoming you.....
- Going out is good.. Coming home is better!
- You forget names.... But it's OK because other people forgot they even knew you!!!
- You realize you're never going to be really good at anything  
The things you used to care to do, you no longer care to do, but you really do care that you don't care to do them anymore.
- You sleep better on a lounge chair with the TV blaring than in bed. It's called "pre-sleep".  
You miss the days when everything worked with just an "ON" and "OFF" switch..
- You tend to use more 4 letter words ... "what?"..."when?"... "what!!!!"
- Now that you can afford expensive jewellery, it's not safe to wear it anywhere.
- You notice everything they sell in stores is "sleeveless"?!?!
- What used to be freckles are now liver spots.
- Everybody whispers.
- You have 3 sizes of clothes in your closet.... 2 of which you will never wear.
- But Old is good in some things: Old Songs, Old movies, and best of all, OLD FRIENDS!!

Stay well, "OLD FRIEND!" Pass this on to other "Old Friends!" and let them laugh in AGREEMENT!!! It's not what you gather, but what you scatter that tells what kind of life you've lived!

## USEFUL CONTACT INFORMATION

### MINISTER

Vacancy

All enquiries regarding pastoral care, weddings, baptisms, funerals, illness etc., in the first instance contact the Session Clerk

SESSION CLERK - Alistair McInnes

[REDACTED]

TREASURER - Kim Jackson

[REDACTED]

MAGAZINE EDITOR - Margaret Feeney

[REDACTED]

Hi everyone,

Recently I've been asked to visit some of our congregation in a pastoral context.

During the visits, it became clear not everyone could get in contact with me to provide the same pastoral care to all.

So, below, is my phone number. Please feel free to contact me day or night, wither it's just for a chat or to visit at the house, hospital or wherever – no worries!

God Bless you all.

*Stuart*

[REDACTED]



This year's Harvest Thanksgiving Service will take place at 11am on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2023. The theme of the service will be 'What is our Harvest?'

This year there will be a collection for the Rutherglen and Cambuslang Foodbank, either by donating from the list below, or by a monetary donation. Please, if you are able to give a monetary donation, put it in an envelope (which you can get from the front door) and put it in the collection plate either on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> October.

Soup	Pasta Sauce	Tinned Tomatoes
Pasta	Tinned Veg	Tinned Fruit
Tinned Rice Pudding	Tinned Custard	Tinned Meats
Biscuits	Sugar	Cartons Long Life Milk
Instant Meals	Coffee	Jam
Toilet Rolls	Razors	Size 6 Nappies
Washing Powder	Washing Up Liquid	Household Sprays
Shampoo	Shower Gel	Cat/Dog Food
Soap		

Your donations, however small, will make a difference to the lives of those using the Foodbank.

Thank you.

### *The Worship Team*



For the first time, churches and Quaker meetings across the UK are coming together to ask their congregations to leave a gift in their Will to both their church and Christian Aid.

Gifts in Wills are a powerful way for us to put our faith into action.

### **Faith Will is here!**

This September, Faith Will is your opportunity to transform lives for generations to come. Faith Will will let your love live on through a gift in your Will to both your church and Christian Aid.

Your gift can help your church's mission to continue. Our places of worship are an important part of our lives, they are often a second home and family, a place where we belong. They are also at the heart of our communities, sharing God's love and serving those in need.

By considering a gift in your Will to your church and Christian Aid, you can let your faith live on, helping your local community to flourish and tacking injustice and poverty worldwide. This can be your legacy!

Faith Will ..... help your church be a beacon of hope in the community  
Faith Will .... Let your love live on through a gift in your Will

For more information about how to leave a gift in your Will to your church or Christian Aid:  
Visit - [caid.org.uk/Faith](http://caid.org.uk/Faith) or speak to your church leader about leaving a gift to your local church.



Below is some useful information circulated, in a leaflet, by the local Burnhill Youth Activists Group to the community recently:

**BREAKING NEWS!** Our Youth Activism Kids have been working very hard to make a difference in their community.

Following consultations with local residents, they identified issues that would make a huge difference in the community.

Fly tipping has been identified as a priority in Burnhill and has a huge impact on the health and well-being of local people and wildlife.

### **IT'S NOT A ME PROBLEM – IT'S AN US PROBLEM!**

- Several thousand fly-tipping incidents have been reported to South Lanarkshire Council in the last two years.
- New statistics show that South Lanarkshire was the sixth worst area in Scotland for fly-tipping
  - A total of 6,252 cases were reported to the local authority, an increase in fly-tipping reports during 2020, reaching a peak of 6,994 in July 2023.

#### **How can fly-tipping be prevented?**

- We can call for an uplift from the local council
- We can share with our neighbours the uplift cycle
- We can donate unwanted goods to others and save them from going into landfill
  - We can be responsible and dispose of unwanted stuff correctly
    - Keep places well-lit to stop fly-tipping

Your first standard bulk uplift request from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024 is FREE OF CHARGE. Further uplifts in the same year will be charged at the normal rate of £34.04. (Makes sense to get together with your neighbours and maybe make a plan)? A standard uplift includes the collection of up to 20 items. [REDACTED]

Charity Shops and other furniture reuse organisations within South Lanarkshire also accept household goods for reuse.

**Rain or Shine** (children's clothing, toys and equipment)  
[REDACTED]

**R:evolve Recycle** (ladies, gents, kids clothing and shoes, bedding and curtains)  
[REDACTED]

**Salvation Army Shop** (Furniture, electrical, clothing, bric-a-brac)  
[REDACTED]

**South Lanarkshire Council Facilities** (garden waste, electrical equipment, paint, general waste, food waste, oils)  
[REDACTED]

**Camglen Biketown** (recycled bikes)

**Shelter Rutherglen Furniture Shop**

**Rutherglen PDSA Charity Shop**



On July 25<sup>th</sup> several members of the Congregation (Alistair, Eddie, Dave, Morag, Margaret and myself) attended a presentation the Burnhill Youth Activists gave in the High Backs (community space within Burnhill). Also present were representatives from Healthy n Happy Community Development Trust (who help support the young people), Clyde Gateway, SLC Environmental staff, the local MP, MSP, Councillors and other members of the local community.

The Burnhill Youth Activists range from Primary 1 to 3<sup>rd</sup> year high school. They took participants around the High Backs and explained how the project came about. It was a delight to see young people so enthused by the topic and their ability to share that enthusiasm with others.

There is so much more to this group and the other activities they undertake – so if you wish to know more, please speak to any of us who attended or maybe specifically to myself and Margaret Feeney as we are part of the Committee running the Burnhill Action Group's plans to make Burnhill a safer and happier place to live.

*Kim Jackson*

Burnhill Action Group Member

## QR CODE

We can't always get to church to put in our offering or we may want to make an additional donation to the church.

Well, you can now make your offerings and any donations using this QR code.

Just use your phone's camera app and follow the instructions.







We have a good supply of bible readers, for which we are very grateful, but the Worship Team - Stuart, Megan and Kim - could do with additional volunteers to join the team.

They are doing a fantastic job by leading worship each Sunday but could do with one or two others to take the prayers each week. If you think you can help please speak to either myself or one of the Worship Team any Sunday.

Help will be available, if necessary to put together the prayers.

*Alistair McInnes*  
Session Clerk

## FUTURE MAGAZINE DATES

- October Issue - Items to be in for Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September - Pick Up 1<sup>st</sup> October  
November Issue - Items to be in for Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October - Pick Up 5<sup>th</sup> November  
December Issue - Items to be in for Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November - Pick Up 3<sup>rd</sup> December  
There will be no magazine issue in January 2024



## **195<sup>th</sup> Glasgow Boys' Brigade Company**

The summer holidays are over and the BB company activities are starting up for another session. This will be the 110<sup>th</sup> year of the 195 and we are planning to recognise this milestone. All sections meet on a Thursday evening and the first night of the new session will be Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September.

Meeting times are

- Anchor Boys** - **Thursday, 6.30 to 7.30 p.m.**  
**Junior Section** - **Thursday, 7.00 to 8.30 p.m.**  
**Company Section** - **Thursday, 7.30 to 9.30 p.m.**

Please let your sons, grandsons, friends and neighbours know about the Company. All boys are welcome to join us, just bring them along any Thursday to our Hamilton Road Halls. I can be contacted [REDACTED] for further information.

We look forward to a busy 2023-24 session.

*Alistair K McInnes*  
Company Captain

# WAYS & MEANS

## **LANDEMERE DAY FUNDRAISER SATURDAY 10TH JUNE - TOTAL RAISED £1428.80**

What a marvellous amount, I am sure you will all agree. There is no doubt the Committee could not have achieved this without the wonderful help we were given, by so many people, who not only made sure we managed to get all equipment and supplies along to our booked stalls on Rutherglen's Main Street, but also helped on the Friday morning and evening beforehand, worked at the stalls all day on the Saturday and helped us back at the halls with clearing up and putting everything away. Thank you for all your work, on such a hot and long day.

Thank you too, to members of the congregation for the generous cash donations received as well as gifts, baking, drinks, sauces to name but a few of the goods needed for our stalls and for taking part in our 'Landemer Day Competition' with the prize of "A Night at the Movies". Congratulations to June Muir, who chose the winning box on our Competition Sheet, marked 'The Super Movie Mario Brothers'.

Thank you to Rutherglen's Landemer Committee for all their hard work in mounting such an event on our Main Street - an event which allowed our church to benefit from in such a huge way.

(Finally, I am sure you will be pleased to hear, as well as selling many other goods, we sold our total stock of 200 hot dogs/rolls AND 240 rolls n sausage, NOT ONE LEFT. What a result, though I did hear one or two comments from staff members serving those two items, that for some reason they did NOT want to see another hot dog or sliced sausage ever again - can't think why not!!!!!!!)

## **ROCK N POP CHORUS SUMMER CONCERT TUESDAY 27TH JUNE - PROCEEDS £441.00**

Another great amount raised. Thank you once again to the people who helped the Committee that evening with their presence and the work involved. Thank you too, to the Chorus, for their kind donation to the church of £180, part of the ticket sale proceeds and also for the lovely cakes required for the after-show cuppa. We held a raffle with the many gifts donated for this event which raised a further £261, giving a total of £441 as mentioned above.

## **OUR HARVEST COFFEE MORNING SATURDAY 7TH OCTOBER - 10am till 12noon**

Tickets, priced £3.00, available from either myself, Vicky, Sandra or Sheena commencing Sunday 17th September. We look forward to your usual lovely turn-out that morning. Don't worry if you haven't managed to purchase a ticket beforehand, simply pay at the door. Donations of Raffle prizes and home baking will, as always, be very much appreciated by the Committee, ensuring the continued success of our twice-a-year "Coffee Morning Get-Togethers".

*Coffee Morning*

*Everyone Welcome*



We look forward to serving YOU, your family and friends, WHEN? ON SATURDAY THE 7TH OF OCTOBER, 10am till 12noon, SEE YOU THEN.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING:**  
**Tuesday 19th September 2023**  
**7.30pm in the Baker Hall**

*Morag Smith*  
Ways & Means Convener

**ROTAS**  
**SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER 2023**

**DOOR, OFFERING & COUNTING DUTIES**  
**C- Denotes Counting Duties**

**3rd September, 1st & 29th October**  
C-M Cruthers, C-J Brown, C-E Reid, C-E Ross,  
C-S McDonald, C-M Ross, C-D Smith,  
C-K Jackson  
**Beadle: C-A McMillan**

**10th September & 8th October**  
L Fotheringham, C-S Blakeley, C-S Kerr,  
C-A McInnes,  
C-M McInnes, C-D Smith, C-K Jackson  
**Beadle: C-T McEwan**

**17th September & \*15th October**  
**\*Communion**  
C-S Harbinson, C-I Tennent, R Tennent,  
C-L Fletcher,  
C-K Mann, C-D Fraser, C-D Smith,  
C-K Jackson  
**Beadle: C-D Smith**

**24th September & 22nd October**  
C-D Baird, R Brock, C-A Chambers,  
C-K Johnston,  
A Kennedy, C-M Feeney, C-D Smith,  
C-K Jackson  
**Beadle: C-J Duncan**

**If unable to fulfil your duty, please arrange  
a substitute and contact your Beadle**


*Alistair McInnes*  
Session Clerk

**SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE READERS**

**SEPTEMBER**  
1 Tennent  
10th T McEwan  
17th M Smith  
24th D Aitken

**OCTOBER**  
1st S Rowan  
8th A McInnes  
\*15th M Grieve  
22nd A McMillan  
29th S Harbinson  
\*Communion

*Alistair McInnes*  
Session Clerk



## T-Bar

Every Sunday following morning worship

Enjoy a cuppa and fellowship in the Baker Hall from 12 noon

**10th & 17th September,  
22nd & 29th October**  
I White, N Hay, K Johnston,  
E McMillan, J Doherty

**24th September & 1st October**  
S Blakeley, E Reid,  
S Kerr, J Brown, M Ross

**8th & \*15th October**

**\*Communion**

L Fletcher, V Rowan, A Chambers, G McMillan,  
H Mulholland

*Morag Smith*

T-Bar

## CHURCH FLOWERS

### SEPTEMBER

3rd M Smith  
10th J Doherty  
17th M Feeney  
24th M Smith

### OCTOBER

1st J Doherty  
8th M Feeney  
\*15th M Smith  
22nd J Doherty  
29th M Feeney  
\*Communion

*Morag Smith*

Church Flowers

## OUR SUNDAY MORNING CHURCH FLOWERS

First of all, a continued thanks to my two Flower Rota ladies, Margaret Feeney and June Doherty, who come down to the halls each Saturday morning, rain or shine, when our flowers are delivered and placed by them into the church for the following morning's Service.

As mentioned before, these flowers are either delivered to members, or handed directly to them after church. They may be to celebrate a Happy and Joyous Occasion - Perhaps going to people who have not been very well, recovering from a stay in hospital - Sometimes delivered sending our church's thoughts and love, to members experiencing a sad time within their family.

Thank you to those people who personally give me generous donations throughout the year, sometimes in connection with a personal Dedication.

However, can I kindly remind everyone that 'Flower Donation Boxes' ARE available at either side of the church's front door and also at the side exit from the chancel. Your donations through these boxes, however large or small, would be very much appreciated, helping us to continue having our church flowers available, each and every week of the year. These flowers are enjoyed and so much appreciated by everyone concerned.

Thank you,

*Morag Smith*

Church Flowers

## FLOWER DEDICATION

Annie Dunsmuir – 15<sup>th</sup> September 2010

Much loved and sadly missed.

Lesley & James Masterton



I would like to thank Morag for the lovely flowers I received from the Church, also thank you to Mary Hamilton for delivering them to me. They were very much appreciated and brightened my day.

Kind regards

Joyce Morton

Thank you, to everyone who phoned, sent cards, texts and flowers following my recent operation. I appreciated it very much, God Bless.

Joyce Brown



## *Unafraid*

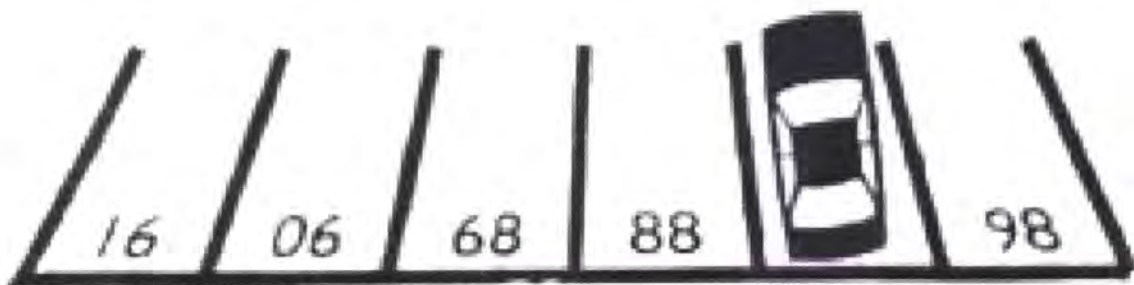
*Unafraid, I face with joy the morning of each day.  
Whatever looms ahead of me along the unknown way.  
My heart will sing God's praises as I tread the lonely track.  
I expect the best to happen. Nothing can I lack.*

*Unafraid, I close my eyes when night's black wings are spread.  
Are not guardian angels there to watch around my bed?  
I sink into unconsciousness for love His own will keep and He  
Is ever present when I wake and when I sleep.*

*Unafraid, I pray I'll be when life's last lamp burns out.  
Resting quietly on the promise – free from fear and doubt.  
Unafraid, when through the gloom of death's dark vale I roam.  
For what is there to fear if Christ be near to take me home!*

*Patience Strong*

What is the number  
of the car park space of the parked car?



The answer is 87 – you are looking at the car park upside down. Perspective really is all!

## *Happy 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday to Ella Clark*

On July 5<sup>th</sup> one of our faithful members, Ella Clark, celebrated her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday in Croftbank House Care Home. To recognise this important milestone, Ella's son Hugh and daughter Issy, put together a book to record their mother's life from her birth in Nerston, meeting Jim, her late husband, to her centenary year.

As well as having her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren at her birthday celebrations Depute Provost Bert Thomson and David Russell, Deputy Lord Lieutenant for Lanarkshire, dropped in to offer their congratulations. Ella also received a card from King Charles and Queen Camilla in recognition of this milestone.

Congratulations from all your friends at Rutherglen West and Wardlawhill Church.

Below are a few of the photos taken on that momentous day.



## TREASURER'S REPORT - 2023

	JULY	YEAR TO DATE
<b><u>RECEIPTS</u></b>		
OFFERINGS	3319	22624
TAX RECOVERED GIFT AID	0	3525
MINIATURE CHURCHES	0	153
CONGREGATIONAL DONATIONS	0	0
BANK/DEPOSIT FUND INTEREST	20	130
INVESTMENT INCOME	0	974
RENTAL OF PREMISES	540	13045
OTHER RECEIPTS	2728	14056
	<u>6607</u>	<u>54507</u>
<b><u>PAYMENTS</u></b>		
GIVING TO GROW	2947	20630
PRESBYTERY DUES	0	1586
OTHER STAFFING COSTS	938	5597
BUILDING MAINTENANCE COSTS	219	6518
HEATING & LIGHTING	1329	10807
INSURANCE	691	4655
PRINTING & STATIONERY ETC	0	546
OTHER PAYMENTS	1602	10164
IT EQUIPMENT	60	420
	<u>7786</u>	<u>60923</u>
<b>SURPLUS /DEFICIT</b>	<b>-1179</b>	<b>-6416</b>

\* Included in this Month's other receipts - £2250 from Ways & Means and £400 from Busy Fingers

\* Included in this Month's Other Payments - £500 Examiner Fee

REDEVELOPMENT ACCOUNT:      Balance as at 31st July 2023 = + £ 6839.07

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 3st July 2023 = £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 Giving to Grow Contribution for 2023 is £ 35,363.00

To date £20,630.00 has been paid towards this total





Our group continue to meet each Friday in the Baker Hall and apart from the clicking of needles as we knit garments for various projects, or the concentration of those who are crocheting knee blankets, we enjoy the company.

Yes, our tongues never stop, but always a good story to be told. We meet at 2.00 p.m until 4.00 p.m but pause at 3.15 for a cuppa and a goodie. We welcome you to join us any Friday for a knitter knatter or even just for a knatter.

Our project at the moment is knitting baby tops for “Fish and Chip” babies in Africa. Why this name? There are premature babies, some born with aids, and from poor families who cannot afford baby blankets, so the babies are sent home wrapped in newspaper (Fish and Chip Babies). The garments must be in dark colours (no pastel shades) as they will possibly not be washed.

If you would like to help with this project, please speak to Isabelle Tennent.

Please remember families in poorer areas in your prayers.

Isabelle Tennent on behalf of the members of the Busy Fingers Group.



Come along and enjoy a light bite each Tuesday in the Baker Hall, from 10.00 a.m until midday.

You will be made most welcome and as the name suggests – meet your friends and forge new friendships.

We also have a small library of books to browse through, so just listen for the cheerful chatter as you enter the halls and you will receive a warm welcome.

Isabelle Tennent on behalf of the Cafe Committee

### **The following articles were inadvertently omitted From the September edition of the magazine.**



Christian Aid Week 2023 was held in May and due to the magazine not being published during the summer months, the amount donated has not been provided until now.

I am pleased to inform you at the Christian Aid Meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> June, the Treasurer was pleased to advise the Committee that the total sum raised by West & Wardlawhill/Burnside/Stonelaw and Old Parish Churches, was £4,855.00. We at W & W, through the paper envelopes distributed, collected £311.00 with an added £22.00 from the sale of Christian Aid Quizzes. The Friendship Cafe, through the donations from the book stall, transferred £260.00, making the total from our congregation, £593.00.

I have copied below, the letter of thanks from the Christian Aid Office and I am sure you will agree that every copper given is a blessing to those who are in need.

#### **From the Christian Aid Office:**

Hi Everyone.

We're so thankful for another wonderful Christian Aid Week – and so grateful to our amazing supporters who made it happen. We're thrilled to share that our income currently stands at just over **£2.3m** with funds raised still coming in. That's because of you! Thank you. Through giving your time, skills and donations, you have helped create long term change for people living in poverty.

Without you, there would be no Christian Aid Week. Thank you so much for standing with our global neighbours, and helping us get closer to a world where everyone can live full lives, free from poverty.

Yours sincerely,

**The Christian Aid Week Team**

The C.A. committee will be holding a coffee morning in our church hall on Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> October and tickets will be available early that month. There are many fund-raising events at this time of the year, each one calling out for your support. However, apart from raising funds for needy projects, these are also an opportunity to reach out to the community and for extending a welcome to friends and strangers alike.

If you are able and can find time to bake a few cakes, or provide a gift for the lucky ticket stall, the committee would greatly appreciate your offer. Further information will be available during the intimations in October.

Thank you for your support and richest blessings to all.  
Isabelle Tennent (Christian Aid Committee Member)

#### **Garden Team:**



The Summer months have flown past and although we did not have too many sunny weekends, we have managed to maintain the gardens and provide some colour in the borders. The roses were a disappointment this year, perhaps due to the damp conditions.

However, with some t.l.c, we did eventually have some blooms. We do have weeds in abundance and snails – they just love munching the leaves of our hostas. We even had a tiny frog at the wall bordering the lawn. It may have been tiny but gave me a huge fright.

Our thanks to the Cubs and Beavers for filling the hanging baskets in the rear gardens. These provided a riot of colour against the walls and were greatly appreciated.

We are fortunate to have been gifted a battery powered mower which, although second hand, is in great condition and safer than tripping over cables. We do not have a battery however, and one of our team has to bring their battery each week and charge it for the following week. If anyone can help, please speak to one of the team.

To help with replacing tools and other garden necessities, we are holding

a barbeque in the grounds of the church on Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> September from 10.00 a.m. until 1.00 p.m. We will have the usual burgers, sausages, caramelised onions and hot peas, plus much more.

Please speak to any of our team for further particulars.

We look forward to seeing you then.

God Bless

Isabelle Tennent on behalf of the Garden Team



I would like to take this opportunity to thank our wonderful members for the continuous and generous donations of not just food but monetary gifts to Rutherglen and Cambuslang Foodbank.

Unfortunately, the demand is still very much needed. We have volunteers at three centres each week, Mondays and Thursdays in Rutherglen, Tuesday in Whitlawburn and Friday in Cambuslang.

We help to feed single people, couples and families who are struggling to put food on the table. Without your donations we could not give the necessary help.

We, the volunteers are also there to offer additional support and signpost clients to other agencies and quite often it helps a client to have someone to just listen.

The work of the Foodbank is vital to so many local families and we give thanks for your all that you do in your community.

If you would like to know more about the Foodbank, please do not hesitate to speak to me.

God Bless

Isabelle Tennent Rutherglen and Cambuslang Foodbank Duty Manager

**KING CHARLES III and all things ROYAL – 2023**  
**(The answers you have been waiting since for June)**

1	What was the name of the last King prior to King Charles III taking to the British Throne?	King George VI (Charles' Grandfather)
2	What was the title of Prince Harry's book launched earlier this year?	Spare
3	In 2022, Charles and Camilla starred in an episode of which soap?	Eastenders
4	Which county is home to Windsor Castle?	Berkshire
5	Who was the first member of the Royal Family to appear on I'm A Celebrity – Get Me Out Of Here?	Mike Tindall (Princess Anne's Son In Law)
6	Queen Victoria bought which Royal residence in 1848?	Balmoral
7	Earlier this year, King Charles pulled out of an official state visit to which country?	France
8	When Charles became King, the title 'The Prince of Wales' was passed to whom?	Prince William
9	Which of these is NOT one of King Charles' middle names? Philip, Arthur, George or David	David
10	Which flag is flown at the royal residences when the King is in residence?	The Royal Standard
11	A total of how many words have changed in the first verse of the National Anthem since King Charles III became King?	Four
12	What is the name of the former royal yacht that is currently berthed in Leith?	Britannia
13	Which Royal, who died in 2004 at the grand old age of 102, currently holds the record as the longest-living member of the British Royal Family?	Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester
14	King Charles was in what branch of the armed forces?	Navy
15	Which former Dr Who played a young Prince Philip in the Netflix drama series 'The Crown'?	Matt Smith
16	In which year did Charles marry Diana?	1981
17	A fire broke out in which Royal residence 30 years ago?	Windsor Castle
18	Which Royal took the title Duchess of Cornwall following her wedding?	Camilla Parker Bowles
19	Which London concert hall was opened by Queen Victoria in 1871 and named in memory of her late husband?	Royal Albert Hall
20	Which member of the Royal Family married Jack Brooksbank at Windsor Castle in 2018?	Princess Eugenie of York

21	At which Royal residence did the Queen meet Liz Truss and ask her to form a new government, shortly before her death?	Balmoral
22	Which Royal married Timothy Laurence in 1982?	The Princess Royal (Anne)
23	In 2008, which Royal took the leap of faith on the world's largest bungee jump?	Prince Harry
24	Which Royal title goes after 'The Grand Old' to make a nursery rhyme character?	York
25	In 2018, which member of the Royal Family gave birth to a 9lb 3oz baby girl, thought to be the heaviest royal baby recorded?	Zara Tindal (Princess Anne's Daughter)
26	King Charles III played which sport competitively up to 1992?	Polo
27	Which racecourse gained the word 'Royal' after Queen Anne attended a race meeting there in 1711?	Ascot
28	What is the oldest British Royal residence still in use today?	Windsor Castle
29	In 2017, which Royal described himself as the world's most experienced Plaque unveiler?	Prince Phillip
30	Which member of the Royal Family was born on St George's Day 2018?	Prince Louis William & Kate's 3 <sup>rd</sup> child
31	How many Princesses are currently in the top ten in line to succession to the British throne?	Two Princess Charlotte of Wales, Princess Lilibet of Sussex
32	Which coin released in 2022 was the first to feature an image of King Charles III?	50p
33	PE35 6EN is the postcode for which royal residence?	Sandringham
34	In her acting days, Meghan Duchess of Sussex played Rachel Zane in which US drama series?	Suits
35	In 1982, who was the first Royal baby to wear disposable nappies?	Prince William
36	Close to which small town in Berkshire was the Royal Military Academy founded in 1799?	Sandhurst
37	King Charles and Camilla have how many children between them?	4 William/Harry Tom/Laura
38	In May 1960, more than 20 million viewers watched the first televised royal wedding when which couple tied the knot at Westminster Abbey?	Princess Margaret to Antony Armstrong Jones
39	At 74, is King Charles III – the oldest, second oldest or third oldest monarch to be crowned in British history?	Oldest
40	Queen Elizabeth II visited which country the most times, having made 22 official Royal visits, since her first in 1957?	Canada