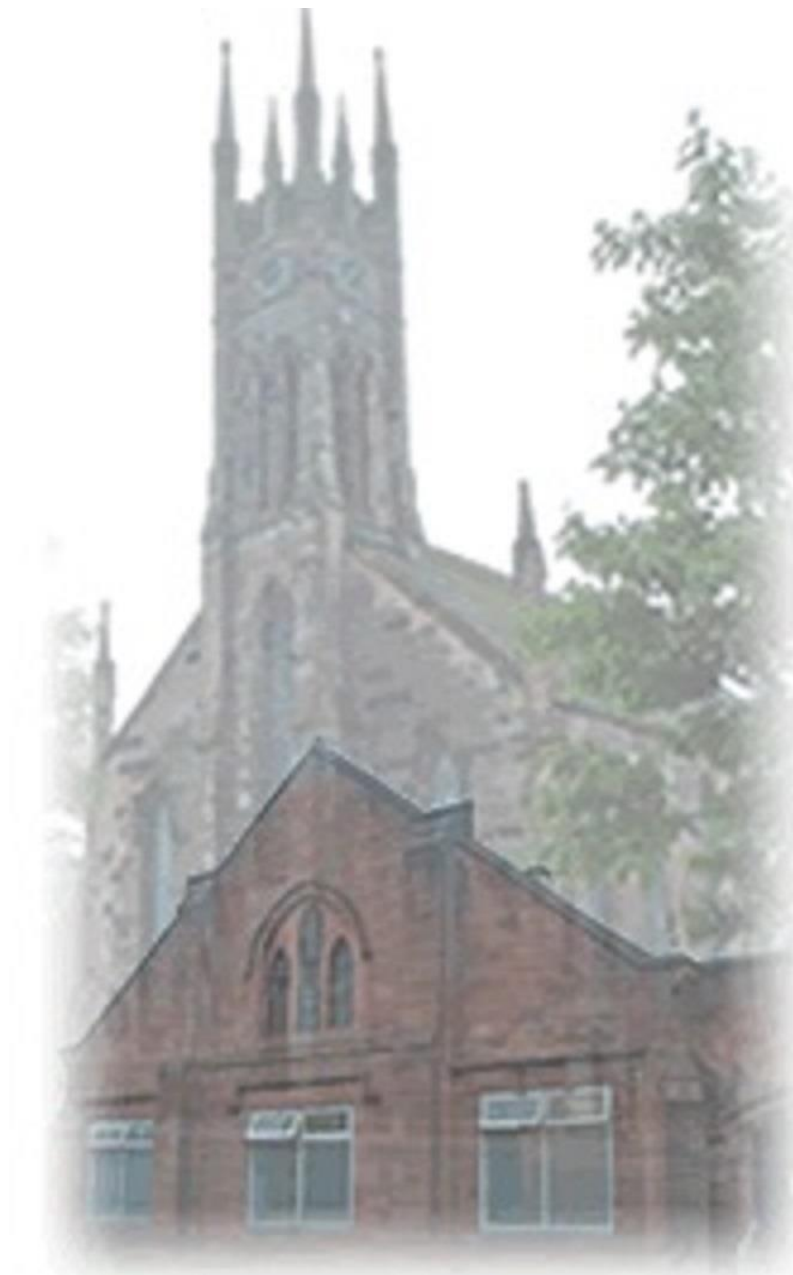




Rutherglen
West and
Wardlawhill

*At the heart of
OUR community*

JUNE 2024



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Hello from the Interim Moderator,

I know some folks feel they are the two subjects you can never talk about – religion and politics. However, it's kind of obvious that there's one question I need to address.

How should I vote as a Christian? You'll be happy to know, I don't think it's my job to tell you *who* to vote for – but I do think I should tell you *how* to vote. I'm working on the assumption you are a Christian – James says if you need wisdom in making a decision then ask God for wisdom. So, ask. However, maybe I should ask the preceding question first. Does the news of a general election fill you with excitement, fear or just a sense of general apathy or confusion? The Prime Minister has announced the next General Election will happen on Thursday 4 July. Does it make you hopeful about what the prospect of a potential change in government will bring, or fearful of what a change might mean? Or are you fearful of no change?

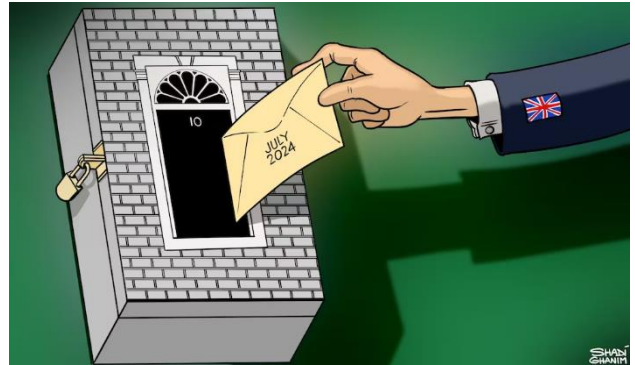
Firstly, as rumours of an election grew – and then became a reality – it made me realise we all need to remember what a gift democracy is. Just look at Russia, Ukraine ... and even America. Things could be worse! Moreover, the election is an excellent opportunity for the Church *of* Scotland and the church *in* Scotland to show up and engage. The good news is that Christians do just that. Research shows that repeatedly, Christians take this opportunity seriously – which is fantastic.

God calls us to care about our society as the salt and light of the world (Matthew 5:13-16). We are told to do justice (Micah 6:8). In the light of this, engaging well and voting becomes the godly thing to do. What greater motivation do we need? Jesus told us to love our neighbour, so we should care about the laws and policies that come out of Westminster. Voting is a chance to not only hold MPs to account, but we can engage directly with local candidates and add to the common good of society.

Doing so gives the Church the chance to ask questions no one else will be asking. So, let's quiz politicians, both on the big issues that everyone will be asking about, but also the issues that perhaps no-one else will, such as abortion and assisted suicide. I think we should also ask candidates about their worldview and moral vision and look carefully at their character. Do they listen well to others? What does their social media profile say

about how they operate? Do they care for their local area? Do they have views on religious freedom and free expression for all?

But remember if we are going to ask candidates about their beliefs and share ours then obviously, we need to do so with clear humility and grace. While we can't know the outcome of this election yet, we do know that all human authority comes directly from God. Romans 13:1-7 is quite clear that government is God's idea and it is there for our good.



It is a freeing thing to engage in an election knowing that God is absolutely on the throne. As Psalm 2 says, Jesus is the anointed King and the ultimate ruler of the universe. Moreover, the Bible makes clear that God, in his providential rule over the world, raises up leaders and brings them down. This reality should compel us to cover this election in prayer – whoever wins – whether we like them or not. Above all else, I hope you'll show up and vote. And I hope you'll do so with faith and prayerful optimism.

*Yours sincerely,
Ian Catheart*



In an effort to give you two resources to help do some of the stuff referred to in the letter above-check out the Christian website called engagGE24 to get some more Christian perspective on 'doing' Christian engagement with an election - the link:

<https://www.engage24.org.uk/> - I've largely used their material to put the above letter together. The Evangelical Alliance also have got an extremely good website on this same issue <https://www.eauk.org/general-election>

PASTORAL LIST

Funerals (*Denotes Church Member)

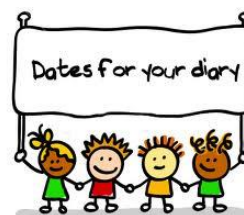
28th May *Nan Davidson, Muirbank Avenue

Alistair McInnes
Session Clerk

YOUR CHURCH MAGAZINE

As is normal practice, this is your last church magazine until September. **PLEASE NOTE** come September we will start to produce our magazine **EVERY TWO MONTHS**.

Below you will find the new timetable for the next two issues which will take us to the end of this year. We will remind you in each of the future bi-monthly magazines, the date items should be passed to the Editor and the date your next magazine will be available.



September issue
(covering September and October)

Items to be handed to the Editor
Sunday 25th August

Magazine available
Sunday 1st September

November issue
(covering November and December)

Sunday 27th October

Sunday 3rd November

*West & Wardlawhill News
Magazine Committee*



Alistair McInnes celebrates 50 years as an Officer of the 195th Glasgow Boys' Brigade. 35 years have been as Captain and 15 years as a Junior section officer.

The 195th Company celebrates 110 years this year, which, with Alistair's 50 years, shows the commitment he has to the company.

The staff, parents, and previous boys would like to say a huge **"Thank You"** for the time and guidance that he has shown them over the years. Without people like Alistair, our organisations would not exist.

Many thanks,
Everyone from the 195th BB

WAYS & MEANS

"FILL A SMARTIE TUBE"

Last month's magazine informed you that the amount of £602.52 had been raised, at that time, from this fundraiser. We are pleased to say that we continue to receive donations and look forward to letting you know, in September's magazine, the final amount you have raised through "filling your Smartie tubes".

RUTHERGLEN LANDEMERE DAY 2024 SATURDAY 8TH JUNE

This magazine has just come into your hands with less than a week till the Committee, with our wonderful helpers, head up to our Main Street stalls. We just have time to remind you that Committee members will be in our Western Avenue halls on Friday 7th June 10am till 12noon and 7pm till 8.30pm should anyone wish to drop in with donations for this event.

Speaking of donations, I take this opportunity to thank members who so far, have given such generous cash donations which, among other things, help us to purchase 240 slices of gorgeous square sausage and 200 long hot dogs - Wow! As you can imagine, that takes a lot of cooking at our stalls.

On Sunday morning 9th June, we look forward to announcing how much was raised the day before and letting you know the winner of our Landemer Day Competition. This information will also appear in September's issue of the magazine.

AND NOW, WHAT LIES AHEAD?

NOTES FOR YOUR DIARY

AUTUMN COFFEE MORNING

Saturday 21st September 10am till 12noon

Tickets on sale commencing Sunday 1st September - £3

ROBYN TAYLOR

COUNTRY/CABARET ARTIST

(Singer/Songwriter/Performer)

Friday evening 18th October

Robyn gave a wonderful show in our halls in October 2019 and is returning to entertain us again, this time in October 2024. Tickets on sale commencing Sunday 29th September - £5

DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Tuesday 18th June 2024

7.30pm

Morag Smith

Ways & Means Convener

Cambuslang & Rutherglen Rock n Pop Chorus

Join Us for an Unforgettable Musical Evening!

Come and experience the magic of live music as your local community choir presents a spectacular show featuring songs from the Bellamy Brothers, ABBA, the Beatles, Walk The Moon, and many more!



Event Highlights:

* Choir Performances: Enjoy an eclectic mix of timeless classics and contemporary hits performed by our talented choir.

*Soloists: Be captivated by stunning solo performances showcasing individual talents.

*Audience Participation: Get ready to sing along! We have special audience participation songs lined up just for you.

Whether you're a fan of golden oldies or modern hits, there's something for everyone. Bring your family and friends and join us for an evening filled with music, fun, and community spirit!

Date: Thursday 6th June 2024

Time: 7.30pm

Venue: Rutherglen United Reformed Church, Johnstone Drive, Rutherglen

Don't miss out on this wonderful event. Mark your calendars and come be a part of a musical journey that promises to be both entertaining and memorable.

Tickets: £5 from Choir members, email rocknpopchorus@gmail.com or message us
We can't wait to see you there.

ROTAS

JUNE, JULY, AUGUST & SEPTEMBER

DOOR & OFFERING PLUS COUNTING DUTIES

2nd & 30th June, 28th July, 25th August, 22nd September

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

9th June, 7th July, 4th August, 1st & 29th September

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

***16th June, 14th July, 11th August, 8th September**

***Communion**

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

Beadle: C-S Blakeley

23rd June, 21st July, 18th August, 15th September

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

Beadle: I Tennent

Alistair McInnes

Session Clerk

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE READERS

JUNE

2nd M Grieve
9th A McMillan
*16th K Jackson
23rd M McInnes
30th M Ross

***Communion**

JULY

7th I Tennent
14th T McEwan
21st M Smith
28th D Aitken

AUGUST

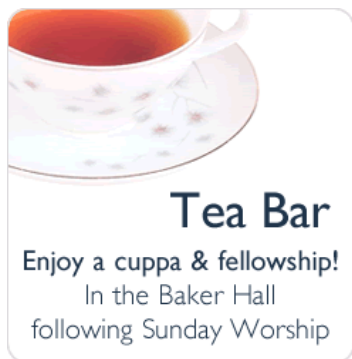
4th S Rowan
11th A McInnes
18th M Grieve
25th A McMillan

SEPTEMBER

1st K Jackson
8th M McInnes
15th M Ross
22nd I Tennent
29th T McEwan

Alistair McInnes

Session Clerk



**2nd & 9th June, 14th & 21st July,
25th August & 1st September**

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

***16th & 23rd June, 28th July & 4th August,
8th & 15th September**

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

***Communion**

30th June & 7th July, 11th & 18th August,
22nd & 29th September
I White, N Hay, K Johnston, E McMillan,
J Doherty

Morag Smith
Sunday T-Bar

CHURCH FLOWERS

JUNE

2nd J Doherty
9th M Smith
*16th M Feeney
*Communion

Morag Smith
Church Flowers

DEDICATION

James Hogg

In Memory of a loving husband, father and papa, James Hogg, who passed away 1st July 2012.
"We miss you so much, gone but not forgotten"
Lots of Love,
Rita, Denise, Lisa, James and grandchildren, Jamie, Ayden, Ellie and Niamh.

CHURCH FINANCES

APRIL 2024	AMOUNT	YEAR TO DATE
Receipts	£8464	£31513
Payments	<u>£7563</u>	<u>£36220</u>
Surplus/Deficit	<u>+£900</u>	<u>-£4707</u>

GIFT AID - Are you a Taxpayer? If so, your **offerings** and any **other donations** you make to Rutherglen West & Wardlawhill Parish Church, could have 25p per pound added to them. For more information, please speak to Sandra Blakeley (Gift Aid Convener) or Kim Jackson (Treasurer)

Do you shop online? Did you know by registering with easyfundraising.org.uk you could help raise funds for Rutherglen West & Wardlawhill!

It's easy to register, will cost you nothing and you can help raise funds when you shop at more than 3,300 retailers by just going through the easyfundraising website.



This is right on the nose.read it slowly... We don't know who wrote it, but we're guessing it was a senior!!! We first started reading this and was reading fast until we reached the third sentence. We 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! because 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 you. 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 Have Lived.

Anon (from Facebook)