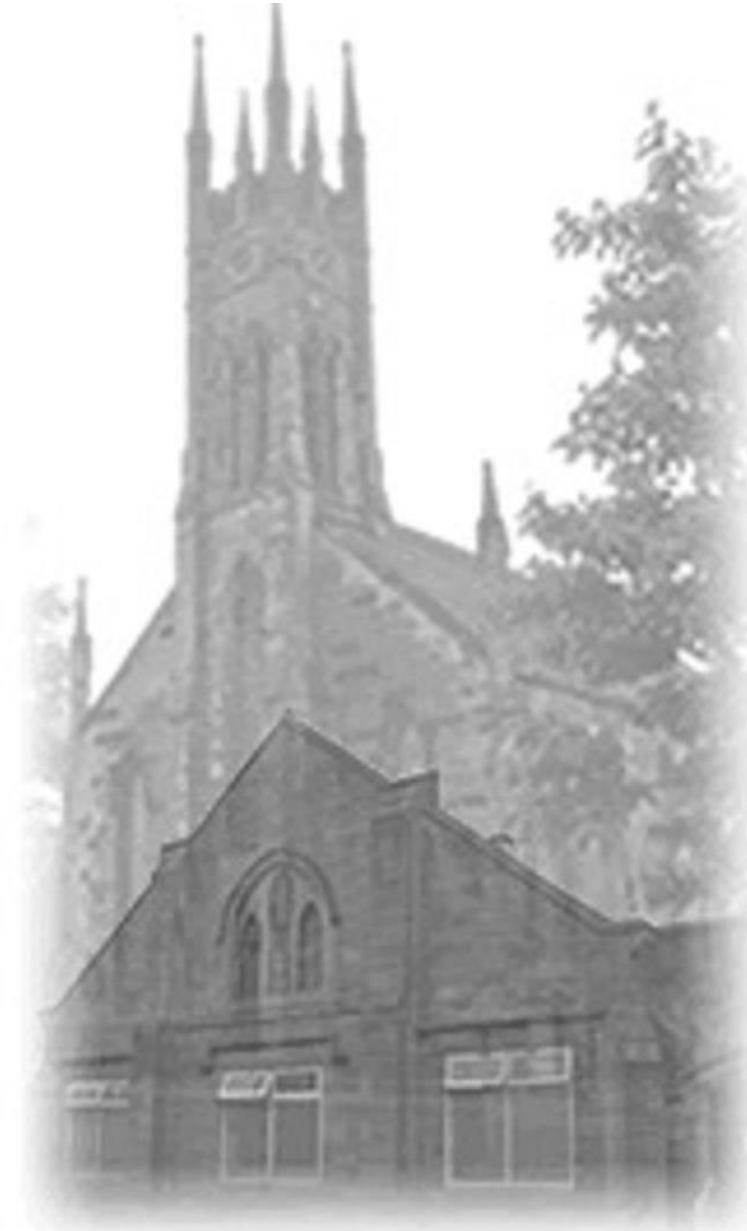


# West and Wardlawhill News

## SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER 2024



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*Hello from the Manse,*

Another September and another new Session in Church life and in the Church of Scotland – but not another Session as usual.

Here's why. The Presbytery Planning process carries on apace, and I need to bring you up to date about where we are and what lies ahead depending on what we decide to do ... or not as the case may be.



The present Presbytery Plan is to be completely implemented by December 2025. The cluster we're in has one church existing by then – all the churches going into a four-way union. We're not quite at the four-way union stage – but the Kirk Session of West and Wardlawhill approached Rutherglen Old to see what we could do to move our two churches towards becoming one church.

We've had several joint Kirk Session 'get-to-know-one-another' meetings as well as some joint Sunday morning services. So, basically nothing that we can't walk away from if we're minded to bring things to a close now. However, to be clear, the point is both Kirk Sessions are minded to investigate further the possibility of union. Why would this be?

This process is happening because both Kirk Sessions in Rutherglen recognise we are all in a very different world now. The rate of church decline and the presbytery-wide measures to bring churches together is happening across the city. It would be mistaken to see this process as being imposed on the Rutherglen churches by presbytery or anyone else – it's simply 'where we all are now' as a denomination and the two Kirk Sessions see this truth plainly.

So, both Kirk Sessions have respectively formed a four-person team to represent their church and meet with the other four-person team. They are trying to put together a Basis of Union – a document required by this denomination which describes how the two churches would come together and become one church. Their job is to sort all the problems – we hope! Presbytery are happy that we have these conversations and any proposals for change must be passed to them for their approval.

So, I know there are lots of 'minister's letters' in lots of church magazines that close with a call to prayer. But in this situation, you will know better than I do – we need people to pray for this process. The circumstances of our present society mean we are simply no

longer able to have two viable churches in Rutherglen. We need to move to becoming one congregation. But there are no magical guarantees this will be the outcome. This process can still all descend into disagreement unless we pray for these two groups of four (The Group of Eight perhaps) that God will guide them to bring them to a place where they are of a common mind.

If you still have loads of questions – and I’m sure you do – then ask an elder. This is not secretive presbytery process. It’s simply two Kirk Sessions recognising the call of God to plan for the future with honesty and realism and being open about our attempts to make ‘a go of things’ for God’s sake.

So, like I said, another new Session but most decidedly not a Session as usual. Please pray for God’s Spirit to guide us.

*Yours sincerely,  
Ian Cathcart*

## PARISH REGISTER

Funerals (\*Denotes Church Member)

12th July	*Gretel Ross, Brechin Care Home
5th August	George Grieve, Glencairn Drive
12th August	Steven McGinty, Westmuir Place
16th August	*Jean Clifford, Georgia Park Care Home
23rd August	*Betty Mulraney, Dunvegan Care Home

*Alistair McInnes*  
Session Clerk

## *Editor's Note*

Items for inclusion in the November/December 2024 magazine should be in my hands by tea-time Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2024.

The magazine will be available Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2024.

*Margaret Feeney*  
Editor

## 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

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[Redacted]

**TREASURER** - Kim Jackson

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**MAGAZINE EDITOR** - Margaret Feeney

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This year's Harvest Appeal runs from September 2<sup>nd</sup> to October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024. All donations can be **dropped off** 2pm – 4pm weekdays at 35 East Campbell Street, Glasgow, G1 5DT. A list of dry and tinned goods for donation below:

**Cereal**

- Corn Flakes/Crunchy Nut
- Weetabix
- Rice Crispies
- Sugar Puffs
- Frosties
- Coco Pops
- Cheerios

**Jars/Pastes**

- Pasta bake sauces
- Curry Sauce/paste
- Tomato Paste

**Dried Goods**

- Mixed herbs
- Garlic powder
- Ground turmeric
- Chilli powder
- Crushed chillies
- Ground coriander
- Black pepper
- Salt
- Pasta
- Long grain rice

**Toiletries (all types)**

**Tinned Fruit**

- \*Peaches
- \*Pears
- \*Pineapples
- \*Mandarins
- \*Fruit Cocktail
- \*Rice Pudding
- \*Custard

**Other**

- Full fat UHT milk
- Coconut Milk
- Small juice cartons
- Diluting/fresh juice
- \*Coffee
- \*Biscuits
- Crisps

**Kettle Foods**

- Pot Noodles
- Cuppa Soups
- Tinned potatoes
- Sachets dried mash potatoes \*
- Ring Pull Ham tins
- Breakfast bars/cereal bars
- Individual packet sweets

**Tinned Meat/Fish**

- Tuna/Salmon
- Corned Beef
- Ham

**Other Tinned Food**

- \*Baked Beans
- Spaghetti in sauce
- \*Tinned soups (all varieties)

**Other**

- Brown Sauce
- Tomato Sauce
- Vinegar
- Porridge oats
- Dried peas
- Lentils/Broth mix
- Olive Oil
- \*Vegetable oil
- \*Bisto
- \*Veg stock cubes/bullion
- \*Jelly
- \*Sugar
- Jam

**\*OUT OF STOCK – URGENTLY NEEDED**

**NOT REQUIRED LIST**

- Salad Cream/Mayonnaise
- Pearl Barley
- Marmalade
- Grapefruit

- Shredded Wheat Cereal
- Muesli
- Alpen
- Clothing**

- Red Kidney Beans
- Chickpeas
- Prunes

**Bedding/duvets/towels**

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

Thank you.





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

Well, it's seems only recently that we had our BB Display. The summer holidays are now over, and the BB company activities are starting up for another session. All sections meet on a Thursday evening and the first night of the new session will be Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September.

Meeting times are:

<b>Anchor Boys</b>	-	<b>Thursday, 6.30 to 7.30 p.m.</b>
<b>Junior Section</b>	-	<b>Thursday, 7.00 to 8.30 p.m.</b>
<b>Company Section</b>	-	<b>Thursday, 7.30 to 9.30 p.m.</b>

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 2024-25 session.

*Alistair K McInnes*  
Company Captain



### CATALYST

We are able to read in the book of Acts in the Bible that the people in the early church were amazed at the miracles and wonders performed among them. These wonders and miracles were born out of gathering together to worship God in different ways.

We believe that God wants to move amongst us and amaze us again!

CATALYST is not your traditional style of church service. We sing new songs, spend time in prayer creatively, share in each other's stories and much more, as we seek to provide a catalyst for God to move amongst us here in Rutherglen!

It is open to all, and we hope you will join us, and God, as we gather on the first Friday of the month in the Stonelaw sanctuary at 7pm.



## **PARENT CAFÉ – THURSDAY 12.30pm – 2pm (Except school holidays)**

We're thrilled that our Parent Café started back on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> August! We couldn't wait to reconnect with all our wonderful regulars and look forward to welcoming new families to our warm and supportive community. Join us for an afternoon of great conversations, shared experiences, and a whole lot of love as we continue to build this special space for parents and caregivers. Spread the word and come be a part of the Nurturing Nook family. See you there!

## **COMMUNITY CAFÉ – MONDAY 11AM – 2PM FROM 4<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**

We're excited to announce that our beloved Community Café (previously known as Warm Hub) will be back in action from 4th November until April 2025! Spread the word and join us every week for a free lunch buffet, featuring a homemade soup from our team members. It's a place where friends and strangers alike can come together for fellowship, friendship, and fun. Enjoy activities like board games, or simply relax and chat with our friendly team. We can't wait to welcome you!

We're here every Monday from 11am to 2pm.

These are free events with donations being accepted, if you are able.



**FABRIC CONVENERS**  
HAMILTON ROAD/WESTERN AVENUE  
(see Alistair McInnes for more information)



These posts are essential for the effective running of the church and its activities.  
Please give this matter prayer and consideration.

## A MESSAGE FROM ABERDEENSHIRE

Time has flown by this last year my friends and a lot of water has gone under the bridge so to speak, change was in the air, with Malcolm retiring, the cluster issues, new relationships with other churches, as well as the issues within our church and within our community.



However, our church and it's congregation has come some way through the storm with its anchor firmly in Jesus and God showing the community and other churches that a beacon of hope has been lit and it comes from Rutherglen West and Wardlawhill Church and that they could do worse if they didn't follow your wonderful example of how to be a church for the community and where all are welcome to worship God.

Yvonne and I are heading north to a little village west of Aberdeen to carry out some mission work that is required in the area. I'm sure the experience that I have gained from being with you all at West and Wardlawhill Church will stand me in good stead to cope with the issues that need to be addressed in the area. There are many lessons which I will take with me from my experiences with Rutherglen West and Wardlawhill church and one of them is, the doors will be open to all who wish to worship our loving God.

We are looking forward to beginning a new adventure with a little apprehension but much hope. We will have to adapt to a new culture and new congregation, however, with hope and God in the faithful Heart we will carefully navigate through the issues and give a church a good foundation to succeed in the future.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank every one of you for your assistance and your organization skills to pull off some of the most fantastic events any church has done and made me a part of it all. Many thanks for the wonderful gift, I intend to buy some books I need and a pair of trainers with the voucher, most appreciated indeed.

I wish our church all the very best in the future and I am sure with the talent you have you will sort the issues out, no worries.

I obviously will not be away forever, however, in the meantime auf Wiedersehen fur jetzt, (goodbye for now).

God Bless.

*Stuart Harbinson*

**FREE  
TO A  
GOOD  
HOME**

The piano at the Hamilton Road halls has not been used for a few years and we would like to see it go to a good home. Maybe you, or one of your family, would like to learn to play the piano. If so, then contact me at any time. Unfortunately, it will require to be uplifted as we cannot provide delivery.



*Alistair McInnes*  
Session Clerk

## **WAYS & MEANS**

As promised in June's magazine, please find below the two **FINAL** amounts you have helped raised from previous fundraisers. On behalf of the Committee **THANK YOU VERY MUCH** for such generous donations to **BOTH** of these events, either in the form of monetary - goods for sale - taking part in the Landemer Day Competition - help given to the Committee on Landemer Day itself.

**FILL A SMARTIE TUBE - £616.55**  
**OUR LANDEMERE DAY EVENT - £1282.05**  
**(INCLUDING THE COMPETITION)**

The winner of the competition - May Anderson who received a cash prize of £50 by choosing the winning beach ball No.38, Congratulations to May.

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY -**

**AUTUMN COFFEE MORNING**  
**SATURDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER - 10am till 12noon**

Tickets on sale now priced £3.00, available from Sandra Blakeley or myself - or simply pay at the door.





As always, we look forward to your company with your normal great turn-out. Donations of small gifts for our 'corner shop' and home baking to go with your cuppa, would be very welcome. Raffle tickets on sale.

**ROBYN TAYLOR CONCERT**  
**FRIDAY 18th OCTOBER - 7.30pm**

Tickets priced £5 available Sunday 29th September onwards from either Sandra Blakeley or myself. Robyn, a Country/Cabaret singer/songwriter gave us a wonderful show when she last appeared in our halls in October 2019 prior to Covid.

We look forward to her return - come and join us on Friday 18th October when I am sure Robyn will have you singing along and tapping those feet. Raffle tickets available for purchase and refreshments served at the interval.

**AND NOW -**

**OUR CHURCH'S CHRISTMAS FAIR**  
**SATURDAY 30th NOVEMBER**

This year, a Fair with a few important changes to the Fairs you have been used to over so many years. **PLEASE DO READ** the separate Fair Information Sheet which you will find inside this magazine. The changes mentioned have become necessary in order to reduce the amount of work, time and the number of staff needed, many of whom have helped at our Fairs for many, many years now - even decades! and as you will appreciate, are no longer able to help with this particular event **BUT WE ASSURE YOU, STILL NEED HELP TO BRING THIS YEAR'S FAIR TO OUR HALLS - DO HAVE A WORD WITH EITHER LESLEY FLETCHER OR MYSELF** as we get closer to the 30th of November - of course vacancies **WILL STILL BE AVAILABLE** for those of you who are happy and able, to take part.

The donations from you, the congregation, have always been massive to this event and its stalls. However, there will be certain goods we will **NOT** be selling **THIS YEAR**, further information on the insert inside this magazine.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING:**  
Tuesday 17th September 2024 - 7.30pm

*Morag Smith*  
Ways & Means Convener



## Engage @ Flemington Hallside Parish Church

Join us for a new bible based study  
Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 7pm  
Thereafter fortnightly

“But Jesus told him, “No! the scriptures say, ‘people do not live by bread alone,  
But by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”

Matthew 4:4 NLT

### Praise and Worship Night

Join us for a night of spirit led worship and personal testimonies.

SUNDAY 15<sup>th</sup> September  
Tea/Coffee 6.30pm  
Worship to begin 7pm

“Your unfailing love is better than life itself: How I praise you!”  
Psalms 63:3 NLT

### CHURCH FINANCES

JUNE/JULY 2024	AMOUNT	YEAR TO DATE
Receipts	£17760	£55275
Payments	<u>£16703</u>	<u>£61315</u>
Surplus/Deficit	<u>+£1057</u>	<u>-£6040</u>

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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)

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# ROTAS

## SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER DOOR, OFFERING AND COUNTING DUTIES

### 1st & 29th September, +27th October

+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  
C-M Feeney

Beadle: C-J Brown

### 8th September & 6th October

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

Beadle: C-S Blakeley

### 15th September & 13th October

C-L Fletcher, C-K Mann, C-D Fraser, R Tennent,  
C-D Smith, C-K Jackson, C-M Feeney

Beadle: C-I Tennent

### \*22nd September & 20th October

\*Harvest

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

Beadle: C-A Chambers

*Alistair McInnes*

Session Clerk

## SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE READERS

### SEPTEMBER

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

\*Harvest

### OCTOBER

6th M Smith  
13th D Aitken  
20th S Rowan  
\*27th A McInnes

\*Communion

*Alistair McInnes*

Session Clerk



**8th & 15th September, 20th & \*27th October**

\*Communion

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

**\*22nd & 29th September**

\*Harvest

I White, N Hay, K Johnston,  
 J Doherty, E McMillan

**6th & 13th October**

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

*Morag Smith*

T-Bar

**CHURCH FLOWERS**

**SEPTEMBER**

\*22th M Smith  
 \*Harvest

**OCTOBER**

\*27th M Feeney  
 \*Communion



**RUTHERGLEN OLD PARISH CHURCH WOMAN'S GUILD**

A warm welcome is extended to ladies in West & Wardlawhill to come along to the meetings of our Woman's Guild in the Old Parish Church on alternate Thursday afternoons in our Greenhill Hall (downstairs) from 2.30pm till 4pm. We commence on 7th October and have a variety of Speakers etc. and also enjoy Tea, Biscuits and fellowship.

Any more information can be had from Marjory Greig [REDACTED]

## DEDICATION

In loving memory of my husband Robert McIlveen died 24th June 2006.  
Always in our thoughts. Forever in our hearts.

Loving wife Ann and daughters Lynn & Carolann and Grandkids

*Thank You*

Tom McEwen and family would like to say thank you for the lovely flowers received from the church on the loss of his brother.

On behalf of the McGinty family and myself, I'd like to thank all my friends at the church for their prayers, calls, cards and hugs following the passing of my best friend and flatmate Stephen. Some of you knew Stephen from when he helped at Landemer Day 2023 and made the soup (alternating fortnightly with Megan) at the Warm Spaces Hub run at the church every Monday during the winter and spring.

He will be missed by many people who loved him very much but is at peace and rest in Jesus' loving arms.

Kim Jackson

Thank you to everyone who sent us cards and messages of condolence on our recent family bereavement. Also, special thanks for the flowers 'God Bless'.

Margaret Grieve & Family

I would like to thank Morag and her flower ladies for the lovely flowers delivered to me by Sandra Brown. They were very much appreciated and enjoyed.

Margaret Dempster

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Do you shop online? Did you know by registering with [easyfundraising.org.uk](https://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](https://easyfundraising.org.uk) website.



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