

Netherlee and Stamperland Church Newsletter October 2022

Worship

Sunday worship takes place at 10 30 each Sunday morning. We look forward to welcoming you.

The work on the roof has started.. For the duration of the Roof Project our contractors will maintain access to the sanctuary by way of the rear step-free access, by way of the Welcome Hall and by way of the main door. However, members of the congregation are encouraged to use the rear access and the Welcome Hall access routes to avoid the combination of steps and stairs and scaffold at the main door.

Come and See- Saturday 1 October

The Planning and Communication Committee would like to thank all who participated in our 'Come and See' event on Saturday 1 October. It was a fun afternoon and it was great to meet the groups that meet in our building. We enjoyed tea, coffee, treats, music and chat!

The Planning and Communication Committee



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Message from Starchild

The Rock choir are giving a concert in Netherlee and Stamperland Church on Sunday 27th November in aid of Starchild. Detail can be found in the poster below.

A promotional poster for a 'Rock Choir Live' concert. The background is dark with a warm, golden glow and scattered red and white sparkles. At the top, the words 'ROCK CHOIR' are written in large, gold, serif capital letters. To the right, a yellow five-pointed star contains the words 'ROCK CHOIR' in blue, bold, sans-serif capital letters. Below this, the word 'LIVE' is written in a smaller, gold, serif font. In the center, there is a photograph of the choir members, many of whom are smiling and wearing black t-shirts with a gold star. The photo is framed by a large, glowing yellow star. Above the photo, the Starchild logo is visible, featuring a black silhouette of a person's head and the text 'Starchild www.starchildcharity.org'. Below the photo, the text 'Enjoy a magical, uplifting performance from the UK's favourite contemporary choir' is written in a gold, sans-serif font. Further down, the event details are listed: 'Sunday 27th November', 'Netherlee, Stamperland Church', 'Ormonde Avenue. G44 3SL', and 'Doors: 3.30pm'. At the bottom, the text 'Buffet Reception' is written in a bold, gold, sans-serif font, followed by 'Suggested donation on door £10' and 'Kids under 15yrs free'. The website 'www.starchildcharity.com' is listed at the very bottom in a small, white, sans-serif font.

Finance Report Update.

General Fund

The figures to end September show that we have a deficit on the General Fund of £10,400, which is £6,200 better than we originally budgeted for.

Nevertheless our revised forecast for calendar 2022 projects a deficit of £20,700.

Throughout the year we have been updating our forecast to reflect the loss of income from members who have lifted their lines and /or cancelled their standing orders . The latest forecast we have estimates that by 31 December 2022 our deficit could be around £15,000. Going forward such a deficit is not sustainable so we will need to see what can be done to get us back on to an even keel.

In 2023 there will be some savings to come following the sale of the Stamperland site in terms of heating, lighting, wages, and maintenance and repairs with only one suite of buildings to look after. We are fortunate that as part of the Church of Scotland energy deal our gas prices are fixed until April 2024 and our electricity prices are fixed until April 2023. When the Finance Committee next meet in November we will be looking closely at what we will budget for in 2023. We are not out of the woods yet.

Raise the Roof Appeal.

Some better news. At the date of writing this report you have donated the sum of **£44,217** (including Gift Aid) to our appeal. This is not quite the final sum as there are some late donations trickling in.

This is a tremendous result and much greater than we had anticipated when we launched the Appeal. The Finance Committee and the Kirk Session are indebted to the congregation for responding so generously as it will demonstrate to to the Grant giving organisations who have pledged £60,000 towards the project that the congregation is committed to ensuring our premises will be fit for purpose in the 21st Century. Our thanks to everyone who donated, whether large or small, it is really appreciated. We are also grateful for the money which came in from the Soup and Pud lunch, the sales from the book stall and other donations which all add up.

John Montgomery,

Finance Convener

14 October 2022

Cranhill Development Trust

Cranhill nearly new shop gladly accepts any donations of nearly new clothes or bric-à-brac. All such donations should be bagged and clearly labelled for Cranhill and left in the Welcome Hall. If any further information or clarification is required please contact Gordon Lang.

Gordon Lang

PoppyScotland

Hello everyone.

We have arrived at another Poppy Appeal. Where has the last year gone?

By the time you are reading this, the 2022 Poppy Appeal will be well under way.

You will have noticed that the cans are in place in local businesses and schools.

The Coffee Afternoon has been arranged for Saturday 12th November from 2-4pm in the Large Hall. Tickets for this event will be available after Church and at the door on the day.

This event will include the popular Tombola. Donations for the Tombola can be left in the Poppy Box which has been placed in the Welcome Hall. This is a great opportunity to recycle items that you don't need but others would like.

Donation for the baking stall will be gratefully received on the day.

The collection in Sainsbury's is being organised for 3rd-6th and 10th-13th November between 10am and 4pm. These times are split into 2 hour shifts.

It is not too late to be part of this year's Appeal. If you would like to help, please contact Anne Mann

Thank you for all your continued support.

Anne Mann



Christmas Food Appeal

In the 3 weeks leading up to Christmas the Glasgow SE Foodbank will provide up to 500 Christmas food parcels for local individuals and families in crisis.

On the list are the items we put into the Christmas parcels but we also give presents to all the adults. We usually give toiletries to the ladies and socks or toiletries to the gents. Please feel free to donate these as well.

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Thank you for helping us to help others.

Christmas List



- * Toiletries
- * Selection Pack
- * Mince Pies
- * Snacks/Nibbles
- * Diluting Juice

DONATE
to your local foodbank.

For further details of the work of the foodbank and how you can be involved contact

Glasgow SE Foodbank, Elim Church,
42 Inglefield Street, Glasgow G42 7AT
Tel 07456868628
Email: admin@glasgowse.foodbank.org.uk
<http://glasgowsefoodbank.org.uk>
Reg Charity No SC043981



This month the Foodbank needs tinned custard/ rice pudding, UHT milk and diluting juice
Marjorie Lang

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

Our annual Christmas Tree Festival will take place on

Saturday 10th December

From 2pm - 4pm

In Netherlee and Stamperland Church

130 Ormonde Avenue G44 3SL

Please come along, admire the creative designs, vote for your favourite and enjoy some festive refreshments and crafts in the halls.

If you'd like more information on how to submit a tree please contact the Church
Office 637 2503

278 BB Kiltwalk - thank you!

Glasgow 278 Boys' Brigade would like to extend an enormous thank you to everyone within the congregation who so generously supported our recent Kiltwalk fundraiser. The final tally collected for BB funds was £1785 (£1190 from direct donations plus Hunter Foundation top-up of £595). After several years in which our traditional fundraising activities were not possible due to covid restrictions it was important to get these back up and running again, with a Kiltwalk being the most supported suggestion from parents. In fundraising terms it was a fantastic outcome. In addition to our three "Kiltwalkers" (Jacob, Joanna & Zoe) we are hugely grateful to everyone who supported the fundraising by donating and spreading the word to friends and family to encourage additional backing.

As stated within a previous communication 278 BB Company Section now meets jointly on a Friday night with our friends at 231 BB. Although the proceeds of this fundraising will come to 278 BB as the registered charity that Kiltwalk is able to support, any purchases of additional kit/resources for the Boys on a Friday night will be shared to the benefit of attendees from both Companies, who operate as one to mutual benefit on a weekly basis.

You can keep up to date with recent and forthcoming BB activities on Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/netherleeboysbrigade>

Many thanks once more.

Alistair Haw

Captain, Glasgow 278 Boys' Brigade

Sunday Club

Sunday Club

The Sunday Club are meeting again and have had fun continuing to explore the Luke's gospel, remembering what really matters and the work of prayer. One of the highlights in October was hearing all about the Senior Sunday Club trip to Iona and all the amazing activities including rambling on Kerrera and having a BBQ on the beach. Their time on Iona exploring the island and its Christian life and work sounded amazing. All children of primary school age are very welcome to join us on Sunday mornings. Do come along and enjoy the fun

Senior Sunday Club....is a group for young people of secondary school age.

We meet once a month on Sunday evenings in the church for fun and fellowship, and would be delighted to welcome any new members- particularly if you've just started in first year.

Our planned meetings will be on 30/10/22, 27/11/22 and 18/12/22. Further information from Helen Illingworth.

E.Murray

The Forum

There have been two meetings of the Forum since the last edition of the newsletter. On 26 September, Alistair Watson, who is a sheriff in Kilmarnock, addressed us on criminal sentencing in Scotland. Alistair's main point was that there are too many people in prison in Scotland. There are 7,000 prisoners in Scotland on any given day and, despite the considerable expense, there is no significant 'deterrent effect' associated with prison. Scottish prisons are overcrowded, 41 per cent of prisoners are reconvicted within a year of their release, and it costs the taxpayer approximately £38,000 a year to detain a prisoner. Intuitively, the threat of a prison sentence might *seem* like an effective way to reduce crime, but, according to Alistair, who has a wealth of experience in the Scottish justice system, this is a costly misconception.

The rest of Alistair's talk was devoted to the alternatives to a prison sentence. Minor crimes can be dealt with at the discretion of the Procurator Fiscal; fines can be levied by a sheriff; or, the sheriff can defer sentencing, require supervision by a social worker, or impose a community payback order or a curfew. In cases of football hooliganism, Alistair noted that a sheriff can impose a football banning order – the sentence which, other than prison, has been known to bring grown men close to tears in the dock.

Alistair commented on the prevalence of domestic violence, which he described a 'shame' on Scotland because of the frequency with which domestic violence cases end up in the courts. As Scotland has a particular domestic violence problem, the courts almost always impose non-harassment orders on convicted domestic abusers. Breaching a domestic violence order results in a custodial sentence, an important part of a growing zero tolerance approach to these crimes. If the courts are, quite rightly, dealing with domestic abusers more severely, the judicial attitude to drug users has softened over the years. Criminalising drug users has failed to reduce the sale and use of drugs, as well as associated crimes, and the only strategy that has proven effective is the 'public health approach' to drug misuse – a concept that has received renewed attention recently due to the appalling statistics on drug deaths in Scotland. Alistair demonstrated that the courts are playing their full part in the renewed public health approach to drug crime.

Alistair rounded off his talk by arguing that, although the popular press often denounces community alternatives to prison as being 'soft on crime', the reality is that community options reduce crime and prison does not. Although, in cases in which public safety is at risk, there is no alternative to prison, in most cases there is an effective alternative to prison that is much more beneficial to the individual and to wider society.

On 17 October, retired geologist David Webster addressed the Forum on [The Fossil Grove](#), a grove of fossilised trees in Glasgow's Victoria Park. David spoke about how the trees came to be fossilised, the history of the Fossil Grove as an institution, and its future as a thriving enterprise. The fossilisation of the trees took place in several stages: a huge flood snapped the trees and deposited mud and sand around the remaining tree stumps. Over time, the mud and sand turned to solid rock and a thin layer of coal. In the 1880s, when the stumps were discovered in the depths of an old quarry, the rock and coal were chipped away by geologists to reveal the sandstone casts of the inside of the stumps. These sandstone casts are what remains of the prehistoric trees – lepidodendron and stigmaria – which date back 330 million years. They were the dominant trees of the Carboniferous period, and their modern relatives are the quillworts and lycopsids (club mosses).

The tree stumps were discovered by chance by the quarrymen and excavated in the late 1880s by geologists David Corse Glen, Robert Kitson, and John Young of the Geological Society of Glasgow. The building that was erected around the fossils in the late 1880s still stands today, although it has changed considerably over the years as a result of Second World War bombing and mismanagement by Glasgow City Council. The 1990

renovation led by the Council failed because the building was not properly maintained thereafter. More recently, the Fossil Grove Trust has operated the building in consultation with Historic Scotland. A large part of what the Trust does is to renovate and maintain the building as best it can with the limited funds available, as well as organising open days for the public to view the fossils much as they have done since January 1890.

The trust has made a significant difference by arranging a low-cost refurbishment project and developing a comprehensive project plan for future development. Having achieved a lot with very little money, the Fossil Grove is now eligible to apply for larger grants. As well as conveying his impressive knowledge, David ended on an optimistic note: although progress is slow, the Trust believes it can secure the future of the Fossil Grove for decades to come.

We are very grateful to Alistair and David for delivering two insightful talks which, in their different ways, compelled us to think about legacy, and, more specifically, how individuals can make a lasting difference to the lives of others and the wider world.

The next meeting of the Forum will be addressed by Audrey Flanagan, the South East Foodbank Project Manager, on **Monday 21 November at 7.30pm in the Lesser Sanctuary**. There will be an opportunity to bring donations for the Foodbank to the talk and, over the next few weeks, we will publicise which items are most needed at this time.