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MESSAGE AND PRAYER FROM NEIL



Dear Friends

Welcome to our Spring magazine and I hope it finds you well.

I wonder if you have a favourite season during the year? I have always loved the spring and all that comes with it. Brighter days with better weather and seeing new life spring up in fields all over the place; it is wonderful and reminds me of how new life develops from the darkness of winter. Given the fact that

Elizabeth and I have received the wonderful news that we are going to be parents for the first time, you can imagine that my mind has been filled with thoughts of creation and new things. Of course, on this personal level, it is the creation of a human being that fills our minds, and knowing that our family dynamic will look very different in just a few short months!

Equally, on a wider scale, the way we do and experience Church will also be looking very different over the next few years. This is the culmination of many, many decades of what is referred to as a 'decline' in Christianity and with that, in the Church of Scotland. Of course, it is never as simple as that and there are a number of factors that have contributed to the situation we find ourselves in.

For some, this will be too much to take on board and there will be a real struggle to continue to engage with Church. For others, it will be a period of excitement with the opportunity to try a new thing. What should be important to us as we move forward is that no one is left behind. There is no sugar-coating the fact that this will be a really tough thing to do. However, there is good news! As we read in Isaiah 43:19, we have a God who is in the business of doing new things and we don't go forward alone!

I am about to do a new thing;
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert.

As tough as things might be over the next while, we need to keep our eyes firmly fixed on Jesus and this will allow us to see more clearly what God is doing with our Church. Not only that, He will make a way for us and provide everything we need for the journey!

This is a message for our individual lives as well as a church community. Whatever you are struggling with at the moment, focus your eyes on Jesus and allow Him to make a way for you, as you move into that new chapter He has in store for you!

As always, if you need to chat about anything then please do give me a call.

Yours in Jesus,
Neil

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NEIL'S PRAYER

Heavenly Father, you are a covenant-keeping God: when you say a thing, you commit to bringing it into being.

Thank you that you are not a human being, prone to changing your words. You have promised to do a new thing; you have even started this process.

Lord Jesus, I pray that You would complete what You have started in my life.

I am thankful that Your Word is true. You have promised to do a new thing and as many people look to You in faith for a new thing to happen in their lives, I pray that Your promises will come alive in their lives, as they will in mine.

I offer this prayer and, indeed, all of my prayers in the mighty Name of Jesus and now say the words He taught us to pray:

**Our Father in heaven
Hallowed be Your name
Your Kingdom come,
Your will be done
On Earth as it is in Heaven
Give us today our daily bread
And forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us
Lead us not into temptation
But deliver us from the evil one
For Yours is the kingdom,
the power and the glory forever.
Amen**

SUNDAY MORNING PRAYER TIME

We meet each Sunday at 10.15am to bring the congregation (online and in-person) and all those contributing to worship that day, before God. It is our hope that people will feel blessed, encouraged, and that as a congregation we would grow in a deeper awareness of our God's presence.

Please join us in the north transept (where Jacky Shepherd sits, to the left of the pulpit.)

Elizabeth Watson



DATES FOR OUR DIARIES

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN AND AROUND STONELAW

Sunday Morning Prayer Time in the north transept of the Sanctuary at 10.15am. (See p.4)

Our Sunday Morning Service is at 10.30am, with a **crèche** for children under 3, **Discoverers** for pre-school and primary children, and **Connect2** for S1 up.

Our Communion Service is held on the first Sunday of the month. Please note that our communion bread is gluten free.

Mid-week 30-minute Service Wednesday 2.00-2.30pm, on the first and third Wednesday of the month. For further details, please contact Neil on **07871 615 840**.

House Groups Usually on the first Thursday of the month; see contact details below.

at 10.30 am with Jennifer Menzies. Call **07974 793 235**

at 7.30 pm with Dorothy and David McTaggart. Call **07815 949 648**

at 7.30 pm with Garry and Anne Ross. Call **07789 117 274**.

Join us for Prayer on Zoom Wednesdays 7.20pm for a 7.30pm start till 8.10pm. (p 24)

Café Church in the Meeting Place 16th, 23rd and 30th March 7.30pm (See p 6)

Café @ The Meeting Place Mondays to Saturdays 10.30am - 12.30pm

Past Times Dementia Café 2nd Wednesday of the month 2.30 - 4.00pm (See p 12)

Stonelaw's Big Bake-Off 11th March 11.00am-1.00pm (see p 6)

ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

Children's Easter Eggstravaganza Saturday 22nd April 2-4pm (See p 7)

Young People's House Group: Every second Thursday, 6.30-8pm at the Manse. (See p7)

For details, please contact Fiona Benson on 07980 734 182 or fiona.benson@sky.com

2nd Rutherglen Rainbows: Tuesdays 6 - 7.15pm

Stonelaw Toddlers: Wednesdays and Fridays 9.45 - 11.30am (See p 11)

131st Boys' Brigade: Thursdays 6.30 - 8pm (See page 23)

2nd Rutherglen Brownies: Fridays 6.15 - 7.15pm

2nd Rutherglen Guides: Fridays 7.45 - 9.15pm

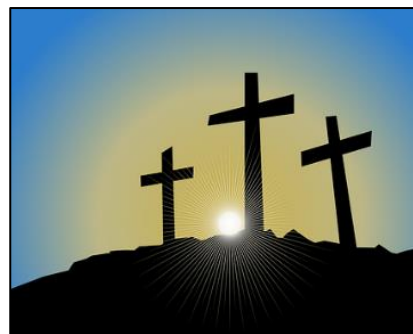
EASTER SERVICES 2023

Palm Sunday 2nd April 10.30 am

Holy Week Services Monday 3rd - Friday 7th April 7.00pm, here in Stonelaw. Neil and Rev William Wilson will share in leading these services, and people from both Stonelaw and Burnside Blairbeth are invited to come together to attend.

Easter Day Sunday 9th April 10.30 am.

Children's Easter Eggstravaganza
Saturday 22nd April 2.00-4.00pm (See p7)



LODGING HOUSE MISSION EASTER EGG APPEAL



We have been asked to donate Easter Eggs to be distributed by the Lodging House Mission. As last year, eggs will be labelled 'A Gift of Hope' to share the Christian message with individuals in hostels and temporary accommodation.

There will be a box for Easter Eggs in the Meeting Place throughout Lent, from Sunday 26th February till 7th April. I am happy to deliver eggs to the LHM or you can take your donation there directly, should you prefer to do so. It's best to phone first, to make sure that someone is there to receive your gift.

Dorothy McTaggart National Mission Team Convenor
The Lodging House Mission, 35 East Campbell Street G1 5DT Tel 0141 552 0285

STONELAW'S BIG BAKE-OFF! SATURDAY 11TH MARCH 11.00AM - 1.00PM



Our Bake Off is making a welcome return on Saturday 11th March, after a three-year gap! Do your baking at home, bring it in the morning and then everyone can come and sample the results. There will be various categories, suitable for all ages and abilities.

This should be a fun event for all ages, so even if you can't bake, come along and enjoy some of the entries with a tea, coffee or juice. All proceeds will be going to support the work of the Cambuslang and Rutherglen Reachout Trust.

More details will follow soon, but in the meantime, get your baking tins and favourite recipes looked out! For more information, or if you would like to help, contact Jennifer Menzies at jennifermenzies70@gmail.com or on 07974 793 235.

THE RETURN OF CAFÉ CHURCH IN THE MEETING PLACE IN MARCH

Stonelaw in Action (SIA) is delighted to announce the return of Café Church, on three Thursday evenings in March - **16th, 23rd and 30th** - at 7.30pm in the Meeting Place.



Café Church will be an informal evening of coffee and chat as well as hearing life-stories from some folk in the church family. Our speakers will be sharing how God has been with them through the ups and downs of life. We would love you to join us on these evenings. Why not invite a friend or neighbour to come along?

Stonelaw in Action (SIA) Margaret Borland, Margaret Breckenridge, Marlene Galt, Liz Maltby, Jennifer Menzies, Jean Murray and Fiona Reid.

STROLL'N'ROLL WITH THE NATIONAL MISSION TEAM SATURDAY 22ND APRIL

The NMT is running another Stroll'n'Roll on Saturday 22nd April 10.30-12.30, in aid of the Lodging House Mission and The Well. All proceeds will be split between both charities.

We're inviting you all to put this date in your diaries. Please come and walk a few laps of Overtoun Park with us and/or join us for a roll and sausage, bacon etc. There might even be potato scones! Sponsorship will be optional and further details will be shared in the near future. We're looking forward to seeing you all there!

Dorothy McTaggart National Mission Team Convenor

CHILDREN'S EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA SATURDAY 22ND APRIL

At our Easter Eggstravaganza on Saturday 22nd April, from 2.00 to 4.00 pm, we will explore the Easter story, finding out what it teaches us, along with our usual mix of games, songs and, of course, some Eastery food! You can sign up at www.stonelawchurch.org or speak to me or Neil. All children up to P7 are very welcome. Children in P1-7 can come on their own, but under 5s must bring an adult with them.



Please get in touch for more information or if you would like to help.

Rev Neil Watson and *Jennifer Menzies* jennifermenzies70@gmail.com

THURSDAYS AT THE MANSE FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

Our first meeting in 2023 of the Young People's House Group, on 26th January, was a Games Night, to ease us into the year. This year's session is going to be led by what the young people want to study. We began by exploring different forms of communication, with the focus being on prayer. As a group we are so blessed, both with the young people who attend faithfully and with Neil and Elizabeth's hospitality. The Manse is a safe, welcoming place to enjoy fellowship and explore our faith.

Seven young people attend, representing three families in the Church, and we are delighted to welcome Fiona Reid to our small team. We meet at the Manse every two weeks on a Thursday evening (6.30-8.00). If you know of any young people who may be interested in joining us, please speak to one of the team. We would appreciate your prayers as we explore what God wants for all of our lives.

Fiona Benson, YPHG Leader Mobile: **07980 734 182**

CAN YOU HELP WHEN JACKY'S NOT HERE?

When Jacky, our church officer, is on holiday, the Managers cover her day-to-day duties. These include nightly security checks, opening and closing the church, emptying the bins and cleaning the sanctuary and Meeting Place. For various reasons, there are now fewer Managers available to cover this.

If you feel this is something you may be able to help with, please speak to Helen McKechnie, Jane Paulsen, Vetinia Gorman, Sarah Scullion, Arlene Allen, Lesley Nisbet or Stuart Menzies, who will be happy to answer any questions you may have. Your help will be very much appreciated and you will be warmly welcomed.

Lesley Nisbet

PHOTOCOPIER REPLACEMENT

Back in October our copier broke down and we were informed that it was going to cost at least £1,800 to get it back to full working order. It was recommended that we should consider a replacement. With this unexpected news, we took the opportunity to carefully consider if and how it should be replaced.

As most of us will know, our printing needs have greatly reduced since the pandemic, particularly as we no longer print the intimation sheet on Sundays. Our biggest printing need is for the magazine, so we spoke to Burnside Blairbeth Church. As they have a high-output copier, similar to our old one, they kindly offered to print our magazine at a very reasonable rate.

With this confirmed we decided to purchase a smaller refurbished copier which should be more than adequate for our printing needs. It can do both standard black and white and colour up to 'A3' size. The cost of this was just over £2,000 and includes a four-year parts warranty. Veturia Gorman will be showing those who need to use the copier how to use it.

Stuart Menzies, Convenor of the Managers

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND STAMPS APPEAL: VOLUNTEER NEEDED!



Many thanks to all of you who faithfully leave used stamps on the table in the Meeting Place. Please continue to do so. Last week I passed on thousands!

As many of you know, I am going to be married and will be moving to Edinburgh at the beginning of April. I will continue to collect your stamps until the end of March, after which we need someone else to look after them. Is this something that you might like to help with? All that is required is to collect any stamps from the table in the Meeting Place and take them to Renfield St Stephen's Church at 260 Bath Street in Glasgow. They can be handed into the office at the front of the building. Please let me know if you're interested. Many thanks,

Leslie Gibson 07890 425 519

Eds: Very best wishes to you, Leslie, and to your fiancé Bill! You will be greatly missed by the Stonelaw Church family.

WHAT HAPPENS TO THE STUFF WE PUT IN OUR BLUE AND GREY BINS?



When I recently contacted the Polmadie Recycling Plant about a possible visit, I was astonished when they answered my request by asking how many people would be in the group, what ages and what in particular we were wanting to see!

Do any of you think as I do, that it would actually be very interesting to see what the recycling process entails? I know for a fact that some people doubt whether recycling actually happens – they believe it's a con! I'd love to prove them wrong.

If you are interested, please speak to me in church, text or call me.

Marlene Galt 07982 678 944

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YOUNG ADULT GUILD



WHOSE WE ARE AND WHOM WE SERVE

A group which invites and encourages young adults to commit their lives to Jesus Christ and enables them to express their faith in worship, prayer and action.

TUESDAY **17 JANUARY** 2023 - EMPOWERMENT THROUGH TIMES OF CHANGE

WEDNESDAY **1ST MARCH** 2023 - STARCHILD

THURSDAY **20TH APRIL** 2023 - PEACE AND JUSTICE

MONDAY **5TH JUNE** 2023 - HOME FOR GOOD

7.30-9PM ON ZOOM

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Some young people from across Scotland have set up a Young Adult Guild to allow us to meet up, chat and meet new people in the church. It is running on Zoom at 7.30-9.00 pm for now, but we may eventually manage to have a few in-person meetings. The Young Adult Guild welcomes anyone over 18 who would like to join.

The first session was in January and went really well. There were over 25 of us from all over Scotland. We had an enjoyable chat about what we wanted to see happen through the new group and shared what we had all been doing.

For more information, look out for me in church, search on social media or contact me on fareid321@gmail.com

Fiona Reid

PLAYLIST CHALLENGE 8: KEIR BAIRD

Thank you to Margaret Borland for nominating me to compile my playlist. I'm sure that a lot of you will know some of these, but I hope I have also introduced you to some new ones.

- Cornerstone – TobyMac featuring Zach Williams
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m7NQ5AvuMPM>
- King of my Soul – Matt Redmond
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mQ5GBgyMDQU>
- Relate – For King and Country <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y7CnoV6P6zc>
- Crazy People – Casting Crowns <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g7gtDXi3IWA>
- Nobody – Casting Crowns featuring Elevation Worship live
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MjkQ6G4kbnk>
- I can only imagine – MercyMe <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZNDEyxEMNp0>
- See a Victory – Elevation Worship <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YNd-PbVhmvA>
- This is our God – Phil Wickam <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nPDzQyk76PQ>
- A thousand Hallelujahs – Brooke Ligertwood
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ga057VTHdP0>
- There's nothing that our God can't do – Live from Passion 2020
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5MChgCghLJg>



I now challenge Fiona Benson to create a top ten list of her favourite Christian songs.

Keir Baird

SCOTTISH EVENING ON 26TH JANUARY



On Thursday 26th January, the skirl of the pipes welcomed us to the Meeting Place for an evening with a wide variety of Scottish entertainment. Those attending included many visitors and friends, as well as our own members. All were made very welcome and the atmosphere was excellent as everyone joined in enthusiastically.

There were recitations of short, pithy poems, fiddle playing and a chance to sing some classic Scottish songs such as 'The Northern Lights of Old Aberdeen' and 'Donald, Where's Your Trousers?' There was plenty of food on every table - everything from shortbread, oatcakes, haggis crisps and cloutie dumpling, to empire biscuits with Irn Bru icing!

To test our knowledge of Scotland, there was a well-researched Scottish Quiz which got us all thinking about famous people, places and the meaning of Scottish words. After some more poetry, music and singing, we finished the evening with a fine rendition of 'Auld Lang Syne'.

This was a new venture, hosted by Stonelaw in Action, which was so well-attended that the Meeting Place was packed. We hope it will quickly become a firm favourite at Stonelaw. Many thanks to all who organised the evening and provided refreshments and entertainment.



Lillian Robertson won the quiz - and this hamper of Scottish goodies!

David McTaggart and Jane Miller

STONELAW TODDLERS

Our Toddler Groups are going well, with over 40 families on the register and waiting lists for both the Wednesday and Friday groups.

As can be seen in these photos, we had fun at our Christmas parties! The adults enjoyed Christmas cakes and we even had a special visitor, who caused great excitement when he arrived with gifts for the little people.

At the time of writing, both groups were looking forward to a visit from SPELL (Support for Play and Early Learning in Lanarkshire). SPELL's Play Activity programmes are a mix of music, story and costumes, providing an exciting change from our usual programme.

We finish each session with some singing, including our blessing song, which is popular with children and adults. We are busy most weeks and those who attend often show great appreciation for the warm welcome given by the team of volunteers:

Wednesdays – Mary, Vetinia, Maraia, Margaret, Liz and Ann

Fridays – Adele, Carolyn, Allie, Jean, Jennifer, Elaine and Doreen

We are needing a few more volunteers on Wednesdays, so if you would like to get involved or if you want to know more, please speak to Mary McDougall on 07795 957 226





December Meeting

We were delighted to welcome back Andrew McTaggart as our star entertainer for our Christmas session. He had to work extra hard, though, to outshine all the children from the Pre-School group who came up to sing Christmas Carols for us. Our visitors enjoyed sparkling grape juice and nibbles while they listened to the children, followed by a special Christmas-themed afternoon tea. Then it was over to Andrew, who was accompanied on the piano by Sandra Hawkins, his former singing teacher at Stonelaw High School. What a happy time we all had, listening to and singing along with Andrew and Sandra. Our visitors left bearing Christmas gifts and with faces so much happier than when they arrived.

January Meeting

In January, we held a Beatles' Quiz. The challenge was to recognise a Beatles' song from a short introduction. There were ten songs in all and we sang each one all the way through with a surprising number of visitors and volunteers remembering most, if not all of the words. Halfway through we stopped for our first ever game of 'Picture Bingo' (sanctioned by the Kirk Session). Suffice to say, we had a lot of fun!

February Meeting

Andrew McTaggart recommended one of his colleagues to sing for us and lead us in singing some old favourites. Her name was Catriona Hewitson, a soprano with the most delightful voice. Once again, Sandra Hawkins provided a piano accompaniment. Everyone enjoyed hearing Catriona, with a text sent later from one of our carers saying: "We all felt it was such a great privilege to hear Catriona sing. She had a very relaxed and confident way with people, which enriched the whole experience. Thank you again for these wonderful experiences for both my parents. I'm eternally grateful."

Past Times Drop-in Cafe

As intimated in the last magazine, we have started our extra monthly meeting on the fourth Wednesday of the month. Although numbers are quite low so far, those who have come along have thoroughly enjoyed this opportunity to chat and, in some cases, to unburden themselves. We have also decided to open up the Drop-in Café to a few people on our Waiting List. Whilst they will not get the full Past Times experience, we think it will be better than nothing.

Eastvale Men's Group

Although not directly related to Past Times, this new venture has come about due to the contacts we have made with the Eastvale Mental Health Resource Centre, based in Rutherglen Health Centre. Our Kirk Session approved the request from the Older People's Mental Health Team to run a Men's Club from 2 – 4pm every Tuesday in the Meeting Place. The first meeting took place on 14th February and we trust that the resources we have in our beautiful building will be a blessing to those who are lonely and isolated.

If you have any questions about Past Times, please contact me on 0141 634 1901.

Janis Neil jneil1@virginmedia.com

WELL DONE, KEIR!

'Remember those in prison as if you were their fellow prisoners, and those who are ill-treated as if you yourselves were suffering.'

Hebrews 13:3 (NIV)

On Saturday 3rd December 2022, the Main Hall was packed with people enjoying a Stonelaw coffee morning, knowing that the proceeds were going to Release International. This event was the brainchild of Keir Baird, who wanted to raise funds for the charity which helps persecuted Christians. I was absolutely delighted to read about Keir's coffee morning in James Fraser's newsletter to Scottish Release volunteers:



Give thanks for Keir's initiative at Stonelaw Church and for his fantastic fundraising efforts.

'On Saturday morning 3rd December 2022, I had the privilege of attending a coffee morning fundraising event at Stonelaw Church in Rutherglen. The event was organised by 16-year-old Keir, who felt called to take action when he heard at his church in August about the experiences of persecuted Christians. The church turned out in numbers to support the event which raised an amazing £2,022. Thanks so much to Keir and to everyone at Stonelaw.'

James Fraser

Here are some examples of how Release can use the money raised:

- **£22** could provide a part payment towards the daily salary of a church leader in Iraq.
- **£50** could provide vocational training for a Christian woman to start her own business in Ethiopia.
- **£52** could provide food for a Syrian family (of 6) for a month in Lebanon.
- **£114** could provide spiritual support and Bible studies for three Syrian Christians in Lebanon.
- **£250** could provide food and financial support for a Christian family of 4 for a month in Brazil

Some of the countries for prayer in Release's Prayer Diary for the next few months are Indonesia, Pakistan, Uganda, Libya and India. Particularly, please remember in your prayers the young Pakistani girl (13 years old) who was kidnapped, forcibly converted to Islam and married. Please pray also for the family of Namata Habiiba who was poisoned to death in Eastern Uganda for becoming a Christian.

We pray that God will defend and strengthen them.

Margaret A. Borland

STONELAW CHURCH REGISTER

Mr Warwick Sloan died on 13th December 2022. Our thoughts and prayers are with Warwick's wife Chris, their daughter Lesley and son-in-law Carrick, and all the grandchildren.

Mrs Marion Rae died on 3rd January 2023. Our thoughts and prayers are with Marion's son Euan, her daughter Hazel and their families.

Mrs Ann McLintock died on 5th January 2023. Our thoughts and prayers are with Ann's daughter Morag, her son-in-law Dave and all the family.

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

AN ANONYMOUS MESSAGE

A sincere thank you to everyone involved in the preparation (and tidy up) of Christmas at Stonelaw....it was beautiful! Additionally, the efforts of the folks who prepare and serve refreshments after our morning services are greatly appreciated.

Many thanks. 🌸

THANK YOU, STONELAW

Thank you to all from Stonelaw who helped in whatever capacity on 14th January 2023 to make my mum, Ann McLintock's Thanksgiving Service a grand celebration and send-off. Thank you also to those who attended and celebrated Mum's life in person, online or on catch up. Many thanks too for the church flowers, the visits, the company, the treats, the thoughts, prayers and cards from some Stonelaw bods throughout Mum's post-stroke period and on her death - these were all very much appreciated.

Morag McLintock

PS If you haven't written a will yet or planned your own service, please consider doing so!

A FIRST GRANDCHILD FOR THE MCCARTANS

Congratulations to Alison and Gerry McCartan on the birth of their grandson, Arthur John on 29th January 2023 at 23:23! Congratulations also to Arthur's proud parents, Rebecca and Fraser Naughton.

MRS MARION RAE 1940-2023



Marion lived almost all her life in the Burnside / Cambuslang area. She was born in 1940, being one of four children, having three brothers including twins. Marion went to Rutherglen Academy and her childhood was punctuated with happy holidays at Saltcoats with good friends.

After school, Marion did teacher training, then spent much of her working life at West Coats Primary. She met Cameron aged 21 at the dancing at The Albert in Bath Street. Cameron was quite a catch because he was a good dancer! They were married in 1965 in Stonelaw Church – Marion had become part of the church there because they had a good youth fellowship. They were married by Rev Tom Morton and when they went on honeymoon to the Trossachs, they met

Tom on the first day! Their first home together was at Credon Gardens, where they had lots of friends and lots of parties.

Hazel was born first and then Euan came along. In 1973 the family moved to Wellshot Drive in Cambuslang. Marion was a good seamstress and she also did lots of cordon bleu cooking for her entertaining and was a good baker.

When Cameron died in 1994 the house was too big for Marion so she moved to Peeveril Avenue. She loved the garden, spending every waking hour that she could in it.

After a period in hospital, Marion moved to David Walker Gardens in November last year, where she was cared for in a most loving manner before passing away very peacefully on 3rd January 2023.

Marion had been worshipping in Burnside latterly when it became practically difficult for her to go to Stonelaw. Her faith was private but there were lots of Bible verses around the house – some of them about knowing comfort during loneliness and loss. She was very clear what she wanted her last years to look like, with a sense that we shouldn't be sad but should celebrate her life. And so, Marion's life was indeed celebrated at her funeral on 10th February 2023.

ANN MCLINTOCK 1943-2023



Eds: The following consists of extracts from the tribute given by Rev Lindsay Sanderson at Ann's Thanksgiving Service.

Grace Ann Miller was born in Rutherglen on the 28th August 1943 – the only daughter of Willie and Annie. Her life began at No 11 Melrose Avenue, but it wasn't until she was two years old that she first met her father, who had spent the final years of the war on active duty in Italy. Ann attended Burnside Primary before moving to the Academy Primary for the final three years of primary education. While there she, along with many other primary children and her cousin Dorothy, lined the streets to welcome the Queen on her Coronation Tour.

During her time at school; while training to be a nurse; as a neighbour; as a member of Rutherglen Rep and Stonelaw Players; as part of the babysitting group; as a church member, as a volunteer; as a stepmother, grandparent, aunt, cousin, sister-in-law and mother; as a Scottish parent and Grandparent for Vetinia and Hilary; and at various other times along the way, friendships were made which have stood the test of Ann's lifetime. Ann valued these friendships and was often instrumental in maintaining them..

From an early age, Ann had always wanted to be a nurse and she began her training in the early 1960s – firstly at 'the Royal' where she stayed in the Nurses' home and where more life-long friendships were formed – and then in London for midwifery training. While there her mother was diagnosed with breast cancer and so at the end of her course Ann returned home to nurse her, until she died in November 1965.

Ann spent the next 10 years as a theatre nurse at the Royal – working the night shift and again making good friends along the way. As a nurse, Ann was well respected, known to be a hard worker, but she was also good company and lots of fun was had by those she worked with. She was also someone who wasn't afraid to tell the surgeons what was what – but then, there wasn't much that Ann was afraid of!

In 1975 Ann spent a year at Jordanhill Teacher Training College before going back to the Royal to teach nursing. She quite openly said she hated it and was glad when the opportunity arose to move to the newly opened Monklands District General Hospital as a Nursing Officer with responsibility for setting up the Theatre Services. Following her marriage to Bill and the birth of Morag, Ann did the occasional shift at Monklands and, for a while, taught at Motherwell College two days a week, before bringing her nursing career to an end – but the caring was to continue.

Ann and Bill were both members of Stonelaw Church - and both belonged to families steeped in the history of this place. Following the death of his first wife, Bill was raising his three children by himself.

In 1977 Ann and Bill were married in 1977, Ann became step-mother to Eilidh, Mhairi and Crawford – and, before long, also mother to Morag. Family life had its challenges - but there were many happy memories of holidays in Scarborough, Boxing Day parties and family celebrations including the arrivals of grandsons Roddy and Bryce.

Stonelaw Church was important to Ann and although Bill left the church in the late 1990's and joined Rutherglen URC with Morag, Ann stayed put. Ann was a stalwart of the Managers Court for a number of years (no one knows how long!), served as Clerk and trained and supported many new managers. When church frustrated her, if she disagreed with her minister or fellow managers perhaps, she would speak her mind – and if Ann disagreed with you, you would know about it! However she always remained committed to her church, and if she was in agreement with a new initiative, she would actively support what was being done.

The Fair Trade shop that she and three fellow members set up proved a great success – with Rutherglen URC operating a franchise under Ann's watchful eye. In time it evolved from shop, to café, to the Meeting Place which benefits so many today. She was also very supportive of the Wednesday afternoon 30-minute service, often on duty, encouraging lay participation, providing pancakes to go with the post-service coffee, and delighted when those who attended felt a sense of belonging, or in the case of one person, when they joined the church.

In later life, Ann volunteered with the WRVS at Rutherglen Maternity Hospital for a number of years and following Bill's retirement from work, Ann and he became more adventurous in terms of their holiday destinations and began travelling overseas – requiring Bill to get his first passport at the age of 65. River cruises became a firm favourite and Ann and Bill travelled far and wide – with Bill content to let Ann choose the destinations. Let's be honest: Bill wouldn't dare to disagree! Ann dealt with Bill's death in 2011 as only Ann could – in a seemingly matter-of-fact way - but beneath the surface, Ann's sadness was clear to see. However, life went on and Ann busied herself with her various puzzles, pottering around the house and the garden – often seen wearing her white hat as she weeded her garden or as she joked, “vacuuming the plastic grass”.

Ann loved getting involved in things; she volunteered at the Commonwealth Games in 2014 as one of the Glasgow City Council volunteers - some bright spark thought it was a great idea to give Ann the shift in Anderson on a Saturday night! A year later Ann became a red top (*a volunteer hospital guide*) at the newly opened “Betty's Place” officially known as Queen Elizabeth University Hospital – something she kept up till 2019. She also enjoyed a number of good holidays with Morag and Dave.

Her last three years were difficult for Ann. It was not easy for her to accept being the one dependent on others, rather than the one people relied upon – being the one cared for,

albeit excellently, by the staff at Abbeyfield, by carers at her home and elsewhere, rather than being the one who cared for others. But with good support from her friends, neighbours and family, Ann was still able to enjoy getting out and about – to church and for other treats. Ann even became an Honorary Fijian for a day during COP26 when she met the then Fijian Prime Minister! Her stubborn personality remained right to the end. If Ann disagreed with you or was bemused by something said, the eyebrow still went up! If a challenge presented itself, the determination could be seen on her lips, and if something brought her pleasure or amused her, there was still a smile and that familiar twinkle in her eye.



Amazing person
 Amazing neighbour
 Amazing mother
 Amazing friend
 Amazing hostess
 Amazing mentor
 Amazing faith
 Amazing Grace

Sorely missed by those who knew her well.

Vetinia Gorman

“Live life well” was Grace Ann McLintock’s motto.

TOMORROW, TOMORROW, I’LL TRUST YOU FOR TOMORROW

In the musical, Annie, there is a song called, ‘Tomorrow’. You will not be surprised to know that I have used the title of the song and changed it for the title of my article! We are now well into the New Year, but we will always need reassurance for the future. What better way to face ‘tomorrow’ than by reading God’s word in the Bible. In my daily readings, I came across some helpful verses which I would like to share with you. I hope they will help you to face 2023 and whatever it has in store for you.

Psalm 9:10 *Those who know your name trust in You, for You, Lord, have never forsaken those who seek You.*

Psalm 56:3-4 *When I am afraid, I put my trust in You. In God, whose word I praise – in God I trust and am not afraid.*

Lamentations 3:22-23 *Because of the Lord’s great love, we are not consumed, for His compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness.*

Romans 8:28 *We know that in all things, God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose.*

Hebrews 13:8 *Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever.*

God bless you in 2023.

Margaret A. Borland



I recall being part of a casual discussion about the authorship of some very well-known songs. Some could well have been labelled ‘traditional’, such was their age and popularity. **Amazing Grace** is one of those songs. Although I knew that it was written by John Newton, my knowledge of Newton was, at best, sketchy and in need of being expanded.

In doing some research I found, among other things, that John Newton was a prolific poet/songwriter, and that **Amazing Grace**, when written, was entitled, **Faith’s Review and Expectation**.

Nowadays, I tend to associate grace with mercy and often find myself silently going over these well-known phrases:

God’s grace is what we get, though we’ve done nothing to deserve it.

God’s mercy is what we get when it’s not what we deserve.

However, that’s digressing from my reason for writing this piece, which is that I want to share another of Newton’s poems with you:

In Evil Long I Took Delight.

In evil long I took delight,
Unawed by shame or fear,
Till a new object struck my sight,
And stopped my wild career.

I saw One hanging on a tree,
In agony and blood,
Who fixed His languid eyes on me,
As near His cross I stood.

Sure, never to my latest breath,
Can I forget that look;
It seemed to charge me with His death,
Though not a word He spoke.

My conscience felt and owned the guilt,
And plunged me in despair,
I saw my sins His blood had spilt,
And helped to nail Him there.

A second look He gave, which said,
“I freely all forgive;
This blood is for thy ransom paid;
I die that thou mayst live.”

Thus, while His death my sin displays
In all its blackest hue,
Such is the mystery of grace,
It seals my pardon too.

With pleasing grief and mournful joy,
My spirit now is fill’d,
That I should such a life destroy,
Yet live by Him I kill’d.

I have now read and reread the poem many times, just because there’s something compelling in the way that Newton uses words. However, it also takes me to Luke’s account of the crucifixion, and the emotion I feel when reading Jesus’ words in response to the criminal’s request to be remembered:

I tell you the truth. Today you will be with me in Paradise. (NIV)

What a promise! Now I’m thinking of grace and mercy again...

David Russell

AN ANGEL AT MORRISONS CAMBUSLANG?



Dear Friends

I recently went to Morrisons in Cambuslang to use some of our donated funds to buy toiletries. When I was at the checkout, with all those bottles of shampoo and countless deodorants filling the conveyor belt, a gentleman came over and asked whether I was buying all this for a foodbank. I replied yes. He then asked which foodbank it was for, so I told him it was for the

local one, the Rutherglen & Cambuslang Foodbank. Hearing that, he said that he would pay for it!

I couldn't quite believe what he was saying - but he reiterated that he wanted to make that contribution. He didn't want a thank you or to have a photo taken, either. Eventually he relented, in at least giving me his first name – Michael. After having paid (it came to over £200) he gave me the receipt and disappeared.

Someone in my church said that I had met an angel that day – and I can only agree. But generally we are blessed with the amazing generosity people show to the Foodbank, especially in the run up to Christmas.

The support in the community is humbling and enables us to continue supporting the most vulnerable people with food and other items. This still goes on, in spite of the rise in demand which we're seeing because of the cost of living crisis. So a huge thanks to all of you who contribute to this support – we couldn't do it without you.

At the moment, the items we are short of include these:

- UHT Milk (full fat or semi-skimmed)
- Tinned Fruit
- Tins or Jars of Meat
- Pasta Sauce
- Rice Pudding
- Custard
- Sugar
- Diluting Juice
- Soap/Handwash

Donations can be handed in at any of these places:

Morrisons in Cambuslang

Tesco in Dalmarnock Road (during March and May)

The Co-op in Rutherglen Main Street

Nationwide and **Laurie Ross** in Rutherglen Main Street

Boots in Rutherglen Main Street (for toiletries)

With huge thanks for your continued support, and best wishes,

Katharina Nimmo



LIFE IN THE WELL: IT'S HAPPENING AT LAST!

In the run-up to Christmas 2021, The Well Multicultural Advice Centre ran a Christmas Appeal called 'All We Want for Christmas', to raise money specifically for the new premises that we hoped to lease long-term.

The property was a commercial unit on the ground floor of a newly-built residential block of flats owned by Southside Housing Association. This

required to be fitted-out extensively as it was an empty shell, but that gave us a unique opportunity to suit our exact needs, and those of our clients. There have been substantial delays along the way which have been outwith our control, but a year later, on 22nd December 2022, we finally got 'all we wanted for Christmas' as the lease was finally agreed and signed! The keys were quickly handed to our building contractors and the work on our new premises has commenced!



We are absolutely delighted and are so thankful for all the support we have received for this project. The premises will have 50% more space, increasing our capacity to help more disadvantaged families every day. There will be a large reception area that can also be used for group activities, and more consultation rooms to allow privacy for clients. The kitchen area will be big enough to provide a private space for staff and volunteers to sit in during lunch breaks.

Here are reactions from our fantastic, dedicated volunteers:

"Wow, it is finally happening! How exciting!"

"Look at all that space!"

As you can imagine, the cost of the project has increased significantly with inflation and the time delay. If you would like to donate to this project, please make it clear that your donation is for the new building, by emailing us at info@thewell.org.uk. If you are donating online, simply select 'buy a brick' from the drop down menu.

Sarah McPhie

To support The Well, you can give here: <https://www.stewardship.org.uk/partners/thewell>. Alternatively, cheques can be written to The Well Multi Cultural Advice Centre and sent to The Well at 42-44 Albert Road, Glasgow, G42 8DN. Tel: 0141 424 4523



The Well Multi-Cultural Resource Centre

Serving ethnic minority communities in South East Glasgow



We are delighted to welcome Helen Paulsen as a Stonelaw Church representative on the Rutherglen Churches Christian Aid Committee. In the year from summer 2021 to summer 2022, the six local churches have, between us, raised a total of **£8,136.73** for Christian Aid. Many thanks to everyone who has contributed in any way to this total!

A WONDERFUL GESTURE

A huge thank you to the family of Ann McLintock for requesting donations in support of Christian Aid at Ann's Thanksgiving Service on 14th January. The total raised was an amazing £1600, between gifts on the day and on-line donations. (Please note: this sum is not included in the total above.)

TURKEY/SYRIA EARTHQUAKE

Christian Aid, as a Disasters Emergency Committee member, is working with partners in Northwest Syria to provide winter kits to people seeking shelter.

ARIETTA CHOIR SUNDAY 12TH MARCH AT 2.30PM IN THE URC

The tickets for this event sold out very quickly – sorry. We hope to invite the choir back some time in the future. Do you have a ticket you can't use? Someone will want to buy it – just let us know!

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 2023: SUNDAY 14TH – SATURDAY 20TH MAY

At the time of writing, details were not yet available about this year's Christian Aid Week Appeal, but we do know that it will focus on supporting people living in extreme poverty in Malawi.

We'll give more news about what's happening in a few weeks' time - in church and/or in the Stonelaw weekly email. If you are interested in signing up for our Stonelaw 150k in May Challenge this year, or have any alternative fund-raising ideas, please let us know as soon as you like!

Jean MacKenzie 0777 181 7954 and *Helen Paulsen* 07743 028 307



The last few months have been an exciting time for us, as numbers have increased and are now remaining steady. This is the result of positive support by parents, who recommended the 131st Company to their friends who then brought their boys along to see if they enjoyed the experience.

We have established a mixed event evening, incorporating separate physical activities which the boys rotate through: crafts, projects, and spiritual awareness talks. The success of this can be seen by the reluctance of the boys to go home with their parents.

I tell them they are tired; "No, we're not!"

I threaten to put out the lights; "No, you wouldn't!"

I tell them we're tired; "You rest, and we can play a little longer!"

Their parents think this is hilarious, but our legs tell us a different story...

We have attracted the attention of some young leaders who have B.B. or Community Youth experience. Our tireless Safeguarding Officer, Elaine Devlin, will process these. An increase in Leadership numbers will allow us to expand and still provide a safe environment for all.

The parents' and boys' visit to the Emirates Stadium to watch a professional basketball game was a fun time which we hope to repeat in the coming months. We are also looking forward to the spring which will be busy for Mabel Moore, with the Anchor Boys Section and for Anne and me with the Juniors. The Company has a programme of achievement and merit badge work to complete for Award Ceremony in May - a challenge - but we are up for it.

Thank you to Leaders, parents, boys, Neil, our Minister, David McTaggart, and willing Dorothy, (who we know is desperate to rejoin us when she is fully recovered) and thanks also to members of the congregation who continually offer support.

Please note: you are all welcome to join us on Thursday 18th May at 6:30pm for a night of awards and fun!

Walter Smyth, Lt. 131st Company Boys Brigade, Rutherglen.
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INFORMATION FROM PREVIOUS ISSUES & MAGAZINE CALENDAR

GUIDANCE FOR SUNDAY MORNING SERVICES

A camera is in use on a Sunday morning so that our service can be recorded and displayed on our website. Please note that the chancel and the area in front of the door to the right of the chancel are in view of the camera and if you are in this area, you may be seen and recorded.

You can catch up with any service by watching the video recording on our website at www.stonelawchurch.org/service-recordings. Recordings are normally available at any time from about 2.30pm on the day of the service.

HOW TO JOIN US FOR WORSHIP ON ZOOM

To use Zoom, you need a computer, iPad/tablet or smartphone. Download the app and choose Join Meeting. The Meeting ID and Passcode to log into Zoom meetings are shared in the Stonelaw weekly email. To sign up, please send your details to info@stonelawchurch.org. It's always easier if you try to log into Zoom about ten minutes ahead. If you have trouble accessing a Stonelaw event on Zoom, please contact Janis Neil on 07808 926 067

Join our Church Services on Zoom Every Sunday at 10.30am. Our Communion Service is on the first Sunday of the month. You might want to have a piece of bread and wine/juice ready for when we are ready to celebrate the sacrament together after the sermon.

Join us for Prayer on Zoom Every Wednesday from 7.20pm for a 7.30pm start and we finish by 8.10pm. All are welcome and there is no obligation to pray out loud! Neil starts us off with a Bible reading, then shares a worship song before we start praying.

If you'd like to share a need for prayer, and hear about those of others, contact John Shaw on **07885 508130**. We have a WhatsApp Group and can also share prayer needs via SMS or landline. If you're asking for prayer for someone else, please ask their permission first.

MAGAZINE CALENDAR 2022-2023 - AND THANKS

Seasons	Deadline for Submissions	Issue Date
Summer 2023	13th May 2023	4th June
Autumn 2023	12th August 2023	3rd September
Winter 2023 - 2024	11th November 2023	3rd December

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Jean MacKenzie, Margaret Borland and Verinia Gorman

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