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Letter from our Locum Minister

In a short while, Alistair May will be inducted into his new charge and Rutherglen: Stonelaw will become vacant. To allay any fears, let me outline a little of the process that lies ahead.

Firstly, the Presbytery appoints an Interim Moderator. This is a working minister with full responsibility for his or her own congregation, who agrees to lead another congregation during a vacancy. He deals with Kirk Session, Managers and so on, but because he can't be in two places at once, a Locum Minister is appointed to preach and do some pastoral work.

A team from Presbytery will visit and offer guidance as the Interim Moderator and office-bearers form a Nominating Committee from the congregation. This committee will be responsible for bringing a suitable candidate to be considered as its new minister. The whole process will take time - a year or more may well pass before a new minister is appointed. During that time all the work has to keep going as seamlessly as possible. A great deal of responsibility will fall on the office-bearers, especially on the Session Clerk. It is vitally important that the congregation pulls together and supports their efforts, in practical ways and, especially, in prayer.

I have been engaged as Locum Minister, so I will be taking Sunday services plus working for two days during the week. However, let me stress this: if anyone is in need of a minister, **please do not hesitate** to contact me; I will do my utmost to help.

The appointment of a new minister is a huge matter for any congregation. What kind of

minister would you like to see? Often, the job description reads: "Someone who can preach brilliantly, is a team player, will increase the numbers numerically and financially, has good management skills, will be available at all times, is good with children, can engage with teens, will bring in families, include the elderly, visit often, will not upset anybody - and give us an easy life."

The reality is, such a person does not exist! The crux for the congregation is to identify which particular strengths it needs in their new minister - and that requires a vision for the future. What is your vision for 2020 and beyond? What kind of minister/ ministry? More properly, what is *God's* vision for Stonelaw?

In Acts 2:42-47 a fledgling Church is finding its feet. You will notice the importance of meeting, worshipping, having fellowship and praying – all of these done together - and of the need to depend on the Holy Spirit to direct them.

Congregations that fare best in a vacancy are those in which the people do likewise: spending time together, working together, praying together, seeking *God's* vision and will for their congregation together – so pulling together in the "right" direction.

I am here to help in that endeavour, so that you may be fruitful for Christ in this place and beyond.

Yours, in the encouragement of the Gospel of Jesus Christ,

John Martindale

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The **April & May** magazine is due out on **Sunday 5th April**. Please email items to magazine@stonelawchurch.org by **SUNDAY 15TH MARCH**



Which song does this remind you of?

Church Diary

Morning Services at **10:30 AM**, conducted by **Rev John Martindale** unless otherwise stated.

Sunday 2nd February

10:30 am Communion Service
6:30 pm Evening Service

Wednesday 5th February

2.00 pm 30-minute service

Thursday 6th February

10:30 am House Group * (see below)
7:30 pm House Group *

Sunday 9th February

10:30 am Morning Service
6:30 pm Evening Service

Thursday 13th February

6:30 – 8pm Young People's House Group*

Friday 14th February

4:00pm to 5:30pm **Faith on Fridays: Messy Church**
in the Main Hall

Sunday 16th February

10:30 am Morning Service
6:30 pm Evening Service

Sunday 23rd February

10:30 am Morning Service
After church 'Dear Theo' Bible Study (see ?)
6:30 pm Evening Service

Thursday 27th February

6:30 – 8pm Young People's House Group*

Sunday 1st March

10:30 am Communion Service
6:30 pm Evening Service

Sunday 8th March

10:30 am Morning Service
6:30 pm Evening Service

Wednesday 11th March

2.00 pm 30-minute service

Thursday 12th March

6:30 – 8pm Young People's House Group*

Friday 13th March

4:00pm to 5:30pm **Faith on Fridays: Messy Church**
in the Main Hall

Sunday 15th March

10:30 am Morning Service
6:30 pm Evening Service

Sunday 22nd March

10:30 am Morning Service
6:30 pm Evening Service

Thursday 26th March

6:30 – 8pm Young People's House Group*

Sunday 29th March

10:30 am Morning Service
6:30 pm Evening Service

Sunday 5th April Palm Sunday

10:30 am Communion Service
6:30 pm Evening Service

Wednesday 8th April

2:00 pm 30-minute service

*MONTHLY HOUSE GROUPS

These informal Bible study/discussion groups meet on the first Thursday of the month.

10:30-12 noon at the home of **Jennifer & Stuart Menzies**, 46 Millburn Ave. 0141:647 4664

7:30-9pm at the home of **David & Dorothy McTaggart**, 97 West Coats Rd. 07825 137 168

***YOUNG PEOPLE'S HOUSE GROUP** led by Fiona Benson & Steven Miller. Food provided.

6:30-8pm at the home of Thérèse Reid. Tel 07508213099

Missed a Sunday Morning?

Recordings can be downloaded from www.stonelawchurch.org

Dear friends,

Goodbyes are always hard, this one particularly, because I am so grateful to God for the best part of two decades that we have spent at Stonelaw and for all the joys, tears, successes and failures we have experienced together. There are simply too many to mention here, and too many people (some of them no longer with us) to thank.

In 2001, you called an untested young minister. Thank you for that. I came on a short-term five-year reviewable contract and God (and you) allowed me to stay. Thank you for that. Over those many years we have seen the community and congregation change, and the building significantly reshaped, as we have prayed, served, and grown together. And we have known the support of a warm Christian community that has embraced us and our growing daughters. Thank you for that.

For those who weren't present when announcements were made, a word of explanation. About 18 months ago, we had a clear sense that God was indicating this was the final chapter of our time at Stonelaw. It wasn't that anything was wrong, quite the reverse. We were very comfortable. Things were going well, and there was no reason to want to change that. But, perhaps, that's the dangerous bit. This Christian journey isn't meant to be comfortable. Over that period, even as God was blessing so much at Stonelaw, and I was excited about what God would do here next, there was a growing sense that the next chapter for Stonelaw was not mine to lead. We began to explore other possibilities and then, as a conversation opened in Motherwell, everything fell into place. The call to move there became as clear as the call to come to Stonelaw was in 2001.

I confess to a feeling of guilt as we made the decision to move. Leaving folk we love, and leaving them without a minister, did seem a little selfish. However, I do believe that if this move is right for us, it will also be a blessing for you too. We have already seen signs that God will provide for Stonelaw, and that the future will be exciting. I wait to see what he will do among you, and in this building that you have dedicated not to your comfort but to the mission among the community. And please, never, ever, describe yourselves as vacant – you are full: full of God's Holy Spirit and rich in so many people with strong spiritual and practical giftings. Indeed, without a full-time minister, you may well find increased opportunity to see each other grow and flourish.

I know I leave you in capable hands with John Martindale, your locum. But you are not in John's hands but those of God and each other. Please look after one other. Be bold, prayerful and active in the months ahead, and always be vigilant for anything that might disrupt your bonds of love and peace.

Lastly, I appreciate your kindness to us in these recent weeks, and your generous leaving gift. Next time you're in Motherwell, the kettle will be on.

With every blessing to you, and gratitude to God,

Alistair

The best email to use from February will be amay@churchofscotland.org.uk

Thank You Stonelaw

After 18 years in Stonelaw Church, leaving is very hard. Over the years we have had fun with you, laughed with you and celebrated with you in the good times, but also cried with you and mourned with you in the bad times. Thank you for your friendship, support and prayers through the years.

Elaine May

Introducing Rev John Martindale

We are delighted to welcome John Martindale to Stonelaw as our Locum Minister, and over the coming months, we look forward to getting to know him. John has graciously agreed to write a short piece introducing himself to the congregation.

I am married to Jaan, a retired music teacher. We have one son, Aaron, one daughter, Joy, and a granddaughter, Faith.

I trained first as a quantity surveyor and worked in private practice before moving to the Scottish Development Agency. A sense of call from God to full-time ministry made a change inevitable.

Following my studies at Trinity College, Glasgow, I completed my probationary period at Strathbungo Queens Park Church. In 1994, I was ordained and inducted to the charge of Sandyhills Parish Church in Shettleston. I took early retirement in 2003 and I have since served as Locum in five congregations, namely Mount Florida, Maxwell Mearns Castle Church, St. Rollox, Hillington Park and Eaglesham.

Among my leisure interests, I enjoy prestidigitation. You have been warned!

John Martindale



P.S. For those who don't know, prestidigitation is simply legerdemain!

We look forward to having John with us and seeing evidence of prestidigitation!

We wish him every blessing during his time in Stonelaw.

Interim Moderator

With Rev Alistair May's departure imminent, on 20th January, Glasgow Presbytery appointed the Rev Dr Scott Kirkland of Maxwell Mearns Castle Church, Newton Mearns as our Interim Moderator. Scott will chair the Kirk Session and carry the responsibility of being our Minister during the vacancy.

We look forward to working with him.

David McTaggart



"...whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it for me." Matthew 25:40

On Sunday 19th January 2020, Homeless Sunday, we had the privilege of having our worship led by Claire Herbert, Deacon at the Lodging House Mission, Glasgow.

Claire preached from John 1: 9-42 under the heading "What do you want?" During worship she told us about the ministry at LHM and how peoples' lives are touched by the services offered there. With his permission, Claire told us the moving story of one of their guests, called William.

A lunch of soup and sandwiches followed in the Main Hall, provided by the National Mission Team. While we ate, Claire played a DVD of the Lodging House Mission's daily work. The lunch was enjoyed by all who attended, and we are pleased to announce that the total raised on the day came to £644.70. Many thanks for your support and donations.

Yours, on behalf of the National Mission Team,
Dorothy McTaggart

Stonelaw's National Mission Team members are: Elspeth Baird, Yvonne Barr, Mabel Crawford, Vetinia Gorman, Cathie Gray, Helen Paulsen, Jane Paulsen, Thérèse Reid, Jane Russell, Liz Tait, and Dorothy McTaggart (convenor).

Elementary Food Hygiene Course

The church has a legal responsibility to ensure that the food which we serve, and those serving it, meet appropriate standards. On Saturday 18th January, eight Stonelaw members, along with five from Burnside and three from Calderwood After School Care, attended an Elementary Food Hygiene Course in our Main Hall.



All participants have now been awarded a certificate to show that they have reached an appropriate standard of Food Hygiene training. The list in the downstairs kitchen will be updated accordingly. If you are organising a catering event at Stonelaw, one of the accredited people on that list should be present.

Over the next few weeks, we will be putting in place guidelines and record-keeping to ensure that we are complying with the law and following Church of Scotland guidelines whenever food is being prepared or served on our premises. Our trainer Elaine (a former Environmental Health Officer) was very helpful in guiding us as to what we need to do. More information will follow.

If you have any questions about this, please contact Jennifer Menzies on **647 4664** or on **menzies06@btinternet.com**

Church Register

Mrs Nancy Palmer died on 17th November 2019. Our thoughts and prayers are with her sons Douglas and Gordon, her daughter Irene and all the family.

Mr Thomas Gibb died on 26th November 2019. Our thoughts and prayers are with Thomas's daughter Maureen, his son Graeme and their families.

Morag Moore

Miss Millie Taylor's Legacy

The late Matilda Taylor, known to us as Millie, has left a legacy of £36,194.46 to Stonelaw Church. We are very grateful for this generous, unrestricted legacy, which we have placed in the Legacies Fund. We will be carefully considering how to use this in due course.

Wednesday Ladies

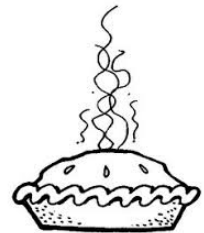
Our next meeting is on 12th February at 2pm in the Main Hall.

We would be delighted to welcome any member or friend who would like to join us for tea and chat.

Isobel Wilson



The Return of the Great Stonelaw Bake Off! Saturday 7th March 2020 11am – 1pm



By popular demand, the Great Stonelaw Bake Off is back! 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.

The 'Signature Challenge', a set recipe that everyone has to follow, is going to be Battenberg Cake. We hope to have some guest judges again with prizes for the best entries.

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. Any proceeds that we make are going to support Cambuslang and Rutherglen Reachout Trust who work with local schools and churches to spread the news of Jesus amongst young people in our area. Look out for more information over the coming weeks, but in the meantime - "On your marks, recipes out, BAKE!!! "

If you want to know more, please contact Jennifer Menzies on 647 4664 or menzies06@btinternet.com or Therese Reid on therese.stonelawchurch@gmail.com

SOLAS Confident Christianity Day Saturday 22nd February 9.30am - 4pm

at Maxwell Mearns Castle Church, Waterfoot Road, Newton Mearns G77 5RE.

We are hosting a Confident Christianity Day with SOLAS on 22nd February. This will be a day of apologetics, (*learning what to say in defence of Christianity*) to help us become increasingly confident about our faith as we engage with others, at work, at college or university, within our families and in our community. We are hoping that Christians from across Glasgow will take advantage of this day.

For more details and to book, go to www.solas-cpc.org/event/glasgow or phone Maxwell Mearns Church office on **0141 639 5169**

Rev Dr Scott Kirkland

Minister of Maxwell Mearns Castle Church - - and our recently appointed Interim Moderator.

Now, a postscript about the **SOLAS Confident Christianity Day** from two of our own members:

Brothers and Sisters in Stonelaw,

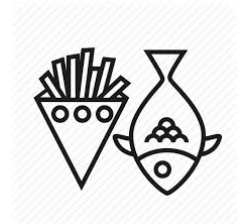
We were very heartened to receive the above invitation. We have been much blessed in the past by the ministry of SOLAS (the Gaelic translation of the English word light) and commend it unreservedly to you.

Knowing and appreciating the Christian spiritual calibre of SOLAS' Director, Andy Bannister and his staff, we believe that our present vacancy in Stonelaw offers many ways for us to be blessed by its ministry.

John Shaw and Derek Westwood

An April Date for your Diaries

For many years, on the Sunday following Easter Sunday, we have enjoyed a Fish Supper Evening Service. This has been a very popular event, marking the fact that Jesus shared fish with his disciples after his resurrection. This year, the **Spiritual Life and Discipleship Team** have decided to expand this opportunity. We are going to have a **Fish Supper Lunch** on **Sunday 19th April** after the morning service. So if you would like to join us, please put this date in your diary straight away!



Janis Neil

Anyone for Table Tennis on a Tuesday?

Members of Stonelaw Church are warmly invited to play table tennis on a Tuesday night at Wardlawhill Green Hall in Hamilton Road. This is a mature group with ages ranging from 16 to 80. It is both social and as competitive as you wish it to be! We meet from 7pm – 9pm and the cost is just £1 per week.

Why not come and join us?

James Aitken

News from Therese...

A Message of Hope at the Gate of the Year 2020

Below is an excerpt from a poem written by British poet Minnie Louise Haskins (1875-1957). These words of hope, read by King George to our nation in 1939, are equally relevant to our lives today.

And I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year:

"Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown."

And he replied:

"Go out into the darkness and put your hand in the Hand of God.

That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way."

So I went forth, and finding the Hand of God, trod gladly into the night.

And He led me towards the hills and the breaking of day in the lone East.

As we say goodbye to Alistair and thank God for his 18 years of ministering to and teaching us here in Stonelaw, we welcome Rev John Martindale as locum, and we, like them both, are stepping into the unknown, a time of uncertainty. And the only words I know that speak to the heart of our situation are these words, spoken by King George in 1939. So let us embrace the darkness, step into it with faith, and commit to putting our hands into the hand of Father God and trusting him alone to lead the way.



Friday 14th February @ 4-5.30pm

Join us in the Main Hall as we consider how we can share our resources with those who also need them.

We'll be making use of the space in the church for interactive stories, crafts, activities and some tasty food.

Faith on Fridays is Messy Church - it's church, but different! We'd love to see you there. This is an 'all age' session, but kids, please bring an adult.

And same time, same place on Friday 13th March! Look out for more details on our Facebook page: **'Faith on Fridays - Messy Church Stonelaw'**.

Lorna, Pam & Thérèse - the Faith on Fridays team.

Lunch Bunch - Last Sunday of the Month - All Welcome!

Sunday 23rd February at the Burnside Hotel from 12.30pm

Sunday 29th March at the Lee Burn in East Kilbride from 12.30pm

This group meets on the last Sunday of the month and varies in size - anything from 5 to 12 people at a time. If you are not planning anything for these Sundays, why not join us for lunch? (We pay our own bill individually and lifts can be provided.) If you'd like to join us, please let Linda Alison know by the Monday before the lunch date. Thank you.



Tel 0141 643 1618 or email linda26alison@hotmail.com

| EVENT REMINDERS | VENUE | DATE | TIME |
|--|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------|
| February Events | | | |
| Faith on Fridays - (Messy Church) * | Stonelaw Church Main Hall | Fri 14th February | 4 - 5:30pm |
| Lunch Bunch | The Burnside Hotel | Sun 23rd February | from 12:30 |
| March Events | | | |
| Stonelaw's Big Bake Off * | Stonelaw Church Main Hall | Sat 7th March | 11 am - 1 pm |
| Faith on Fridays - (Messy Church) * | Stonelaw Church Main Hall | Fri 13th March | 4 - 5:30pm |
| Mothers' Day Service | Stonelaw Church Main Hall | Sun 22nd March | 10:30-11:30 |
| Lunch Bunch | The Lee Burn East Kilbride | Sun 29th March | from 12:30 |
| Mad March Event* with Friends of Overtoun Park | Overtoun Park | 22nd or 29th March - tbc | 1 - 3:00pm |

*indicates an opportunity to serve. Please see Thérèse.

therese.stonelawchurch@gmail.com

Hilary Momivalu

Many of you know that Hilary, six years old and great-niece of Vetinia Gorman, is seriously ill with a form of blood cancer and is currently undergoing chemotherapy as a Glasgow Children's Hospital outpatient. Her mum's name is Mia. Vetinia kindly updates us...

Thank you, our Stonelaw family, for your prayers and for always asking after Hilary. I am pleased to say that Hilary continues to respond well to treatment. To say that she's neither up nor down is incorrect, as there are moments when she withdraws into herself and refuses to communicate with anyone, but, fortunately, these moments do not last long.

A typical day for Hilary consists of medication, breakfast (no dairy for an hour after meds), food, food, rest, more food, meds, rest, food and more food, meds and bedtime. She has two more cycles (treatments) before we know if she's on the road to recovery. She has also returned to school, albeit part time only. Thanks to friends and neighbours, Hilary will shortly be starting some home schooling, to allow her to catch up with the schoolwork that she has missed.

Vetinia Gorman

Chrysanthemums 2019

I want to thank everyone who gave me donations in exchange for these plants last summer. A total of £190 was forwarded to Erskine Hospital on behalf of Stonelaw Church.

We have received a lovely letter of thanks from them for this, detailing how the money is spent in supporting the veterans they care for.

I will not be in a position to supply plants this summer, but may be able to do so in the future. Happy gardening!

Jane Paulsen.

News from our Local Food Bank Committee

The Food Bank has been very busy in December and January. We have been overwhelmed by the generosity of the local community, including schools, nurseries, businesses, organisations and many individuals.

As a result, the committee has been able to provide additional seasonal items and fuel top-ups for all our customers. These have been much appreciated.

If you have a spare hour or two and would like to volunteer in any capacity, please visit our website on rutherglencambuslang.foodbank.org.uk or contact our Foodbank Manager, Frances Grant on **07393 737 030**.

Once again, sincere and grateful thanks to everyone who helps in any way with the Food Bank, which, unfortunately, is here to stay.



Could you pray for others? Would you like people to pray for you?

Stonelaw's email prayer chain has been in existence for many years now. We now have 51 people involved and on average we get a prayer request every couple of weeks. Sometimes we are asked to pray for people known to us and sometimes the people in need are family, friends or neighbours of someone in Stonelaw.

First of all, it is important that you know we exist, because in time of need, we will be there for you. So, if you would like prayer for yourself or for someone known to you, please send a request to John Shaw at johnshaw@live.co.uk. Or call him on **0141 569 8344**. You decide how much information is shared in the prayer request email, so if you want to keep the details private, that is just fine. **We only publish a prayer request if we have permission from the individual or from someone representing the individual.**

If you are not already on the prayer chain but feel you would like to add your prayers when they are needed, then please send your email address to John and he will add you to the distribution list.

If you are not on email but would like to be part of the Prayer Chain, John will be happy to phone you when a prayer request has been sent. Speak to him in church or call him on **0141 569 8344**. Thank you.

Janis Neil

Christian Aid News



The Glasgow Gathering, Friday 21st February 10:00am – 1:00 pm
at Wheatley House Academy, 150 Ingram Street, Glasgow, G1 1DW.

Would you be interested in learning how Christian Aid responds to communities in crisis across the world? That is the theme of the 2020 Christian Aid Gatherings. Last year Jane Paulsen and I heard first hand from Jeanne Kamara, Christian Aid's country manager in Sierra Leone, about all the challenges people face there.

Refreshments will be provided. Register by email at glasgow@christian-aid.org, on the Christian Aid Scotland Facebook page, or call the Glasgow office on **0141 221 7475**. If you'd like to join me on the 18 bus into town, just let me know!

Christian Aid Fun Run/Walk: Overtoun Park, Sunday afternoon 7th June 2020
Please save this date if you'd like to take part or help out on the day!

We are hoping that our second Christian Aid Fun Run/Walk will be an even more successful community event than in 2018. As before, the event will consist of a 5K and 1K event, both of which are for all ages and for all levels of fitness and experience. Once again the event will coincide with the Grow 73 Big Lunch. Please help us by sharing the date with your friends and family.

Details about signing up to run, walk, toddle - or volunteer to help - will be provided soon. If you'd like to be a little fitter in time for the Fun Run/Walk, why not think about starting a little gentle training, now the days are growing lighter?

Jean MacKenzie

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Ring Out the Old, Ring in the New!

Can you believe that the first month of 2020 has gone? Now that we are into February, maybe it is time to think about the plans and promises we made to ourselves. This may be a slightly uncomfortable thing to do but it could be a valuable lesson. I wonder how many of us made New Year resolutions? Maybe some are just too difficult to keep and some of us don't bother making them because we know there is no point – we won't keep them!

The most common resolutions are to exercise more, lose weight, get organised and save money/spend less. According to a report done in USA, 80% of resolutions fail.

It is good to stop and think about how many of our resolutions focus on ourselves, on others or on God. What if God created His own resolution list for each of us? I think the list might include reading the Bible regularly; becoming involved in the worship of the church, not just at the services but also in Bible study groups; choosing to become a regular tither i.e. one who gives 10% of his or her income to the church; and simply finding time for God in the course of a busy day.

So, what can we look forward to in the New Year? We can have fresh hopes that God will do a new thing in our lives, that He has amazing plans for us and that these plans are for us to prosper in Him.

Before we look forward, we should look back and remember all the times that God has richly blessed us. God is always faithful and if we look at the past year, we'll find that He has been with us and has been working in our lives – even when we didn't realise it.

While we are reflecting on the year that has gone, it's important to plan ahead. As the book of Proverbs reminds us, 'A wise man thinks ahead; a fool doesn't and even brags about it!'

So, at the beginning of a new year, I pray that we will keep our focus where it needs to be.

May you all have a year filled with God's richest blessings.

Margaret A. Borland

The Young People's House Group

The Youth House Group is now well established, with six young people ranging from 1st to 6th year. We have been working our way through the Christianity Explored course, with two sessions still to go. The young people are supporting each other and enjoying exploring their faith, or finding faith.

Please continue to support us in your prayers. We will be starting up again on Thursday 30 January and from then on we'll meet fortnightly on a Thursday, from 6:30 to 8:00pm at Therese Reid's house.

Steven Miller and Fiona Benson
Group Leaders

Acoustic Nights @ The Meeting Place

At 7:30pm on the last Friday of each month, the Meeting Place becomes a live music venue.

Acoustic Nights @ the Meeting Place, hosted and organised by Alan and Louise Mairs, is a showcase for the best talent from Scotland and further afield, including the USA. Acoustic Nights has been running successfully for eleven years and the Meeting Place has been acknowledged as one of the best live music venues in Scotland.

Each month a guest artist or band is featured as the main attraction.



Entry- £5 (donation). Tea, filter coffee and home baking included. Children go free. There is limited seating, so please come early to avoid disappointment.

Friday February 28th – Dave Gibb (a singer of songs and a teller of tales) and Graham Carter (singer/guitarist who has appeared on Celtic Music radio).

Friday March 27th – ‘Quick’ (delicious harmonies & wonderfully sensitive musicianship).

Friday April 24th – Coaltown Daisies (a duo of dynamic singers/songwriters).

For more information and to join our mailing list please contact us on **L.mairs@outlook.com** or visit our Facebook page.

Alan and Louise Mairs

6th Rutherglen Girls Brigade

With our numbers so low this year, we have made the decision to have a games night on evenings when there are a few girls missing, rather than carrying on with the badgework.

However, the girls are well through their badgework; the Juniors have now completed "Scots in Comics" and "Shine for Jesus" and the Brigaders have completed "The Science of a Night Out" in addition to "Present, Present, Present". Both "Shine for Jesus" and "The Science of a Night Out" involved science experiments and all the girls enjoyed them.

The final part of the Junior badgework is "What is a Charity?" and the Brigaders' final section is "Youth Rights and Responsibilities". The Explorers have been continuing to look at Bible stories in relation to "People Who Help Us".

We had a fantastic turnout at the church service on Remembrance Sunday, with all the girls there apart from one who was ill, and that evening Rebecca and I took three of the Brigaders to Roller Stop, where they joined around 100 other Brigaders from across Glasgow for a roller disco. In December, we had our usual Christmas craft night where we had all the girls working together on crafts and then we finished up the following week with a Christmas party.

Elaine May, Captain
6thrutherglengb@gmail.com



Safeguarding Training Courses in 2020 for Volunteers and Kirk Session members

Thank you to all Stonelaw's volunteers for giving up your time to help run the many activities in our church. These could not run without you.

As a volunteer you **must** attend Safeguarding Training. Only Safeguarding training with the Church of Scotland will be accepted, **so even if you have attended training through work, you will still need to do the Church of Scotland training.**

If you have not already attended training, please look at the list of dates below and choose a time that will suit you.

To book your place, you can email Glasgow@churchofscotland.org.uk or call the Presbytery of Glasgow office on **0141 332 6606**

Introductory Safeguarding Training for Volunteers

| Date | Time | Venue and address |
|---------------------------------|---------------|--|
| Thursday 20th February, 2020 | 19:00 - 21.30 | Queen's Park Church, 170 Queens Drive, Govanhill, G42 8QZ |
| Thursday 26th March, 2020 | 19:00 - 21.30 | Kelvinbridge Parish Church, 62 Belmont Street, G20 6JR |

Kirk Session members have also been asked to attend Safeguarding Training.

Safeguarding Training for Kirk Session Members

| Date | Time | Venue and Address |
|-----------------------------|---------------|--|
| Wednesday 11 March, 2020 | 19:00 - 21.30 | Easterhouse Parish Church, Boyndie Street, Easterhouse, G34 9JE |

Please, if you attend Safeguarding Training, remember to let me know for my records, whether by email, text or by phone.

With thanks,
Elaine Devlin

Stonelaw Safeguarding Co-ordinator

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February and March Door Duty

| Date | Meeting Place South Outside | North Aisle | South Aisle | Spare |
|----------|--------------------------------|------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| 02/02/20 | Muriel Ewing | Cathie Baillie | Moira Shaw | Sandra Coia |
| 09/02/20 | Greg Senior | Jane Russell | Dorothy McTaggart | |
| 16/02/20 | Shona Forsyth | George Morrison | Mavis Morrison | Margaret Waterson |
| 23/02/20 | Keir Baird | Tricia Finlayson | Elizabeth McDonald | |
| 01/3/20 | Richard Taylor | Anne Smyth | Moira Baird | |
| 08/3/20 | Leslie Gibson | Isobel Wilson | Grant McKechnie | |
| 15/3/20 | Linda Alison | Morag Moore | Marlene Gault | Jennifer Menzies |
| 22/3/20 | Sandra Coia | Muriel Ewing | Cathie Baillie | Moira Shaw |
| 29/3/20 | Dorothy McTaggart | Greg Senior | Jane Russell | |



Sunday Mornings Tea Rota

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|-------|------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|
| Feb | 2nd | Margaret | Waterson | Moira | Shaw |
| | 9th | Morag | Taylor | Richard | Taylor |
| | 16th | Shona | Forsyth | Geraldine | O'Brien |
| | 23rd | Moira | Shaw | Anne | Ross |
| Mar | 1st | Sandra | Coia | Morag | Moore |
| | 8th | Steven | Miller | Moira | Shaw |
| | 15th | Carolyn | Kennedy | Helen | Paulsen |
| | 22nd | Yvonne | Barr | David | Barr |
| | 29th | Isobel | Wilson | Tricia | Finlayson |
| April | 5th | Elsbeth | Baird | Anne | Smyth |
| | 12th | Mabel | Crawford | Moira | Baird |

Overview of 2019 Accounts

The Treasurer's report below shows the income and outgoings in the General Fund on a cash basis. Thanks almost entirely to the generosity of the congregation in giving throughout the year and in responding to the appeal at the end of the year, £985.52 more was raised than was spent in the General Fund.

Offerings through the year, between Freewill Offering Envelopes, Standing Orders and Ordinary Offerings, were almost the same as last year.

There was a significant increase in Gift Aid tax recovery due to a one-off windfall from new Gift Aid forms signed in 2019 which allowed tax to be reclaimed on previous years' donations.

Costs were higher in 2019 due to a higher than expected energy bill. This is being investigated.

Euan Campbell

Treasurer's Report

| General Fund Summary as at 31.12.2019 | Full Year to 31st December 2019 | Budget | More/ (less) than budget | Prior Year | More or (less) than Prior Year |
|--|--|------------------|---|-------------------|---|
| INCOME | | | | | |
| FWO envelopes and Standing Orders | 94,151 | 100,551 | (6,400) | 96,729 | (2,577) |
| Tax recovery on Gift Aided Donations | 29,143 | 26,000 | 3,143 | 24,088 | 5,054 |
| Ordinary Offerings | 10,188 | 8,400 | 1,788 | 7,885 | 2,302 |
| Other Income | 13,857 | 12,550 | 1,307 | 16,121 | (2,264) |
| Total Ordinary General Income | 147,339 | 147,501 | (162) | 144,824 | 2,515 |
| EXPENDITURE | | | | | |
| National Ministry and Mission & Wider Work | | | | | |
| Ministries and Mission Allocation | (85,799) | (85,799) | 0 | (85,729) | (70) |
| Presbytery Dues | (4,640) | (4,640) | 0 | (4,757) | 117 |
| Local Staffing Costs | | | | | |
| Staffing Costs | (23,904) | (24,431) | 527 | (23,965) | 61 |
| Buildings Costs | | | | | |
| Repairs & Maintenance | (2,283) | (3,150) | 867 | (1,842) | (441) |
| Heating & Lighting | (9,896) | (8,925) | (971) | (8,295) | (1,600) |
| Insurance | (6,678) | (6,678) | 0 | (6,538) | (140) |
| Council Tax and Water | (4,857) | (5,289) | 432 | (5,684) | 827 |
| Other Local Costs | | | | | |
| Other Local Costs | (8,298) | (8,589) | 291 | (8,014) | (283) |
| Total Expenditure | (146,354) | (147,501) | 3,847 | (144,824) | (1,531) |
| Surplus/ (Deficit) | 985 | (0) | 1,147 | 0 | 985 |

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