



SHERBROOKE MOSSPARK PARISH CHURCH MAGAZINE

Autumn Update from our Session Clerk: Clare Williams

Exciting and challenging times for Glasgow as we welcome many people to the local area for COP26. You'll find details on the website of how you can become involved in COP26 across Glasgow including attending the events being hosted in our sanctuary.

What a busy few months we've had!

Vacancy Process: after a rigorous selection process, including the interviews held on Saturday 4th September, the Nominating Committee voted unanimously to propose Adam Dillon as our new minister. Arrangements were then made for Adam to conduct public worship on Sunday 26th September after which we started the voting process; previously this would have been conducted at the morning service but due to Covid restrictions we held a postal vote. This closed on Sunday 3rd October and following the Count on Tuesday 5th October, our Interim Moderator, Mark Johnstone, declared the results of the voting for election and appointment of our new minister. 182 votes were received, unanimously electing Adam as our minister elect. A further part of the selection process was to subscribe to the Call and the Paper of the Concurrence; this part of the process provided a further endorsement of our wish to call Adam as our minister. The Call will be presented to Adam at his induction service which has been scheduled for Thursday 18th November 2021 at 7pm. Please contact the office if you would like to attend this service where we will be joined by some members of Glasgow Presbytery as well as Adam and Sheila's family and friends. I would like to thank Mark Johnstone who has skilfully guided us through the entire process, the Nominating Committee, led by Garry Borland as our Chair and Marco Gaudoin as Clerk as well as the whole congregation who participated in the election process. This is a new and exciting chapter for our Parish commencing with Adam's first service at Sherbrooke-Mossparke

on Sunday 21st November. A special note of thanks also has to be given to Carole Mackie, Jonathon Webster and the whole Property Committee, alongside our Treasurer, Iain Webster. They have worked under severe time pressure to ensure the manse was ready in time for Adam, Sheila and their family to move in. As I write, after many months of waiting, the manse roof is now being replaced as well.

Pulpit supply: the congregation was lucky to have Douglas Clark as our Locum Minister after Tom retired; we will all remember Douglas's stories, including those from Islay, and it was a delight to get to know Douglas and Janette over the summer months. We then had a few months of pulpit supply to arrange and I would like to thank Julian Guse for all his help. He has made many 'phone calls and on one occasion actually stepped in to lead the service! It has been lovely to have Donald Macleod back with us during August and to meet up with Elspeth again. Thanks must also go to Graham and Sheila Blount who have led us through a number of services including our National Giving Service at the start of October; it has been interesting to hear both Graham and Sheila preach and pray with us during the past few months and I would also like to thank them for their work in co-ordinating the COP26 activities.

Pastoral Care: Donald Macleod has continued to provide a superb level of pastoral care across our Parish over the past few months. Donald will be with us until Adam's induction on 18th November; please contact the church office or me if you'd like to arrange a visit or 'phone call with Donald.

National Giving Day: our National Giving Service on 3rd October was a wonderful day for our church community. This was a Church of Scotland initiative and it provided us with a framework to celebrate our usual harvest festival whilst fund raising for our church and wider community. I am delighted to report that we raised £4893 along with food gifts which were distributed to the Trussell Trust Food bank; thank you for your generosity which will benefit both our church property fund as well as our local charities of the Lodging House Mission and the Preshal Trust.

Covid-19 and Building/Hall management: we have now formed a Covid-19 sub-committee consisting of Una Heaney, Julian Guse, Kary O'Brien and myself. With the changes in Government and subsequent Church of Scotland regulations, we continue to update our Covid-19 Health & Safety framework. Although the mask wearing has had to continue, our singing has returned along with the re-establishment of the church pew chairs and ability to serve tea and coffee down in the hall (with thanks to the work of Morven Findlay and her team). Although we recognise that we are not yet back to normal, we feel that the benefit of meeting up and chatting is worth the effort. Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday 1st November after which the updated Covid risk assessment will be made available to everyone including the external groups who use our Church buildings. During the past few months Janet Lamb has retired as our Hall's manager after fourteen years' dedicated service to our Parish and I would like to thank her for all her hard work; I am delighted to announce that Anne McCaig has kindly agreed to take on this role.

Forward plans: we are now in the process of making arrangements for our Remembrance Service and the Christmas celebrations. Donald Macleod is leading the Remembrance service on 14th November and we will be joined by the Scout Troop who will be participating in the service. Covid-19 permitting, we are also planning various Christmas events including a gift service, a Christmas celebration and our usual Carols by Candlelight; these dates will be confirmed after the Kirk Session on Monday 22nd November.

Clare



BRENDA AND BOATS

Our prayer boats will join with thousands of others in Glasgow and help us make sure decision makers cannot ignore our calls for action during COP26. Please visit our "Rise to the Moment" page on our website for more.

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

New Address

Permission has been given by Christine Higgison's family for the following to be published in our magazine

Christine is now resident at Cumbrae Care Home, 4-18 Burnbank Terrace, St Georges Cross, Glasgow, G20 6 UQ

Sad News

We are sad to inform you of the passing of two of our members.

Patricia Baxter, 52 Glencairn Drive, died on the 16th October. Her funeral was on Wednesday 27th.

The funeral service for **Mary MacDonald**, 47 Balerno Drive, will be held in the Church on Wednesday 17th November at 11.30, after a private cremation.

FROM THE FLOWER GROUP

Our sympathies and thoughts are with their families and friends.

Time for us to start thinking about Christmas flowers.

I know, I can hear you saying

"oh no, it's too early".

But really, we have to make a start, buying materials, working out how we can do it all, affordably, Covid safe, sustainably and so on. We'd love some help on the day we

"Deck the Halls". I don't have any dates or details yet , but please keep watching and I'll let you know more as soon as I can.

Best wishes,

Hazel and the Flower Folk

COP26 AT OUR CHURCH

Sunday 7 November 10.30am

We hope to welcome some of the international visitors to COP26 to our morning service.

Tuesday 9 November 19:00 - 20:30 @ Sherbrooke Mossspark Church

Join us for a panel discussion on Science and Sustainability, with our Scientific Advisor Prof. Bill McGuire and corporate partners Oaklin. - To attend please register from our COP26 & SMPC [Sherbrooke Mossspark Parish Church] page on our website

Wednesday 10 November 19:00 @ Sherbrooke Mossspark Church

During COP26, a small group from the famous Taize Community in France have been invited by Glasgow Churches Together to lead a time of their distinctive prayer and worship each evening along with friends from the Iona Community. To attend please register from our COP26 & SMPC [Sherbrooke Mossspark Parish Church] page on our website

LOOKING FORWARD TO

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During this pandemic Muriel Manning has been busy knitting soft toys which will be on sale on Sunday 5th December during coffee time in our large hall. All monies raised from the sale will be donated to the Glasgow Lodging House Mission and the Trussell Trust. Covid-19 permission TBC.

LETTINGS MANAGER THE ROLE - JANET LAMB

I recently retired from this role after some fourteen years, having much enjoyed doing this challenging voluntary work.

Being responsible to Tom Pollock, our Minister, we had a small lettings management committee, comprising Tom, George Galloway [our recently retired Property Manager], myself, along with Janis Walker, as our part time administrator, and Cameron Aitken, as our Church Officer and main caretaker. Tom had the ultimate responsibility for deciding on who could use our premises and for what purpose. This committee supported me in my task.

The key objectives, which I framed for myself, were to increase our outreach [that is to increase our users and their diversity], to maximise the income for our Church, all the while ensuring that our Church Officer and others, including me, could cope with the workload that our usage entailed.

I think our annual reports, at least to March 2020 lock down, will show that these objectives were mostly achieved.

At March 2020 our regular users included: Church groups, such as Badminton, Women's Group, Brownie's and Scouts. Commercial users, such as the Embroidery Group, Karate, Dancing, Enjoy-a-Ball, Recorder Group, Taekwondo. Community users, such as Dumbreck Neighbourhood Watch. Other groups came and went.

Our occasional returners included many orchestras, such as Glasgow Chamber Orchestra, Glasgow Sinfonia, Glasgow Studio Orchestra: Craigholme School prize giving events: Trinity College, who held music exams in our sanctuary some three times per year: the Autumn Fashion show, and several others. Our sanctuary has been used for many musical recording sessions, Tom always got a copy of the CD.

We also hosted many children's and adult's birthday parties and wedding celebrations too. Tom of course held marriages and funerals.

Checking the timings of all these activities, to prevent clashes or overlaps was a challenge. I reckoned I had done well if I only made a couple of critical mistakes each year.

So I learnt a lot, enjoyed the challenges and the diverse folks I met up with, and overall I found the role a delight. Reckon it generally took some six to eight hours per week, although I never kept an accurate record.

That's my swan-song, and I do sincerely wish Anne McCaig, who has recently taken on this role, my very best wishes for her term in the role. Please offer her your support.

Janet Lamb, October 2021

WOMEN'S GROUP

Due to COP26 and other factors, we're not able to have our meeting as scheduled on 4 November.

We're hoping to organise something for Thursday 2 December instead and I'll be in touch about that soon.

Kind regards
Jan

ANNE'S FUN QUIZ

NAME THE "SIDEKICK" QUESTIONS

(e.g. Don Quixote - Sancho Panza)

1 Batman

2 Sherlock Holmes

3 Inspector Morse

4 Arthur Daley

5 Captain Hook

6 Frodo Baggins

7 Ford Prefect

8 Dr Frankenstein

9 Asterix

10 Tintin

ANNE'S DNA - MY LONG LOST COUSIN



Anne Steele wrote a story, published in the church magazine last January, regarding the results from the DNA sample she submitted to Ancestry. From this she discovered a second cousin in Australia called Jim Blain. From Jim's research she discovered my brother Ian and I, who are first cousins to Anne & second cousins to Jim.

Anne and I finally got together at the end of May and pored over our family photographs and had a good blether. After that Ian and I went to lunch with Anne and Jack, where we were able to share even more stories. We also had more data and photos from cousin Jim in Australia, who had been researching the family tree for some years.

In July we all met up in Dunoon, where my brother and family live and had a lovely weekend together.



What next? Well maybe a visit next year from our Australian relatives.....

Christine Macmillan

A SLICE OF PARADISE - LORNA MCROBERT

Paradise Slice

When a friend had a piece recently, he asked for the recipe. His sister happens to do the catering for Elton John's tours, so perhaps Sir Elton will have a taste of paradise sometime soon.

8oz shortcut pastry [I use frozen]. Roll out when thawed.

Line a Swiss Roll tin with the pastry and spread lightly with seedless Raspberry Jam or Bramble Jelly.

4oz caster sugar

4oz butter

1 egg

2 tabs. chopped cherries

2 tabs. rice flour or ground rice

1 tab. SR flour

1 tab. ground almonds

1 tab. chopped walnuts

4oz sultanas

Cream butter and sugar and add beaten egg. Add remaining ingredients.

Spread over uncooked pastry.

Bake for c.30 mins at 180 degrees Fan till firm to touch.

Dredge with caster sugar when cold, after cutting into pieces.

Enjoy!

Lorna

IF YOU SOMETIMES BAKE FOR OUR CONGREGATION

The Church of Scotland General Trustees - REHIS Introduction to Food Hygiene by e-Learning

The Church of Scotland is now welcoming applications from members of congregations who wish to undertake the REHIS Introduction to Food Hygiene course by e-learning. Individuals may register themselves to participate in the course, or alternatively we could make a group application which Mags would be pleased to organise.

It is a legal requirement that anyone who handles or prepares food and drink are appropriately trained and/or supervised. This qualification will help congregations to ensure that all their members and volunteers have received suitable training.

If you are interested in attending this e-learning course, please visit the e-Learning page on our website where you can register and complete the course. Once completed please let Clare know.

If you would like to complete the course with others please email Mags.

As an example by completing this course it means the church kitchen team can accept your baking on a Sunday morning.

Clare and Mags

What is the REHIS Introduction to Food Hygiene course?

This is an accredited and industry accepted introductory food hygiene course that will provide all participants with the knowledge and skills to be able to handle and prepare low risks food safely.

Who is the course for?

This course is suitable for anyone who handles and prepares food and drink. This course will be especially useful for anyone who bakes at home on behalf of their congregation

How long does the course take to complete?

This course will take approximately 2 hours to complete.

How is the course assessed?

This course is interactive and participants will be encouraged to reflect on their food safety knowledge and skills. There are no tests or exams during or after this course.

How is the course delivered?

This course is delivered through a third party training partner and is entirely online.

Do I need access to a computer?

Yes, you will need access to a computer or tablet with a suitable internet connection.

Will I receive a certificate?

Yes, everyone who completes the course will receive an approved REHIS Introduction to Food Hygiene certificate.

I have already completed the REHIS Elementary Food Hygiene course, should I register for this course?

If you have already completed the REHIS Elementary Food Hygiene course then you should not register for this course. However, you can register and complete this course if you would like to refresh your knowledge and understanding of food safety. Please note, this course is a level 1 course and the REHIS Elementary Food Hygiene is a Level 2 course.

How do I apply to participate in this training?

Please complete the following online form:

<https://forms.office.com/r/SQncvKdWus>

ANNE'S FUN QUIZ ANSWERS

NAME THE "SIDEKICK"

1. Batman
2. Sherlock Holmes
3. Inspector Morse
4. Arthur Daley
5. Captain Hook
6. Frodo Baggins
7. Ford Prefect
8. The Lone Ranger
9. Asterix
10. Tintin

ANSWERS

- Robin
Dr. Watson
Lewis
Terry McCann
Mr. Smee
Sam
Arthur Dent
Tonto
Obelisk
Captain Haddock

OUR WEBSITE AND WhatsApp GROUP

On Tuesday 7th November, Mags Cargey and I attended a Communications Tool Kit Training organised by David Petrie who heads up Communications for Glasgow Presbytery. It was very well attended with over forty people on the zoom training course; the benefit of being on line was that we could be shown various graphics and be taken through the recently launched Communications Toolkit. The course was structured around the use of local media, photography, social media, writing style and general tips we might wish to consider.

One of our 'takeaways' from the training is for us to reconsider how we communicate information across our Parish. Currently we use WhatsApp, the Church website, the order of service, Facebook and good old 'word of mouth'. Over the coming months Mags and I are going to reconsider how we should best share this information across all these platforms; there is a lot going on within our church and we need to ensure that everyone knows about it and can join in if they wish. If you have any ideas, please contact us.

Clare and Mags