

# Eastwood Parish Church of Scotland Crossbeam—September 2021

From the Manse...

Dear Friends,

Welcome to the September edition of our Church Magazine “Crossbeam”. September is usually when the minister would ponder how all church activities are restarting after a summer break. Yet, as a result of the pandemic, this September is different.

Why? Well we have not experienced the usual “rush” to get groups and activities “up and running”. We are taking our time, pacing ourselves, as we make small steps towards a “new normal” - whatever that means?

As the seasons change from summer to autumn, as dark nights draw in, maybe it is time for us to experience a different type of “season” within our Church life. Maybe, it is time for us to examine all that we do as a congregation and decide what to continue and what to leave by the roadside. After all, the writer of Ecclesiastes wrote: *“For everything there is a season”*.

This changing is not something to fear, but something, I feel, to be embraced. I invite you to join with me on the road of changing seasons, as God leads us and teaches us of how He wants us to follow Him.

Your friend and minister,

*Jim*

Jim Teasdale



*Where you belong*

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# Christian Aid Collection



Thank you to everyone who donated as part of Christian Aid week this year. A total of £366.50 was raised. This will help with the essential work that Christian Aid do across the world to eradicate poverty.

Katie Morrison

## Sunday School Update

The Sunday School started back in person within the Church on 22 August. We've had around 5 each week joining and it has been lovely to see the children in person. We have been following the same Bible readings as the church service and have been looking at the church as a building, listening to each other and Jesus and not judging people on their appearances. Here are some photos from what the children have been doing.

Katie Morrison



## Baby & Toddler Group Update

The baby & toddler group has restarted on a Wednesday morning in the halls between 10-11.30. The group has continued to grow and there is a lovely group of local mums, dads and grans coming along each week. Rona Hutton who has been running the group since it returned is unfortunately no longer able to do this due to changing work commitments and so we are looking to see whether anyone within the church would be interested in helping to run the group. The current group of attendees have said that they will have a rota to put out toys, etc, however we really need someone to help open/close up, put out teas and coffees and help the people attending. If you would be interested, please speak to either Jim or Katie Morrison. We would like to thank Rona for all her work in running this group – it is very much appreciated.

Katie Morrison

## Faithbook

Our group have been meeting throughout the year and have been looking at Revelations through the resource 'Seven Letters to Seven Churches' . We've had some really thought-provoking discussions and we've all really enjoyed it .

October will see us start our new book on Elijah . All are welcome and if you'd like to join please let me know by the 26th September so I can order enough books . We meet on the 3rd Sunday of the month at 7.30 on Zoom and all are welcome .

Erika Watt

## Carpet Bowls



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I am pleased to say that the Carpet Bowls will be starting again on Wednesday 13 October at 1.45 pm. New members will be made very welcome and we hope to see as many of our existing members as possible coming back to play. So why not come along and enjoy a game of bowls, a cup of tea and a chat?

There are some restrictions still in place. Face masks should be worn when not playing and there will be hand sanitisers in the hall.

Looking forward to seeing everyone.

Linda Smith

## Cycle for Dementia

Between the 21<sup>st</sup> of June and the 24<sup>th</sup> of July, I decided to challenge myself to a sponsored cycle. The money raised would be split between Alzheimer Scotland and Our Dementia Choir. I set a goal of 300 miles. I got up early in the morning so I wouldn't have to face the heat. On the mornings I couldn't do much, I would then go out for a second cycle in the evening. I visited Pollok Park, where I saw the calves, and I got to feed them big massive leaves. I also visited Linn Park and Rouken Glen Park to see the ducklings, baby swans and loads of cute dogs! I did, however, run into problems. I fell off my bike onto the road, but luckily I was outside a pub where two elderly men helped me up and offered me a drink. I also burst a tyre but thankfully I was finished my cycle for the day. I hosted a quiz at the end of the cycle, the topic was Line of Duty and general knowledge. By the end of the cycle, I achieved my goal of 300.22 miles and raised £444.01 for dementia.

Amy Allan

## Do not be afraid.....to talk about the C word

The very mention of the word 'cancer' can be scary. But should it be? Many of us no doubt still remember when a cancer diagnosis was thought of as a fairly imminent death sentence. And that knowledge made it unmentionable or - at best - something that could only be talked about in hushed whispers. Very unfortunately, many people diagnosed with cancer do still die far before what might be regarded as 'their time'. But, with increasingly positive treatment outcomes, most people who suffer from the many forms of cancer live for a long time after they first receive the unwanted diagnosis.

Having recently gone through various investigative procedures, followed by chemotherapy and radiotherapy treatments for High Grade Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma, most of which was rather unpleasant, I want to tell you how much better I (and Liz) felt after every single card, call, text and kind word we received. Whether from family, close friends, general acquaintances or people we hardly really knew at all, every expression of concern and every good wish really did make a difference. So thanks – from both of us – to everyone who got in touch. It really was appreciated.

Our recent experience has shown us that, while many people had little difficulty getting in touch, many others found it really hard, or just couldn't do it even although they wanted to (some people have told me this now they've heard that my treatment appears to have been successful). Maybe the very thought of cancer brought back painful memories or maybe they just didn't know what to say. Anyway, my point in writing this wee note is to encourage all of you; if you hear of anyone dealing with any health or other difficult issues, get in touch to let them know you care. Believe me, it really will make a difference.

Alistair Dobbie

**Acute Services Division**

Women and Children's Directorate



24<sup>th</sup> August 2021

Dear Eastwood Parish Church,

The midwives of the Queen Elizabeth Maternity unit want to thank you for the lovely hand knitting.

Every baby born in the QEUH gets a beautiful hat donated by many & varied supporters of our maternity unit.

This is a very simple but effective gift to give all our babies a great start. The unit has received an award and great recognition for our work in keeping babies warm and with their mum.

Once again thank you for thinking of us and donating these lovely hand knits. They are very much appreciated.

We welcome your continued support and wish you happy knitting.

Labour ward midwives

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Special thanks also go to Arthur Blakes for his kind generosity in supplying the wool to the knitters, and to Linda Smith for organising the distribution.

## Life and Work



Life and Work has been informing, uplifting, moving, connecting and occasionally enraging the Church of Scotland for over 140 years. This summer, they are offering churches the chance to celebrate that.

To encourage new subscribers, they are offering a Life and Work Promotion Annual PRINT Subscription. Buy 12 issues for the price of 10 and pay ONLY £30. Purchase and save at [www.lifeandwork.org/subscribe](http://www.lifeandwork.org/subscribe) using promotion code LWS2021

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Promotions valid until 30 September 2021 .

## Church Family News

Thank yous: Margaret and Archie Marshall, Eileen McColl, Helen Wade, Ruth Langdon and Jean Scott would like to say thank you for the flowers they received, along with everyone else who has received flowers. Thanks also go to Isobel Freer for taking the time to deliver them.

## What's On At Eastwood

		Contact
<b>SUNDAY</b>		
10.00 am	Faithbook (Monthly) - <b>ONLINE ONLY</b>	Erika Watt
11.15 am	Worship	Rev Jim Teasdale
11.00 am	Sunday School (age 2 to 16) - <b>ONLINE ONLY</b>	Katie Morrison
<b>MONDAY</b>		
10.00 am	English Literacy Classes— <b>CURRENTLY SUSPENDED</b>	Christine Nanguy E:info@pollokshawsaln.org
12 noon	The Lunch Club — <b>CURRENTLY SUSPENDED</b> Open on the <b>1st</b> and <b>3rd</b> Mondays of the month from 12noon (except July and August)	
2.00 pm	Guild — <b>CURRENTLY SUSPENDED</b> (every 2nd Monday from October to March)	Mary Marshall
7.00 pm	Rock Til U Drop Jive Club	Raymond or Nicky
<b>TUESDAY</b>		
5.45 pm	Coyle Irish Dancers	Suzanne Coyle
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>		
10.00 am	Eastwood Carer & Toddler Group	Katie Morrison
1.45 pm	Carpet Bowls (from October to March) — <b>RETURNS</b> <b>13 OCTOBER 2021</b>	Linda Smith
<b>THURSDAY</b>		
5.45 pm	Coyle Irish Dancers	Suzanne Coyle
<b>FRIDAY</b>		
7.00 pm	Badminton (from October to May)	Anne Maree Smith
<b>SATURDAY</b>		
11 am	Coyle Irish Dancers	Suzanne Coyle
7.00 pm	EPYC — <b>CURRENTLY SUSPENDED</b>	Erika Watt

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