

# Eastwood Parish Church of Scotland Crossbeam—January 2022

From the Manse...

Dear Friends,

Welcome to the January 2022 edition of our Church magazine "Crossbeam". This new year is only in its infancy, and yet there are challenges that we will have to face over the next twelve months.

The first of these is that the Presbytery of Glasgow has been instructed, by The General Assembly of the Church of Scotland to create a new Presbytery Plan, which will, over the next five years, implement a reduction in the total number of ministries posts from the current 127 Full Time Equivalents (FTE) to 84 FTE. No congregation can avoid playing their part in this process and here at Eastwood, our Kirk Session is ready to enter discussions and negotiations with the Presbytery and with our friends in other congregations.

The Kirk Session will keep the Congregation informed of developments as and when they are able to share them, through Sunday intimations, letters, and, where appropriate, congregational meetings, such as, the Annual Stated Meeting, which will be held during the Spring. Should you have any questions regarding this, please do not hesitate to contact Erika Watt, Maureen McKillop, or myself.

Another challenge we will continue to face, is our response to the Covid-19 Pandemic. From Monday 31 January, we will be removing social distancing requirements in the Sanctuary, and all rotas will be restarted. It is our hope that we will be able to serve tea and coffee after worship on Sunday 6 February.

There will be measures that remain in force, such as the wearing of face masks, unless medically exempt, hand sanitation, and the providing of details for Track and Trace purposes. Furthermore, we would politely ask you to take a Lateral Flow Test before coming to worship. If you have covid symptoms we would also politely ask you not to come to the Church but stay at home and join us for worship on our YouTube channel instead.



*Where you belong*

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So, these are two significant challenges that we will face during 2022. Yet, we must also look for opportunities. Opportunities to serve God, get alongside our community and one another. For God promises to go with and to show us His plans for us and for His Kingdom.

Your friend and minister,

*Jim*

Jim Teasdale

## Lodging House Mission— Christmas Collection



Thank you to everyone who donated as part of the Christmas collection. Whilst we weren't able to have the Big Christmas Card as usual in the sanctuary nor all of our usual coffees after the service, a total of £134.77 was raised. Lodging House Mission is a charity which we have supported a number of times in the past and dedicates its work to providing care and support to homeless, vulnerable and socially excluded people in Glasgow.

Katie Morrison

## Christmas Concert

We held a small concert on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2021 - our first social event in the hall for almost 2 years! 'Short & Sweet', a singing duo, entertained us and, with a Christmas Hamper Raffle, we managed to raise £238 for church funds.

Thanks to everyone for supporting us.

Social and Fundraising Committee

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Dear Sirs

Your donation of £183.60. In this centenary year, the need for us to keep supporting our beneficiaries within the Armed Forces community in Scotland is as great as ever (especially after the challenges in 2020). Our aim as always is to reach out to those who have not yet returned home, those still serving and their families at times of crisis and need offering vital practical advice, assistance, and funding, is as great as ever.

Your donation allows us to keep delivering our services all year round which include:

- Tailored support & funding – Last year we supported over 800 individuals (in financial terms over £639,000).
- Advice – We continue to be the major funder of the Armed Services Advice project in collaboration with Citizens Advice Bureau. We also reach out to veterans in the community through our Welfare support service team made up of four Welfare Support Officers and two Independent Living Advisors.
- Employment – We provided over £178,000 in financial support to veterans with complex needs trying to get back into the workplace and help fund a variety of projects including LifeWorks and Employ Able courses.
- Housing – For the past three years we have provided over £118,000 of financial support to specialised veterans housing organisations such as Scottish Residence Associations.

Kind regards



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## World Day of Prayer

The World Day of Prayer takes place this year on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March at 2pm. Providing that there are no more restrictions in place it will be held in our church.

The theme for this year is 'I know the plans I have for you'. The service was written by the Christian women of England, Wales and Northern Ireland. It would be good if you could come along and support this annual event.

Maureen McKillop

# 12 Days of Christmas

Which of you are familiar with the 12 days of Christmas?

It is a very special time of the year. On these twelve days, we think about twelve gifts that God gave to us.

The twelve days start on Christmas Day, so of course, on the first day, we rejoice because of the gift of God's only Son.

On the second day, we think about the two Testaments, Old and New which bring us God's word.

On the third day, we think about the three things that abide - faith, hope, and love.

Day four is for the four Gospels which tell the story of our Saviour.

Day five represents the first five books of the Bible called the Jewish Torah.

Day six is for the six days of creation.

Day seven is for the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit - wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord.

The eighth day represents the eight beatitudes Jesus spoke in the Sermon on the Mount.

Day nine represents the nine fruits of the Spirit spoken of in Galatians.

Day 10 represents the Ten Commandments.

Day 11 is for the 11 faithful disciples.

And day 12 is for the 12 points of belief which are the Apostle's Creed.

We are still in a time of celebration because of the greatest gift of God's own Son

born as a baby, to save each of us, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Rev. Adri La Grange

Familiarisation Minister at Pollokshields

## Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership

Dear Rev Teasdale,

Please pass on our thanks to the congregation at Eastwood for the very generous donation of gifts this year, which we are distributing to our most vulnerable children and their families for Christmas.

As we contemplate another Christmas affected by the pandemic, we are very aware that many families are struggling to afford the basics for themselves and their children, and your thoughtful and generous gifts will help us to provide some much needed Christmas cheer for those most in need this year.

With grateful thanks and all good wishes for Christmas and a happy and healthy 2022.

Yours sincerely,

Lorna Kelly,

Team Leader, Children and Families

# Sunday School Update

The Sunday School have continued meeting in the Session Room every Sunday morning. Thanks go to all the Sunday School leaders and children who have been coming along. Over Christmas we were pulling together our Puppet Nativity. We hope that you were all able to watch it and that you enjoyed our little production. The last couple of weeks we have been talking about new beginnings and the story of Jesus turning water into wine. Here are some photos from what the children have been doing.



# Children's word search

## Miracles of Jesus: Changing water into wine (John 2:1-11)

D J L R V K F F C W S A C M T  
T R A N S F O R M A T I O N E  
D W J J I A J E N T O I F T U  
T I Q E K Z L D S E N R F L Q  
U Z S D S C B E J R E T M M N  
X A G C A U R C W J X N J C A  
I R C R I B S K V A O D I D B  
S D I C W P W T U R N E D W K  
F M E P F E L R J S K O Y D T  
Q H J T D G E E L I L A G T Q  
W Q G D I E D I S W N S C W S  
W K I V X V J B W I W A H Z R  
Z N V F R B N S L O N W B K Z  
G D X A V Q J I B A Y R A M S  
G Z X O L Q A L J K N C N X H

BANQUET  
DISCIPLES  
INVITED  
MARY  
SIX  
TURNED  
WEDDING

CANA  
GALILEE  
JESUS  
MIRACLE  
STONE  
WATERJARS  
WINE  
TRANSFORMATION



## 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)	Katie Morrison
<b>MONDAY</b>		
12 noon	<b>The Lunch Club —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	<b>Guild —CURRENTLY SUSPENDED</b> (every 2nd Monday from October to March)	Mary Marshall
7.00 pm	<b>Rock Til U Drop Jive Club</b>	Raymond or Nicky
<b>TUESDAY</b>		
5.45 pm	<b>Coyle Irish Dancers</b>	Suzanne Coyle
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>		
10.00 am	<b>Eastwood Carer &amp; Toddler Group</b>	Rona Hutton
1.45 pm	<b>Carpet Bowls</b> (from October to March)	Linda Smith
<b>THURSDAY</b>		
5.45 pm	<b>Coyle Irish Dancers</b>	Suzanne Coyle
<b>FRIDAY</b>		
9.00 am	<b>Slimming World</b>	Linda Smith
7.00 pm	<b>Badminton</b> (from October to May)	Anne Maree Smith
<b>SATURDAY</b>		
11 am	<b>Coyle Irish Dancers</b>	Suzanne Coyle
7.00 pm	<b>EPYC —CURRENTLY SUSPENDED</b>	Erika Watt

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