

Eastwood Parish Church of Scotland Crossbeam—June 2022

From the Manse...

Dear Friends,

As we reach the summer months, it seems to me that the year is passing by more quickly than ever. If I had to choose one word to describe the year 2022, it would be “decisions”. Why have I chosen that?

Well, we have had to make decisions, some simple, some slightly more difficult, as we moved through the first half of the year. Covid restrictions have been relaxed. Our “online” worship presence has and will continue. Some organisations have not returned and others have adapted to return.

We have also stepped up our discussions with our cluster partners to create our new Presbytery Mission Plan. There have been two meetings of congregational representatives, where there has been a sense of excitement about the opportunities that working together will bring. We are, at the time of writing this letter, creating the Formal Mission Plan for the Cluster, which will be shared with the Kirk Sessions and at a meeting of congregational representatives before being submitted to the Presbytery of Glasgow for approval.

Over the next couple of months, I want to encourage us all to rest, “recharge the batteries”, and refresh for the months to come. Months where God will reveal to us, His plans, and His thoughts for the future of His Church in Eastwood and beyond.

As we walk with God into changed circumstances, I hope and pray that we can see new and exciting ways of service and worship in Eastwood and the surrounding areas with new and different people with whom we have a good deal in common.



Where you belong

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So, as we rest this summer, I want to encourage all of us, Elders, Members, Minister, to look towards the future positively, with confidence that God knows what He is doing and that He will continue to lead us along the right path if we trust him.

To help us, keep all of this in our minds, I am reminded of the words in Jeremiah 29:11, that God knows the plans he has for us, and they are plans to prosper us and not to harm us, plans to give us a hope and a future.

Your friend and minister,

Jim

Jim Teasdale

General Assembly 2022

As in 2016, I had the pleasure of attending this year's General Assembly as Eastwood's nominated commissioner. Also, as in 2016, I found it a very rewarding and humbling experience and would absolutely recommend it to anyone who has the chance to attend in future. It was, of course, made easier for many of us this year as we were able to attend remotely on Zoom and, while the remote attendees inevitably missed out on the fellowship and fringe events that being in Edinburgh would have provided, I was very happy to take advantage of the ability to attend from home. About a third of commissioners attended remotely and it worked very well.

I think I have a reasonable understanding of the work of The Church of Scotland, but reading through the reports and listening to the debates it was hard not to be overwhelmed by the sheer volume and scope of all the work that is done, not just in Scotland but all around the world. Yes – it can sometimes be difficult to see 'church' other than in our own little local setting – and we sometimes regard the church hierarchy as an obstacle to our local work - but that is the whole point

of the Presbyterian structure; there is no hierarchy, there is no 'them' and 'us'. We all – as members of The Church of Scotland – have the same say as anyone else. Being able to attend meetings of all the courts of the church, be that Kirk Session, Presbytery, various Committees or Councils or the General Assembly itself, simply exemplifies that. This structure, where everyone has a say, can, of course, cause some 'operational' difficulties and inevitably leads to delays in major decision making. But perhaps long periods of reflection are not a bad thing?

One thing I take away from this year's Assembly is that we – and I mean all Christians – are all better together than apart. Sure, there are issues / procedures / doctrines / even some beliefs – about which we disagree – but the fundamental truth of the Christian message to love one another is the same for us all. We must concentrate on that rather than those things on which we disagree. Two examples of why this is so important are illustrated by the decisions to allow our ministers to officiate at same sex marriages (if they wish to do so) and the Declaration of Friendship we have made with the Catholic Church in Scotland. It is too easy to concentrate on our differences – let's look at the things that unite us instead. I do hope that those within our church who may disagree with some of the decisions made will think hard about this rather than just fall out with us because of these decisions.

If you haven't already done so, I hope you all acquaint yourselves with at least the main highlights of this year's General Assembly. Luckily for you (and me!) I'm not going to try and produce a summary here but would refer you instead to an excellent (4 page) supplement produced by Life & Work. This can be accessed at The Church of Scotland's website (www.lifeandwork.org/resources/general-assembly-2022-special-supplement) or let me know if you'd like a printed copy and we'll get that arranged for you.

Alistair Dobbie

Christian Aid Collection



Thank you to everyone who donated as part of Christian Aid week this year. The after church “cake and coffee” was well attended and grateful thanks go to all the bakers. A total of £487.97 was raised across Christian Aid Week. This will help with the essential work that Christian Aid do across the world to eradicate poverty. If you missed out on a chance to take part in the Christian Aid quiz, you will find a copy of it on pages 8 and 9.

Sunday School Update

The Sunday School have continued meeting in the Session Room every Sunday morning. Continued thanks go to all the Sunday School leaders and children who have been coming along. We have been following the same material as the readings that the “young at heart” in the church have been listening to and have been playing games, listening to stories and making various crafts - hopefully you will have seen some of them that the children have been showing around. The Sunday School finishes on 19 June for the summer and that will be the prize giving. We all hope you have a lovely summer when it comes and look forward to welcoming you back in August.

Katie Morrison

The Guild

I would like to offer grateful thanks to all of the Guild members past and present, for their service. Unfortunately, we have had to take the decision to close the Guild at Eastwood. Any members who wish to continue to attend meetings are welcome to join the Guild at Thornliebank Parish Church.

Mary Marshall

'Deacon Pink'

Dot Getliffe, who was our Deaconess during our vacancy has written her memoirs, called 'Deacon Pink' and Eastwood gets a mention! If you would be interested in receiving a copy, please let Erika Watt know. There is no cost for the book but Dot asks that you make a donation to charity instead.

Knitting for the Mission to Seafarers

The Mission to Seafarers would like to thank everyone who donated knitted hats to them. Over the 2021 Christmas period, the Mission to Seafarers gave out parcels to seafarers in UK ports. These parcels contained a warm, knitted item such as the hats which were donated by the knitters at Eastwood. Over 5,000 knitted items were given out last Christmas. This year, Mission for Seafarers expects that to rise to 10,000 now that the cruise ships are active again after Covid. Please keep all seafarers in your thoughts and prayers.

Jennifer K Gray,
Knitting Coordinator, MtSS

Church Family News

Linda and Douglas Smith would like to thank everyone for the flowers they received for their 50th wedding anniversary.

Netta Stewart would like to thank everyone for all the cards and flowers she received on her special birthday.

Margaret Marshall, Isabel McCormick, Margaret Pruefer, Irene Friend, Anne Middleton and Robert Cross would like to say thank you for the flowers they have received, along with everyone else who has recently been given flowers from the church. Thanks should also go to Isabel for taking the time to deliver the flowers.



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Dear Katie

Heartfelt Thanks from the Lodging House Mission

I am writing to acknowledge and thank the congregation of Eastwood Parish Church for your donation of £114.77. Your donation will greatly assist us in our work with people experiencing homelessness, vulnerability and social exclusion at the Lodging House Mission here in Glasgow.

At the beginning of Lent we launched our **Easter Egg Appeal**. We are delighted to report **over 2000 chocolate eggs** with personal messages of HOPE were donated during lent. These are being shared with our sister projects, hostels and accommodation centres. During Holy Week over 20 projects, more than 1000 potential service users will receive their gift and message of Hope. Importantly we have been spreading the word amongst projects that we are; open, have a full activities program and our intervention services are available to them. Our own visitors were delighted to share in the joy of Easter on Easter Friday as we gave out chocolate eggs. **To all our egg-xtraordinary supporters our heartfelt thanks.**

During Holy Week we also set aside a time of MORNING PRAISE, at 8.30am in the IT room off the main hall. Being blessed as we started our day listening to the Lord's Prayer and other praise songs and spending time in Lord presence. We would like to continue to offer this short worship time on a more permanent basis. To do so we would need more chaplaincy volunteers. If you could volunteer some time for our chaplaincy team, please pop in or for more information contact our chaplain, Claire Herbert; cherbert@churchofscotland.org.uk.

We know none of our work would be possible if it were not for the support and prayers of individuals such as yourself, so please accept our heartfelt thanks. May God bless you as you have blessed the least of these brothers and sisters of Christ. *(Matthew 25:40)*


pp Deacon Claire Herbert
Chaplain LHM

From the Archives

Greater Pollokshaws

Results of Boundary Extensions
By Mr Andrew McCallum

The following is an extract from the first instalment of a paper read to the Old Pollokshaws Club by Mr Andrew McCallum, Hon Secretary.

Eastwood, Carnwadric, Kennishead, Cowglen and Nitshill

The subject of this lecture is “Greater Pollokshaws” and by that I mean the area which was added to the ward when the Glasgow municipal boundaries were extended in 1926. That area includes Mansewood, Hillpark, the old Eastwood churchyard, Carnwadric, which in 1926 was no more than a farm, Kennishead, Cowglen and Nitshill. The greater part of the territory outlined is in the parish of Eastwood. The smaller part is in the parish of Paisley; but, as I shall show later, it also should have been in the parish of Eastwood.

Wartime Memories

Quiet Thornliebank was also bombed at the same time as Clydebank as we had a factory at the top of Boydstone Road which made parts for aeroplanes. They missed it but got Eastwood Old Cemetery instead. We went along to Sunday School hopping over the bones which were out on the road. A huge bomb landed on a green patch which was a farm then. They will never build houses there. Further up Thornliebank Road was another factory for planes, hidden down in the trees—they missed that too! Thankfully those times are over.

Eastwood Church was packed every Sunday upstairs and down. We walked from Thornliebank to Eastwood in the blackout every Wednesday night for the Girls’ Guildry. My brothers did the same on Friday night for the Boys’ Brigade. Then they went to war. Dr. Harper was quiet but a wonderful preacher.

Helen Wade



Quiz



- 19. Walk primly with Jersey Royals (5,3,8) _____
- 20. Laid as turf the wrong way round (5,5) _____
- 21. Extra bones (5,4) _____
- 22. Colour game (6,6) _____
- 23. Link those on register (7,4) _____
- 24. Source ale (4,4) _____
- 25. Girl you might find in the bath (8,6) _____
- 26. County dessert (9,7) _____
- 27. I yell 'Sabbath' we hear (3,5,6) _____
- 28. Kind of rummy pick me up (3,3,5) _____
- 29. Pasta made backwards, perhaps (8,6) _____
- 30. Chilled Earl Gray (4,3) _____

Familiar Words for Parents Today

“The children now love luxury; they show disrespect for elders and love chatter in place of exercise. Children are tyrants, not the servants of their households. They no longer rise when their elders enter the room. They contradict their parents, chatter before company, gobble up dainties at the table, cross their legs and tyrannise their teachers.”

“I see no hope for the future of people if they are dependent on the frivolous youth of to-day, for certainly all youth are reckless beyond words.”

“When I was young, we were taught to be discreet and respectful of elders, but the present youth are exceedingly wise and impatient of restraint.”

The first paragraph was written by Socrates in 399 B.C., and the second and third paragraphs were written by Hesiod in 800 B.C.

Some things never change!

Contributed by Avril Ferns

Pause for Prayer

Heavenly Father, as we go from our place of worship today, may you bless us and keep us safe in your loving care. May you fill our hearts with peace, love and joy, give us the strength to serve you in each and every way. Father, we give thanks that you love and care for us, much more than we realise, helping us to be bold, strong and to praise your name.

Amen.

WORD SEARCH

Search for words that describe the Pentecost from Acts 2.

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CHRISTIANITY
PENTECOST
HOLY SPIRIT

DISCIPLE
LOVE
CHURCH

PRAYER
HEAVEN
WIND

GOD
REJOICE
ONE ACCORD



What's On At Eastwood

		Contact
SUNDAY		
10.00 am	Faithbook (Monthly) - ONLINE ONLY	Erika Watt
11.15 am	Worship	Rev Jim Teasdale
11.00 am	Sunday School (age 2 to 16)	Katie Morrison
MONDAY		
12 noon	The Lunch Club —CURRENTLY SUSPENDED Open on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month from 12noon (except July and August)	
7.00 pm	Rock Til U Drop Jive Club	Raymond or Nicky
TUESDAY		
5.45 pm	Coyle Irish Dancers	Suzanne Coyle
WEDNESDAY		
10.00 am	Eastwood Carer & Toddler Group	Rona Hutton
1.45 pm	Carpet Bowls (from October to March)	Linda Smith
THURSDAY		
5.45 pm	Coyle Irish Dancers	Suzanne Coyle
FRIDAY		
9.00 am	Slimming World	Jackie Quinn
7.00 pm	Badminton (from October to May)	Anne Maree Smith
SATURDAY		
11 am	Coyle Irish Dancers	Suzanne Coyle
7.00 pm	EPYC — CURRENTLY SUSPENDED	Erika Watt

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