

Eastwood Parish Church of Scotland Crossbeam—March 2022

From the Manse...

Dear Friends,

Welcome to the March 2022 edition of our Church magazine “Crossbeam”. I want to take this opportunity to update you on changes to coronavirus restrictions which will apply to our church buildings from Monday 21st March 2022. These are as follows:

- Front and side doors will be used as well as both toilets.
- Mask wearing will be a legal requirement until Monday 4th April 2022, at the earliest. Once Scottish Government restrictions regarding masks have been eased, masks will continue to be supplied at the front and side doors. Individuals can wear these masks should they wish. There will be no requirement to wear masks during singing or whilst moving about the buildings.
- Hand sanitising, as good practice for general cleanliness, will continue to be encouraged and sanitiser will be supplied at both the front and side doors.
- NHS Track and Trace will no longer be required.
- Individuals are welcome to bring cushions and leave them within the sanctuary for use during the service. During the Presbytery Planning review, it would not be cost effective to replace the cushions within the sanctuary.
- The use of bread and individual cups will replace the pre-packed communion elements as of June Communion.
- Bibles, Hymn Sheets and Orders of Service, will be introduced from Sunday 27th March 2022. Bibles and Hymn books will be placed in the pews and orders of service handed out at the doors by the stewards.
- The North Transept will remain for the Sunday school to allow compliance of Data Protection during the live streaming of the service. The congregation will be encouraged to sit in the centre of the sanctuary.



Where you belong

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- The South Transept will remain a dedicated tea and coffee area. As there will be no requirement to have table service the congregation can either collect their own drink at the main table or, if they prefer, the server can serve their drink to them at the table. Please indicate your preference to the servers.

As we head towards Easter, the Kirk Session hopes that these changes will be seen as positive ones by the congregation. However, we must always remember that coronavirus has not gone away. Therefore, I would ask you, if you display any signs of coronavirus, to not attend Church. Instead, join us on YouTube for a live streaming of the service.

Your friend and minister,

Jim

Jim Teasdale

Holy Week and Easter Services—2022

Date	Time	Venue	Preacher
13 th April	7.30pm	Pollokshaws Methodist	Roy Henderson
14 th April	7.30pm	Auldhouse Community	Jim Teasdale
15 th April	7.30pm	Eastwood Parish	Bob Stoner
17 th April	8.30am	Auldhouse Park	Don Palmer

Our Social & Fundraising Group will be providing Breakfast on Easter Sunday. This will be followed by a short act of Communion in the Hall, before our Easter Sunday Service in the Sanctuary at 11.15am. Everyone is welcome at all of these services.

Jim Teasdale

Social and Fundraising Group – Dates for your Diary

Clothes Show by Brian Taylor

If you attended this show in 2019, you'll know it's a lot of fun with plenty of bargains to be had!

It will be held in the Upper hall of Eastwood Parish Church on Friday 25th March 2022 at 7 for 7.30pm. Tickets priced £5 includes a refreshment.

Afternoon Tea and Art Exhibition

Come and see paintings by Amir Bannakar, who is a regular attender at our Church and enjoy tea/coffee plus a scone and cake for £3. This will be held in the Church on Saturday 23rd April 2022 between 2 and 4pm.

Tickets for both events will be available from any member of the group on a Sunday or phone Anne Maree on 585 3911.

Future events

We are looking to the readers of Crossbeam for some inspiration for the type of social event you would like to see held by the Church in the future. Any thoughts or ideas would be appreciated, particularly something for the Christmas season.

Anne Maree Smith

Pause for Prayer

Dear Lord,

We know that you love us by your actions to help us. We show our love for you in many different ways, in what we do, in our love for you, for our families, our neighbours and for all whom we meet in our daily lives. We hope to be more worthy of your love. Help us to continue to show your love to others in our daily actions.

Amen.

Knitting for the Queen Elizabeth Maternity Unit

I would like to say a big thank you to all the ladies who have been knitting hats, jumpers and blankets for the babies in the maternity unit of the hospital. They are most grateful for all your hard work and would like to say a big thank you to everyone (see below).

Please keep knitting, if you can, and if anyone needs wool, then please get in touch with me.

Thank you all again.

Linda Smith

Dear Knitters,

The Midwives of the Queen Elizabeth Maternity Unit want to thank you for the lovely hand knitting.

Every baby born at the QEUH get 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 donating these lovely hand knits. They are very much appreciated.

Labour Ward Midwives
QEUH

Then and Now

I have listened with great distress and sadness to the events unfolding in Ukraine and I have been forced to recall some events which have influenced me during my lifetime. Thinking of wars, I can remember my Grandmother recounting tales of her brother's experiences as a soldier in the Boer War.

Then my mother had a fund of stories about the First World War in which her fiancé was killed in the very last months of the war. At that time people only learned of the progress of the fighting and the names of casualties by queuing for the evening newspaper, since there was no TV or picture houses and even wirelesses often depended on batteries.

The 1914 "war to end all wars" did not do so and in 1939 we entered a second world war. Initially teachers left to join the war and our education was reduced to one hour per day. We went to school from 10am to 11am each day. When more teachers were recruited, we then went to school for a half day, going one week in the mornings then alternating to afternoons in the second week. Only later, when we qualified for secondary school, did we get five days' schooling, from 9am to 4pm, every week day.

We gained our education without technology like TV etc and when I receive my old school's newsletter on a regular basis, I am amazed to read how well some former pupils have prospered in senior positions in this and other countries. I am sure, therefore, that our young people of today, who have had interrupted schooling, will do just as well in later life.

In 1941 we stayed in Dalmarnock opposite a large power station built on the banks of the Clyde. One Thursday night, Clydebank suffered a very severe blitz and the next night, Friday the 14th of March, two landmines erupted ver close to the power station. Had the bombers hit the power station, a large part of the East End and a part of Rutherglen would have been demolished. As it was, our

windows and doors were blasted and we were not allowed back into our house. We had to walk in the middle of the night from Dalmarnock to London Road to seek refuge in our Grandparents' house, where we stayed for 6 months.

On our journey we passed a demolished tenement where we later learned that 56 of our neighbours had been buried and died. The street was also ablaze with light from the fire in a nearby petrol factory. That night we crunched our way through glass and shrapnel until we reached Glasgow Green. Around this time, my brother and his friends vied with one another as to who amassed the best collection of shrapnel.

As usual, no bombing could interrupt our church attendance, and two days later we were settled into the back seat in Bridgeton Parish Church. I was only a child and suddenly the contrast between the horror of the bombing and the serenity of the church overwhelmed me and I remember sobbing all the way through the service and my Mother tried in vain to comfort me. Our minister, Mr Philips, carried on through the service as always, but at the end of the service there was hardly a dry eye in the church.

Where we stayed on London Road, our Air Raid Shelter was in Glasgow Green, where trenches had been dug down under the Green to form shelters, and we and all our neighbours sat there until the "all clear" was sounded and we could all go home.

To this day some people do not believe that these shelters were constructed underneath the Green. I know that this is definitely true because I sat there below the Green! My memory is not what is used to be but if anyone notices any mistakes, I would be happy to hear their criticisms.

May God blessus all and keep us safe in today's troubled world. Above all, please God—NO MORE WARS.

Lilious Taylor

From the Archives

The documents below have been shared by John and Doreen McMillan. They are the Order of Service for the Marriage of Sir John Stirling Maxwell and an Order of Service for a joint service on the day of Queen Victoria's funeral. Among the ministers listed are G. Campbell, the Minister at Eastwood, and W.B. Gardiner, the Minister at Pollokshaws. We can't find anything about any of the other ministers, though. Can you help? Please get in touch with us if you can.



Marriage of
SIR JOHN M. STIRLING MAXWELL, BART.,
OF POLLOK,
TO
MISS MAXWELL, MONREITH.

Order of Procession at Home-Coming.

MOUNTED POLICE.
POLICE.
3RD LANARK BAND AND VOLUNTEERS.
3RD RENFREW PIPERS AND BAND.
3RD RENFREW VOLUNTEERS.
IRISH NATIONAL FORESTERS.
POLLOKSHAWS CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY.
LEAGUE OF THE CROSS TEMPERANCE SOCIETY.
"ALEXANDER CRUM" LODGE OF SHEPHERDS.
"SIR JOHN MAXWELL" LODGE OF ODDFELLOWS.
ORANGE LODGES.
MEMBERS OF OLD TRADES SOCIETY.
PARISH COUNCIL.
MEMBERS OF COUNTY COUNCIL.
MEMBERS OF EASTWOOD SCHOOL BOARD.
JUSTICES OF THE PEACE FOR RENFREWSHIRE.

BURGH BAND.
BURGH OFFICIALS.
TOWN COUNCILLORS.
MAGISTRATES.
PROVOST AND MRS. LECKIE
AND MISS JANIE LECKIE.

POLICE.

MOUNTED ESCORT
OF
3RD RENFREW
OFFICERS.

SIR JOHN AND LADY
STIRLING MAXWELL.

MOUNTED ESCORT
OF
3RD RENFREW
OFFICERS.

QUEEN'S OWN YEOMANRY.
POLICE.

Members of the Procession will form four deep in M'Arthur Street and Factory Street, and further instructions will be given by the undersigned.

15th November, 1901.

J. M. CAMPBELL, Major,
MARSHAL.

Prize—Hymn 273.

"For how we love our country, but we seek not to rule!"

Thou life is here our portion!
Thou land we love our home,
Thou life that knows no ending,
Thou course that leads us on,
Thou happy retribution!
Sweet rest, eternal rest,
Thou world that we adore,
Thou world that we adore,
Thou grief that turned to pleasure,
Such pleasure, as below,
No human voice can utter,
No human heart can know,
And now we fight the battle,
But then shall wear the crown
Of fall and everlasting
And passionless reward.

Prize.

Rev. N. WILSON, D.D.

Prize—Hymn 309.

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home!
Thy saints have thee as sure,
Thine arm around them,
And our defense is sure,
Before the hills in order stood,
Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting Thou art God,
To endless years the same.

Benediction.

Concluding Voluntary.

Dead March in "Saul."

The collection, after defraying necessary expenses, will be devoted to the Fortwärsch Branch of the Soldiers and Sailors Fraternal Association.

UNITED SERVICE

IN

EASTWOOD PARISH CHURCH.

ON

SATURDAY, 2ND FEBRUARY, 1901.

AT TWELVE NOON.

DURING THE DAY OF

THE FUNERAL

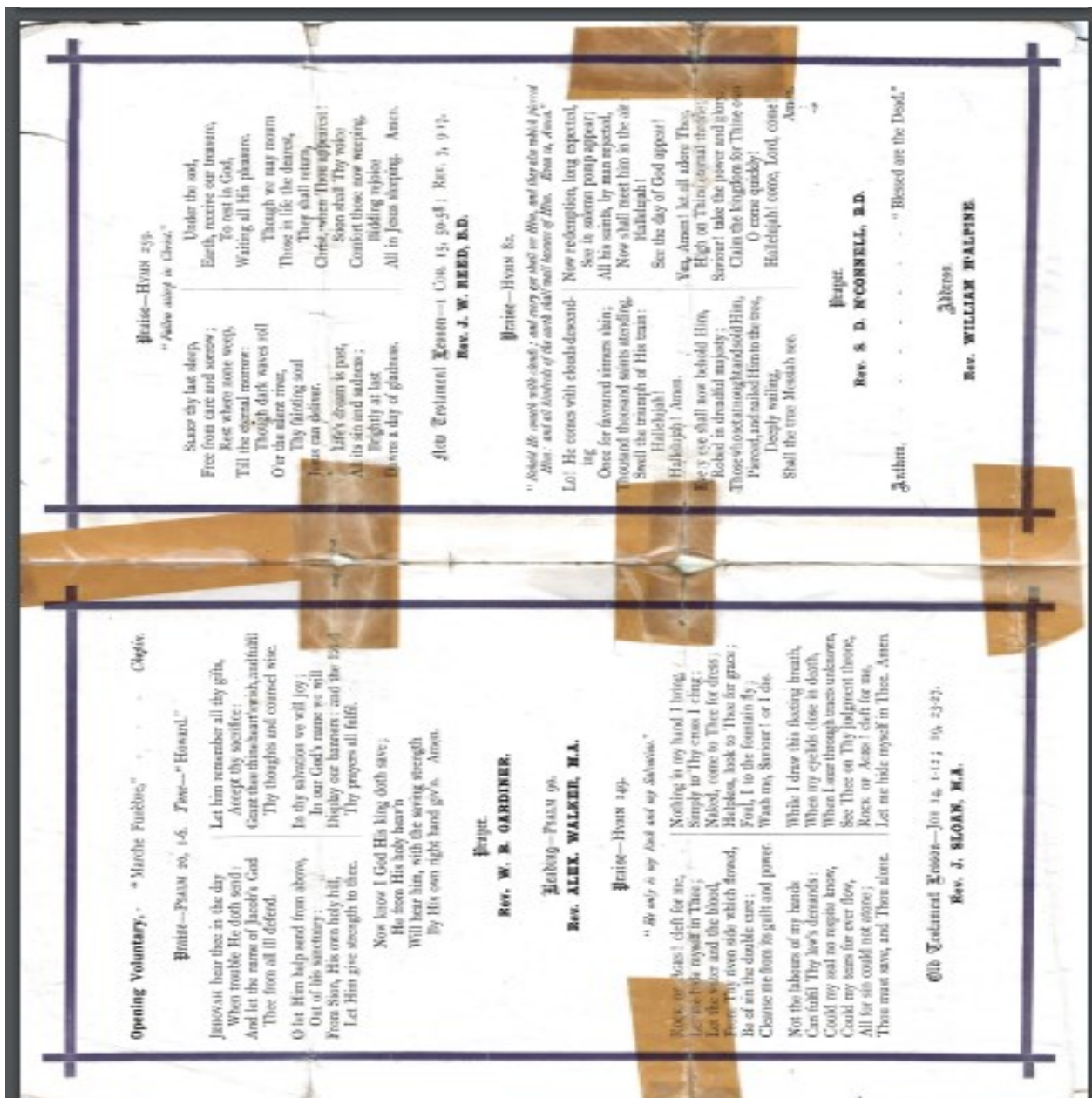
OF

Her Late Majesty

QUEEN VICTORIA.

MINISTER PRESIDING:

REV. GEORGE CAMPBELL.



Church Family News

Margaret Marshall would like to thank everyone for flowers, cards, telephone calls, and support received following the loss of Archie, and for the services of our Minister. It was and still is greatly appreciated.

Katrina McCusker and Eileen McColl 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.

Presbytery Mission Plan Update

As I am sure you will all be aware from reports from last year's General Assembly, the Church of Scotland is seeking to make radical changes to its operational structures. The National Church must make itself more relevant to today's society, whilst operating in a model that is sustainable into the future.

As part of the required restructuring, The General Assembly agreed to reduce the number of Presbyteries from 44, to approximately 12, with a total number of ministries of approximately 600. Within the Presbytery of Glasgow, of which we are a part, we currently have 127 congregations and from 31st December 2022, the Presbytery must have created and had approved a new Presbytery Mission Plan which will contain 84 ministries posts.

Our Presbytery, with the assistance of all its churches, is now actively reviewing how best we might move forward. Rather than wait to be told what we must do, our Kirk Session has sought to seek the initiative, and has given permission to myself, the Session Clerk, and various other Elders, to work closely with Presbytery and with several of our surrounding and neighbouring parishes to explore how we might work together, in an attempt, to achieve the desired goals of this reorganisation. ***Let me be clear, I see the prospect of such a wholesale reorganisation, not as a threat to our existence, but as a tremendous opportunity for us to redefine how we "do church" in the parishes we serve.***

Therefore, I have been speaking to colleagues and friends from; Carnwadric, Orchardhill, Giffnock The Park, Giffnock South, Pollokshaws, Thornliebank, and Williamwood about the possibility of a shared future. These are congregations that are like-minded, with similarities in social/demographic, worship style, missional focus, pastoral care, and theology.

It is clearly apparent that whatever comes out of these discussions, it will not be plain sailing. Our Kirk Session is aware that there will be "bumps in the

road” and some will be left hurt. Therefore, any forthcoming change will be dealt with sensitively, alongside a realism that the status quo is no longer viable.

If we do not create a new mission plan for the area, then the Presbytery or the Faith Nurture Form will impose change upon us. It is the Kirk Session’s opinion that we would much rather drive change than allow it to be forced upon us.

Therefore, the representatives of the eight congregations listed above agreed that we should look to create a proposal that would see us all become one community by 2025: “The Greater Roukenglen Cluster.” Initially, each congregation will keep its own identity, but within time, they would become one community, preferably with several worshipping centres.

At the centre of whatever we may propose, and might agree to will be the Church of Scotland’s “5 Marks of Mission”:

- To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom
- To teach, baptize, and nurture new believers
- To respond to human need by loving service
- To seek to transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and pursue peace and reconciliation
- To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth.

Our Kirk Session has agreed to pursue this cluster proposal. When more information becomes available it will be provided and, when appropriate, congregational meetings will be held.

If you would like to ask any questions of what you have read, please contact me at any time.

Jim Teasdale

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)	
2.00 pm	Guild —CURRENTLY SUSPENDED (every 2nd Monday from October to March)	Mary Marshall
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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