

Eastwood Parish Church of Scotland Crossbeam—September 2022

From the Manse...

Dear Friends,

As I write this opening page of our September edition of “Crossbeam”, I have the television on in the background, and can see the coffin of our late Queen Elizabeth II being transported to Edinburgh Airport for its flight to London.

I know it is stating the obvious but—change is upon us. King Charles III has begun his reign, travelling around the United Kingdom, leading his family and the nation in this time of mourning. I commend his Majesty and his family to your prayers.

Change is also upon us as a congregation. Our Kirk Session has agreed the Local Cluster Mission Plan, for our new Cluster of Churches - “Auldburn Roukenglen Churches” or “ARC” for short. This has been a significant step. It has taken a lot of hard work and prayer to get to this stage. It is my intention to speak about the plan at a future Sunday morning service. For your information, the 5-year plan, beginning on 1st January 2022, is included in this magazine. I hope to share with you further information on the implementation of the plan in due course.

Change can be unsettling, even cause fear and resentment but when we trust that God will go with us, all will be well.

Your friend and minister,

Jim

Jim Teasdale

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Where you belong

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Introducing Gary Bainbridge

Gary will be joining us on Sunday 2 October. He is a Candidate for the Ministry of The Church of Scotland and will be on placement at Eastwood for approximately 10 Hours a week for 25 weeks. Gary introduces himself below:

It's not often I'm looking for words but as I sit at my laptop, watching the rain outside, with just over a week until my second year at Glasgow University starts, I find myself wondering again where time has gone.

It's just shy of five years since late one evening, a good friend asked me what God's plans were for the next chapter for me and I blurted out, he's wanting me to explore serving him in Ministry. This was immediately followed by an I've just said that out loud moment haven't I.

It's been quite a journey since then as I've drawn closer to God, taking a lot of time to be still and discern (work out) where he's leading me. For more than two decades I had worked for an amazing charity in Glasgow, leading a team of staff and supporting volunteers who were making a huge difference in the lives of children and young people. I always knew that I would leave there to do something else but I have found myself marvelling at God's sense of humour as he has led me in to forming to serve Him in ministry.

When I'm not studying, I am a huge foodie and love nothing more than watching programmes like MasterChef, in all its varieties before heading to the kitchen to bake or cook where it looks nothing like the elegance of what you see on TV but tastes amazing! I am also blessed to live a stone's throw from Dams to Darnley Country Park where I enjoy cycling and exploring the park.

Since feeling myself called to form in Ministry, these verses in Matthew 5 have been on my heart, *'You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot. "You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house.*

In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.'

I believe that God is hugely at work ready to do exciting new things in our Church and we live in a world which desperately needs to see his light of love. I'm excited to be joining you at Eastwood in October, hearing and learning about all God is doing in your lives and in the congregation as a whole and to learn from and be challenged by where God might be leading us.

Pause for Prayer

Heavenly Father, as we gather here today, we come with thanksgiving in our hearts. We are gathered together in your Holy Name, We come seeking your truth. We come to allow the light of your love to drive any darkness out of our lives. Let our love for you shine out to others so that they too may know the light of your love, We ask all these things in the name off our Lord Jesus Christ.

Knitting

First of all a huge thank you to all the ladies who have been knitting hats, jumpers, cardigans, blankets and teddies for the babies in the maternity unit of the hospital. A huge thank you also to the member of our church who has donated money for the buying of wool.

If you are maybe a little tired of knitting the same things then I have come across another potential project. It is a Twiddlemuff. A Twiddlemuff is a double thickness hand muff with bits and bobs attached inside and out. It is designed to provide a stimulation for restless hands for patients suffering from dementia. Knit for Peace will distribute these via NHS hospitals in the UK and the patient then gets to take them home, so there is always a demand for more.

Some of us are trying out the pattern and I hope to bring one to church soon to let you see what it is like.

Thank you all again. Linda



AULDBURN ROUKEN GLEN CHURCHES (ARC CLUSTER)

The mission plan for the cluster is:

- to maintain and grow a worshipping presence in every community while integrating the roles of ministry across the cluster
- to focus on and support a variety of engagements with everyone sharing personnel and other resources
- to address social inequalities through mutual support
- to heighten awareness of environmental responsibilities
- through all things to proclaim the Good News of The Kingdom of God and The Gospel of Jesus Christ.

What will help to achieve the mission plan?

- Monthly Prayer Breakfasts for all congregations in the cluster hosted by each congregation on a rota basis
- Maintaining and enhancing communication across the membership of the cluster and the communities which the cluster serves. For example, cluster website (replacing or in addition to current congregational websites); development of an “App”; general sharing of information
- Clergy working together to provide holiday cover; share information (such as about grants) ; engage in theological and liturgical discussion
- Joint teaching and learning opportunities such as Bible study groups and joint worship events.
- Sharing success; challenges; expertise in children’s work and other areas
- Coming together to address social injustice e.g., food poverty, refugee support, fuel poverty, supporting families.
- Exploring further development of Ecumenical working relationships.
- Enabling individuals to fulfil a variety of roles through joint training and development opportunities.

What resources will help to achieve the mission plan?

Sufficient ministerial resource and administrative support to support new joint initiatives

Suitably trained and enabled people in worship leading, funeral taking, bereavement counselling, family support, youthwork

Provision of relevant training courses (for all the above)

Clear allocation of clergy time to engage in reflective practice and team building.

A forum for joint churches collaboration

Opportunities and resources for prayer

Below are the steps we will take to achieve the cluster mission plan.

Step	Timeline	Resources required	What will success look like?
1 Consolidate congregation identity following a time of anxiety and change	In the first year	Ministers and Leaders within congregations	Congregations feeling more settled and secure and open to worship and learning together
2 Establish "Cluster" Identity	In the first year	Ministers and Leaders within congregations	People attending worship and events across the cluster as normal practice
3 Undertake a number of joint activities & initiatives	Years 1 – 5	Funding from "Seeds of Growth Fund"; other sources of funding yet to be identified and personnel for leadership roles.	Up to four joint events in Year 1

4 Support of existing and new projects	Years 1 – 5	Funding from “Seeds of Growth Fund”; other sources of funding yet to be identified and personnel for leadership roles.	People engaged in vibrant, thriving projects across the cluster
5 Working towards reducing carbon footprint across cluster	Years 1 – 5	Advice and resources from Eco-congregation Scotland; advise from General Trustees; funding for any necessary upgrades.	A reduced carbon footprint
6a Keeping a focus on creation care in all aspects of cluster life. 6b Working towards co-congregation status across the cluster.	Years 1 – 5 Years 1 – 5	Advice and resources from Eco-congregation Scotland. Advice and resources from Eco-congregation Scotland and willingness of people to lead.	A heightened awareness of the responsibility for the stewardship of creation. Achieving Eco-congregation status across the cluster.
7. Witness and evangelism throughout the cluster	Years 1 – 5	Visible signs of Church presence in communities. Technical Expertise for Website/App.	Increased number of people committing to or professing faith.

		<p>Ministers who can equip and enable others in sharing faith and discipleship.</p> <p>Well-equipped and enabled people to share faith with others.</p>	
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Prayer Breakfasts

As we begin to build relationships within our Cluster, the Clergy Group have reintroduced Prayer Breakfasts. These will be offered on the following Saturday mornings, beginning at 8.30am with breakfast and chat, followed by a time of prayer and be finished by 10am:

- 3rd December 2022—Carnwadric
- 4th March 2023Eastwood
- 3rd June 2023—Giffnock South
- 2nd September 2023—Orchardhill
- 2nd December 2023—Williamwood
- 2nd March 2024—Pollokshaws

All are welcome to come along.

Carpet Bowlers

We will be starting the new session of the Carpet Bowlers on Wednesday 12 October at 1.45pm for 2.00pm start. If you would like to play bowls and have a cup of tea and a chat then why not come along and join us. You will be made very welcome.

Who wants a *LADLE*?

Our community of churches already offers much to Pollokshaws. There's the working together at Christmas and Easter for the services, and the clergy meet regularly to discuss how we might work more effectively. With the cost of living crisis, we see this as another opportunity to work closely: not for the benefit of any one church but for God's kingdom. Where those outside of church might see the church working in unison to help *their* community.

LADLE, or *Laugh-**A**ltogether-**D**iscuss-**L**earn-**E**njoy*, is a weekly session offering food and activities on each Tuesday from 20th September. It offers a time of a hot meal, with a rolling programme of games, crafts, a mental health team offering ways to improve our wellbeing, and a new initiative, a Death Café. The latter isn't a time of mourning, but a time of really exploring those questions - yes even that question - we daren't ask about the latter chapters of life.

All of this is being run in conjunction with the Pollokshaws Area Network and Auldhouse Community Church so that people are offered a meal at least every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday of the week. *I am asking whether you'd like to join us to help cook, serve or support the activities on some of the Tuesday's.* Those from the local anonymous groups have already offered their help. Through this we are also seeking to train at least 6 people to Level 2 Food Hygiene certification per year, which might help them with employment as well. Pollokshaws Parish Church are starting their 'Nearly New' sale on Wednesday's.

It's a community effort for the community.

Bob Stoner
Minister - Methodist Church in Scotland

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Welcome to LADLE, that weekly opportunity to enjoy some hearty food, wholesome chat and a mixture of activities.

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Each Tuesday from 20th September from 11:30am to 1:30pm we'll have a hearty bowl of soup & sandwiches available, on a Pay-As-You-Feel basis. Also, beginning on:

- 20th Sep : games and discussion
- 27th Sep : crafts to explore, then each month
- 1st Tuesday of each month : Mental Health team offering signposts and help
- 2nd Tuesday of each month : Death Café : what questions might you want to ask?
- 3rd & 5th Tuesday : Games
- 4th Tuesday : Crafts
- We are also training people for Level 2 Food Hygiene.

Ring 0141 737 3077
for further details 😊

Where?



**Pollokshaws Methodist Church,
74 Shawholm Crescent G43 1LH**

Your Community lunch at
Mon PAN Hub
Tues Methodist Church
Thurs Auldhouse Community



Quiz and Fish Tea

It's time to dust the brain cells down again and enjoy a great night at our quiz night to be held in the upper hall on Saturday 8th October 2022 at 5.30 for 6pm.

Bring your own bottle and we'll supply a fish/sausage supper. Tickets, priced £7.50 will be on sale in Church on Sundays prior to the event or contact Anne Maree on 585 3911 for any information.

Church Lunch

We are hoping to return to having lunch occasionally in the Church as a change from just tea/coffee.

Our first one will be held in the Church after the Family Service on Sunday 18th December 2022.

Christmas Film afternoon

We are planning a cosy, movie afternoon for everyone on Saturday 3rd December 2022 at 2pm. This will be a free community event. More information to follow.

Church Family News

Helen Wade would like to thank everyone for the flowers that she received to mark her 90th Birthday.

Lilious Taylor, Eileen McColl, Margaret Marshall, and Ruth Langdon 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.



Quiz

Here are the answers for the Christian Aid Quiz 2022!

Christian Aid Quiz Answers

1. Black Forest Gateau
2. Hot dog
3. Dumpling
4. Mulled Wine
5. Ginger snaps
6. Shortbread
7. Scrambled eggs
8. Milkshake
9. Fish and Chips
10. Cottage pie
11. Champagne
12. Baked Alaska
13. Apple Crumble
14. Mineral water
15. Chicken soup
16. Toasted cheese
17. Spaghetti hoops
18. Beef wellington
19. Mince and potatoes
20. Fruit salad
21. Spare ribs
22. Orange squash
23. Sausage roll
24. Root beer
25. Victoria sponge
26. Yorkshire pudding
27. Ice cream sundae
28. Gin and tonic
29. Macaroni cheese
30. Iced tea



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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