

Eastwood Parish Church of Scotland Crossbeam— September 2023



Where you belong

From the Manse...

Dear Friends,

With September now here, the work of the Church begins to pick up pace. The coming months, here at Eastwood, are significantly important. For we have begun the formal process of uniting with our friends at Thornliebank Parish Church.

The Rev. Hilary McDougall, Congregational Facilitator for the Presbytery of Glasgow, has met with both Kirk Sessions to hear views on the potential union and the next stage will be for 5 representatives of each Kirk Session to meet with each other and with Hilary to formally negotiate a document called the Basis of Union. Please remember our “reps” in your prayers; Erika, Katie, Maureen, Linda, and John.

Please also remember those who will be representing Thornliebank, and Hilary too.

Once the two groups have agreed, the Basis of Union will be presented to both Kirk Sessions for agreement. If they agree then the document will be presented to both congregations and those who are communicant members or adherents will be entitled to vote for or against the Basis of Union. I will write to you all again in due course.

Your friend and minister,

Jim

Jim Teasdale

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Social & Fundraising Events Diary

Harvest Thanksgiving – This will be held on Sunday 10th September 2023. A retiral collection will be made at this service with the proceeds going to our local foodbanks at Carnwadric Parish Church and Auldhouse Community Church.

MacMillan Coffee Morning – We are going to support this worthwhile charity by holding a coffee morning after the service on Sunday 1st October 2023. Please come and enjoy delicious cake, coffee and a chat with friends.

Quiz and Fish Tea – It's back again! Dust off the brain cells and join us for a great social evening on Saturday 7th October 2023. Further details will be available soon.

Anne Maree Smith

Badminton

The Badminton Club restarted on Friday 1st September 2023 in the upper hall from 7-9pm. All ages and abilities are welcome to join us at this fun class. (All children must be accompanied by an adult). For more information, please contact Anne Maree Smith.

Celebration Lunch

On Sunday 2nd July, a lunch was held to celebrate the retirement of our long-serving organist, Alex Philp. Sandwiches, sausage rolls and a variety of cakes were all enjoyed on the day.

Despite hanging up his weekly music playing hat, Alex will continue to be part of the Eastwood family.

Street Pastor Sunday

Sunday 8th October is Street Pastor Sunday where those who currently volunteer are asked to raise awareness of the charity and its work and to encourage others to think about volunteering, either as a street pastor on the street patrols, in the Safezone or as a prayer pastor.

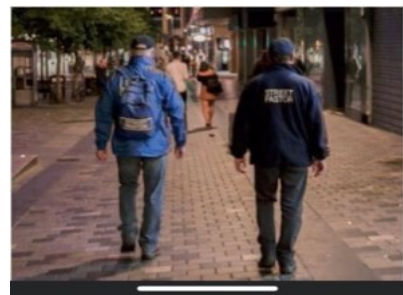
Do you think it's something for you? Why not come along and see what we do? Street pastors is a charity which runs on the generous donations of the public so even if you can't physically help we are always grateful for your support with prayer or donations.

So on Sunday 8th October help Glasgow Street Pastors to reach out and do Christ's work to Listen, Help and Care.

Erika Watt



**Volunteer
with
Glasgow
Street Pastors**



Communion Sunday

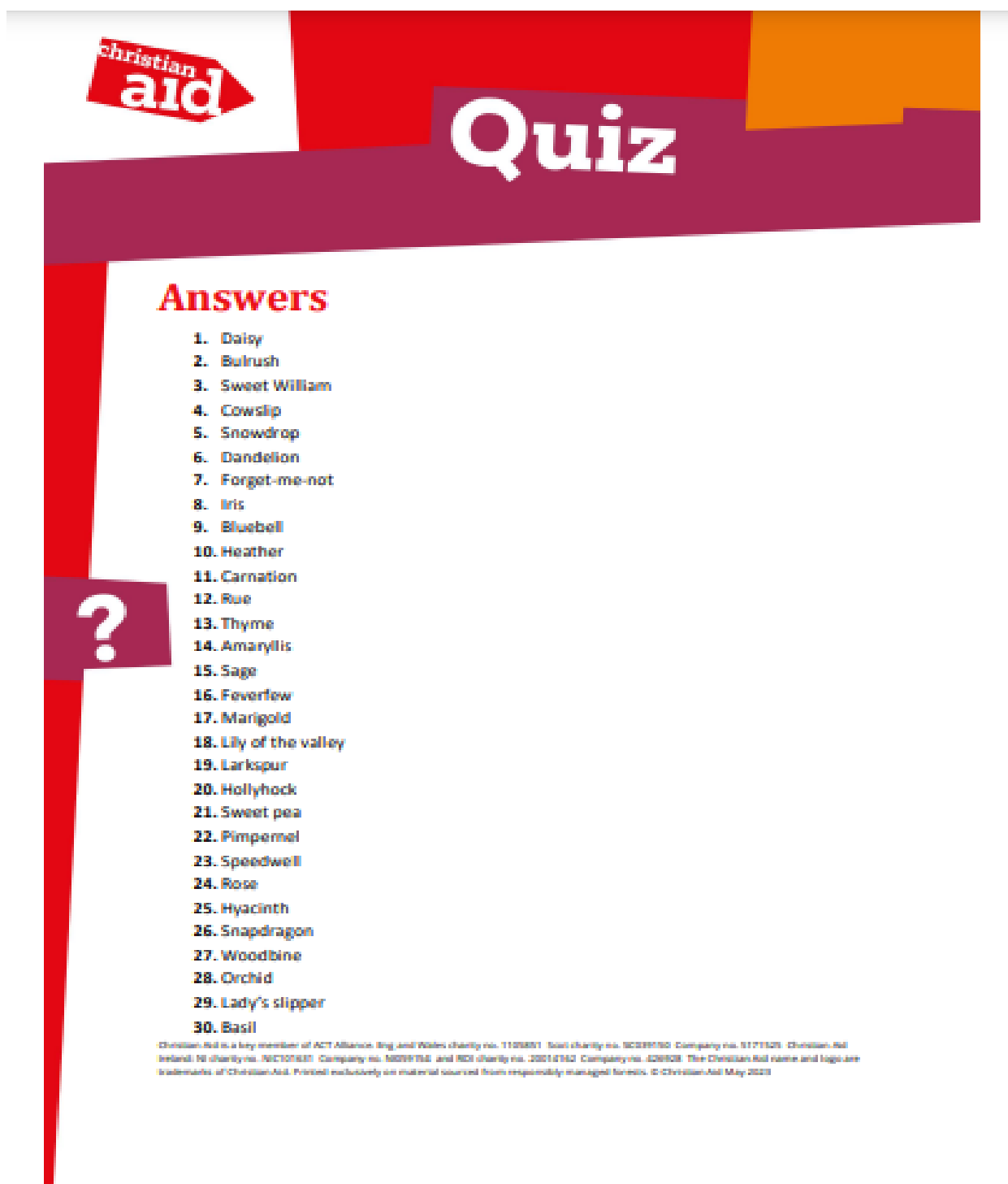
We will be celebrating the Sacrament of Holy Communion on Sunday 17th September and all who love the Lord Jesus Christ are welcome to join us. This service will be led by the Rev. Wilma Pearson and our Minister will be returning to his first charge, Dalry: St. Margaret's, to take part in their 150th Anniversary Celebrations.

If you cannot be in Church, on any Sunday, you will find the service is live-streamed on our YouTube channel—just type “Eastwood Parish Church” in the YouTube search bar.

Christian Aid Quiz

As usual, the quiz proved to be rather difficult. There were only two entries, with all correct answers. Congratulations to the winner, Laura Cameron.

Isabel Freer



The graphic features a red and orange header with the Christian Aid logo and the word 'Quiz' in large white letters. Below this, a purple banner contains the word 'Answers' in red. A large white question mark is positioned on the left side of the list. The list itself consists of 30 numbered items, each a common flower name.

Answers

1. Daisy
2. Bulrush
3. Sweet William
4. Cowslip
5. Snowdrop
6. Dandelion
7. Forget-me-not
8. Iris
9. Bluebell
10. Heather
11. Carnation
12. Rue
13. Thyme
14. Amaryllis
15. Sage
16. Feverfew
17. Marigold
18. Lily of the valley
19. Larkspur
20. Hollyhock
21. Sweet pea
22. Pimpernel
23. Speedwell
24. Rose
25. Hyacinth
26. Snapdragon
27. Woodbine
28. Orchid
29. Lady's slipper
30. Basil

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A Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank you for being with us at this time of worship.

May it help us to draw nearer to you, not just in these few moments but in every moment of our lives.

Help us to be still and to feel your presence, so that we may live in you and you in us.

Please bless those who cannot be with us today and help us to pray for them.

This we ask in your name.

Amen.

Church Family News

The Kemp family would like to thank everyone from Eastwood Parish Church who attended their mum's funeral at the Hurlet and Cowglen Golf Club for their support. All of the flowers and lots of sympathy cards with such kind words were very much appreciated.

Irene and Len Friend would like to thank everyone for all the cards, phone calls and flowers they received recently.

Jim and Senga Pickering would like to thank everyone at the church for the beautiful flowers that were delivered to their house. They were very much appreciated.

Katrina McCusker, Eileen McColl, Ruth Langdon, Claire Walker, Marjorie Gibson and Lynn Lauder 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 Freer for taking the time to deliver the flowers.

Vision of a New Day for the Church

The temple is destroyed.

Many of God's people are away in exile in Babylon.

Ezekiel had a vision of a new day.

He is shown round the new temple.

He sees the light of God shining in it.

He sees the water of life flowing from it into the world.

The name of the city from now on is 'The Lord is here'.

The Church is struggling.

Nearly all statistics of the Church in Britain have a downward trend.

Many of its members are in exile.

Let us be encouraged by the vision of Ezekiel.

He saw a new temple.

Let us reflect on what are the present needs in the life of the Church,

And upon what the plan and structure of a renewed Church will be.

'The light of God will shine on it.'

Let us meditate how we alone

Or in company with others can see the light;

And how the exiles may be enabled to see it.

The water of life will flow from the Church into the world.

Let us meditate on how we will enable the water

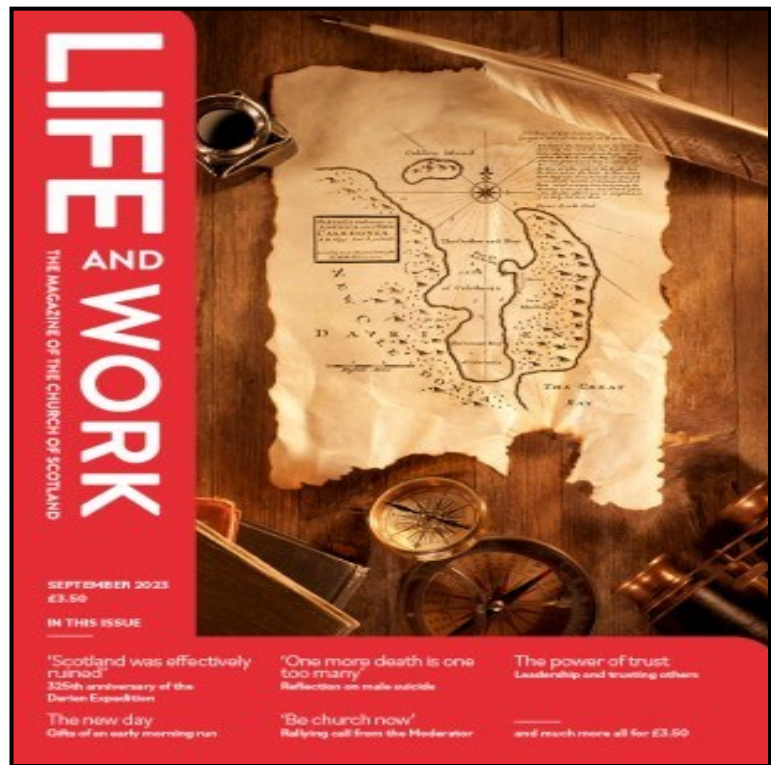
Of life to flow from the Church into the world.

Let us rejoice that the name of the city and of the Church will be:

'The Lord is here'.

(Taken from *Meditations from the Iona Community*, based on Ezekial 48:35)

Life And Work



In this month's edition:

'Scotland was Effectively Ruined'

The 325th anniversary of the Darien Expedition

Letter from the Holy Land

The Rev Dr Stewart Gillan reflects on the hope of presence

'One More Death is One Too Many'

John Gibson and Murdo Macdonald on a Christian understanding of suicide

The New Day

The Rev Ruth Halley offers a reflection on her morning run

Beacons of Light

The Rt Rev Sally Foster-Fulton challenges readers to 'be church now'

View from the Pulpit

The Rev Josh Milton highlights the journey of a newly-united congregation in embracing challenge

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		
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
7.00pm	Mansewood/Hillpark Community Council (first Wednesday of the month)	
7.00pm	Qigong Energy in Motion (all other Wednesdays of the month)	Sacha McKenzie
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

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